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Committee Report

Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety Vote 4: Community Safety in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B3 - 2018], dated 15 March 2018, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 4: Community Safety in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B3 - 2018] referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and supports the Vote.

The salient findings from the meeting with the Department of Community Safety, hereafter the Department, are listed below:

1. Findings

- 1.1 In terms of fulfilling the recommendations of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry¹ (KCI), specifically Recommendation Twelve², the Department reported that this recommendation has not yet been wholly fulfilled. There are however, ongoing engagements by the multi-sector task team resulting in steady progress to implement this recommendation.
- 1.2 In terms of fulfilling the KCI's Recommendation Two³, the provincial response has to correspond to the National Anti-Gang Strategy (NAGS), given the national approach to target gang structures and activities. There will be a focus on improving crime intelligence.
- 1.3 The Department will continue to roll out youth targeted programmes in rural communities such as those located in the Central Karoo and Beaufort West regions.
- 1.4 The intake of youth to the Chrysalis Academy will be increased by at least 100 learners compared to the 2017/2018 financial year.
- 1.5 Following its discussions with the Office of the National Commissioner of Police, the Department stated that there is a directive to target drug related crime nationwide. There is thus a focus on implementing measures to prevent the import of drugs into South Africa.
- 1.6 The Department works with several Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) to facilitate programmes addressing women's and children's rights, as well as combatting domestic violence.
- 1.7 The Department now has a legal framework to regulate and monitor Neighbourhood Watches (NHWs), and this will allow for a system to link NHW patrols to police stations.
- 1.8 The Western Cape Liquor Authority collected in excess of R10 million from fines issued.
- 1.9 The proposed amendments to the Western Cape Liquor Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008) will address regulating the marketisation and commodification of alcohol in order to balance the harmful influences that alcohol advertising might have vis-à-vis the economic benefits of promoting the liquor trade.
- 1.10 The Western Cape South African Police Service provided the Department with written confirmation of support for the Expanded Partnership Programme, specifically the Community Police Forums, as a roadmap towards effecting civilian oversight.

¹ Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Police Inefficiency and a Breakdown in Relations between SAPS and the Community in Khayelitsha (2014).

² Recommendation Twelve reads that "(t)he Commission accordingly recommends that DOCS establish a task team bringing together key institutions who work with youth issues in Khayelitsha" (O'Reagan, 457:2014).

³ Recommendation Two reads the implementation of "a procedural justice model of policing" (O'Reagan, 443:2014).

- 1.11 The Department increased its support to 100 organisations as part of the Youth Safety and Religion programme.
- 1.12 The Department reported that through its Court Watching Brief programme, more than 3000 cases were removed from the court rolls due to various reasons. Of particular concern to the Committee were those cases that were removed due to the lack of forensic reports.
- 1.13 The Department reported that it issued accreditation to 200 Neighbourhood Watches.
- 1.14 A sum of R1 million has been allocated to the Provincial Safety Advisory Committee.
- 1.15 Although schools have been included in contingency and water resilient plans for the possible Day Zero Phase, there will be no static deployments at schools.
- 1.16 The General Budget Support funding for the Wolwekloof youth diversion programme has ceased and as a result, Departmental resources that were utilised for the Wolwekloof programme have been rerouted to facilitate programmes across various rural areas.
- 1.17 The cost for staff training at Kromme Rhee was previously covered by the Department of the Premier. However, each provincial department is now responsible for the cost of training for its staff at Kromme Rhee.

2. Requests for information

- 2.1 The Committee requested that the Department of Community Safety provides the Committee with the following information by 10 May 2018:-
 - 2.1.1 A breakdown of the number of youth supported, via the Chrysalis Academy, in rural areas, for the 2017/2018 financial year.
 - 2.1.2 A breakdown of the number of rural youth supported via the Department's Northlink College partnership for the 2017/2018 financial year.
 - 2.1.3 A copy of the Neighbourhood Watch Code of Conduct.
 - 2.1.4 A list of the safety promotion programmes that have an emphasis on youth, women and children set to be implemented during 2018/2019.
 - 2.1.5 In respect of the Court Watching Brief programme, a summary of the number of the cases that were removed from the court rolls, specifically those cases related to the lack of the inclusion of forensic reports.
 - 2.1.6 A list of non-participating Community Police Forums for the period 2017/2018.
 - 2.1.7 A list of the 14 priority schools linked to the safe zones.
 - 2.1.8 A list of the service level agreements that the Department has with private security service providers in the Central Business District.
 - 2.1.9 A breakdown of the level of all staff bursary recipients, excluding the names of the recipients.
 - 2.1.10 A copy of the schedule for Neighbourhood Watch programmes and the Policing Needs and Priorities to be rolled out for 2018/2019.

Report to be considered.



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