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COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL CLUSTER VISIT WEEK FROM 7 TO 11 FEBRUARY 2022.

1. Introduction

The Social Cluster Visit Week is a key mechanism established by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to achieve its constitutional oversight mandate in the province. It is intended to ensure that Members of the Provincial Parliament, through the standing committees, continuously keep abreast of developments and delivery issues in the province. It also affords the opportunity to undertake oversight visits and to interact with communities in order to get first-hand information on the needs and challenges that are confronting people. The delegation also visited projects that are implemented by various government departments in the province. The Social Cluster Visit Week afforded the Social Cluster's standing committees the opportunity to visit the West Coast area. The following standing committees were part of the Social Cluster Visit Week:

Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport;
Standing Committee on Education;
Standing Committee on Health;
Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters; and
Standing Committee on Social Development.

2. The delegation

The delegation of the Social Cluster Visit Week included the following Members:

Botha, LJ (DA) (Leader of the delegation)
Allen, RI (DA)
Baku Baku-Vos, NG (ANC)

Bans, AP (ANC)
 Bosman, G (DA)
 Brinkhuis, K (Al Jama-ah)
 Christians, FC (ACDP)
 Kama, M (ANC)
 Kaizer-Philander, WF (DA)
 Sayed, MK (ANC)
 Windvogel, R (ANC)

Apology

Mackenzie, RD (DA)

3. Oversight visit to the Piketberg Clinic on Tuesday, 8 February 2022

The West Coast District Health Management and the Clinic Management welcomed, briefed and accompanied the delegation during the walkabout of the facility.

3.1. Salient points that emanated from the visit to the Piketberg Clinic on the West Coast

- 3.1.1. The Piketberg Clinic (the Clinic) operates on weekdays, Monday to Friday, from 07:30 to 16:30.
- 3.1.2. The Clinic offers primary healthcare services, such as women's health, child health, mental health, oral health, rehabilitation services, infectious disease treatment and curative and chronic care.
- 3.1.3. On arrival, the delegation witnessed people standing outside waiting to gain entry to the Clinic. It was reported that patients start queuing early although there was an appointment system in place.
- 3.1.4. There were three satellite clinics in Piketberg, however, the challenge was that they are open only two days a week.
- 3.1.5. The Clinic has three clinical nurses, and there was one clinical nurse position that was vacant.
- 3.1.6. The size of the facility was small in relation to the population growth in Piketberg and the surrounding farms.
- 3.1.7. During the walkabout of the facility the delegation noted that office space was inadequate, particularly the waiting rooms, filing space, consultation rooms and storage place.
- 3.1.8. Due to insufficient space, the doctor's consultation room also served as an emergency room.
- 3.1.9. The community care workers were assisting the Clinic in distributing chronic medication to 10 Chronic Dispensing Unit (CDU) groups in the Piketberg communities and on the surrounding farms to approximately 235 chronic patients.
- 3.1.10. There was no dispensing window at the pharmacy and medication was dispensed through the burglar gate, and this was reported as a challenge.
- 3.1.11. Due to the high demand for health services on local farms, two staff nurses from the Clinic provide health services to the farmworkers from a mobile clinic every Wednesday. A second mobile clinic was needed to take the pressure off the clinic.
- 3.1.12. The delegation was informed that the Clinic needs additional staff, especially Clinical Nurse Practitioners and Occupational and Speech Therapists.
- 3.1.13. It was reported that there were no social workers from the Department of Health in the Bergrivier Municipality. The health facilities in the Bergrivier Municipality refer patients to the Department of Social Development.

- 3.1.14. The Clinic refers mental-health patients to Saldanha and Swartland due to the lack of capacity.
- 3.1.15. The delegation noted a piece of land next to the Clinic. The Department was planning to build a Community Day Centre next to the Clinic. However, there was no clarity as to when the project would commence.

4. Oversight visit to the Radie Kotze Hospital in Piketberg on Tuesday 8 February 2022

Dr Harwkridge, the Regional Medical Manager, Ms Bester, and Director: West Coast District Health, and other departmental officials welcomed the delegation.

