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STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

Wednesday, 21 June 2017 (08h30), Chamber, 6th floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

Capital Priority List – WC Police Stations

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Wenger, M (Chairperson)

Kivedo, B

Mitchell, D

African National Congress

Lekker, P

Alternate

Dijana, T (ANC)

Please see the attached registers for a list of persons in attendance.

Apology

An apology was rendered on behalf of Hon. FC Christians.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all Members, officials from the National Department of Public Works (DPW), the South African Police Service (SAPS) Western Cape, the Head of the Department of Community Safety, as well as the public and media. After allowing brief introductions by all present she explained the purpose of the meeting as well as the format of proceedings. The SAPS provided the first presentation and thereafter the DPW were given a platform to present.

2. Key points emanating from the presentation by the SAPS Western Cape

The presentation was led by Col T Engelke and Maj Gen R Fick. The SAPS informed the Committee of the processes followed for determining new establishments; maintenance for police stations, determining upgrades; proposed new establishments and the time lines for the construction for the current Capital Works Priority list.

In terms of determining new establishments, the Provincial Commissioner requests the Organisational Development and Strategic Management to conduct a work study to determine: the need for new

establishment, the type of establishment, for example a contact point, satellite station or fully fledged station. All approved work study projects are presented to the Provincial Infrastructure Development Forum (PDIF) for processing. This information is thereafter included in the Provincial User Asset Management Plan which is sent to the National SAPS Supply Chain Management (SCM). This information is eventually forwarded to National Treasury as part of the National Priority List and the information is also included in the SAPS Annual Performance Plan. Upon approval of funding, projects are then facilitated either by SAPS' own resources on devolved sites or by the DPW on non-devolved sites. The Provincial SAPS' priority list is sent to National SAPS without a budget attached to the items on the list. The National SAPS determines which police establishments are categorised as devolved. Timelines are thereafter determined.

In terms maintenance for police stations, the SAPS is responsible for day-to-day maintenance. There is a R100 000 threshold for this type of maintenance. The threshold is determined on a case-by-case basis and is not allocated per station. If any expenses exceed the threshold, the maintenance case is submitted to the National SAPS SCM.

Similar to requesting new establishments, proposals for upgrades to police establishments have to be registered on the User Asset Management Plan and thereafter referred to the National SAPS SCM. Once the requests are approved and placed on the National Priority List, the National Treasury decides on whether or not funds will be allocated for the upgrades. These upgrades cannot be funded via the R100 000 day-to-day threshold allowance as the upgrades include items such as additional accommodation in the form of disabled facilities and more holding cells. National Treasury determines the budgets for day-to-day maintenance, new establishments and upgrades to existing establishments.

The Tafelsig SAPS and the Makhaza SAPS are currently in the planning stages and construction is expected to commence in 2018 and 2019 respectively. The construction of Weltevreden SAPS has not been forthcoming due to reported land unavailability in the precinct; a constraint that has been in place for the last four years. The site suggested by the precinct's Community Police Forum (CPF), namely ERF 5541, has already been earmarked for the construction of a health clinic. There are current high level consultations between SAPS and the Department of Health of how to use ERF 5541 to possibly accommodate both establishments.

In terms of the proposed upgrade to Muizenberg SAPS which has now been halted, the SAPS as well as the DPW explained that the R100 million included projection for outer financial years. The Muizenberg SAPS had been earmarked for upgrades prior to 2004.

The SAPS provided the construction timelines for the current Capital Works priority list. The establishments are as follows:

- i. The Provincial Commissioner's office, to be relocated to Pinelands
- ii. Kleinvlei SAPS
- iii. Belhar SAPS
- iv. Gugulethu SAPS
- v. Woodstock SAPS
- vi. Browns Farm satellite SAPS office
- vii. Kwanonqaba SAPS
- viii. Kwanokuthula SAPS
- ix. Lwandle SAPS; and
- x. LingElethu West SAPS

3. Key points emanating from the presentation by the National Department of Public Works

The presentation was led by Mr S Thobakgale, the Deputy Director Programme Management Office and the Acting Deputy Director General Projects and Professional Services. He was assisted by the Western Cape Regional manager Mr F Johnson, Mr S Vuso, the Deputy Director for Projects, and Mr B Churchill, who is a Director in the Key Accounts Management Unit.

