

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Speaker:

1. REPORT OF THE OVERSIGHT VISIT TO POLICE ACCOMMODATION, PARKHOF AND SERVAMUS, THE WAR ROOM AND AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO CALEDON SQUARE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE (SAPS) STATION ON TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2013

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport, having undertaken an announced oversight visit to SAPS Accommodations Servamus and Parkhof in Wynberg and Kenilworth respectively, an unannounced oversight to Station Caledon Square SAPS and the War Room on the Corner of Longmarket and Canterbury Street on Tuesday, 7 May 2013, begs to report as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

The oversight visit to police facilities in the metropole forms part of the oversight function of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport. The purpose of the oversight visit was to conduct a preliminary assessment of the facilities and oversight over the following:

- (a) the police accommodation facilities;
- (b) the police station; and
- (c) the War Room.

2. THE DELEGATION

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Ms D Gopie ANC
Ms JL Hartnick DA
Mr GCR Haskin ACDP
Mr MGE Wiley DA (Chairperson)

The Committee was accompanied by Ms S Jones, Committee Coordinator as well as Ms LH Cloete, Senior Committee Coordinator.

The following departmental officials and SAPS officials were present:

Brigadier Nieuwoudt, South African Police Service
Colonel Scanlen, South African Police Service
Mr D Oosthuizen, Department of Community Safety

3. ACCOUNT OF THE VISIT

(a) Oversight visit to Servamus SAPS Accommodation in Wynberg

The Committee commenced their oversight visit to Servamus SAPS accommodation in Wynberg at 14:00. The Committee was welcomed by Mr D Oosthuizen, from the Department of Community Safety and Brigadier Nieuwoudt of the South African Police Service.

An inspection of the premises, which was led by Brigadier Nieuwoudt, ensued. Servamus has 50 flats in total of which 21 tenants have received their eviction orders. Sergeants, constables, lieutenants, lieutenants colonels and warrant officers receiving a low income are permitted to occupy the flats for a period of 3 years at a cost of R200 per month as dictated by the Housing Policy of the South African Police Service. SAPS Legal services are in the process of serving eviction notices via court order to 21 tenants who have yet to vacate the premises. Early evictions may only take place if a tenant had been found guilty of misbehavior. Dependents are also allowed to stay with the relevant member who had been allocated the accommodation. The Committee interacted with some of the tenants regarding the state of the flats who made several observations about the accommodation, security and the vagrants occupying the storage areas. It came to light that refuse was collected on a weekly basis and that break ins and vandalism of the property was rife. Security is effectively absent and evidence of squatting in the basement was found.

The flats had been upgraded over a period of 12 months from 2004 until 2005 at a total cost of R 7 997 100.00. A Tenants Association was introduced to address the building management issues, but tenants showed no interest in attending the meetings of the tenants association.

(b) Oversight visit to Parkhof SAPS Accommodation in Kennilworth

The Committee continued their oversight visit to Parkhof SAPS accommodation in Kennilworth at 15:00 and was accompanied by Mr D Oosthuizen from the Department of Community Safety and Brigadier Nieuwoudt of SAPS. They were welcomed by

Lieutenant Lita at the entrance of the building. An inspection of the premises ensued, which was led by Lieutenant Lita. Parkhof has a total of 70 flats of which 66 are currently occupied. The vacant flats have already been allocated to specific persons.

Parkhof underwent extensive renovation over a period of 18 months from the years 2011 to 2013. An amount of R31 745 000.00 had been spent on the renovations. Warrant Officer Smit had been appointed as the Caretaker as of January 2013 and occupants took residence as of February 2013.

An inspection of the premises was conducted by the Committee. The building had both lifts broken and a cracked glass door leading to the rear of the building. A remote controlled gate ensured that nonresidents were not allowed access to the building. The trash was collected on a weekly basis and refuse bins were stored in a locked holding area. Several overflowing bins were standing outside and some were cracked. The fence required rust proof paint and the grass urgently needed some cutting. The Committee interacted with some of the tenants of the building who indicated that they were happy with the overall condition of the facility, no tenants association had been established and the appointment of a resident caretaker has yet to be finalized. As in Servamus the same policy applies in terms of the allocation and eviction of tenants who currently is / or plans to reside in the flats.

