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## Committee Report

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport having deliberated on the 2019/20 Policing Needs and Priorities Report, dated 18 November 2020, reports as follows:

1. The Committee, having received the referral of the Policing Needs and Priorities 2019/20 Report, in accordance with S23(2) of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, 2013 (Act 3 of 2013) proceeded to discuss the Report.
2. The Committee afforded the Minister of Community Safety and the Department of Community Safety the opportunity to provide an overview of the key findings of the Report.
3. The Committee, in accordance with S23(4) of the Act, afforded the Provincial Police Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Executive Head of Municipal Policing, the opportunity to give input on the Report.
4. The Committee, having considered the input given by the Provincial Police Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Executive Head of Municipal Policing, recommends that:-

4.1. The line of reporting of the South African Police Service (SAPS) Forensic Laboratory Services be directed to a Provincial SAPS level and not the National SAPS level.

4.2. The Department of Community Safety conducts a study to determine what the effects would be of moving the forensic services from the South African Police Service to a provincial government department level, such as the Department of Health or, the National Laboratory Services. The purpose of such a transition would be to gain provincial oversight over forensic services.

**MR R ALLEN, MPP**

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

Date: 18 November 2020

