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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

Tuesday, 1 October 2019 (10h30), Committee Room 2, Fourth Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

Democratic Alliance

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African Christian Democratic Party

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African National Congress

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Additional Members

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For a list of persons in attendance see Annexure A.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all and allowed for brief introductions. He thereafter set the context of the meeting which was to discuss the Department of Community's Safety's implementation of sections 19 and 21 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act (3 of 2013).

2. Presentation on measuring police efficiency

Mr A Fritz, Minister of Community Safety, and Mr G Morris, Head of Department, led the delegation. The Department briefed the Committee on the legal framework to measure police efficiency in the province. The Department reported that, in terms of Sections 19 and 21 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act (3 of 2013) respectively, it does oversight on the effectiveness and efficiency of the South African Police Service in the Western Cape and the Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department. This oversight, as provided for in Section 8 of the Act, is overachieved through the analysis of data in the quarterly reports submitted by the aforementioned policing agencies, to the Department.

The Department reported that to date, the Provincial Police Commissioner's Office had not submitted the latest crime statistics per quarter. This non-submission is reportedly in line with a revised SAPS policy regarding the dissemination of these statistics. The Department reported that it is considering various legal avenues to address the non-compliance by SAPS to submit key crime statistics as part of the quarterly reports.

The Department reported, inter alia, on matters related SAPS and CTMPD-issued firearms lost and/or stolen, disciplinary and criminal cases against SAPS and CTMPD members, as well as the impact of absenteeism on these policing services. The Department also reported on its Court Watching Brief initiative.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister and the Department for the briefing and excused them from the meeting.

3. Requests and resolutions

3.1 The Committee requested that Department of Community Safety a breakdown of the number of lost and/or stolen firearms, for the SAPS and the CTMPD, during 2018/19, that were used in reported criminal activities.

4. Committee Programme

The Committee discussed agenda items to add to its draft committee programme. These items included engagement with the newly appointed Provincial Police Commissioner and the Municipal Police Services Head, on matters pertaining to working with the Provincial Minister of Community Safety to improve police efficiency in the Western Cape, a detailed engagement on the Premier's Safety Plan, as well as a visit to the SAPS' Forensic Science Laboratory in Plattekloof.

The meeting adjourned at 12h05.

MR RIALLEN, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

Annexure A: Persons in attendance



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