(c) Unannounced oversight visit to Caledon Square SAPS

The Committee arrived at Caledon Square at 16:00 and met with Lt Colonel Scanlen. The Station Commander, Brigadier Govender, was not present at the time of the visit as the oversight visit was conducted after office hours. An overview was provided by Lt Colonel Scanlen which was followed by a SAPS station monitoring questionnaire. Annexure A contains the complete SAPS station monitoring questionnaire of Caledon Square SAPS.

An inspection of the written register of public complaints was conducted. These registers are kept at the Community Service Centre of the station for easy access. The on domestic violence contained 7 entries for the month of May 2013 of which the last entry was made on 5 May 2013. Approximately 90% of the police officers had received training on domestic violence and 75% received training on the new specialized training course on domestic violence. On average an amount of 300 cases are reported at the station per annum. The registers are updated on a regular basis. Captain October and Mrs Kotze of the SAPS office are in the process of compiling a list of organizations who deals with domestic violence. All applicable Acts are available to the staff and each police vehicle. A register is kept of all the fire arms and the movements of the fire arms. Officers are sent on training according to the Firearms Control Act. Accredited shooting ranges are available for training. The officers' homes are equipped with valid safes within which to store the firearms when off duty.

An inspection was conducted of the trauma room. Approximately 6 councilors which include members of the public are employed to host counseling sessions. Further inspection was conducted on the control room which was staffed by a team of two officers. 10111 complaints are also monitored in the control room. Complaints received are dispatched to police officers via radio or cellphones.

Upon completion of the questionnaire, the Committee conducted a tour of the station to assess the working condition and the state of the facilities.

(d) Unannounced oversight visit at the War Room

The committee met with Captain Van Wyk at the War Room at 17:15. Discussions ensued on the structures which were set in place for the Jon Bon Jovi and Justin Bieber concerts. Two hourly meetings were held to discuss the day's occurrences and to deliberate on the plan of action. The city's cameras are also monitored from the war room. The oversight visit adjourned at 17:30.

4. FINDINGS

- (a) the hoses of the fire reels at Servamus were not rewound within the specified cabinets allocated for the fire equipment as they are used for inter alia car washing;
- (b) litter is allowed to collect in the service line shafts and are a fire hazard;
- (c) the front door at Servamus was not secure and no signs which indicated that it was private property were evident, nor was there any evidence of access control at the front or the rear motorized gate which was in disrepair;
- (d) the letterboxes had no doors to secure the letters received by the tenants;
- (e) the amount of refuse bins were not enough to service the total amount of residents residing at Servamus;
- (f) no onsite caretaker was available to see to the day to day management of the building;
- (g) the garage storage facilities were inhabited by vagrants; who appear to have free access to the premises and may have been responsible for the burglaries;
- (h) the foyer lights and garage lights were not in working order;
- (i) evictions from the flats are cumbersome as tenants refuse to leave when evicted thereby requiring law suits to acquire an eviction;
- (j) the lifts at Parkhof are unserviceable; and
- (k) the adjoining park was in an unkempt condition and the play furniture was unserviceable for children to use.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That—

- (a) refuse removal to take place twice a week at Servamus and Parkhof;
- (b) the number of refuse bins should increase and that one bin be allocated per flat;
- (c) the National Department of Public Works is approached to discuss the state of the park situated next to Servamus.
- (d) access control is installed at Servamus so as to ensure monitored access to the building;
- (e) signage should be erected at Servamus so as to indicate that the block of flats is private property;
- (f) the rear gate at Servamus is fixed to allow access to residents only;
- (g) the doors of letterboxes are replaced at Servamus;
- (h) the hoses to be rewound on the fire reels at Servamus and the cabinets locked;
- (i) the nonexistence of a Tenants Association to be addressed at both Parkhof and Servamus;
- (j) the gardens be maintained and the grass cut at especially Parkhof;
- (k) bins be placed in the front courtyard at Parkhof for occasional litter; and
- (l) the lifts at Parkhof must be repaired as a matter of urgency.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairperson thanked the staff of the Caledon Square SAPS stations for their cooperation and hospitality during the oversight visit. The chairperson thanked Mr D Oosthuizen, Director: Monitoring & Evaluation, Department of Community Safety and Brigadier Nieuwoudt of the South African Police Service (SAPS) the members of the committee for their participation in the oversight visit.

