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ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICE OVERSIGHT, COMMUNITY SAFETY, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

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 Police Oversight and 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.

Towards the end of the sixth parliament the Committee conducted an oversight visit. Due to the 2024 national elections, the seventh parliamentary term commenced after the elections. The new Committee was constituted on 4 July 2024.

Sixth Parliament Permanent Members as at end of April 2025

The Committee overseeing the Cultural Affairs and Sport portfolio comprised of the following members until 30 April 2024.

Bosman G (Chairperson) (DA)

Baartman DM (DA)

Harris P (ANC)

Marais PJ (FFP)

Pretorius G (DA)

Alternate Members

Bans A (ANC)

Brinkhuis G (Al-Jama-Ah)

Cassiem A (EFF)

Fry C (DA)

Lekker PZ (ANC)

Poole CJ (DA) *Member since 6 March 2024

Windvogel R (ANC)

**The Committee overseeing the Community Safety portfolio comprised of the following members.
Permanent Members until 30 April 2024.**

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

Alternate Members

Brinkhuis G (Al Jamaa-Ah)
Cassiern A (EFF)
Fry C (DA)
Lekker PZ (ANC)
Poole CJ (DA)
Windvogel R (ANC)

*** Permanent Members from 5 July 2024 to 31 March 2025**

Walters, TCR (DA)(Elected as Chairperson on 7 July 2024)
Van Minnen, BM (DA)
Booyesen, M (DA)
Kaizer-Philander, WF (DA)
Ngqentsu, B (ANC)
Stephens, DR (PA)
Cassiern, A (EFF) (*ATCd as a Committee member on 5 July 2024)

*Christians, FC (ACDP) was ATCd as a member of the Committee on 4 July 2024 but was removed as a member as per ATC. The rest of the above-listed members retained their membership from 4 July 2024.

The Standing Committee on Police Oversight, Community Safety, and Cultural Affairs and Sport, reports on its 2024/25 annual activities, as follows:

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- a. Maintain oversight over the Executive and other stakeholders responsible for police oversight and community safety, and cultural affairs and sport, in the province.
- b. Hold the Department of Police Oversight and 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 Police Oversight and 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. Overview of activities

During the 2024/25 financial year, the Standing Committee on Police Oversight, Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport conducted an oversight visit to the South African Police Service's Forensic Science Laboratory in Platteklouf. Following this visit, the SAPS briefed the Committee on the spike of gang-related violence across the Cape Flats, at that time. This was the last activity by the Committee of the sixth parliamentary term.

The newly formed Committee elected its chairperson on 4 July 2024. In August 2024, the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety, as well as the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, briefed the Committee on their respective 2024/25 Annual Performance Plans. These briefings also served as introductory engagements with the two Departments.

The Committee conducted its cyclical oversight over both Departments and the respective entities, in respect of the 2023/24 Annual Reports, the Western Cape Adjustment Appropriation for 2024 and the 2025/26 Western Cape Appropriation.

Regarding the Police Oversight and Community Safety component, the Committee resolved not to extend the tenure of the Western Cape Liquor Authority Governing Board chairperson. The reason for this was that the Committee had received a request to extend the term of the Governing Board chairperson, a day prior to the expiration of the term of office. The WCLP legal advisory unit also gave input that helped shape the Committee's resolution to not extend the term of office. The Department of Police Oversight and the Western Cape Liquor Authority were given the opportunity to explain the reason for the deviation from the regulations requiring that the request to the Committee be submitted six months prior to the expiration of the chairperson's term of office.

The Committee conducted an oversight visit to the Khayelitsha SAPS. The visit included briefings from representatives of the Khayelitsha, Lingulethu West and Mfuleni police stations. The Makhaza SAPS had only opened a few months prior to the visit and was not included in the visit.

The Committee also dealt with the Policing Needs and Priorities report, having invited the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety to present its findings. The Committee concluded its deliberations with no further contributions from SAPS and the Head of Municipal Policing to the input that these stakeholders previously submitted to the Department.

In terms of the Cultural Affairs and Sport portfolio, the Committee extensively advertised calls for nominations for the Western Cape Language Committee and the Western Cape Cultural Commission, board memberships. Both entities required members for a new term of office. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport included the criteria for these entity board memberships in its APP presentation. The Committee, after thorough and careful consideration, decided on its final shortlists for both entities, from which the Minister for this portfolio would have to appoint new members for the entities.

The Western Cape Public Library Services Bill [B1-2025] was referred to the Committee in early 2025. Following the 21-day publication in the Western Cape Government Gazette, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport briefed the Committee on the Bill. The Committee resolved to advertise its public hearing process across various platforms, including print media, by informing stakeholders, using public libraries as nodal points for access to the virtual public hearing, and social media advertising and promotion, via the WCPP's services. The public hearings and conclusion of the Bill were scheduled for the first quarter of 2025/26.

During the visit week to Beaufort West, the Committee led deliberations at the Merweville Library and the Beaufort West SAPS.

4. Statistics of activities

Number of Committee Meetings: 13

Number of Public Hearings: 3

Number of Oversight Visits: 1

Number of Cluster Visit Weeks: 1

Number of International Visits: 0

5. NCOP Legislation

There was no legislation received.

6. Provincial bills

6.1. Vote 4: Police Oversight and Community Safety in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2024/25 Financial Year) [B2-2024]

6.2. Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2024/25 Financial Year) [B2-2024].

6.3. Vote 4: Community Safety in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2025/26 financial year) [B2-2025].

6.4. Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2025/26 financial year) [B2-2025].

6.5. Western Cape Public Library Services Bill [B1-2025] - referral in 2024/25.

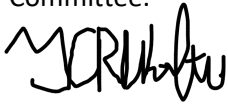
7. Facilitation of public Involvement and participation

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:

- 7.1. The consideration of Vote 4: Police Oversight and Community Safety in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2024/25 Financial Year) [B2-2024]
- 7.2. The consideration of Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2024/25 Financial Year) [B2-2024]
- 7.3. The consideration of Vote 4: Community Safety in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2025/26 financial year) [B2-2025].
- 7.4. The consideration of Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill (2025/26 financial year) [B2-2025].

8. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee spent R121 199,87 in the financial year. The budget was spent on advertisements for the annual report meetings, the various Appropriation and Adjustments Appropriation Bills, as well as catering for in-person meetings. The Committee also paid to advertise for calls for nominations to the Western Cape Cultural Commission and the Western Cape Language Committee.



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