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**ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY,
CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023**

The Strategic Objectives of the WCPP linked to the Speakers' Priorities which impact on committees are as follows:

Priority 1: Building a credible WCPP; and

Priority 3: strengthening the core business.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport, conducts oversight over multiple portfolios. The Committee's membership is different for each of the two main portfolios, that is, matters related to Community Safety and matters related to Cultural Affairs and Sport.

Permanent Members as at 31 March 2023

The Committee overseeing the Cultural Affairs and Sport portfolio comprised of the following members.

Bosman G (Chairperson) (DA)
Bartman DM (DA)
Marais PJ (FFP)
Kama M (ANC)
Pretorius G (DA)

Alternate Members

Bans AP (ANC)
Brinkhuis G (Al-Jama-Ah)
Cassiem A (EFF)
Fry C (DA)
Plato, D (DA)
Windvogel R (ANC)

**The Committee overseeing the Community Safety portfolio comprised of the following members.
Permanent Members as at 31 March 2023**

Bosman G (Chairperson) (DA)
Bartman DM (DA)
Pretorius G (DA)
Christians FC (ACDP)
Bans A (ANC)

Alternate Members

Brinkhuis G (Al Jamaa-Ah)
Cassiem A (EFF)
Fry C (DA)
Kama M (ANC)
Lekker PZ (ANC)
Lili A (ANC)
Plato D (DA)
Windvogel R (ANC)

Additional Members

Marais PJ (FFP)

*Additional Members in this report refer to Members who have not been ATCed as permanent or alternate members of the Community Safety portfolio but have been active across committee activities.

***Membership changes to the Cultural Affairs and Sport were effected during the fourth term of 2022/22.**

Permanent Members

During 2022/23 there were several membership changes to the Committee, for both permanent and alternate members. Member G Bosman was elected as the Committee Chairperson on 31 May 2022. Member D Plato has been designated as an alternate member. The following persons are no longer members of the Committee.

- Allen RI (DA)
- Botha LJ (DA)
- Mackenzie RD (DA)
- Sileku I (DA)
- Van der Westhuizen AP (DA)
- Kaizer-Philander WF (DA)
- Xego M (EFF)

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport, reports on its 2022/23 annual activities, as follows:

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- a. Maintain oversight over the Executive and other stakeholders responsible for community safety, cultural affairs and sport, in the province.
- b. Hold the Department of Community Safety, the Western Cape Police Ombudsman, the Western Cape Liquor Authority, and the South African Police Service accountable. To also hold accountable the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, and its Entities (Western Cape Language Committee, Western Cape Cultural Commission and Heritage Western Cape).
- c. Consider and report on legislation and other matters referred to it by the Speaker.

- d. Monitor the implementation of legislation.

In the fulfilment of its mandate, the Committee:

- a. Facilitated public participation in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- b. Conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- c. Promoted cooperative governance.
- d. Reported regularly to the House.

The Committee deals with two distinct portfolios, the report will detail the activities per portfolio.

2. Reporting Departments, entities, and stakeholders

- 2.1. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, and its Entities (Western Cape Language Committee, Western Cape Cultural Commission and Heritage Western Cape).
- 2.2. The Department of Community Safety and its Entities (Western Cape Police Ombudsman and the Western Cape Liquor Authority).
- 2.3. The South African Police Service and the City of Cape Town's Safety and Security Directorate are two stakeholders with which the Committee regularly engages as part of safety and policing matters in the Western Cape.

3. Cultural Affairs and Sport portfolio

During the 2022/23 financial year, the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport (Cultural Affairs and Sport Portfolio) focused on oversight visits as part of its mandate.

The Committee conducted an oversight visit to the Cape Town Central Library. The visit was particularly pertinent to understand how the Library management navigated the impact of the lengthy national lockdown levels, to revive public interest in visiting the library.

The American Corner, housed inside the Library, is an interactive and multipurpose space that promotes innovation and business skill development. The space is a hub for entrepreneurship skills training and is often used for engaging workshops on development matters.

The Committee also visited the walk-through Nelson Mandela Legacy Exhibition based at Cape Town's City Hall. The Exhibition pays homage to the life of the Late Nelson Mandela and the displays provide a timeline of his early years.

The Committee visited the Robben Island Museum (RIM) premises at the Nelson Mandela Gateway building at the V and A Waterfront. Following an introductory briefing, the delegation travelled via ferry to Robben Island. The delegation was given a guided tour of select areas of the Island, due largely to time constraints. Some of the key sites included the visitor's centre, which is equipped with audio-visual recordings of interactions between prisoners, announcements made by prison officials, as well as interviews with various persons who experienced these visitor interactions. Other sites included the artillery storerooms, the recreational areas where prisoners were allowed to gather, and the various work and living areas.

The delegation returned to the Nelson Mandela Gateway building for a thorough briefing on matters about RIM's relationships with various spheres of government, strategies to increase visitor interest post-national lockdown restrictions and during peak tourist times, public outreach, and educational

initiatives. Also addressed were matters concerning the preservation of the history of the Island, its former prisoners and prison staff, as well as any legacy aspects. The Island, as a tourist attraction and national and international heritage site, requires infrastructural maintenance. In addition to being a beacon of history, it must also be equipped to move with global green economy trends.

The Committee also shortlisted candidates for the Heritage Western Cape Council. There were 31 candidates to consider, and following extensive deliberation, the Committee submitted a list of 23 candidates for the provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport to consider for appointment to the Council.

