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PROCEEDINGS OF MINI-PLENARY SESSION – OLD ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

Members of the mini-plenary session met in the Old Assembly Chamber at 16:17.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON Ms M G Boroto took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Debate on Vote No 23 Police, and Vote No 20 – Independent Police Investigative Directorate:

The MINISTER OF POLICE: Chairperson, hon Ministers present, Deputy Ministers, the Chairperson and members of the Portfolio Committee on Police, MECs present, Members of Parliament, heads of entities within the Ministry, distinguished guests, National Commissioner, all senior police, ladies and gentlemen, Thuma Mina Greetings to all the hon members of this House and fellow South Africans.

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The year 2018 demands a dedicated and more meaningful emphasis to what informs our fundamental existence as the police service towards the successful delivery of our constitutional mandate as stipulated in section 205 of the Constitution, which reads I quote:

Section 205(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa directs that the South African Police Service must prevent, combat and investigate crime, maintain public order, protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property, and to uphold and enforce the law.

Chairperson, in line with the mandate of our government, it is imperative to dedicate this budget vote speech to honour all women and children who have been the victims of gender-based violence. The Theme "SAFETY OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE GROUPS IS THE BRIGHTER FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA"

This inhuman scourge is fiercely eating the moral fibre in our society and is belittling the dignity of Inzalabantu yezwe lakithi. Time to say: NEVER AGAIN is, Now!

We say this as a befitting commemoration to the centenary celebration of former President Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina

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Sisulu. Former President Nelson Mandela once said - in his book Long Walk to Freedom I quote:

As a tribute to the legions of women who navigated the path of fighting for justice before us, we ought to imprint in the supreme law of the land, firm principles upholding the rights of women. The women themselves and the whole of society must make this a prime responsibility. Domestic violence, rape, abuse of women remains disgraceful blots on the reputation of a country that is called a miracle nation. I've never regarded women as in any way less competent than men.

Chairperson, we reaffirm our commitment to a vision of a society where women and children will be able to enjoy all their liberties as enshrined in our Constitution, where in they will be able to walk freely without any fear of being confronted with the possibilities of being murdered, raped, and assaulted.

Chairperson, we have invited some of the family members of the victims of crimes against women and children and vulnerable groups, they are up there in the gallery. We are calling for a partnership with all the sectors of our society to fight the scourge of violence against women and children. We also have invited the Ambassadors of

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the Department of Police, who are serving as a force multiplier in spreading the message against this scourge.

Any type of crime is a priority of the South African Police Service, however, this year we will prioritise and intensify the fight against crimes against women and children and vulnerable groups. This implies that crimes against women and children and vulnerable groups such as the elderly, people with disabilities, people with the albinism condition and Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex, LGBTI, people will be treated as priority crimes. The scourge of violence against these groups cannot and will not be tolerated and civil society and communities must stand as one together with the police, to root out these crimes.

In addition, I have directed that the police address incidence of drug and substance abuse, as a driver of crimes against women and children and vulnerable groups. Cyber-crime affects every single person in South Africa, irrespective of their economic or social status.

More will be done to improve the prevention of cyber-crime but specifically the police's ability to investigate these crimes once reported. The recent spike in banking and cash-in-transit crimes is a cause for concern. This category of crime, like many others,

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impacts directly on the economy of country and the perpetrators will not be allowed to act at will, plundering cash resources which fuel the economy.

The recent increase in violent public protest places the lives of citizens in danger and threatens the stability of communities. The police are frequently required to react to violent public protest as a result of factors beyond their control. This, no doubt, requires a greater commitment to service delivery but also requires the police to act with professional constraint.

The illicit economy is draining valuable resources away from the state and its citizens. The combating of crimes in this space will be prioritised during 2018-19, including illicit mining and the various methods of grand scale tax evasion, such as the trade in illegal cigarettes.

Given the identification of 2018-19 as being the year of women children and vulnerable groups as victims of crime, the family violence, child protection and sexual offences, FCS, investigation service becomes extraordinarily important.

