



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Wednesday, 6 May 2020 (13h30), Virtual: Microsoft Teams

Theme: Policing, Security and Police Brutality (cont.)

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Allen, R
America, D
Bartman, D
Bosman, G
Mitchell, D
Philander, W
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Dugmore, C

Economic Freedom Fighters

Xego, M

GOOD

Herron, B

Alternate Members

Mackenzie, R (DA)
Botha, L (DA)
Maseko, M (DA)
Sayed, K (ANC)

Additional

Kama, M (ANC)

Apologies

Christians, F (ACDP)
Wenger, M (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Correctional Services

Mr D Klaas, Western Cape Regional Commissioner

South African Police Service

Lt Gen Y Matakata, Provincial Police Commissioner

Brig P Voskuil, Provincial Head: Organisational Development and Strategic Planning

Gen M Mancj, Deputy Provincial Commissioner

Independent Police Investigative Directorate

Mr T Leholo, Provincial Head IPID

Mr M September, Deputy Provincial Head IPID

Media

Ms W Meyer, Reporter, *Netwerk24*

Mr E September, Online Editor, *Son Koerant*

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Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Mr W Matthews, Procedural Officer

1. Election of Chairperson

The Procedural Officer opened proceedings by informing the Committee that in accordance with Standing Rule 82(3), the Committee had to elect an Acting Chairperson for the meeting, due to the absence of the Chairperson. Member Mackenzie informed that he is the alternate for Member Wenger for the meeting.

Member W Philander (DA) nominated Member D Mitchell (DA) to be the Chairperson for the meeting. Member K Sayed (ANC) seconded the nomination. The Procedural Officer announced that Member Mitchell was duly elected as Chairperson for the meeting in accordance with Standing Rule 82(3).

2. Department of Correctional Services

Mr D Klaas, Regional Commissioner in the Western Cape, represented the Department of Correctional Services (DCS). His presentation focused on matters pertaining to the Correctional Service facilities in the Western Cape specifically on the number of positive COVID-19 cases of inmates and officials per facility; indicating whether or not these persons are hospitalised, in Intensive Care Units, quarantined or in self-isolation. He also explained the measures used to quarantine infected persons and/or facilitate self-isolation.

Mr Klaas updated the Committee on DCS' measures to sanitise the facilities and ensure that the risk of COVID-19 infections is lowered. He informed the Committee on the provision and quality of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for personnel and inmates. He also commented on the conditions guiding the review of parolees within the context of the pandemic.

3. South African Police Service

Lt Gen Y Matakata, the Provincial Police Commissioner, led the delegation on behalf of the South African Police Service. She was assisted by Brig P Voskuil, Provincial Head of Organisational Development and Strategic Planning, and Gen M Mancini, Deputy Provincial Commissioner. Brig Voskuil presented on information that included, updates on the policing environment during the lockdown. He spoke on the impact of police resourcing, information on how police officers are protected and whether they have sufficient PPE, the contingency plans for SAPS facilities such as the 10111 call centre and stations closed due to COVID-19 infections.

The presentation also addressed the number of arrests made during the lockdown; including a breakdown in what the arrests were for, and in which areas of the province. Further to that, the SAPS reported on the criteria for police issued permits and the number of permits.

4. Independent Police Investigative Directorate

Mr T Leholo, Provincial Head of IPID, and Mr M September, the Deputy Provincial Head of IPID, represented the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID). The presentation addressed the degree to which the Western Cape IPID has been operational during the lockdown, its accessibility as a structure to the public, and related challenges. Mr Leholo reported on the number of complaints received during the lockdown, including the nature of the complaints received and in which areas, and whether or not any recommendations were made. He further discussed reports of police brutality and whether those incidents were investigated.

The meeting adjourned at 17h00.



MR DG MITCHELL, MPP

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