

Oral Reply

15. Mr T C R Walters to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With regard to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by the three local spheres of government:

- (1) How will the signed agreement help with policing in rural communities;
- (2) whether similar MOUs are envisaged in rural municipalities in the province; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY TO REPLY:

- 15.** (1) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is only signed with the City of Cape Town (COCT) and the Western Cape Government (WCG) and South African Police Service (SAPS) and focuses on the top crime areas within the CoCT. The broader intention of MOU is to improve safety in the CoCT and indirectly in the rural areas.
- (2) The Department intends to enter and conclude similar MOUs with the rural municipalities in the future. However, the current Western Cape Safety Plan is taking the needs and priorities of these rural areas into account. The rural municipalities will be encouraged and supported to develop and implement responsive Local and District Municipality plans.
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