4.1 Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Radie Kotze Hospital

- 4.1.1. The Radie Kotze Hospital District Hospital (the Hospital) is a level 1 hospital that renders a full package of level 1 care-related services. The Hospital has 43 beds, of which 17 are COVID-19 beds and there are 26 general beds.
- 4.1.2. The services offered at the Hospital are obstetric care, emergency care, paediatric and neonatal care, medical care, mental health, surgical care, rehabilitation, oral health and X-rays; however, there is no specialist radiography, currently only analogue, soon to be changed to digital.
- 4.1.3. The Hospital does not offer services such as obstetric care and caesarean sections, and patients requesting induction are referred to the Paarl Hospital, and the termination of pregnancy patients are referred to the Swartland Hospital. In addition, the Hospital does not offer surgical care. Patients are referred to the Paarl Hospital for major surgical procedures.
- 4.1.4. The staff complement of the Hospital consists of two managers, four doctors, 21 nurses, one pharmacist, one radiographer and six administrative staff, with three additional posts currently funded but not filled, one maintenance staff member, 15 ancillary staff and an allied-health team based at the sub-district office, but spending time at the Hospital when needed.
- 4.1.5. The Hospital reported that 94% of vacancies were filled at the Hospital in line with the departmental target.
- 4.1.6. It was reported that in October 2021 staff and patients were evacuated from certain areas to other parts of the Hospital, including the emergency centre, due to serious concerns regarding the state of the roof of the main building after routine inspections were conducted by engineers and architects.
- 4.1.7. During the visit the delegation observed that the upgrading of the roof was underway.
- 4.1.8. It was reported that there was an urgent need to address the psychiatric services at the Hospital.
- 4.1.9. The Hospital's management informed the delegation that rendering complex medical services in rural areas with resource constraints and the tyranny of distance was a challenge.
- 4.1.10. The distances patients must travel to access certain services, such as X-rays, and to access specialist services was also a challenge. The Hospital needs 24-hour X-rays.
- 4.1.11. The migration of seasonal workers to Piketberg and the surrounding farms puts pressure on the Hospital's human and consumable resources and this makes it difficult to plan.
- 4.1.12. Security was also reported as a challenge at the Hospital. It was reported that there was no security on duty at the Hospital on weekends and after hours.
- 4.1.13. The safety of patients and staff at the Radie Kotze District Hospital was reported as a major challenge.

- 4.1.14 During the visit five psychiatric patients were sharing the ward with other patients due to the lack of space. Two of the patients were restrained.
- 4.1.15 The Hospital has three ambulances that have to take patients to the Paarl Hospital for X-rays and maternity care after hours and on weekends.
- 4.1.16 The delegation was informed that there was a significant improvement in staff attitude and morale since the last cluster visit in 2020. In addition, patient satisfaction has also improved.

4.2 Request for information

The delegation REQUESTED the Department of Health to provide it with a copy of the Strategic Plan for the Radie Kotze Hospital by Friday 25 March 2022 to see the plans in place to fill the vacancies.

5. Oversight visit to the Graafwater Special School on Tuesday 8 February 2022

Mr R van Rooyen, Principal of Graafwater Special School, welcomed the delegation to the school. Mr Van Rooyen delivered a presentation to the delegation.

5.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Graafwater Special School

- 5.1.1. The Graafwater Special School opened on 1 January 2021 in the buildings that had previously been occupied by the Graafwater High School before its closure on 31 December 2020.
- 5.1.2. The school is adequately equipped and fully functional. The classrooms and the workshops are fully furnished.
- 5.1.3. The school building, as well as the hostel, is well-maintained and can generally be described as being in a very good condition.
- 5.1.4. The school has an adequate number of classrooms to accommodate the 86 learners who are currently enrolled. It will also be able to accommodate the envisaged enrolment of 400 learners in 2024. 71 learners are enrolled in the School of Skills (SoS) section and 15 in the Severely Intellectually Disabled (SID) section.
- 5.1.5. The hostel can accommodate 132 learners and it is fully furnished. The boys' section will be fully utilised in 2022. The girls' section will be fully utilised by 2023.
- 5.1.6. The School Governing Body (SGB) is functional.
- 5.1.7. The National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) is fully operational. Only 150 learners use the programme although the school can feed up to 186 learners.
- 5.1.8. There is no Mass Participation, Opportunity and Access, Development and Growth (MOD) programme, but there is an after-school programme initiated by the school.
- 5.1.9. The school currently has nine educators on its staff. Mr R van Rooyen has been seconded to act as the Principal at the school, but was recently permanently appointed at the Graafwater Special School. The school counsellor and the department head positions could not be filled due to grievances that had been filed. The grievance process is still underway.
- 5.1.10. All the other positions are filled permanently by teachers who were previously on the staff establishments of either the Graafwater High School or the Lambert's Bay Primary School (both closed on 31 December 2020).
- 5.1.11. The learners are from towns such as Lutzville, Vredendal, Klawer, Lamberts Bay, Clanwilliam and Citrusdal.
- 5.1.12. The Special School follows both the Adapted Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (ACAPS) and the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan Curriculum

(DCAPS). SoS learners offer either Agricultural, Office Practice, Woodwork or Consumer Studies as technical subjects. Welding will be offered in 2022.