There are currently 183 FCS Units which creates a specialist investigative environment to deal with gender-based violent crimes

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including sexual offences, with a focus on serial rape-related cases, child pornography and crimes facilitated by electronic media. Furthermore, the police have established 1 047 dedicated victim friendly facilities at police stations countrywide to accommodate and assist victims.

The positive impact that the establishment of these dedicated units have is evident in the recent conviction of Mr Mantsoe who killed Karabo Mokoena. The accused was sentenced to 32 years imprisonment by the South Gauteng High Court.

Chairperson, the primary victims of drugs and substance abuse are invariably those who are most vulnerable in our society, including women, children and the elderly. During 2018-19, the police will focus on three levels of the drug value chain, which are: International and domestic organised crime drug syndicates; drug manufacturers; drug cultivation those like the cannabis, intsangu, dagga, and all that.

Increased illicit drug use and alcohol consumption, are some of the main contributors to the perpetration of violent crime. The numerous and significant illicit drug seizures, by authorities at international airports and at ports of entry, point to South Africa

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being considered a lucrative market for international drug syndicates.

Chairperson, allow me to thank my predecessor the former Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, the *Ruzzmatters* himself, for stabilizing crime within OR Tambo International Airport. We will continue with the strengthening of the multidisciplinary approach in responding to any threat of the safety our economy and its inhabitants.

The increase in the incidence of Trio Crimes, which comprise carjacking, house robbery and business robbery, has prompted the police to adopt an aggressive approach towards the prevention, combating and investigation of these crimes. A National Trio Crimes Task Team was officially established to ensure an integrated and coordinated approach to these crimes.

The task team developed the National Trio Crimes Action Plan to address trio crimes and aggravated robberies in the Top 20 Trio Crime Clusters with effect from the 1st of April 2017. As part of the implementation of this action plan, the Police is working closely with partners in the security, banking and transport industries.

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In addition, the top 20 Clusters in the country have been allocated additional resources, including response vehicles and additional funding for overtime. All nine provinces have established investigation teams that focus primarily on the investigation of Trio crimes. The National Prosecuting Authority has also committed dedicated prosecutors to guide police investigations and prosecute identified suspects.

During the 2017-18 financial year, the police, in conjunction with the NPA achieved 360 guilty verdicts for car hijacking, 1 064 for house robberies and 635 for business robberies. In addition, in a total of 42 cases, 46 life sentences were handed down to the convicted individuals.

Chairperson, with regards to taxi violence, we are in a process of overhauling Crime Intelligence. [Interjections.] No, that's a big question. Regular threat assessments relating to public transport industry will be conducted thereby enabling the police to pro-actively act on information relating to any early warning in the taxi industry. There is a need to enhance co-operation with the Department of Transport to ensure the proper regulation of the industry.

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The increase in the number of public demonstrations, which attracted media attention globally as well as the findings of the Farlam Commission necessitated urgent intervention and a holistic approach to address the challenges experienced with Public Order Policing, POP in the country.

For the period, 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2017, a total number of 10 711 crowd-related incidents were responded to and successfully stabilised, including 8 133 peaceful crowd-related, incidents and 2 578 unrest-related incidents.

Chairperson, we call upon our sister departments to ensure that these service delivery protest are avoided through other means rather than those which end up being crime. These also put a strain in both our human and physical resources which are redirected to address crime caused by service delivery.

Chairperson, the evolving nature of organised crime and the rapidly changing nature of information and communication technology, which organised crime syndicates use to advance their criminal activities, negatively impact on the overall stability and economy of the country, general perceptions of safety and security and the ability of the police to prevent, combat and investigate these types of serious crimes. It therefore became imperative for the police to

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establish an effective approach for the identification and analysis of organised crime threats impacting on the country.

