

Media release

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport has invited the Western Cape office of Correctional Services and the Parole Board to address their meeting on Tuesday, 4 June. The purpose is to get a better understanding of the parole process and to ensure that the process is in fact being followed.

The current sharp spike in gang related killings has been attributed to gangsters being released on parole. Once released, they try to regain their former position and turf. These actions often trigger violent conflict.

Some observers, both from civil society and academic researchers, have indicated that the parole system, particularly the handling of early parolees, needs to be looked at, as these spikes in violence invariably coincide with releases.

Date: 4 June 2013

Time: 16:30 to 18:00

Venue: Chamber, 6th Floor, Provincial Legislature Building, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

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