Mr Thobakgale informed the Committee that a Custodian Asset Management Plan guides allocation of funds and so determines the priority list. The entire budget for upgrades and/or new police stations is R97, 352, 173.00 million for the 2017/2018 financial year. He also provided further clarity on the proposed upgrade to Muizenberg SAPS in terms of the considerations for the heritage features of the site and how the legislation pertaining to heritage influenced the cost projections, the nature of the upgrading as well as the original estimated time lines for completion of the upgrades. The Committee questioned whether or not a site in the nearby Vrygrond could be earmarked for a new police station as there is a greater need for a police station in closer proximity of such an area. The SAPS responded that a new efficiency project would have to be requested to determine the need for a police station in this area.

Mr Thobakgale thereafter provided the Committee with the project progress per status for all Capital Priority projects for the Western Cape with expenditure as at end of May 2017. He also presented the planned maintenance schedule for Western Cape SAPS establishments. The total expenditure projection is R61, 256, 430.00. There are reportedly 278 devolved police stations that are maintained by SAPS and not the DPW. The Forensic Science Laboratory, located in Plattekloof, requires extensive maintenance, despite the establishment being fairly new. The reason for this high maintenance level is due to the intricate nature of work being facilitated at the Lab. Due to it being a vastly mechanised facility, maintenance is expensive and regular. Mr Johnson reported that a Preventative Maintenance Manager is in the process of being appointed in order to detect and manage any major maintenance issues that may arise. In this way, any expected repairs can be detected early on and therefore be more speedily addressed.

The renovations at the SAPS storage establishment in Epping were extensive including the repair of roof leakages and that of an additional warehouse being constructed. A site has been identified for the Dog Unit in Beaufort West and upon site clearance, renovations are expected to commence. The Elands Bay SAPS was on the priority list but was replaced by the new establishment of the Brown's Farm SAPS. The Elands Bay SAPS has been re-categorised as an in-house project for the Office of the Western Cape Provincial Commissioner, in order to expedite the much needed renovation and maintenance concerns for this police station.

Questioned about the seemingly inconsistent categorisation of new and upgraded establishments in terms of the levels of completion, the DPW responded that for some sites, the actual structures have been completed. However, there is an occupancy period which allows tenants to identify any non-functional infrastructure and/or equipment, and to compile a snag list which the DPW may then discuss with the relevant contractors. The deadline extensions are therefore largely to accommodate the completion of this snag list following occupation of the property. Occupation is taken following the practical completion of a project which means that facilities may be used and tested for a period of time to allow any operational and/or infrastructural snags to be identified. The final costs are thus determined following negotiations between the necessary role players.

Mr Thobakgale presented the measures in place to expedite projects in order to improve performance. Some of these measures include expediting the movement of projects from the planning stage (Status 4) to the construction stage. The output from design processes is tracked weekly. There are also technical and progress meetings held on a monthly basis. There are project review meetings with project managers, heads of projects and regional managers across all regional

office monthly to monitor regional performance. There is a technical committee comprising of the Acting Deputy Director General for Construction Project Management and the Chief Directors within the branch to provide support and to address challenges at hand for projects that require urgent intervention. He added that there is a proposed Supply Chain Reform to address clearing the backlog of projects in the planning stage.

4. Public Input

The Chairperson allowed members of the public to provide input. The SAPS and the DPW duly responded to matters raised by members of the public.

5. Requests

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Public Works kindly provide the following information:

- 5.1 The starting and expected completion dates for all the Western Cape based projects listed in the presentation by the Department of Public Works on 21 June 2017.
- 5.2 A list of all the appointed consultants and contractors used for current and planned projects for the Western Cape, as listed in the presentation by the Department of Public Works on 21 June 2017.
- 5.3 A copy of the Department of Public Works' current Medium Term Expenditure Framework budget allocation specific to police stations in the Western Cape. In addition, please indicate which rural areas in the Province have been identified for the construction of any new police stations.

The meeting adjourned at 10h30.



Ms MM WENGER, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

Annexure A



**WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT
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