- 5.1.13. With regard to the extracurricular activities: the school recently held a very successful concert that filled the hall (as determined by legislation). The COVID-19 pandemic limited participation in sport against other schools. Learners at the school have the opportunity to compete among themselves in rugby, volleyball, chess, etc.
- 5.1.14. Learners who do not stay at the hostel have access to the Learner Transport Scheme routes from Clanwilliam and Lambert's Bay.
- 5.1.15. According to the school, the broader community has accepted the school, except a few individuals who remain part of the strategically constructed destabilising force that continues to try to disrupt both the Graafwater Special School and the Graafwater Primary School.
- 5.1.16. High school learners and learners from the local primary school utilise classrooms at the school to study and/or to do their homework under the supervision of an NGO.
- 5.1.17. The local cricket club also utilises the school's facilities for its practice sessions.
- 5.1.18. The school has also made its hall available for numerous community functions and/or meetings.

5.2. Challenges as reported by the Graafwater Special School

- 5.2.1. There is community unrest since the school was changed from the only high school in Graafwater to a special school. The learners now have to attend high school in Elands Bay, even though there is a dire need for a high school on the West Coast. The cost of learner transport for learners from other towns to be transported weekly has increased, and parents are unable to pay for the children to come home daily.
- 5.2.2. The hostel accommodation for boys needs to be upgraded to accommodate learners properly.
- 5.2.3. The school building is 100 years old and requires maintenance.
- 5.2.4. The safety measures at the school, such as the alarm system and fencing, must be updated.

5.3. Request for information

The delegation requested the WCED to provide the following information:

- 5.3.1. A copy of the User-Asset Management Plan (U-AMP) for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.
- 5.3.2. A copy of the report and environmental assessment conducted on the structure of the Graafwater school building, taking into account that it is 100 years old.
- 5.3.3. A copy of the proposal under consideration and the timeline for when a decision will be made to accommodate the 200 learners who are now attending school in Lamberts Bay.
- 5.3.4. A report or information on the measures taken to engage with the community of Graafwater regarding the decision to change the school to a special-needs school. Whether there was an information-sharing session to educate the community on the reasons for the change.

6. Oversight visit to the Elands Bay SAPS on Tuesday 8 February 2022

Brigadier ZN Bavuma led the delegation from the South African Police Service (SAPS) in her role as the Acting Cluster Commander for the Vredenburg Cluster and the Cluster Commander for the Vredendal Cluster.

6.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Elands Bay SAPS

- 6.1.1. The number of reported Domestic Violence and Abuse cases (DVAs) for the West Coast District Municipality (WCDM) was 850 and 803 in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years respectively.
- 6.1.2. The percentage of conviction rates for these reported DVAs were 39,11% and 38,82% for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years respectively.
- 6.1.3. The SAPS reported that the rollout of its social crime prevention and domestic violence awareness programmes was impacted by the national lockdown regulations. However, where possible, the SAPS continued to use mechanisms, such as pamphlet distribution and the local media (radio and print), to create awareness.
- 6.1.4. The SAPS also reported a focus on closing illegal liquor and drug outlets.
- 6.1.5. The SAPS reported no formal gang structures in the WCDM.
- 6.1.6. There were 856 and 891 reported cases of unlawful possession of or trading in drugs in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years.
- 6.1.7. The four police stations dealing with marine life cases, such as poaching, include Elands Bay, Doring Bay, Lamberts Bay and Lutzville. The average conviction rate for crimes related to marine life in these areas was 49,3% (of 68 reported cases) and 41,4% (of 48 reported cases).
- 6.1.8. The preventative measures used included the use of local informers, conducting blue light patrols and operations in the harbour region, working closely with the National Prosecution Authority, regular joint operations with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, including roadblocks, and working with local abalone farms to detect poaching activity.
- 6.1.9. In terms of Victim Empowerment Support, all the stations in the WCDM are fully furnished and operational on a 24-hour basis.
- 6.1.10. Vanrhynsdorp SAPS and Nuwerus SAPS do not have trained victim support volunteers.
- 6.1.11. The WCDM is understaffed by 88 personnel across the Visible Policing Unit (VISPOL), detection services and support staff. There are 545 granted posts; however, only 457 personnel are employed.
- 6.1.12. The vehicle fleet deficit is 19. There are 108 vehicles allocated from the granted number of 127 for the WCDM.
- 6.1.13. The SAPS explained how its docket system functions. Thereafter specific reference was made to an incident where SAPS documents were found buried in a shallow grave in Baboon Point, Elands Bay. The discovery was made on 1 January 2021. The SAPS emphasised that the items were miscellaneous and only old SAPS documents and not case dockets.
- 6.1.14. Following this discovery, an audit was done at the station level and the outcome was that all case dockets were accounted for and not missing. The matter, however, has been registered at the Piketberg Magistrate's Court to determine whether or not any criminal prosecution will take place.
- 6.1.15. The Community Police Forum reported a strong working relationship with the Elands Bay SAPS.
- 6.1.16. The SAPS reported vast travelling distances across the policing area to prisons and places of safety. Having to travel these vast distances, coupled with the number of gravel roads that still exist in the cluster, adversely affects the longevity of the vehicles used for official police work.