Policing is without doubt a labour-intensive exercise but more must be done to improve police visibility as one of the primary deterrents of the perpetration of crime. Police visibility comprises a number of dimensions, including police officers, marked police vehicles and police contact points, such as police stations and mobile contact points. I have also directed that the police to reactivate enhance the Blue Light Campaign especially during the peak hours, afternoons and the evenings, so that the country must just be blue so that everybody see that we are there. [Applause.]

Chairperson we will be capacitating, revitalising and enhancing the capabilities of the Police's Tactical Response Teams, TRT, amabharethe, the red berets - as well the Tracking Teams through resources and skills development. We will be training 154 TRT members of 34 will be deployed in Engcobo and 120 to be deployed around Khayelitsha, Nyanga and Mitchells Plain. [Applause.]

Chairperson this morning we launched the "Operation Thunder" consisting of members from specialized units from other provinces, to deal with crime in the Western Cape. We will be here over three months painting the Western Cape - I almost said; Blue. On this

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score we have brought 269 and lots of cars to make sure that we stabilise the Western Cape gangsterism and crime in Nyanga and all other places. [Applause.]

Within the next few weeks, the TRT and Tracking Teams will be deployed in medium to high risk tactical intelligence operations dedicated to fight Cash-in-Transit Heist, armed robberies, murders, taxi violence and political killings.

Chairperson we want to reassure the people of South Africa that we are in a process of responding to the ongoing alleged political killings in KwaZulu-Natal. The President, His Excellency the hon Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa has put together a team of Ministers to deal specifically with the attacks in KwaZulu-Natal. In the next few days we will be announcing intervention measures address to the killings - extra measures.

These deployments are not only limited to the areas mentioned but we will be deploying and fighting crime from Kwa-Mashu in KwaZulu-Natal to Seshego in Limpopo, from Umtata in the Eastern Cape to Mafikeng in the North West - siyaya nase-North West - Cape Flats in Cape Town to Eldorado Park in Gauteng. In Gauteng we are now ready to respond to the cash heist that has nerve-wracking in the province.

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The Police will maintain a staff compliment of 98% during the 2018-19 financial years. Specific emphasis will be placed on the appropriate capacitation as I have said of detective's TRT, POP-Tracking, and Crime Intelligence gathering and analysis. Police station capacity will be a focus point and to this extent, 60% of entry level recruitment posts will be allocated to stations.

Currently, the allocated staff establishment at police stations, is 120 475. This allocation will not be affected by the reduction in the compensation budget of the Police. The annual enlistment, which is mainly a replacement of annual losses, due to natural attrition, will also be undertaken during 2018-19.

In order to increase the current staff establishment at station level, the police will focus on filling the 7 000 vacant posts at police stations, which were created by the re-establishment of specialised units. In addition, all identified national units, operating at local level will be decentralised to be commanded by station or cluster commanders.

Approximately 6 000 members will be de-escalated to that level. We will send people to the railway station ports of entry, Crime Intelligence and other uniformed functions. The planned allocated staff establishment at police stations and priority will be given to

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the 30 identified crime weight police stations whereby Major Generals will be deployed as Station Commanders. Major Generals will move from head offices and move to the stations which have been identified as crime heavy stations.

The rationalization is aimed at enhancing command and control ensuring that there is immediate decision-making at local stations.

The Department of Police will do more to attract and retain scarce skills such; as Artisans, Pilots and Auditors as we have done with the 1 041 Scientists we have recruited. If need be we will tap in to services those who have been previously in the organisation and excelled.

So, those who were in the organisation and excelled – we have no qualms in re-inviting them and bringing them back into the organisation.

In our midst, Chairperson, allow me to introduce to you our Cadets who will be qualified pilots in this financial year. We have cadets if they can stand up. [Applause.] All of them will be qualified this year as pilots trained within the SA police service. [Applause.] The police are currently developing an approach that will ensure the integration of efforts between internal role-players.

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Chairperson, in due course we will be announcing the appointment of the new head of the Hocks. This appointment will ensure that there will be stability within the directorate and focus in the fight against priority crimes in our country. Enhancing capacity within both the detectives and the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, DPCI, will ensure that the long unresolved cases are dealt with and finalized.