2. REPORT ON THE JOINT OVERSIGHT VISIT WEEK IN THE SOUTHERN CAPE TO THE DE JAGER SPORT COMPLEX AND OUDTSHOORN INFANTRY SCHOOL IN OUDTSHOORN, 29 MAY 2013

1. INTRODUCTION

The joint oversight visits to the De Jager Sport Complex and Oudtshoorn Infantry School in the Southern Cape form part of the oversight function of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport. The purpose of the oversight visits was to conduct a preliminary assessment of the facilities and perform oversight over the De Jager Sport Complex and Oudtshoorn Infantry School activities and outputs.

2. THE DELEGATION

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Ms JL Hartnick	DA
Ms AJD Marias	DA
Mr M Ncedana	COPE
Mr MGE Wiley	DA (Chairperson)
Ms J Witbooi	ANC

The Committee was accompanied by Ms S Jones, Committee Coordinator and the Committee Coordinators for Cluster A.

The following departmental officials and SAPS officials were present:
See attached attendance register

3. BACKGROUND

On 29 May 2013, the delegation visited the De Jager Sport Complex and the Oudtshoorn Infantry School. The delegation was met by Mr Dirk Van Der Westhuizen from the Oudtshoorn Regional Office, Mr Ian Laubscher from the Oudtshoorn Municipality, Mr Bennett Bailey and Mr Phelisile Ceyani, officials from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

The Chairperson welcomed all present and introduced Mr Ian Laubscher who proceeded to brief the delegation on the following:

- (a) Upgrading and the future plans for the De Jager Sport Complex;
- (b) the Management Committee responsible for monitoring the governance of the Sports Complex;

- (c) Upgrading of a wing of the De Jager Sport Complex for use as a board room and office space, using the initial one million rand Western Cape Grant; and
- (d) Special Projects such as indoor and outdoor sport codes.

A walk about of the facility ensued and the delegation was informed of future planning of the Olympic sized swimming pool, the tennis courts and the netball courts. The delegation was then transported to the Oudtshoorn Infantry School where they were met by Lt Colonel Aarons.

The oversight visit ended at 11:30.

4. VISIT TO THE INFANTRY SCHOOL IN OUDTSHOORN

Colonel Aarons welcomed the delegation and gave a brief overview of the Oudtshoorn Infantry School. He informed the delegation that he is the Infantry School Military Sports Club Chairperson, as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the South Western District Regional Academy of Sport. He further indicated that the Infantry School is a military institution responsible for infantry training.

Mr Bennett Baily then proceeded to brief the delegation on the objectives of the Infantry School in terms of the development of talented athletes through the provisioning of Sport Science and the provision of medical services at the infantry school. Mr Bailey informed the delegation of the provisions for training opportunities for athletes, which is implemented according to the National Development Plan. The National Development Plan aims to accelerate the development of talented athletes from disadvantaged groups. He mentioned the stakeholders involved in supporting Sports Codes offered by the Academy and further elaborated on sport codes which the academy promotes. He indicated that talented athletes are tested and then selected to move on to the second level of the talent identification process. Mr Bailey informed the delegation of the skills programmes available for the talented athletes which will ultimately contribute to the holistic development of the athlete. This will be achieved through partnerships with various service providers; the South African Defence Force is a key partner. The South Western District Sports Academy has training and educational programmes by which coaches from each district academy can attend Coaching Workshops to improve their training and coaching skills.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairperson thanked the staff of the De Jager Sport Complex and the Oudtshoorn Infantry School for their cooperation and hospitality during the oversight visit. The chairperson thanked Mr Bennett Bailey, the Deputy Director: Transformation from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the members of the Committee for their participation in the oversight visit.

3. REPORT OF THE JOINT OVERSIGHT VISIT WEEK IN THE SOUTHERN CAPE TO THE CP NEL MUSEUM IN OUDSTHOORN, 29 MAY 2013

1. INTRODUCTION

The joint oversight visits to the CP Nel Museum in Oudtshoorn in the Southern Cape forms part of the oversight function of the Standing Committee on Community Safety,

Cultural Affairs and Sport. The purpose of the oversight visits was to conduct a preliminary assessment of the facilities and perform oversight over the CP Nel Museum, their activities and outputs.

