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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICE OVERSIGHT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

Tuesday, 13 August 2024 (09h00, Committee Room 2)

(Introductory briefing and summation of POCS 2024/25 APP)

Democratic Alliance

Walters, TCR (Chairperson) Booysen, M Kaizer-Philander, WF Van Minnen, BM

African National Congress

Ngqentsu, MB

Economic Freedom Fighters

Cassiem, A

Patriotic Alliance

Stephens, DR

Alternate Members

Jacobs, GD (NCC)

Persons in attendance

Marais, AJD (Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety)
Arendse, H (Acting Head of Department: Police Oversight and Community Safety)
Gallant, N (Deputy Director): Strategic Services)

Apologies

Mbombo, N (DA) Sayed, MK (ANC)

Member D Jacobs requested to be excused from the meeting earlier than the time of adjournment.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcoming all guests. After brief introductions, the Chairperson stated the purpose of the meeting which was to (a) receive and introductory briefing by the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety, as well as a summation of its Annual

Performance Plan (APP) for 2024/25, and (b), to discuss suggestions to populate the committee programme.

2. Presentation

Minister Marais and Mr H Arendse, Head of Department, led the presentation. The Department provided a summation of its APP that included its key indicators. Some key elements of the presentation focused on current major crime statistics, Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) deployment, and the Department's five priority areas.

3. Salient points from the presentation

Prior to the Department guiding the Committee through its APP indicators, it first presented a plan to align the APP to the key priority areas.

- 3.1. The LEAP deployment is premised on Evidence Based Policing. The high crime areas, specifically regarding homicide trends, provide the basis for LEAP officer deployment.
- 3.2.
- 3.3. The City of Cape Town's Business Plan also influences the LEAP officer deployment. This means that officers are not deployed to specific policing stations, depending on the Business Plan.
- 3.4. LEAP officers are deployed at priority stations, which at the time of reporting include, Atlantis, Khayelitsha, Harare, Mitchells Plain, Gugulethu, Nyanga, Delft and Mfuleni.
- 3.5. The Department also highlighted the limited resource capacity of policing structures in the province.
- 3.6. The Department presented the safety model, that is implemented in all Western Cape Government departments. The model is multifaceted and aims to develop and maintain safe and cohesive communities.
- 3.7. The five priorities include creating a safety culture amongst citizens, strengthening community-based safety, improved policing and municipal law enforcement effectiveness, victim and perpetrator recovery programme, and oversight of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and capacity enhancement. The Department presented these priorities in some depth.
- 3.8. The Department launched its evidence-based policing project in Delft, Khayelitsha, Nyanga and Gugulethu, known as the DKNG Hotspot Policing Project. The project runs from April 2024 to 1 September 2024.
- 3.9. The Department responded to concerns raised about extortion, murder rates and drug and gang-related crime.

The Chairperson excused the Minister and the Department.

4. Resolutions

Following the meeting with the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety on 13 August 2024, on its APP 2024/25, the Committee requests the following:

- 4.1. The number of drug dens identified, and closed, in the Western Cape, from 2019 to date.
- 4.2. Statistics of reported Gender-Based Violence cases at Western Cape schools, from 2019 to date.

5. Committee Programme

The Committee briefly discussed the draft committee programme and agreed to submit suggestions to the Procedural Officer for future activities including both proposed oversight visits and content-driven meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 1200.

MPP, MR TCR WALTERS

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