This year, the Cabinet has approved Firearm Amnesty due to the high number of illegally possessed firearms, which are in circulation in South Africa and the fact that firearms are a major contributor to crime. The objective of the 2018 Firearm Amnesty is to: Reduce the number of illegal firearms; provide firearm owners with the opportunity to hand in unwanted firearms; prevent crime and violence and promote safety; address the fundamental causes of crime, ensure people living in South Africa feel safe and have no fear of crime.

Chairperson, in due course we will be making an announcement about how the process will unfold. We urge communities to voluntarily surrender their legal and illegal firearms and will provide amnesty for possession of illegal firearms. We are making a call for action to the community to make use of this opportunity since we are going to have no mercy when we deal with any unlawful possession of firearms.

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Chairperson, the safety of the police men and women is a priority for Government. The manner in which our police officers are attacked and killed undermines the integrity of the state, safety and security of our citizenry. The prevention and combating of crime in our country requires, *inter alia*, partnership between the police, communities and all stakeholders. At the cornerstone of this partnership, it will be prudent to have police officers who are highly motivated, competent and dedicated to their tasks to fight crime.

The Police have implemented a number of measures to combat this scourge. A Police Safety Committee has been established; integrated approach to addressing police safety through community awareness and many other things that we will be doing to combat this scourge.

Chairperson the department will continue to render professional services in line with the Batho Pele to all citizens of South Africa. Joining the SAPS should be seen and promoted as a career of choice and the place of Excellency.

This year in commemorating the Public Service Week in June, we will be launching the Anti-Corruption Strategy. Furthermore priority will be on institutionalising and internalising the South African Police

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Code of Conduct, Ethical and Integrity Leadership as well as continuing with the life style audits.

I have directed all entities reporting to the Ministry of Police to be exemplary in discharging of their constitutional obligations.

Chairperson, I am resolute towards ensuring that consequence management will be applicable to hold accountable all members without fear and favour for non-performance. [Applause.]

Chairperson, IPID has achieved significant success in the fight against corruption. It will intensify the fight against corruption, fraud and maladministration conducted by the members of the service. The IPID encounters many challenges, which includes amongst inadequate funding and resources. I have directed IPID and the SAPS Management to work very close in the execution of their mandates, this will allow the smooth functioning of both sectors thus allowing effective cooperation.

We hope in so doing that public confidence and moral will be restored thus, enhancing social partnership between the service and the communities. I want IPID to develop a mechanism to contribute towards corrective measures, and a quick resolution of cases.

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Chairperson, specific focus will be placed on the improvement of the wellness of our employees through the institutionalization of the department's newly approved employee fitness, health and wellness policies - I am sure you will recall "chest out, stomach in"? This will not change much, what I am looking for now is simple, chest out, stomach in and do the right thing. [Time expired.] Kodwa ngiyabuya. (But I will comeback.)

Mr F BEUKMAN: Hon House Chairperson; Minister of Police, hon Bheki Cele; Deputy Minister, hon Mkhongeni members of Cabinet; Deputy Ministers; MECs; hon members; the accounting officers of the SA Police Service, SAPS, the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, Ipid, Civilian Secretariat, and the Director of the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority, Psira; fellow South Africans, the Portfolio Committee on Police received briefings from the SAPS on their 2018-19 budget and performance plan on 17, 18 and 19 April 2018. The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, DPCI, briefed the committee on 18 April 2018. Briefings were also received from the Independent Police Investigation Directorate and the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service on 20 April 2018.

Civil society was invited to give input on the Budget Vote, and presentations were made by the SA Police Union, the Social Justice Coalition, the Institute for Security Studies and Corruption Watch.

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The reports dealing respectively with the three entities were adopted by the portfolio committee on Wednesday, 8 May 2018, and published in the Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, yesterday, on Monday, 14 May 2018.

