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Report to the Portfolio Committee on Police: Petitions, Gauteng Province

7 June 2017

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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON POLICE: PETITIONS (1)



No.	Station	Petition Subject	Comment/Feedback/Response
1.	Soshanguve	Petition from residents of Soshanguve South calling for the establishment of a satellite police station (Mr D Bergman) – (Portfolio Committee on Police – National Assembly).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ The work study investigation into the establishment of a satellite police station is in the final stages of completion.→ A satellite police station will be recommended for Soshanguve South.→ It must be noted, that a proposed site/land for the service point has not yet been identified.

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2.	Etwatwa	<p>Petition from wards 65, 66 and 67 of the Ekurhuleni Metro, calling on the Assembly to investigate the spiralling crime rate in Etwatwa, ensure more visible policing and to investigate the alleged complicity between the South African Police Service and crime syndicates (Mr M Waters) – (Portfolio Committee on Police– National Assembly).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → There was a spate of murders as a result of conflict in the community against a gang called "OVL". → The OVL gang was allegedly responsible for robberies and assaults in the area. → The community subsequently retaliated by searching and assaulting the so-called gang members. → The community mobilised and started to burn their houses. → A meeting was held with the Cluster Commander, which resulted in the development of an Intervention Plan, comprising the following key actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – New Management for the Community Police Forum was appointed to improve community/police relations. – An Imbizo was held to address community concerns.

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2.	Etwatwa (cont.)	<p>Petition from wards 65, 66 and 67 of the Ekurhuleni Metro, calling on the Assembly to investigate the spiralling crime rate in Etwatwa, ensure more visible policing and to investigate the alleged complicity between the South African Police Service and crime syndicates (Mr M Waters) – (Portfolio Committee on Police– National Assembly).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Additional deployments have been initiated including: Public Order Policing (POP), Task Teams and Crime Intelligence, which will remain in place until the area has been stabilised. – Sector Policing has been intensified. – A Community Safety Intervention was initiated, including the following community projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sport-against-Crime; ▪ Rehabilitation of known drug addicts; and ▪ Policing of drug outlets. – Crime Hot Spots were identified and addressed. – Crime in the area has decreased during the period October 2016 to June 2017.

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3.	Edenvale	<p>Petition from residents of Edenvale, Gauteng, calling on the Assembly to follow-up a Carte Blanche exposé – prompted by Case No 331/05/2015 – on police brutality, bribery and corruption at the Edenvale Police Station (Mr M Waters) – (Portfolio Committee on Police – National Assembly).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The correct CAS/ICDMS number is 311/05/2015. → The case was opened against Const. DM Mapatlare, PERSAL No. 7110614-6 for assault common. → Departmental action was initiated against the member (DR 13/2015) and investigated by Capt Bakker from the Provincial Head Office. → The member was suspended during the investigation, but reinstated due to the complainant not testifying at the trial. → The departmental investigation was finalised as “withdrawn” on 29 June 2016, as the complainant (Mr Gareth Williams) relocated to the United Kingdom. → The complainant was contacted in England, but he refused to testify.

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4.	Norkem Park	<p>Petition from residents of Birch Acres, Kempton Park, calling for increased resources to be provided to the Norkem Park Police Station in order to ensure effective and visible policing (Mr M Waters) – (Portfolio Committee on Police – National Assembly).</p>	<p>→ The policing precinct of Norkem Park is divided into 4 sectors, with 4 Sector Commanders. The Community Service Centre (CSC) is staffed with four shifts consisting of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A shift – 1 x Captain and 10 members; - B shift – 1 x Captain and 10 members; - C shift – 1 x Captain and 11 members; & - D shift – 1 x Captain and 10 members. <p>→ Absenteeism at the Station due to annual leave/sick leave/study leave/courses is being managed by the Station Commander.</p> <p>→ The deployment of two to three vehicles per shift is the norm.</p> <p>→ The Station's sector vehicles respond to an average of 385 complaints per month.</p>

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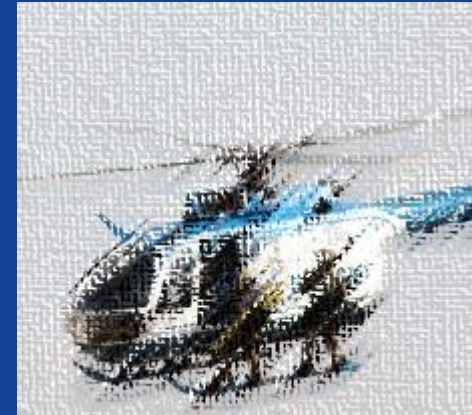
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4.	Norkem Park (cont.)	Petition from residents of Birch Acres, Kempton Park, calling for increased resources to be provided to the Norkem Park Police Station in order to ensure effective and visible policing (Mr M Waters) – (Portfolio Committee on Police – National Assembly).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The Crime Prevention Unit consists of 4 members. → The Social Crime Prevention Unit consists of 1 member. → The Sector Managers are currently on 12-hour shifts, in order to enhance visibility and respond to Alpha complaints (serious crime in progress, suspect on the scene). → In terms of the new Fixed Establishment for 2016-2019, the number of members at the Station will be increased to 156, within the mentioned period. → The actual number of members at the Station is 143. → The Station has a shortage of 13 members. → Four Captain posts have been prioritised for promotion and 13 entry-level Police Act post have been allocated for 2017/2018. → One person was re-enlisted to the SAPS and posted at the Station.

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4.	Norkem Park (cont.)	<p>Petition from residents of Birch Acres, Kempton Park, calling for increased resources to be provided to the Norkem Park Police Station in order to ensure effective and visible policing (Mr M Waters) – Portfolio Committee on Police – National Assembly.</p>	<p>→ The Station’s vehicle fleet comprises 36 vehicles in addition to the following vehicles, received during the 2016/2017 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One vehicle for Detectives (Toyota Hilux LDV); & - One vehicle for Vispol (Ford Ranger LDV).

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