



**Western Cape
Government**

Department of the Premier

BETTER TOGETHER.

WC COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN BILL - UPDATE

Briefing to the Standing Committee on Premier – programme and way forward

Cape Town |

17 April 2018

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SECTION 78 Establishment of and principles governing Commissioner for Children

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The Commissioner **must assist the Western Cape Government** in protecting and promoting the interests of children in the Western Cape, in particular as regards —

- (a) health services;
- (b) education;
- (c) welfare services;
- (d) recreation and amenities; and
- (e) sport.



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SECTION 80 Appointment and removal

- 1 The Commissioner is **appointed and removed** by the Premier on the recommendation by the Provincial Parliament

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SECTION 79 Powers and duties

- 1 The Commissioner has the power as regulated in provincial legislation to **monitor, investigate, research, educate, lobby, advise and report on**, matters pertaining to children.
- 2 The Commissioner —
 - (a) must **report annually** to the Provincial Parliament on the measures taken by the Western Cape government to protect and promote the interests of children in the Western Cape; and
 - (b) may **report** to the **Provincial Parliament** at any other time.

Overview of Commissioner for Children Bill, 2018

CHAPTER 1: Definitions

CHAPTER 2: Employment
and Office of the
Commissioner

CHAPTER 3: Powers and
Duties

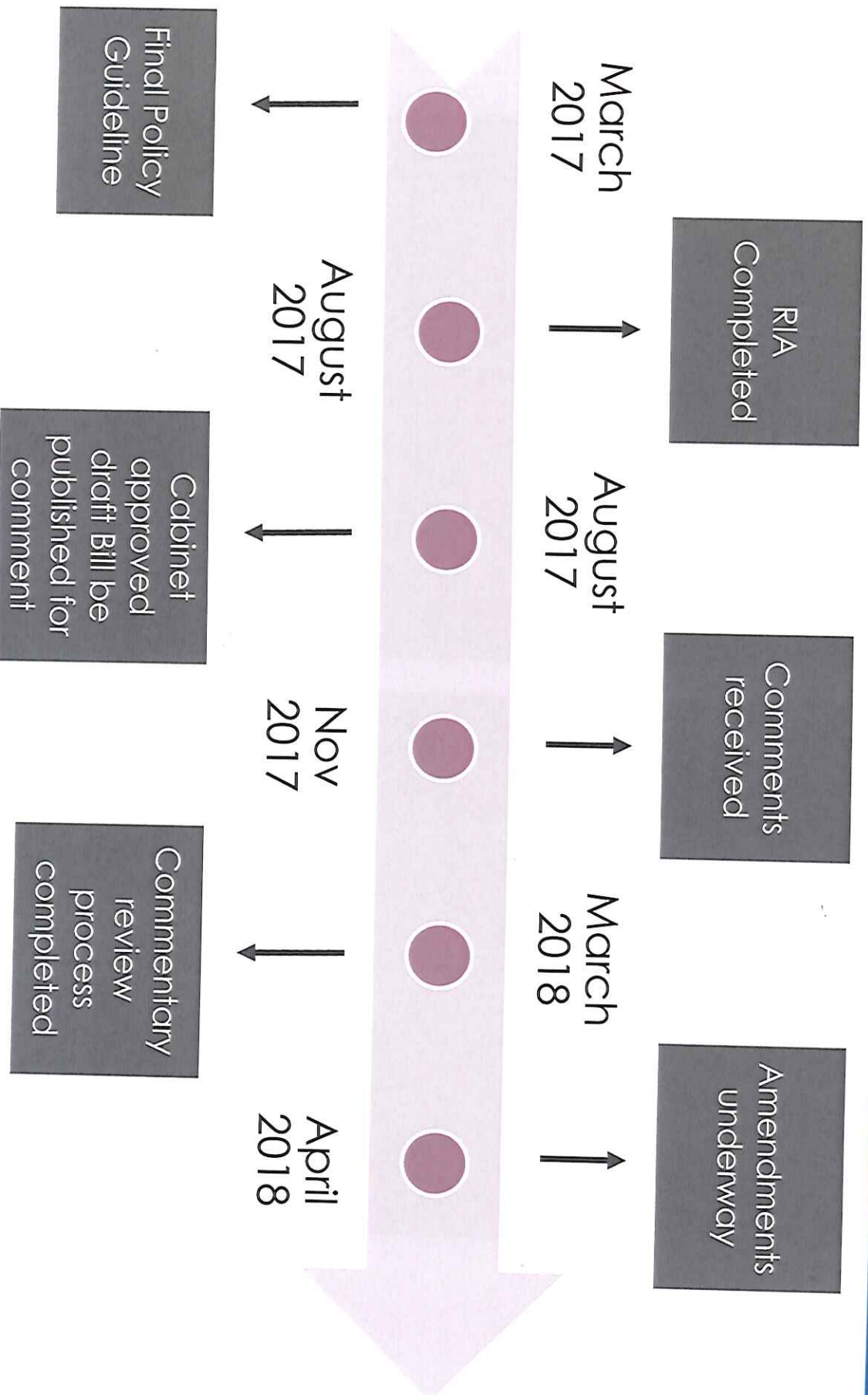
CHAPTER 4: Obligations of
Persons and Organs of State
and Access to Information
and Institutions