6.2. Information requested

The delegation REQUESTED the SAPS to provide the following information:

6.2.1. The number of parolees linked to each police station in the West Coast District Municipality for the period.

7. Oversight visit to the Hanna Coetzee Clinic in Vredenburg on Wednesday 9 February 2022

Sister Galant, Acting Operations Manager at the Clinic, welcomed the delegation. She reported that Sister Coraizin, the Operations Manager, was on leave. Sister Galant gave a summary of the services offered by the facility, as well as the service pressure and the challenges experienced by the Clinic.

7.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Hanna Coetzee Clinic

- 7.1.1. The Hanna Coetzee Clinic (the Clinic) is a primary healthcare facility that offers services such as mother and child health, chronic diseases care, women's health, HIV and TB care, men's health and acute services.
- 7.1.2. It operates at Louwville in Vredenburg from Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 16:00.
- 7.1.3. The Clinic provides health services to people from three wards (wards 2, 9 and 13) and attends to between 13 000 to 20 000 patients per month.
- 7.1.4. The Clinic has a total of 15 staff members, including two security guards for the entire facility.
- 7.1.5. Sister Galant informed the delegation that the staff complement of the Clinic consists of one Staff Nurse, six Sisters, one Pharmacist Assistant, two Clerks, one Counsellor, two medical interns and two security guards.
- 7.1.6. The staff at the Clinic were working under severe pressure with the waiting room full of patients who were waiting for health services, and some of the patients were waiting outside.
- 7.1.7. According to Sister Galant, the Clinic had an appointment system, however, patients start queuing in the early hours of the morning with the hope of getting help early.
- 7.1.8. The Clinic has a total of 120 patients who are on ARVs. The Clinic has one Pharmacist Assistant and, when she is on leave, the Operations Manager has to perform her duties in addition to her management responsibilities, and she also has to assist patients.
- 7.1.9. It was reported that staff shortage, high staff absenteeism and limited office space were the major challenges at the Clinic.
- 7.1.10. During the visit there was no spitting booth for TB patients.
- 7.1.11. A high incidence of burglary was reported as a challenge at the Clinic. During the visit there was no electricity or generator. The delegation was informed that thieves stole the copper wires and the generator.
- 7.1.12. Security was also reported as a challenge. There Clinic has two security guards who work day shifts, but after hours there are no security guards at the Hanna Coetzee Clinic.

7.2. Input made by the Louwville community members during the visit to the Hanna Coetzee Clinic in Vredenburg

The delegation was joined by Louwville community members. Ms Boois informed the delegation that the Clinic has been experiencing many challenges for many years. She raised the matters of the shortage of staff and inadequate space as a major challenge at the Clinic. She mentioned that patients and children queue outside the Clinic on rainy and hot days. She suggested that a temporary prefabricated structure should be provided and be used as a waiting area by members of the public when queuing outside the facility.

Ms Boois further mentioned that the security guards at the Clinic were a challenge. She alleged that some patients were denied access to the Clinic by the security guards.

She requested that a mobile clinic be made available to attend to patients in areas outside Louville. This will take pressure away from the Clinic.

7.3. Request for information

The delegation REQUESTED the Hanna Coetzee Clinic to submit all the burglary case numbers that were reported and opened by the Clinic at the South African Police Service by Friday 25 March 2022.

8. Oversight visit to the Vredenburg Provincial Hospital on Wednesday 9 February 2022

Dr Perez, Medical Manager in the Saldanha Bay Sub-district, welcomed and briefed the delegation on the services at the hospital.

