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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Wednesday, 15 October 2025 (08h00, Chamber)

(2024/25 Annual Reports of DPOCS, WCLA, WCPO)

Democratic Alliance

Van Minnen, BM (Chairperson)

Booyesen, M

Kaizer-Philander, WF

Johnson, P

African National Congress

Ngqentsu, MB

Patriotic Alliance

Stephens, D

Apology

Cassiem, A

See the attached register for the attendance list

1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and allowed for brief introductions. The Chairperson noted an apology on behalf of Member A Cassiem.

2. Context

The Chairperson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2024/25 Annual Reports of the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety (Department), the Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA), and the Western Cape Police Ombudsman (WCPO).

Minister A Marais and Acting Head of Department Mr H Arendse, were given the opportunity for brief introductory comments.

3. Western Cape Liquor Authority

Mr S George, Chief Executive Officer, led the WCLA delegation. The following are pertinent points pertaining to the year under review.

- 3.1. (Re)zoning for licensed liquor outlets remains a challenge, especially where the proximity is close to residential and schooling areas.
- 3.2. The filling of two key senior management vacancies proved to be difficult to resolve.
- 3.3. The WCLA implemented stricter measures to adhere to Section 4 of the Western Cape Liquor Act (4 of 2008), in respect of applications for the renewal of licences.

3.4. The recruitment process was less automated and required manual sorting. The process has since been streamlined.

The Chairperson thanked and excused the officials from the Western Cape Liquor Authority from the meeting.

4. Western Cape Police Ombudsman

General O Reddy led the WCPO delegation. The following are pertinent points pertaining to the year under review.

- 4.1. The WCPO explained in detail the criteria used to categorise complaints received against policing services.
- 4.2. The majority of the 366 complaints received were categorised under General Complaint (90), Enquiry (70), Poor investigation (67) and Unacceptable Behaviour (62).
- 4.3. The statistics indicate that the majority of complaints are spread across many police stations. This suggests that cases are largely isolated rather than attributed to a specific police station or policing precinct.
- 4.4. The WCPO does not have jurisdiction to investigate complaints against law enforcement, neither does it have proactive investigative powers within its mandate. Investigations into complains about the South African Police Service and/or municipal policing, can only be initiated following a lodged complaint. The WCPO also does not have post monitoring powers to implement measures to resolve complaints beyond it reporting matters to the policing hierarchy. These limitations were highlighted as areas to consider amending current legislation regarding investigations into policing behaviour.
- 4.5. The WCPO uses interns, including graduate interns, to ameliorate the pressures created by vacancies within its staffing structure.

The Chairperson thanked and excused the officials from the Western Cape Police Ombudsman from the meeting.

5. Department of Oversight and Community Safety

The following are pertinent points pertaining to the year under review.

- 5.1. The Department reported a total of 48 joint operations via the Safer City Cooperation Agreement.
- 5.2. As part of the Safer City Cooperation Agreement, the Department sought to create an inventory of all CCTV cameras in Cape Town, and where possible, the province. These include the location and functionality of these CCTV cameras.
- 5.3. The Department is working towards the integration and sharing of technology, be it Artificial Intelligence, or sharing CCTV camera footage, to combat crime, and enhance emergency and policing responses to crimes. Solutions to these matters, as part of the Safer City Cooperation Agreement, are ongoing.
- 5.4. Recently, the Department funded a cross functional delegation of officials from various Western Cape Government departments and the City of Cape Town, to China, to learn best practices and integrated dashboards. The invitation was also sent to the SAPS, however, the SAPS did not designate officials for the visit to China. The Department offered co-funding for the SAPS officials.
- 5.5. The Department visited 40 police stations to monitor the respective domestic violence act registers (and other areas of the stations). The Department reported that not all stations were able to issue protection orders. The Department has a five-year plan to visit all 151 police stations to inspect the domestic violence act registers, using a standardised monitoring tool. The reports from these visits are sent to the Provincial Police Commissioner.
- 5.6. The Committee interrogated the Department's Employment Equity policy and the demographics of the current and future departmental staffing structure. The Department duly responded as well as outlined its plans to ensure fair recruitment practices, as well as the overall status of its organisational culture.
- 5.7. The Committee raised the possibility that Department considers the expansion of the Chrysalis Academy to other areas in the province, specifically in the Garden Route District Municipality. Such an initiative would ease the travel challenges to transport cadets to the Chrysalis Academy Tokai campus.

The Chairperson thanked and excused the officials from the Ministry and Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety from meeting.

6. Request for information

The committee requested that the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety submits: -

- 6.1. The number of CCTV Cameras linked to law enforcement and policing structures in the province, to be used as part of the Safer City Cooperation Agreement.

7. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that the Western Cape Liquor Authority:-

- 7.1. Considers the revision and increase of the stipend/sitting fees allocated to Western Cape Liquor Authority Governing Board members for scheduled meetings.
- 7.2. Schedules more full board meetings per annum.

The Committee recommends that the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety:-

- 7.3. Consults the Garden Route District Municipality to use now defunct holiday resorts in Calitzdorp and/or Oudtshoorn, or other suitable facilities, to use the facilities as a Chrysalis Academy campus for cadets from that region. In short, seek full rollout of the Chrysalis Academy, in the Garden Route.

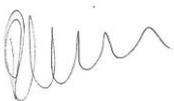
8. Draft Committee Programme

The Committee discussed having the following items added to its draft committee programme:

- 8.1. Further engagement with Western Cape Liquor Authority on the liquor licencing process, planned data driven advancements and, further engagement on the effects of unlicensed liquor outlets.
- 8.2. Conduct oversight visit to the Western Cape Police Ombudsman.
- 8.3. Briefing by the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety on the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP)
- 8.4. Briefing by the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety (along with the City of Cape Town and the South African Police Service on the Safer City Collaboration Agreement)

There were no members of the public indicating a willingness to provide oral and/or written submissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 13h09.



MPP, MS BM VAN MINNEN

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

Annexure: Attendance

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Hilton R Arendse
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Nuraan Gallant
Nasreen Behardien
Iyappan Govender
Western Cape Liquor Authority
Simeon George
Dr Gregory Grootboom
Mrs Xoliswa Ngqongwa
Mr Marvin Jackson
Western Cape Police Ombudsman
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