In the findings and observations, the committee specifically focused on the need to make provision for an increase in the budget with respect to the promotions of SAPS members. The committee also resolved that the SAPS implement the recommendations of the National Development Plan, NDP, review the low targets in all five programmes, with special emphasis on trial-ready dockets and the investigations of serious crime.

Police safety was an important focus point - as the Minister indicated - with an urgent need to install CCTV cameras at all police stations, and that all frontline police officers be provided with body-worn cameras. The training of cybercrime specialists was highlighted, as well as the need for the DPCI to review its performance targets and focus exclusively on levels 4 and 5 of the criminal chain. The committee also recommended that the DPCI finalise their organisational structure and budget, and obtain the relevant technology to fulfil its mandate.

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In the case of the SAPS, 29 recommendations were made - in relation to IPID, 12, and in the case of the Civilian Secretariat, 18.

This year, we celebrate the centenary of the birth of President Nelson Mandela. In 1995, during the term of President Nelson Mandela, the SA Police Service came into being. The legal framework for policing was created by the SA Police Service Act of 1995. It was President Mandela who said the following on 15 October 1994 at Vosloorus at the Safety and Security Summit:

Every community in our country has a fundamental right to be free from fear. Each and every South African has the right to feel secure in their home, to feel safe in the cities, towns and rural areas. People should not fear the night. They must be able to travel to work, to school and other places without danger.

This past year, we have seen increases in the murder rate and serious crimes, and in the last few months, nearly daily occurrences of cash-in-transit robberies. This is totally unacceptable and the tide against trio crimes must be prioritised.

The SAPS received a main appropriation of R92 billion for this financial year; the Ipid, R315 million; and the Civilian Secretariat, R131 million. Like the previous financial year, the

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SAPS received the second largest individual Vote - 11,27% of the national budget is allocated to the police.

We start the new financial year with a new Minister of Police, the hon Bheki Cele, and permanently appointed National Commissioner of Police, Gen Sithole. That will contribute to leadership stability in the SAPS.

The ANC is of the firm view that value for money and good governance is key to ensure that the funds allocated to the police portfolio is spent to further excellent service delivery to the people of the Republic and improve the safety and security of all South Africans. This is the bottom line.

Resources should be prioritised toward the core function of policing, and tangible plans should be put in place to ensure that violent and contact crime is tackled head on. We support the further extension and deployment of more well-trained, specialised units to deal effectively with medium- to high-risk crime environments, and where communities are subjected to high crime incidence and the occurrence of violent crime. Strong command and control measures and well-defined protocols should be in place to ensure professional conduct of members, always.

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The accounting officers of the three entities in the police portfolio must ensure that the institutions under their stewardship obtain at the very least, an unqualified audit from the Auditor-General. Anything below this needs consequence management from the side of the executive authority, namely the Minister of Police. In this new financial year, consequence management – and the Minister also referred to this in his speech – must be instilled and practised to ensure that financial performance and budgetary controls contribute to an environment where the safety of all South Africans is enhanced.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, in his capacity as president of the ANC, said the following in the January 8 statement, this year, in East London:

Strong and efficient law-enforcement agencies are critical to the fight against corruption and crime, generally, and to the restoration of the integrity and legitimacy of the state. In this regard, the ANC is of the firm view that the country's intelligence services, the police and prosecutorial authorities should be strengthened and fortified to act with professionalism, and without fear, favour or prejudice. They should continue to be at the forefront of the fight against corruption and state

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capture, and work with communities to deal decisively with acts of criminality that threaten to tear communities apart.

The President of the Republic emphasised the strengthening of the police services and professionalism, but also the fight against corruption. Public trust in the police can only be improved if perceptions and actual police corruption are dealt with, decisively, and as a matter of priority. The Minister and the National Commissioner have the full support of the ANC to deal with corruption and criminality within the SAPS ranks. The Ipid must continue to focus as a matter of priority on matters of systemic corruption in the police service.