8.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Vredenburg Hospital

- 8.1.1. The Vredenburg Provincial Hospital is a level 1 district hospital that offers a standard district package of care.
- 8.1.2. Dr Perez informed the delegation that the Vredendal Hospital is a provincial hospital with 112 beds and 221 staff members.
- 8.1.3. Facilities and services offered by the hospital include casualty services, with a doctor available 24 hours daily, neonatal and kangaroo facilities are available at the hospital, general, surgical and medical services, paediatrics, X-rays, outpatient facilities, and an orthopaedic clinic with physiotherapy facilities. In addition, the hospital offers occupational therapy, an operating theatre, an anti-retroviral clinic, gynaecological services, an ear, nose, and throat clinic, a laboratory on the premises and a dialysis unit.
- 8.1.4. The hospital, apart from offering clinical service, is also the hub for the surrounding primary healthcare facilities with regard to financial management, supply chain management, data management and infrastructure maintenance.
- 8.1.5. It was reported that the hospital was collaborating with the University of Cape Town (UCT) by providing practical training to final-year family-medicine students.
- 8.1.6. The delegation was informed that the Saldanha Sub-district enjoys support from five non-governmental organisations, which offer community-based care and intermediate care with 62 community-based carers.
- 8.1.7. The hospital gets assistance from an NGO called Siyabonga, an intermediate care facility that has 12 beds, which is partially funded by the Department of Health.
- 8.1.8. In addition, Huis Isabella, a 24-hour mental healthcare institution that caters for patients with intellectual disabilities, is partially funded by the Department of Health.
- 8.1.9. The Saldanha Bay Sub-district has eleven primary healthcare facilities that consist of eight fixed clinics, one mobile, and two satellite clinics, with an operating budget of R61 million in the 2021/22 financial year.
- 8.1.10. The hospital had 10 532 positive COVID-19 cases, and 255 active cases in January 2022. A total of 276 deaths as a result of the COVID-19 complications were reported at the hospital. 137 staff members were infected with the COVID-19 and no staff deaths were reported.
- 8.1.11. The primary healthcare in the Saldanha Bay Sub-district has two community-oriented primary care sites in Laingville and Diazville. Their work involves wellness, health

promotion, inter-sectoral collaboration and linking with the Whole of Society Approach initiative.

- 8.1.12. In terms of the infrastructure project within the district, it was reported that the renovations of the hospital flats were conducted, a new site for the new Sandy Point Satellite Clinic in St Helena Bay was handed over to the Department of Public Works and the project will be completed by the end of 2022. In addition, a site for the new community day centre, planned to replace the Hanna Coetzee Clinic, has been identified and approved.
- 8.1.13. Challenges, such as the safety and security of staff and facilities, high absenteeism of staff due to burnout, increase in mental health cases, interpersonal violence and an increased rate of non-communicable disease, were reported at the hospital. In addition, TB and HIV incidence remains high in the area.
- 8.1.14. Dr Perez stated that staff resilience, team spirit, new initiatives and a new way of thinking during the COVID-19 pandemic were reported as successes at the hospital.
- 8.1.15. A recovery plan to bring back services that were affected during the COVID-19 pandemic was in place and the services were being introduced back gradually.

8.2. Request for information

The delegation REQUESTED the Department of Health to submit the following information by Friday 25 March 2022.

- 8.2.1. The Departmental Strategic Plan for the health facilities on the West Coast.
- 8.2.2. Detailed information on the clinic committees and hospital boards that are functional and operational in the West Coast health facilities.

9. Oversight visit to the West Coast Regional Office of Social Development on Wednesday 9 February 2022

The Social Cluster delegation conducted a visit to the West Coast Regional Office of Social Development on Wednesday 9 February 2022. Dr Du Toit, Regional Director for Social Development in the West Coast, welcomed the delegation. He proceeded to brief the delegation on the programmes of Social Development in the West Coast region. In addition, Dr Du Toit took the delegation on a walkabout of the facilities.

9.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the West Coast Regional Office of Social Development

- 9.1.1. The West Coast Regional Office of Social Development is part of the six regions of the Department of Social Development.
- 9.1.2. The office delivers social work services in the Swartland, Bergrivier, Cederberg, Matzikama, and Saldanha Bay municipal areas, however, the regional office is situated in Vredenburg.
- 9.1.3. The West Coast Regional Office delivers services to 464 066 estimated people and 122 074 households. The services offered are intersectoral, and a sound relationship exists between government departments, municipalities and the NGO sector.
- 9.1.4. It was reported that there was an increase in the incidence rate of GBV and child protection in the West Coast, and substance abuse was the main contributing factor.
- 9.1.5. During the current financial year, three GBV shelters, namely Rural Impact in Cederberg, Siyabonga Care in Saldanha and another Siyabonga Care in Bergrivier were opened in the West Coast; however, the distance was a challenge and police vans were not always available to get to these areas.