CHAPTER 5: Administration of
the Office of the
Commissioner

CHAPTER 6: General
Provisions



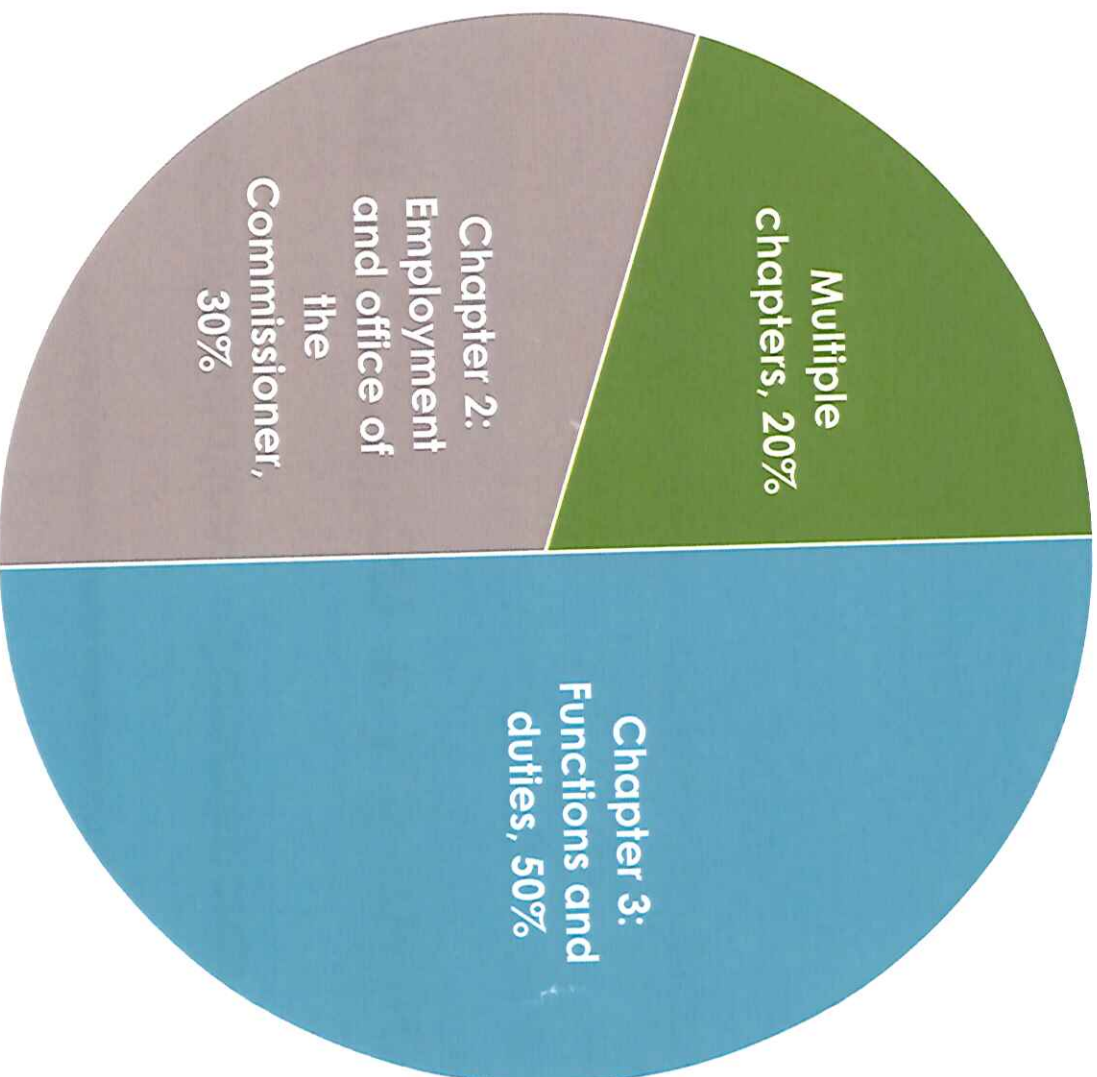
Process until now



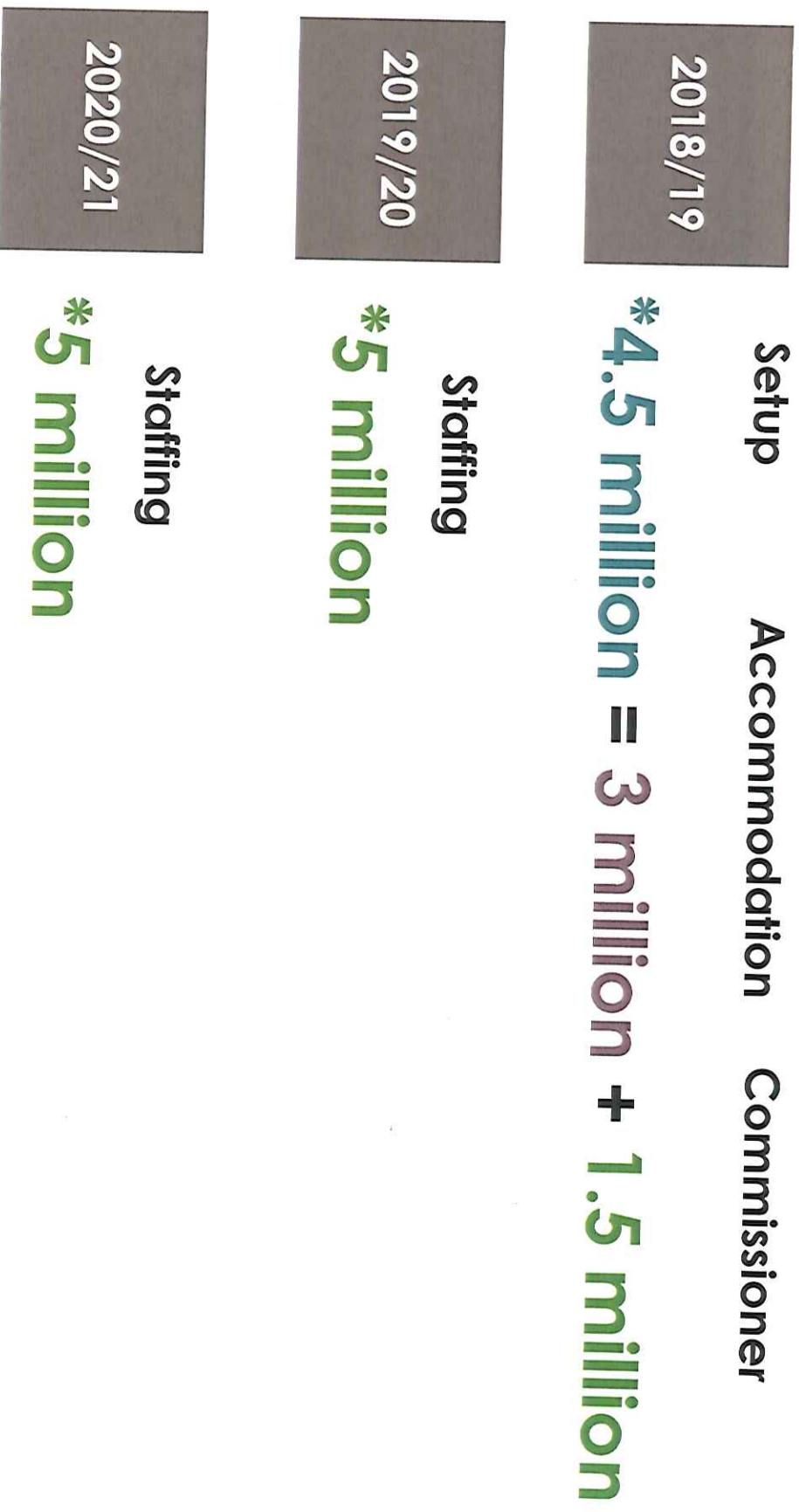
Review of comments received from public

561 individual comments received

Sectors included: Chp
9 Inst., FBOs, NGOs,
University, Regional
Children's
Commissioner,
Individuals, Private
Sector



Estimated Budget of the Office



*to be determined by operational requirements and timelines. DoFP still to approach PT for funding.

Way forward

End of
April 2018

Finalise draft Bill

May 2018

**Obtain Cabinet approval to introduce Bill and introduction
in WCPP**

TBD by
WCPP
timeframes

**Bill approved by WCPP
Appointment process for Commissioner for Children**

Subject to
above
timeframes

Appointment of Commissioner for Children

6 months –
1 year

**Set-up of the Offices of the Commissioner for Children with
new Commissioner (from date of publication of Act)**

Thank you