2. THE DELEGATION

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Ms JL Hartnick	DA
Ms AJD Marias	DA
Mr M Ncedana	COPE
Mr MGE Wiley	DA (Chairperson)
Ms J Witbooi	ANC

The Committee was accompanied by Ms S Jones, Committee Coordinator and the Committee Coordinators for Cluster A.

The following departmental officials and SAPS officials were present:

Mr Q Van Der Merwe, Deputy Director: Language Unit: Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
 Mr L Nell, Journalist: Outshoorn Newspaper
 Ms H Boshoff, Chief Auxiliary Service Officer: CP Nel Museum

3. BACKGROUND

On 29 May 2013, the delegation visited the CP Nel Historical Museum in Oudtshoorn. The delegates were met by Mr Q Van Der Merwe from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport who welcomed the delegation. Ms H Boshoff the Chief Auxiliary Officer of the CP Nel Museum provided a brief overview on the background of the museum. Ms H Boshoff rendered an apology for Ms S Smit, the Museum Manager who was booked off sick at the time of the visit.

Ms Boshoff informed the delegates that the museum owes its origins to the private collection of Colonel Charles Paul Nel. She indicated that Colonel Nel was an avid collector of antiquities and that upon his death in 1951 he had transferred the entire collection to a board of Trustees. The CP Nel collection was moved to the old Boys High School in 1972. The building was declared a national monument in 1981, and it is now a provincial heritage site. Ms Boshoff further indicated that the museum showcases the ostrich feather industry and informed the delegates that arts and crafts with ostrich shells and feathers are created there. The museum is open from Monday to Friday, from 08:00 until 17:00 and on Sundays and Public Holidays only upon request by the public.

Ms Boshoff continued to brief the delegates on the following:

- (a) the current exhibitions that represents the whole community of Oudtshoorn;
- (b) the community involvement in the programmes hosted by the museum;
- (c) educational programmes and the assistance to learners;
- (d) the staff compliment; and
- (e) financial matters of the museum and revenue generated through partnerships.

An inspection of the premises was conducted which revealed that renovations were in progress in the Ostrich room. The contents of the display cabinets showcased clothes made from ostrich skin and hats with ostrich plumes as well as arts and crafts made out of ostrich egg shells. Further inspection of the museum showcased relics of a bed, dining room and grocery shop ranging from the era of the 1890's to 1910's. An extensive porcelain doll collection from various countries, donated by Mr Sidney Miller to the museum, numerous currencies and antique sewing machines were on display and formed part of the items on display at the museum.

The delegation ended their walkabout at the Synagogue, which was originally housed in a private residence to serve the large Jewish population at the turn of the 20th century. It had been taken apart and was reassembled inside the museum and is currently still in use on special occasions as marked on the Jewish calendar. The Synagogue could not fit into the museum and structural changes had to be made to the roof of the museum to ensure that the smaller version of the Synagogue could fit into the allocated space.

4. FINDINGS

- (a) Students access the museum for research purposes and educational programmes;
- (b) The museum staff indicated that the schools no longer want the learners to visit the museum during school hours resulting in a decline in the amount of people accessing the programmes;
- (c) The museum receives visits by Old Age Homes and Learning Centres and they are able to access the programmes hosted at the museum; and
- (d) Additional funding is generated by the museum by renting the hall to the public for functions, weddings etc.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Nazi memorabilia displayed in the passage adjacent to the Synagogue should be relocated into the room reserved for military history.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairperson thanked the staff of the CP Nel Museum for their cooperation and hospitality during the oversight visit. The chairperson thanked Mr Quintus Van Der Merwe the Deputy Director: Language Unit from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the members of the Committee for their participation in the oversight visit.

4. REPORT ON THE JOINT OVERSIGHT VISIT WEEK IN THE SOUTHERN CAPE TO THE DIAZ MUSEUM IN MOSSELBAY, 30 MAY 2013

1. INTRODUCTION

The joint oversight visits to the Diaz Museum in Mosselbay form part of the oversight function of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport. The purpose of the oversight visits was to conduct a preliminary assessment of the facilities and perform oversight over the Diaz Museum activities and outputs.

2. THE DELEGATION

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Ms JL Hartnick	DA
Ms AJD Marias	DA
Mr M Ncedana	COPE
Mr MGE Wiley	DA (Chairperson)
Ms J Witbooi	ANC

The Committee was accompanied by Ms S Jones, Committee Coordinator and the Committee Coordinators for Cluster A.