- 9.1.6. The distance was reported as a major challenge in the West Coast. It was reported that people spend an estimated amount of R1 000 to get to the service delivery office in Matzikama from Stofkraal.
- 9.1.7. Staff challenge, especially the social worker supervisors, was reported as a major challenge. It was reported that in the Swartland area, there were 19 social workers and two supervisors, Cederberg was reported to have one social worker supervisor who supervises 11 social workers, Saldanha and Vredenburg had three social worker supervisors responsible for 44 social workers. In addition, it was reported that there were 14 social workers in Bergrivier supervised by one social worker supervisor, and Matzikama had one social worker supervisor who manages 31 social workers.
- 9.1.8. The delegation was informed that social workers needed to practice under social worker supervisors; however, due to the shortage, the social worker supervisors on the West Coast were reported to be struggling to cope with the workload.
- 9.1.9. It was reported that, with regard to funded NGOs that provide child protection services in the West Coast, Swartland had eight social workers and seven social auxiliary workers, Berg River had four social workers and four social auxiliary workers, Cederberg had four social workers and two social auxiliary workers, and Matzikama had three social workers and two social auxiliary workers. In total, the West Coast region had 26 social workers and 18 social auxiliary workers responsible for child protection services.
- 9.1.10. The delegation was informed that 96% of the budget in the West Coast Regional Office of Social Development was spent on staff compensation.
- 9.1.11. Dr Du Toit reported that the West Coast Regional Office was operating from a leased building, and there were five sedans and one double cab vehicle that were allocated to the office. The Swartland DSD office was also operating from a leased building. There were nine vehicles that were allocated to the office, eight sedans and one double cab. At Berg River in Piketberg, the office was operating from the Public Works building with five vehicles, which were four sedans and one double cab. The Cederberg office in Clanwilliam was operating from a leased building with five vehicles, three sedans, one double cab and one single cab.
- 9.1.12. In addition, the Matzikama office in Vredendal was providing services from a leased building with ten vehicles that consist of eight sedans, one double cab and one ten-seater minibus. The Saldanha office in Vredenburg was operating from a leased building with 10 vehicles, nine sedans and one minibus.
- 9.1.13. The focus of the West Coast Regional Office was more on the service delivery programmes, such as the Children and Families Integrated Approach, which was focused on awareness programmes, early intervention and statutory matters.
- 9.1.14. The West Coast region had 4 565 children in foster care. In addition, the West Coast region had 133 screened and vetted safety parents.
- 9.1.15. The region aims to reunify 50 children per annum with their biological parents.
- 9.1.16. The West Coast region was reported to be one of the regions with a high incidence of substance abuse and the DSD service delivery was focusing more on interventions, awareness and aftercare services to those who completed the substance abuse treatment.
- 9.1.17. There was one registered treatment centre in the West Coast region; however, the region also uses treatment centres in Cape Winelands and the Cape metropolitan area.
- 9.1.18. The West Coast region has appointed five social workers to focus on services to victims of gender violence. There were GBV forums established in all the DSD service delivery areas in the West Coast. The forums are intersectoral and are represented by various government departments and NGOs in the field.
- 9.1.19. The region had youth cafés in Saldanha Bay and Velddrif where the focus was on skills development, after school, job readiness and gender-related issues.

9.1.20. During the past two years, the West Coast Regional Office actively participated in food relief for specific families and individuals whose income had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 8 000 food parcels were distributed in the 2020/21 financial year.

10. Oversight visit to the Paternoster Cape Access e-Centre on Wednesday 10 February 2022

Mr H Arendse from the Department of the Premier welcomed the delegation to the Paternoster Cape Access e-Centre. Ms C Vries, a staff member, delivered a presentation to the delegation.

The Paternoster e-Centre was previously established in the St Augustine Primary School. The centre moved to Paternoster civic premises inside the hall in August 2015. The e-Centre has been fully operational since 1 September 2015.

10.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Paternoster Cape Access e-Centre

- 10.1.1. There are 11 computers at the Cape Access e-Centre.
- 10.1.2. The e-Centre assists citizens to make use of computers, gives them access to the Internet, provides basic computer training, offers accredited e-skills training, and provides access to government information and services.
- 10.1.3. The Cape Access e-Centre can accommodate 22 users on an average day.
- 10.1.4. All previous Cape Access e-Centre staff completed the e-Learner and International Certificate in Digital Literacy (ICDL) training and could exit the programme with computer qualifications that equip them with computer literacy skills and improve their chances for better opportunities.
- 10.1.5. The International Certificate in Digital Literacy (ICDL) training is provided to citizens who are focused on developing the community. This training can only be provided to citizens once the staff from the Cape Access e-Centre are fully trained.
- 10.1.6. The ICDL training is provided by officials who have previously passed the course and are from other nearby Cape Access e-centres.
- 10.1.7. All positions at the e-Centre are on a contract basis.
- 10.1.8. The e-Centre is in partnership with the Saldanha Municipality, the Department of Labour, Marine Fishermans, the library (that is on the same premises) and the Paternoster Clinic.
- 10.1.9. The staff formulated a year planner to create awareness and attract more stakeholders.
- 10.1.10. The Cape Access e-Centre assists the community with Sassa online applications since 17 August 2021.
- 10.1.11. A total of 70 people did vaccine registrations from May to September 2020.
- 10.1.12. The e-Centre had a two-day Early-child Development Programme in December 2021, which resulted in attracting more youth to the Cape Access e-Centre.

