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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Report of the Standing Committee on Police Oversight, Community Safety, and Cultural Affairs and Sport on its oversight visit to the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan Operations Base on 22 August 2023**

The Standing Committee on Police Oversight, Community Safety, and Cultural Affairs and Sport having conducted an oversight visit to the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan Operations Base on 22 August 2023, reports as follows:

### **The delegation**

The delegation of the Standing Committee on Police Oversight, Community Safety, and Cultural Affairs and Sport included the following Members:

#### **Democratic Alliance**

Bosman, G (Chairperson)

Baartman, DM

#### **Apologies**

Bans, AP (ANC)

Cassiem, A (EFF)

Christians, FC (ACDP)

Kama, M (ANC)

Pretorius, G (DA)

### **The link between the oversight visit and the priority strategies**

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament strives to uphold its mandated duty of conducting oversight over the provincial departments. It also aims to effect socio-economic upliftment for the citizens of the Western Cape. The oversight visit served as a mechanism to uphold the WCPP's oversight role. The visit also served the interest of the citizens as the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) plays a vital role in connecting and addressing safety and policing concerns. Through funding from the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety, the LEAP is based in the City of Cape Town's Safety and Security Directorate. The Committee previously engaged with both the Department and the Municipality on the legal framework for LEAP, its funding mechanism, officer deployment, and many other related matters. The Committee therefore inspected the facilities or the Operations Base to view some of the practical aspects of the LEAP.

#### **1. Introduction**

The Standing Committee on Police Oversight, Community Safety and Cultural Affairs and Sport conducted an oversight visit to the LEAP Operations Base. Mr J Brand, the Deputy Chief for Law Enforcement, Safety and Security, led the walkabout of the facilities. He was joined by Assistant Chief for Safety, Mr J Hamilton.

#### **2. Walk about, discussion and demonstration**

The Bishop Lavis base is one of three bases in the City, with others located in Mfuleni and Mitchells Plain. However, this Operations Base is equipped to deal with the problematic load-shedding occurrences. The Photovoltaic (PV) Solar equipment powers the Base with a 24-hour Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS). There are also six lithium-ion batteries to provide six hours of continuous power if the situation requires.

The Committee was also briefed on the safety procedures that all staff entering and exiting the building are subject to fulfill, with precaution to safe firearm practices. Staff stationed in the armoury are certified, with a Responsible Person Certificate. The Committee was shown how the issuing and return of firearms are carefully facilitated and recorded. These processes are not digital, neither is the access to the building. There are measures in place to explore a digitised system.

The Committee viewed the hub that hosts the service response teams. The Emergency Police Incident Control (EPIC) system, as well as the ShotSpotter system, which detects firearm shots where the system is deployed, are two of the key response systems. EPIC allows for real-time updates and deployment. Officers' movements are monitored via the detection systems in their respective vehicles, with the hub having access to a range of key information. This includes real-time vehicle speed detection, which officers are traveling in which vehicles, as well as which officers are equipped with firearms.

Without any disruption to proceedings, the Committee witnessed, via a demonstration, how calls are logged, and officers dispatched. The technology allows for real-time updates from officers responding to calls. Officers can upload photographs of suspected assailants, of body searches as well as any other environmental markers that could lead to the apprehension of suspects and/or the completion of a service call. The uploaded data is stored and may be used in prosecutorial processes that might emanate from arrests and responses to incidents. The integrity and authenticity of the uploaded photographs are distinctly watermarked.

The Committee concluded its walk-about of the facilities.



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