The following departmental officials and SAPS officials were present:
See attached attendance register.

3. BACKGROUND

On 30 May 2013, the delegation visited the Diaz Museum in Mosselbay where the delegates were met by Mr Q Van Der Merwe from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and Mr Muller from the board of the Provincial Museums Management Committee. Mr Van Der Merwe welcomed the delegation and informed the Members that a brief DVD on the founding stages of the museum's origins to the current projects of the museum will be viewed. Thereafter, the Members will be escorted on a tour of the museum with an accredited tour guide. A power point presentation was conducted by Mr Marubata the Manager of the Diaz Museum who focused on the following:

- (a) an overview of the historical background of the museum;
- (b) the governance of the museum and its finances;
- (c) the personnel compliment of the museum;
- (d) the museum collection which includes the number of traveling exhibitions as well as the stored collection items;
- (e) the amount of visitors that access the museum; and
- (f) the curriculum orientated educational programmes which the visitors are given access to.

An inspection of the premises ensued, which was led by an independent tourist guide, Mr J Van Wyk. The delegation was taken to the Old Post Office Tree in the museum which was established by a Board of Trustees on 1 June 1984. The name Post Office Tree Provincial Museum was later changed through the Ordinance of 1975 to the Bartolomeu Dias Museum. According to history Post Office Tree got its name from the first settlers who would place their correspondence beneath it for collection and delivery.

Further oversight was conducted of the Maritime Museum, which details the Portuguese Maritime history from 1488 and their connection with the English and Dutch Explorers. The Maritime Museum also houses the Dromedaris which had been reassembled in the center of the museum. The delegates were taken aboard the Dromedaris and were given a brief overview on the ship and its contents. The Committee met with two Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) interns who work with exhibition collections at the Diaz museum. The staff was complimented on the exceptional neatness of the grounds and quality of the exhibits.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Van Wyk for the guided tour.

4. FINDINGS

- (a) The museum caters for the disabled persons by the provision for Braille posts on the hiking trails; and
- (b) The museum needs to generate more revenue as the budget provided by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport is very low.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the museum consider hosting open air concerts similar to the events hosted at Kirstenbosch, to generate additional funding; and
- (b) That curriculum orientated educational programmes be extended to not only students but adults as well.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairperson thanked the staff of the Diaz Museum for their cooperation and hospitality during the oversight visit. The chairperson thanked Mr Quintus Van Der Merwe, the Deputy Director: Language Unit from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the members of the Committee for their participation in the oversight visit.

5. REPORT ON AN ANNOUNCED OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE SHADOW CENTRE AND THE TYGERBERG DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN PAROW ON TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2013

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport, having undertaken an announced oversight visit to the Shadow Centre in Vanguard and the Tygerberg Disaster Management Centre in Parow on Tuesday, 11 June 2013 begs to report as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

The oversight visits to the Shadow Centre and the Tygerberg Disaster Management Centre forms part of the oversight function of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport. The purpose of the oversight visits was to conduct a preliminary assessment of the facilities and perform oversight over the following:

- (a) the Shadow Centre; and
- (b) the Tygerberg Disaster Management Centre.

2. THE DELEGATION

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Ms D Gopie	ANC
Ms JL Hartnick	DA
Mr GCR Haskin	ACDP
Ms AJD Marais	DA
Mr MGE Wiley	DA (Chairperson)

The committee was accompanied by Ms S Jones, Committee Coordinator as well as Ms LH Cloete, Senior Committee Co-ordinator.

The following departmental officials and SAPS officials were present:

Major General P Roberts, Cluster Commander: Nyanga Cluster SAPS
 Mr D Skinner, Operational Manager: Provincial Traffic Services
 Mr K Africa, Chief Director, Traffic Management: Department of Community Safety
 Mr C Deiner, Chief Director: Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Colonel K Verwant, Station Commander: SAPS Athlone
 Mr H Williams, Operations Manager: Provincial Traffic Services
 Mr S Willem Carstens, Director, Risk Reduction, Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Ms L Nicholson, Deputy Director, Preparedness and Response: Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Mr E Du Toit, Deputy Director, Firebrigade Services: Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Mr N Rylands, Deputy Director, Risk Reduction: Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Mr R Haridien, Deputy Director, Recovery and Rehabilitation: Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Mr G Stoffberg, Deputy Director Assistant Director, Institutional Capacity: Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Mr N Gerald Kwela, Acting Assistant Director, Training and Awareness: Western Cape Disaster Management Centre
 Mr P Nxu, Cluster Secretary: Nyanga Cluster

3. ACCOUNT OF THE VISIT

(a) Oversight visit to the Shadow Centre

The Committee commenced their oversight visit to the Shadow Centre in Vanguard at 14:00. The Committee was welcomed by Mr Kenny Africa, Chief Director: Traffic Management, from the Department of Community Safety and Mr Brian Phillips the Head of Traffic at the Shadow Centre.