10.2. Challenges as reported by the Paternoster Cape Access e-Centre

- 10.2.1. Due to the medical condition of the trainer, the e-learner training has been put on hold.
- 10.2.2. The citizens who make use of the Cape Access e-Centre are impatient.
- 10.2.3. There is a decrease in statistics due to certain periods of the year, eg school holidays.
- 10.2.4. The Cape Access e-Centre has no training room.
- 10.2.5. The Cape Access e-Centre experienced four security threats, where at one incident a personal computer (PC) was stolen. The PC has since been replaced.

10.3. Recommendations

The delegation RECOMMENDED that the Paternoster Cape Access e-Centre:

- 10.3.1. Host open days at the e-Centre to create awareness of what programmes and services are being offered.
- 10.3.2. Build partnerships with schools and industries in the surrounding areas.
- 10.3.3. Advertise the programmes and services that are offered at the Cape Access e-Centres on the free community radio stations.
- 10.3.4. Create a holiday programme to attract more young people of the community to the e-Centre.

11. Oversight visit to the Western Coast District Sports Academy on Thursday 11 February 2022

Dr Lyndon Bouah, Chief Director for Sport in the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (the Department), led the delegation. Mr G Don, West Coast District Sport Council (WCDSC), was also in attendance.

11.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Western Coast District Sports Academy

- 11.1.1. The Department reported that there are 16 priority sporting codes and that indigenous games are included as a sports genre.
- 11.1.2. During the 2021/22 financial year, the Department funded the academy system to the value of R5 323 289. This amount includes the funding of not only physical academies but also a virtual sports academy based in Beaufort West.
- 11.1.3. Many athletes' performances were adversely affected due to the national lockdown from March 2020. The lack of physical interaction and sports events means that many athletes in the 15- to 18-year-old age groups were not given opportunities to participate in major school sports events. This inactivity also affected the pool of athletes selected for higher honours, as well as more elite training and development.
- 11.1.4. The Academy was vandalised and burgled. Subsequently, officials have been relocated temporarily to the stadium complex offices. The water and electricity supply were negatively affected.
- 11.1.5. The WCDSC's executive committee consists of eight persons.
- 11.1.6. The WCDSC's jurisdiction across the West Coast District Municipality includes 25 sports federations. There are three federations with provisional status. This means that these federations are not yet fully compliant and are possibly under-resourced to meet the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee's criteria for a federation.
- 11.1.7. The WCDSC highlighted several challenges that it experiences that include having to travel long distances across the district, which spans 31 km², a lack of appropriate sporting equipment for its codes, the access to and conditions of facilities, and better funding mechanisms.
- 11.1.8. The WCDSC requires a major sporting event catering solely to its district.

11.2. Resolution

The delegation RESOLVED to invite the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport to brief it on the state of readiness to host the 2023 Netball World Cup, and on the plans to use the facilities and infrastructure after the Netball World Cup.

11.3. Information requested

The delegation REQUESTED a list of the federations and clubs for indigenous games, registered with and/or recognised by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

12. Oversight visit to the Roodezandt Secondary School on Friday 11 February 2022

Mr M Beerwinkel, the Principal of Roodezandt Secondary School, welcomed the delegation to the school. Mr Beerwinkel delivered a presentation to the delegation.

12.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Roodezandt Secondary School

- 12.1.1. The National Senior Certificate pass rate for the school from 2019 to 2021 is as follows:
- 2019 – 73,7%
 - 2020 – 65,3%
 - 2021 – 77,9% (33% Bachelors)
- 12.1.2. The school teacher–learner ratio in 2022 is 26 teachers to 954 learners, which is a ratio of 36,7 learners per teacher.
- 12.1.3. With regard to infrastructure:
- The school consists of two blocks with 12 classes per block, as well as two extra classes.
 - The school has phased in Agricultural Management Practices and Agricultural Technology as part of its curriculum.
 - As part of the agricultural curriculum, the school has two tunnel greenhouses for the production of fruits, vegetables, flowers and any other plants that require special temperature conditions.
 - According to the school’s records, the building is in reasonable condition and all defects are reported immediately.
- 12.1.4. The National Nutrition Scheme (NNS) is available to all the school’s learners. Meals are provided to the learners daily from a mobile building. The building is equipped with a kitchen from which the community assists with the necessary services.
- 12.1.5. Currently, the school manages four routes as part of the Learner Transport Scheme. The routes are as follows:
- Porterville residential area, Gelukwaarts, Voorberg Prison, Dasbosch, Middelpoos, De Tuin, Onverwags, Watervliet and Langgewag to Roodezandt Secondary. There are 143 learners on the route.
 - De Hoek/Vorentoe, Lushof/Vaalkamp, De Denne/Panorama, De Hoop/Langgewag to the Saron Primary School and the Roodezandt Secondary School. The number of learners on the route are 156.
 - Gouda residential area, Klein Berg River, De Mond, Môrester to the Saron Primary School and the Roodezandt Secondary School. The number of learners on the route is 158.
- 12.1.6. The school operates a MOD centre as an after-school activity for both the primary and secondary schools. The activities focus on sports and culture.
- 12.1.7. The school’s safety is a high priority for the school and the School Governing Body (SGB). The school would like learners to attend school in a safe environment with no gang activities. There are exceptional cases that have occurred in the past that the school has been able to resolve immediately.