Committee members participated in two Social Cluster Visit Weeks. The first was conducted in the greater Plettenberg area in the Bitou Municipality. The Committee led the visits to New Horizons Library. The library is generally a hub of activity. With a well-stocked collection of books across all official Provincial languages, it enjoys a healthy membership count. The Cape Access Centre for the area is located within the library and together with the existing facilities dedicated to enhancing technology skills, the membership ranges from school learners to job seekers.

During the Social Cluster Visit Week of January to February 2023, The Committee also led the delegation at the Ladismith Library. The Library is located adjacent to the Cape Access Centre as well as several other intergovernmental service offices.

The Committee ensured that it complied with its regulatory oversight mandate by conducting the cyclical reporting events, namely, the appropriation and adjustment appropriation processes, as well as the annual report discussions on the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, and its three entities.

4. Overview of activities for the Cultural Affairs and Sport portfolio

Number of Committee Meetings: 6

Number of Public Hearings: 3

Number of Oversight Visits: 2

Number of Cluster Visit Weeks: 2

Number of International Visits: 0

5. Community Safety portfolio

During the 2022/23 financial year, the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport (Community Safety Portfolio) addressed several concerns pertaining to policing structures in the Western Cape.

The Department of Community Safety, and the City of Cape Town's Safety and Security Directorate, briefed the Committee on the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP). More specifically, the briefing focused on the Department's criteria to determine the funding allocation for the LEAP and the model used to establish the safety priorities of the Western Cape. The Department also explained the legislative framework that guides the monitoring and oversight role that the Department has over the allocated funding.

The Committee invited the SAPS to brief on the firearms destruction process, specifically for the Western Cape. The SAPS reported that there are no firearm destruction sites in the Western Cape and gave a broad explanation of the process followed to transport firearms and ammunition to the Silverton destruction facility in Pretoria.

The Committee led the delegation to the Mossel Bay Emergency Control Centre with Integrated Disaster Management, also referred to as the Joint Operation Centre (JOC). The Centre houses several emergency response stakeholders such as municipal and provincial traffic, the SAPS, emergency medical services and other disaster response teams. The integrated hub allows for swift and effective responses to various medical and policing incidents.

The Committee also led the visits to the Kwanokuthula SAPS and Plettenberg Bay SAPS during the Cluster Visit Week of September 2022. The delegation raised serious concerns about the state of the Kwanokuthula SAPS and subsequently invited Lt Gen F Masemola, the National Police Commissioner, to brief on the SAPS' capital priority list for police stations in the Western Cape. This meeting was held in the week following the visit to the Kwanokuthula SAPS. The National Police Commissioner provided updates on the maintenance, repair and new construction of all earmarked police stations but focused on Kleinvlei SAPS, the Kwanokuthula SAPS, the Kwanonqaba SAPS and the Elands Bay SAPS.

During the 2023 Social Cluster Visit Week, the Committee led a briefing on safety and policing concerns in Calitzdorp. This was preceded by a briefing by the Calitzdorp SAPS and the Ladismith SAPS.

As part of the Committee's role in the Policing Needs and Priorities (PNP) reporting process, there was a robust two-part engagement with the COCT's Safety and Security Directorate, the SAPS, and the Department of Community on the findings of the PNP Report for 2021/22.

The Committee ensured that it deliberated on the cyclical matters, namely the adjustment appropriation, annual reports, and appropriation, for both the Department of Community Safety and the Western Cape Liquor Authority.

6. Overview of activities for the Community Safety portfolio

Number of Committee Meetings: 9

Number of Public Hearings: 3

Number of Oversight Visits: 0

Number of Cluster Visit Weeks: 2

Number of International Visits: 0

7. NCOP Legislation

There was no legislation received.

8. Provincial bills

8.1. Vote 4: Community Safety in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2021/22 Financial Year) [B3-2022].

8.2. Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2021/22 Financial Year) [B3-2022].

8.3. Vote 4: Community Safety in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2023/24 financial year) [B2- 2023].

8.4. Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2023/24 financial year) [B2- 2023].

9. Facilitation of public Involvement and participation

In line with the Committee's mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative and oversight processes, members of the public were invited to participate in the consideration of and deliberations on:

- 9.1 The Annual Reports of the Department of Community Safety and the Western Cape Liquor Authority, and, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, and its Entities (Western Cape Language Committee, Western Cape Cultural Commission and Heritage Western Cape).
- 9.2 The deliberations on Vote 4: Police Oversight and Community Safety in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2021/22 Financial Year) [B3-2022].
- 9.3 The deliberations on Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2021/22 Financial Year) [B3-2022].
- 9.4 The deliberations on Vote 4: Police Oversight and Community Safety in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2023/24 financial year) [B2- 2023].
- 9.5 The deliberations on Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2023/24 financial year) [B2- 2023].

10. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated an amount of R 63,176-00 and the adjusted budget amounted to R82 676,00. The Standing Committee spent R119 158, 23 during the 2022/23 financial year an overspend of – R36.482.00 (expenditure after the Adjusted budget) was reported. The budget was spent on advertisements for the annual report meetings, and the various Appropriation and Adjustments Appropriation Bills. The funds were also spent on catering as well as towards transport and accommodation costs for the September 2022 and January 2023 Cluster Visit Week. The Committee invited the public and notified them of their democratic responsibility to participate in the committee activities.



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End of report