The Chairperson welcomed all present and the Committee was briefed by Mr Brian Phillips of the Shadow Centre on the following:

- (i) the functionality and management of the Shadow Centre; and
- (ii) the challenges in terms of nursing staff, the availability of breathalyzers, security matters, the delays in blood testing results as well as the availability and expiry dates on the blood kits.

The briefing was followed by a tour of the facilities. The members were shown the room that houses the monitoring equipment (black box) where all the CCTV Camera Footage is housed, should footage be required, data are retrievable stating the camera location, date and time as needed.

Members thereafter visited the consultation room where perpetrators blood alcohol levels are tested. The room is equipped with a camera, to record the proceedings, and a

cupboard which contains the equipment required to test for blood and drug intake. The camera had been vandalized and several holes were knocked into the walls.

The Shadow Centre is well equipped with surveillance and security equipment. The back entrance has a steel staircase which allegedly becomes slippery when wet and could become hazardous when accessed by the drunken or drugged persons who access the facility. This entrance is also utilized by the taxi drivers who have to have their taxi's tested for road worthiness at the Shadow Centre.

The oversight visit ended at 14:45.

(b) Oversight visit to the Tygerberg Disaster Management Centre

The Committee commenced their oversight visit to the Tygerberg Disaster Management Centre at 15:15. The Committee was welcomed by Mr Colin Deiner the Chief Director for the Western Cape Disaster Management Centre and his team who briefed the Committee on the following:

- (i) the functionality and management of the Tygerberg Disaster Management Centre;
- (ii) the activities and the operations of the centre in terms of major events, floods, xenophobia and the 2010 FIFA World Cup; and
- (iii) the methods utilized to monitor fire hazards and farmworkers unrest hotspots.

A tour of the facility was conducted. The members were taken to the media room which is equipped with a telephone and a data projector, utilized when a media briefing is conducted. The media room seats approximately thirty people. The tactical room is utilized by the Disaster Management officials to monitor the hotspots in terms of fires or unrest on the Geographic Information systems, satellite footage of these hotspots as well as view the Medivate system which the Metro Emergency Medical Service use to capture emergency information. The members continued their walkabout of the Incident Command vehicle which is equipped with all the necessary electronic equipment with which to monitor disaster. This vehicle is used as a joint operation center with relevant partners applicable to the disaster to ensure that disasters can be effectively managed and coordinated even whilst in transit. The South African Defence Force (SANDF) and Working on Fire (WAF) avails Helicopters and light aircraft upon request to assist with fire hazards or when required.

The oversight visit ended at 16:30.

4. FINDINGS

- (a) The consultation room walls at the shadow Centre had several holes due to the violent nature of the perpetrators brought for testing;
- (b) The camera in the consultation room is broken;
- (c) The steel steps at the rear of the Shadow Centre becomes slippery when wet, therefore safety precautions should be taken into consideration;
- (d) Contract nurses are used by the Shadow Centre to conduct the blood testing but are reluctant to appear in court due to low witness fees. Cases get dropped as a result;
- (e) Concerns were raised on the expiration dates of the blood testing kits which are supplied by SAPS; and

- (f) the dual measurement DRAEGER machine will be obtained by December 2013 from Germany and will be SABS tested to ensure Compliance with the South African Standards.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That–

- (a) A primary screening is conducted for drug testing during roadblocks where applicable;
- (b) The Committee recommended that medically qualified persons, as part of their community service, conduct blood testing at roadblocks or accident scenes; and
- (c) The interior of the Shadow Centre be assessed for vandal proofing and safety.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairperson thanked Mr K Africa, from the Department of Community Safety, Mr Phillips of the Shadow Centre and Mr Deiner of the Disaster Management Centre and the Members of the Committee for their participation during the oversight visit.

