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Briefing to the Portfolio Committee on Police

**Roles and Responsibilities of the SAPS in
protecting the National Parliament**

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Presentation Overview

- Purpose of the Presentation
- Integrated Stakeholder Engagement: SAPS & DPW
- Solutions implemented to improve security measures at Parliament
- International benchmarking of security measures at Parliaments
- Way Forward & Conclusion



- The purpose of the presentation is to –
 - Brief the Joint Portfolio Committees on Police and Public Works on progress made to improve the security at the National Parliament, as recommended, on 26 September 2018.

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Integrated Stakeholder Engagement SAPS & DPW

Physical Security Regulation at Parliament

Integrated Stakeholder Engagement



- The acknowledgement of receipt of the **declaration of the Parliamentary Precinct, as a National Key Point** was signed by the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), on **18 October 2018**.
- By implication the Parliamentary Precinct, including buildings to Parliament, will now be **regulated in terms of the National Key Point Act, 102 of 1980**, until such time that the Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill is promulgated.
- The Speaker of the National Assembly and the Chairperson of the NCOP are in the process of nominating a Joint Planning Committee (JPC) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
- After the appointments, a date will be set for the **Inaugural Meeting of the JPC**.

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Solutions implemented to improve security measures at Parliament

Improved Security Measures at Parliament

Enhanced Access Control



- Utilisation of handheld metal detectors by members at the outer perimeter posts and inner perimeter posts in case of power failure or defective equipment.
- Provision of both the Security Policy of Parliament and Standing Operating Procedure for Static Protection, to communicate with members of Parliament, to ensure compliance.
- A practice to submit written reports of non-compliance as it arises, to the Acting Speaker of Parliament, has been implemented.

Improved Security Measures at Parliament

Enhanced operational management



- An implementation of hourly situation reports and the report of malfunction of equipment to the PSS Control Centre.
- Rotation of Static Protectors every four hours between posts to ensure non-familiarity.
- Increase of the daily routine inspections/visits to at least three at each post during a single shift, by Supervisors, Commanders and Duty Officers.
- Communique was sent to all members to refrain from utilising private cellular phones during working hours.
- Ensure that the minimum standard of deployment of Static Protectors are executed.

Improved Security Measures at Parliament

Regular and unannounced inspections



- Regular and unannounced inspections are conducted as follows:
 - At least three during a single shift by Supervisors, Commanders and Duty Officers at each post.
 - Monthly unannounced inspections by Protection and Security Services Head Office.
 - Biannual announced and unannounced inspections by the Western Cape Provincial Protection and Security Services Office.

Security Measures at Parliament

International Benchmarking



- The Head: Static Protection Services, PSS has been appointed to facilitate the planning to benchmark the security standards at Parliaments in other countries, during the 2019/2020 financial year.
- One European and one African country will be visited by a multidisciplinary task team, consisting of all relevant stakeholders.

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Way Forward & Conclusion

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- The regulation of the Parliament Precinct, in terms of the National Key Point Act, 102 of 1980, in respect of all requirements and stipulations.
- Monitoring of the operational management of the protection at Parliament by PSS Head Office and the PSS Western Cape Provincial Office.
- Implementation of the “Protection Capability Management” Strategy for Protectors; inclusive of recruitment standards; optimised training, maintenance and refresher training; personal developmental programmes to career path and exit strategy.
- Development of a Personnel Plan for PSS detailing the minimum requirements in terms of operational standards.
- Effective engagement with the DPW to facilitate the:-
 - revision of the policy on the funding and procurement of physical security equipment; and
 - physical security upgrades at Parliament.
- The improved security measures implemented and reformed strategies embarked on is not restricted to the Parliament only but will unfold to all other Provincial Legislatures.

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