12.2. Challenges as reported by the Roodezandt Secondary School

- 12.2.1. The Roodezandt Secondary School informed the delegation about the tremendous growth in learner numbers over the past few years, but space has become a challenge.
- 12.2.2. The school's community has social issues that have an impact on the psycho-social behaviour of their learners. These psycho-social challenges are managed by the school's School-Based Support Team (SBST) in cooperation with the District Support Team (DBST) and the local service providers namely BADISA, the Saron clinic, social support representative of the SAPS, and other support structures in the community.

12.3. Achievements as reported by the Roodezandt Secondary School

- 12.3.1. The NSC pass rate of 73,7% was achieved in 2021 despite the challenges of the pandemic.
- 12.3.2. Mr Benjamin, Director of the Cape Winelands Education District, according to the school should be commended for the support provided to the learners during 2021.
- 12.3.3. The top learner achieved 72,7% amidst extremely difficult domestic conditions.
- 12.3.4. The school has good cooperation between different role players and the community, such as the SAPS, the clinic, the primary School and churches.
- 12.3.5. The school will have its first matriculants in Agriculture in 2022.

12.4. Recommendation

The delegation RECOMMENDED that the leader of the delegation table a motion in the House to commend the Principal, Mr Beerwinkel, and the school's management for running the school so well.

12.5. Request for information

The delegation REQUESTED the WCED to provide the following information:

- 12.5.1. A report on the progress with the agriculture curriculum extension at the school.
- 12.5.2. A report on the Infrastructure Improvement Plan for the school.

13. Oversight visit to the Paarl East SAPS on Friday 11 February 2022

Brigadier N Malila led the delegation from the South African Police Service (SAPS) in his role as the Cluster Commander for the Cape Winelands Cluster. He was joined by the Station Commander, Col MW Stephans.

13.1. Salient points that emanated from the presentation at the Paarl East SAPS

- 13.1.1. For the 2019/20 financial year, the Paarl East SAPS had 163 granted posts and an actual staff contingent of 162 personnel across the three units. These units include the Visible Policing Unit (VISPOL), Detection Services and Support staff.
- 13.1.2. The granted allocation for the 2020/21 financial year was also 163; however, there was a marked decrease in the actual posts filled. The actual number of posts at the station was 152.
- 13.1.3. For the first three quarters of the 2021/22 financial year, the station has another decrease in actual posts to 147 personnel. The granted allocation of 163 posts has been consistent for the last three financial years, at the time of reporting.

- 13.1.4. At the time of reporting, the station was equipped with 41 vehicles for VISPOL, 17 for Detection Services, and two allocated to Support Services.
- 13.1.5. The SAPS reported that gang activity is the main contributor to contact crime and (attempted) murder cases.
- 13.1.6. At least six known gangs are operating across the station's sectors. These include the MOB gang, CKs, Mafligos, Pittfits, Young Mafias and Novas.
- 13.1.7. Smartie Town, located in sector one, has the highest gang-related crime statistics. It is also a hotspot for domestic violence crimes (DVAs).
- 13.1.8. Drug-related crimes are strongly linked to gang activity and tensions.
- 13.1.9. The SAPS reported factors such as the limited information on the location of illegal firearms, intimidation by gangs of witnesses and the community in general, and limited policing resources by specialised units during peak periods.
- 13.1.10. Due to the national lockdown, outreach and awareness programmes were limited.
- 13.1.11. The Station Commander explained the process to deal with instances of corruption in the SAPS workforce at his station.
- 13.1.12. The Community Police Forum (CPF) and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) representatives confirmed that there is a good working relationship with the Paarl East SAPS.
- 13.1.13. There are 22 NHWs linked to the station. Six NHWs are accredited and the remaining five were in the process of being accredited.
- 13.1.14. The Department of Community Safety provided a brief overview of its monitoring of the Paarl East SAPS. The Department reported that residents are reluctant to enter into the witness protection, corroborating with the SAPS' statement that community members are intimidated by gangs not to participate in criminal investigations.

14. Acknowledgement

The delegation thanked the management of the different facilities that were visited for their willingness to share valuable information with the Social Cluster delegation.