7. REPORT OF AN ANNOUNCED OVERSIGHT VISIT TO STEENBERG SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE (SAPS) AND AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO RETREAT RAILWAY POLICE STATION ON TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2013

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport, having undertaken an announced oversight visit to Steenberg Police Station and an unannounced oversight visit to Retreat Railway Police Station on Tuesday, 18 June 2013 begs to report as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

The oversight visits to police facilities in the metropole forms part of the oversight function of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport. The purpose of the oversight visits was to conduct a preliminary assessment of the facilities and perform oversight over the SAPS facilities as follows:

- (a) Steenberg South African Police Service; and
- (b) The Retreat Railway Police Station in Retreat.

2. THE DELEGATION

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Ms D Gopie ANC
 Mr GCR Haskin DA
 Ms JL Hartnick ACDP
 Mr MGE Wiley DA (Chairperson)

The committee was accompanied by Ms S Jones, Committee Co-ordinator as well as Ms LH Cloete, Senior Committee Co-ordinator.

The following departmental officials and SAPS officials were present:

Major General Jacobs, Deputy Provincial Commissioner: SAPS
 Brigadier Mlenga, Cluster Commander: Wynberg Cluster
 Lt Colonel Schlati, Operational Combat: WC Public Order Police Service
 Lt Colonel AJ Saulse, Acting Station Commander: Steenberg SAPS
 Lt Colonel Kraouws, Crime Intelligence Commander: Wynberg SAPS
 Mr DJ Dyasi, Cluster CPF Chairperson: Community Police Forum Wynberg
 Mr D Oosthuizen, Director Monitoring and Evaluation: Department of Community Safety
 Captain Sauls, Supervisor: Steenberg SAPS
 Captain White-Phillips, Management Information Officer: Steenberg SAPS
 Captain Steenkamp, Human Resource Management: Steenberg SAPS
 Captain I Strydom, Admin Head: Steenberg SAPS
 Captain HD Martin, Operational Information Manager: WC Public Order Police Service
 Mr K Southgate, Chairperson: Community Police Forum
 Mr I Frans, Management Information Officer: Steenberg SAPS
 Ms L Evans, Director: Philisa Abafazi
 Ms A Davids, Chairperson: Sector 4 Women Hope 4 the Nation
 Ms S Marthinus, Executor: Sector 4 Women Hope 4 the Nation
 Warrant Officer Lemmetjies, Crime Information Officer: Steenberg SAPS

3. ACCOUNT OF THE VISIT

(a) Announced Oversight Visit to Steenberg SAPS in Steenberg

The Committee commenced their oversight visit to Steenberg SAPS at 10:15. The Committee was welcomed by Lt Colonel Saulse, the Acting Station Commander of Steenberg SAPS.

Lt Colonel Saulse proceeded to brief the Committee on:

- (i) the interventions undertaken by the South African Police Services (SAPS) on the gang related activities and the policing thereof; and
- (ii) the current status of SAPS resources within Steenberg and surrounding areas, the crime trends, resources, partnerships, facilities and challenges experienced at the station.

An inspection of the premises ensued, which was led by Lt Colonel Saulse.

The Committee inspected the trauma room, which is a wooden structure on the station grounds. The Committee was informed that approximately 6 counselors, who include members of the public, are employed to host counselling sessions. The major trauma victims who utilize the services are mainly rape and spousal abuse persons. A domestic violence register is kept at the station. Approximately 40 public complaints had been received over the past year. Colonel Saulse indicated that approximately 25% of the police officers had received training on domestic violence. The station has a list of organizations who deal with domestic violence which has been compiled by the Station Commander. All applicable Acts are available to the staff and are contained in police vehicles for ease of reference. A register is kept of all the fire arms and the movements of fire arms. Officers are sent on training according to the Firearms Control Act. Accredited shooting ranges are available for training. The officers' homes are equipped

with valid safes within which to store the firearms when off duty. The archives room is too small for the volume of files it contains and a cell is now used for the overflow. This same cell is also used for excess 13 store items. Warrant Officer Gabriels informed the Committee that they rely on manual filing to ensure the safety of the files and their contents from theft. He further indicated that he has been employed by SAPS for a period of 32 years and will be retiring soon

(b) Unannounced Oversight Visit to Retreat Railway Police Station

The Committee arrived at Retreat Railway Police Station at 12:00 and met with Captain Challen the Shift Commander who has been working for SAPS for a period of 27 years. The Station Commander, Lt Colonel Ndongeni, was not present at the time of the oversight visit as she was attending another meeting. The Captain indicated that there are currently four Railway Police Stations in the Western Cape namely Cape Town Station, Bellville Station, Phillipi Station and Retreat Station.

