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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19: Policing, Security and Police Brutality

Wednesday, 29 April 2020 (13h30), Virtual: Microsoft Teams

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Members:

##### **Democratic Alliance**

Allen, R  
America, D  
Baartman, D  
Bosman, G  
Mitchell, D  
Philander, W  
Van der Westhuizen, A  
Wenger, M

##### **African National Congress**

Dugmore, C  
Lekker, P

##### **Economic Freedom Fighters**

Xego, M

##### **African Christian Democratic Party**

Christians, F

##### **Freedom Front Plus**

Marais, P

##### **GOOD**

Herron, B

##### **Alternates**

Sayed, K (ANC)  
Smith, D (ANC)  
Kama, M (ANC)  
Mackenzie, R (DA)  
Botha, L (DA)

##### **Apologies**

Windvogel, R (ANC)  
Fritz, A, MEC Community Safety

**The following persons were in attendance:**

Mr G Morris, Head of the Department of Community  
Adv Y Pillay, Chief Director: Secretariat Safety and Security  
Ms L Govender, Chief Director: Support Services  
Mr S George, Chief Director: Security Management  
Adv L Peterson, Acting CEO Western Cape Liquor Authority  
Ms C Murray, Spokesperson: Ministry of Community Safety  
Dr L Platzky, Western Cape Liquor Authority Governing Board

**Western Cape Police Ombudsman**

Mr J Brand, Western Cape Police Ombudsman (WCPO)  
Ms N Arabi, Deputy Director  
Ms D Foster, Deputy Director  
Ms G Isaacs, Assistant Director: Operations  
Mr Z Mtawa, Assistant Director: Investigations  
Ms A Lewis, Investigating Officer

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer  
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer  
Mr W Matthews, Procedural Officer

**1. Welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed all participants and guests, and set the context for the meeting which was to focus on matters related to Policing, Security and Police Brutality. The Chairperson informed the Committee that the South African Police Service (SAPS) briefing will be rescheduled upon request from the SAPS, as well as re-invite the Independent Police Investigative Directorate to present as it was unable to confirm attendance.

**2. Consideration and adoption of draft documents**

The Committee considered and adopted the draft minutes of the meetings of 22 and 24 April 2020. The Committee also discussed additional submissions for these meetings.

**3. Department of Community Safety**

Mr G Morris, Head of Department, led the presentation on behalf of the Department and informed the Committee on matter relating to community policing during the lockdown, information on the roll out of the Safety Plan during the lockdown, and, information on the suspension of liquor licenses for traders during the lockdown.

**4. Western Cape Police Ombudsman**

Mr J Brand, the WCPO, led the presentation and focused on its operations during the lockdown, the mechanisms used by members of the public to contact WCPO during the lockdown and high alert levels given restrictions on walk-in complaints, information on the number of policing complaints received during the lockdown, including (a) the nature of

the complaints received, (b) from which areas, and (c) any recommendations made, and, information on any reports of police brutality received and whether these have been investigated.

## **5. Additions to request for information**

5.1 The Committee amended its list of requests for information from various stakeholders following the meetings of 22 and 24 April 2020.

5.2 The Committee requested a copy of the Minutes of the meeting between the Premier and various political parties which took place on 28 April 2020.

## **6. Committee Programme**

The Committee amended its Draft Committee programme.

Hon Dugmore tabled a letter he had written to the Premier, which he presented to the committee and the committee deliberated and requested more information before determining any further action.

The meeting adjourned at 16h00.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wenger', is written over a light beige rectangular background.

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**MS M WENGER, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**

**DATE:**

