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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

(COMMUNITY SAFETY)

Tuesday, 5 February 2020 (08h00), Committee Room 1, Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

SAPS 2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT: DETECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAMME

Democratic Alliance

Allen, RI (Chairperson)

Botha, LJ

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, FC

African National Congress

Kama, M

Additional

Bans, AP (ANC)

Windvogel, R (ANC)

Apology

G Bosman

See the attached list for persons in attendance.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all and allowed for brief introductions. The South African Police Service (SAPS) was led by Lt Gen Y Matakata

2. SAPS Western Cape 2018/19 Annual Report: Detection Services

The Chairperson tabled the SAPS' 2018/19 Annual Report for the Western Cape, specifically the Detective Services programme. Brig P Voskuil led a presentation on this portion of the Annual

Report. The Committee deliberated on the Annual Report and the SAPS duly responded to questions posed by the Committee.

3. Commendations

The Western Cape Police Ombudsman, Mr JJ Brand, thanked the SAPS management for the nature of its working and collaborative relationship with his office. The Committee also applauded the SAPS detective unit for its operations to arrest a large number of abalone poachers in the Overstrand region.

4. Public Input

Mr M Gabier of the Progressive Professionals' Forum, was given an opportunity to address the delegation. He posed questions to the SAPS about matters related to the possession of marijuana (dagga), follow up processes by SAPS detectives, communication protocols and audit reviews of cases withdrawn from the court roll. The SAPS management duly responded to his questions.

The Chairperson thanked the SAPS and members of the public for the engagement. The meeting was briefly adjourned from 10:20am to 10:35am.

5. Requests for information

The Committee REQUESTED that the Provincial Police Commissioner provides the following information.

- 5.1 The number of detectives in the Western Cape on the SAPS Employment Wellness Programme. The list should include the ranks of the officials but not the names of the persons.
- 5.2 A brief report on the current state of the training of SAPS detectives in the Western Cape.
- 5.3 A list of the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) units in the province, per district.
- 5.4 An indication of whether or not the Western Cape SAPS formally responded to the Department of Community Safety's 2019 *State of Detective Services in the Western Cape* report. And, a copy of any such correspondence.
- 5.5 An indication of the highest detective to docket ratio.
- 5.6 Confirmation on whether or not the Western Cape SAPS has a day to memorialise officials who have fallen in the line of duty.

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Community Safety provides the following information.

- 5.7 A list of Court Watching Brief cases that the Department is monitoring. The list to include the timelines per case, and an update on whether the Tazne Van Wyk case will be monitored.

6. Committee Programme

The added the following items to consider for its draft Committee Programme.

- 6.1. Request the Department of Community Safety to present its 2019 *State of Detective Services in the Western Cape* report, as well as its 2020 report on the SAPS' readiness to deal with domestic violence related cases, to the Committee. The briefing must focus on the Department's research rationale, methodology, analytical framework and data analysis approaches used.
- 6.2. Host a briefing on conviction rates for DVA crimes in province.
- 6.3. Consider, where feasible, monitoring a Court Watching Brief case.
- 6.4. A briefing with detective commanders of specific districts; the Committee to still decide on the districts.
- 6.5. Conduct an oversight visit to a SAPS FCS Unit.
- 6.6. Request an international visit to the top police structures in Bavaria and/or Glasgow, focusing on the professionalisation policing as a career and investigative matters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ri Allen', written in a cursive style.

MR RI ALLEN, MPP

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