Captain Challen provided an overview of the activities at the station which was followed by a brief site inspection of the facilities. Captain Challen indicated that SAPS Retreat Railway Station has 6 shifts of which two officers are deployed to work on the trains and the other four officers have to man the office. She indicated that the SAPS Retreat Railway Station Office mostly deals with commuter complaints and that the charge office is open 24 hours a day. Shift officers have to contact the Cape Metropolitan Operation Centre (CMOC) should they need to report an occurrence on the train or should they require backup officers. CMOC is situated in Cape Town and not at the Retreat Railway Station. Shift officers utilize their personal cellphones and airtime to call the SAPS Retreat Railway Station when they are in areas where they do not have radio signal. Complaints received by the SAPS Retreat Railway Police Station are dispatched to police officers via radio or cellphones. The Retreat Railway Police Station only has three computers which are shared by all staff members.

Captain Challen informed the Committee that they do not interact with Metro Rail staff on any level other than to intervene when the authority of the SAPS are required. She indicated that the Retreat Railway Police Station operates like a satellite station. She informed that they only open dockets but do not have the function to register such dockets. The open docket is then sent to the nearest SAPS station where the crime occurred for registration and a case number. Captain Challen indicated that they have enough vehicles at present but that the vehicles needs to be replaced as they have been in use for a period of eight years and longer. She indicated that the holding cells are utilized for storage as no perpetrators are housed there.

The station has a trauma room which is situated within the station. The Captain indicated that they have a resident councilor at the trauma room who deals with all trauma related cases. Additional counselors are on call should the service be required. All Acts applicable to the work of law enforcement officers are available to staff and are present in each police vehicle. A register is kept of all the fire arms and the movements of fire arms. Officers are sent on training according to the Firearms Control Act. Accredited shooting ranges are available for training. The officers' homes are equipped with valid safes within which to store the firearms when off duty. The Relevant Designated Police Official (DPOs) at station level does the home inspection to ensure compliance.

Upon completion of the briefing, the Committee conducted a tour of the station to assess the working conditions and state of the facilities.

The oversight visit ended at 17:30

4. FINDINGS

- (a) The SAPS 13 store and archives at Steenberg SAPS, were too small to accommodate the amount of files currently stored therein;
- (b) The archived documents are not marked or numbered for security purposes. Only two persons are privy to the workings thereof to prevent document tampering;
- (c) Due to a shortage of storage facilities for store 13 items five of the ten holding cells at Steenberg SAPS are utilized to store big items such as bins, bicycles etc.;
- (d) Bicycles issued to CPFs by the Department of Community Safety are in disrepair and are of poor quality;
- (e) There was general consensus from Steenberg SAPS and the CPF's present that their advice on parolees from SAPS or the CPF, were not taken into consideration by the Parole Board when considering applicants eligible for parole and that the matter should be addressed;
- (f) There appears to be poor liaison between SAPS and Metrorail on operational planning and execution; and
- (g) Due to distances and locations radio contact is not always maintained thereby necessitating the use of private cellphones, which too have patchy reception.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) Funding should be requested from the Department of Community Safety for new bicycles for members of the CPF;
- (b) The City of Cape Town should ensure that the Neighbourhood watch they trained is vetted by SAPS and that they receive the necessary certificate of training through the CPF in order to comply with the set requirements;
- (c) The Parole Board to be written to, to respond to the allegations made by Steenberg SAPS and the CPFs;
- (d) The successor for Warrant Officer Gabriel in the archive office who will be retiring soon be identified as a matter of urgency;
- (e) The integrity of the Steenberg SAPS archives needs review;
- (f) The Department of Social Services be directed to investigate the vagrant residing in the security cubicle at Steenberg SAPS;
- (g) Communication procedures and resourcing between patrolling police and Metrorail be improved; and
- (h) Retreat Railway SAPS station should be converted to a formal police station with a full range of service.

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