Last week, we saw that a former provincial commissioner and brigadiers were sentenced to custodial sentences with relation to corruption charges. The presiding judge, Justice Rosheni Allie, said the following in her judgement: "The courts must send a strong message that corruption won't be tolerated. Corruption in the police force cannot be tolerated."

The portfolio committee has recommended in the Budget report that the SAPS implement lifestyle audits on senior management with special emphasis on supply chain. The committee also recommended that the supply chain management ICT contract management should be

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audited by an independent forensic auditor with a view to minimising risks. Consequence management should be implemented as a matter of priority. We commend recent steps taken by law-enforcement units, especially the DPCI and Ipid for the arrests of corrupt police officials around the country. South Africans require a police service that can be trusted by the community, free of corrupt policemen and policewomen.

In the station of the nation address, President Ramaphosa indicated that, in view of the skewed resource allocation of policing resources at stations in poorer areas, the police will reallocate policing resources at station level. Shifting crime trends, demographic changes, new developments and migration necessitates a real-time response by police management to the shifting of police resources. Police resources must be optimally deployed to those communities who bear the brunt of violent crime.

More important, is the quality of leadership at station and cluster level. Consequence management should follow weak and poor performance. We want to call again on the National Commissioner to rotate station commanders, especially in gang-affected areas and other high-risk units, to ensure that integrity of command and control is not compromised by third-party interest. From an

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operational point of view, the following directive from the NDP should apply and I quote from page 391:

Deploy officers per crime patterns and trends. Officers should be available outside office hours to direct operations, investigate crime and supervise staff. Office hours should not apply to policing; senior staff should always be available to resolve crime matters with speed and efficiency.

Crime patterns in all countries around the world tend to change with technology, new innovations, sociopolitical developments and migration patterns. Intelligence-led policing is the gateway to deal proactively with crime threats and crime syndicates. The success in the turnaround strategy of the crime intelligence lies in the quality of leadership, integrity of members and commitment to the upholding of the constitutional order and output to ensure actionable intelligence-led policing.

Research and development, as well as international co-operation with other police agencies, is key. Co-operation on knowledge management and technology with Interpol and other international partners should be intensified. The shocking attack on a mosque last week, in Verulam in KwaZulu-Natal, is an example of a new crime and intelligence threat that should be thoroughly investigated and

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evaluated. The role of crime intelligence to gather reliable information, to analyse and interpret new threats cannot be underestimated in the days and months that lie ahead.

Afrikaans:

Die sterftes van jong, onskuldige kinders op die Kaapse Vlakte weens bendegegeweld – grootliks in kruisvuur tussen misdadigers met onwettige vuurwapens – is inderdaad 'n nasionale tragedie. Die stories van jong kinders wat buite speel en deur 'n opslagkoeël getref word, wat na 'n huiswinkel loop en onverhoeds in 'n vuurgeveg beland, of in die voorkamer van 'n huis deur 'n dwaalkoeël getref word, of wat selfs in 'n skoolklaskamer beseer of gedood word vertel 'n verhaal van 'n deel van Suid-Afrika waar kinderlewens nie sinoniem is met die Nasionale Ontwikkelings Plan: Visie 2030 wat voorsien dat kinders veilig buite kan speel nie. Baie meer moet gedoen word om die kwessie van onwettige vuurwapens hok te slaan. Ons verwelkom die stappe aangekondig deur die Minister.

English:

However, Minister, it also means more resources to the DPCI's specialised unit focusing on illegal fire-arms; more projects and network operations initiated by crime intelligence dealing with gun smuggling by criminal syndicates; stricter control measures with regard to SAPS stores, stations and the arms supply of the

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SA National Defence Force; closer co-operation with other SADC countries with regard to the proliferation and inflow of high-calibre automatic firearms in the region; a full-scale review of the turnaround strategy of the Firearms Control Register, FCR, and a forensic audit of high-risk areas in the licensing of firearms, as well as permits and authorisations.

The full implementation of the NDP recommendations with regard to policing should be at the top of the agenda in this financial year. We want to repeat what we said in last year's debate. Many of the matters that are in the public domain about the management and competing mandates of institutions ... The ANC supports the Budget Vote. Thank you very much. [Time expired.]

Mr Z N MBHELE: Chairperson, at the outset, let me say that I agree wholeheartedly with the Minister's call to turn the country blue. He mustn't worry because the blue wave of the DA is indeed coming to wash over this land. [Applause.] Chairperson, in a previous budget debate, I made the statement that policing is about people. This year I wish to make a statement on what policing is not about. Policing is not, in the main, about the mere fact of budget and resources, despite our purpose today being a Budget Vote. But rather, policing and any hope of improving its performance to reduce crime, is about the management of budget and resources.

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By way of illustration between 2002 and 2012, the SAPS grew by about 68 000 posts and the SAPS budget increased by 50% since 2012 to R87 billion in 2017. Despite these increases, the murder rate increased by 13% since 2012 and the number of armed robberies reported to the police rose by 31%.

Therefore, the problem isn't a lack of resources – the problem, to quote the Institute for Security Studies, "is incompetence and dishonesty at the highest levels of policing which have profoundly weakened the ability of the country's crime-fighting institutions to tackle corruption and violent and organised crime".

So, in its own inadvertent way, the SAPS has seemingly aided in the search for an answer to an age-old question by providing evidence that size, in fact, does not matter.

Under different circumstances, the DA would have lamented the budget baseline reductions and resultant post establishment cuts over the Medium Term Strategic Framework, MTSF, period. But given past experience, we know that more money has not seen things get better, so perhaps fiscal austerity, in exacerbating and making stark the state of crisis that the police service is in, might force key reforms to be made that improve its management and ultimately performance.

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So, what are the key reforms that are required to ensure an effective and efficient police service that actually reduces crime to foster safe streets and safe homes? The DA believes that three key pillars of police reform are required, which we would implement when a DA-led national government is elected.

The first pillar is one already championed by the National Development Plan, namely that of professionalisation. Like the medical field and education, policing should be treated as a profession and indeed a vocation of public service, not just another job or simple occupation. In many jurisdictions around the world, one needs to attain a professional qualification before beginning active service in the police and this was one of the key lessons from the Portfolio Committee's study trip to the People's Republic of China in October last year. One hopes that the crop of trainees and cadets attending here today would be the first wave of that new quality professional police service

In practice, the entrenchment of a culture of professional service in the police is the same as the foundation of any good organisational culture, merit-based appointment and promotion, proportionate rewards for excellence and innovation, and strong accountability enforcement for underperformance and misconduct. The

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Minister does speak to some of these and we want to see those words translate into action.

Now, essential for the former will be the establishment of the NDP proposed National Policing Board and, crucial for the latter, will be the adequate resourcing and independence of accountability mechanisms, primarily the Independent Police investigative Directorate or the Ipid.

The second pillar is localisation. A DA-led national government would localise budget and management authority away from national and provincial levels to cluster and station levels in order to empower police closer to the ground to devise and implement policing strategies that are responsive to their local contexts and customised to local crime trends. In addition, this would enable them to convene local safety partnerships that leverage the resources of other safety stakeholders for force multiplier effects.

Centralisation has been shown repeatedly not to work and a case in point is the shambles that is the SAPS garages. Why should a not be able to undertake simple repairs and replacements itself directly, of course, within appropriate financial controls, so that getting new brake pads can be done in three days tops, as opposed to the currently more common three weeks or even three months?

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Finally, the third pillar is specialisation. The SAPS to date has had a schizophrenic approach to this, on one hand, re-establishing specialised units like the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences or FCS units after it became abundantly clear that their disbandment for the terrible mistake but, on the other hand, still dithering on the establishment of Anti-Gang units for the Western Cape.

Without dedicated and sustained capacity, underpinned by expert knowledge and investigative experience, being a key thrust to drive intelligence-led, smart policing, we will never crack the conundrum of rising, violent and organised crime in this country.

Fundamental problem we face as a country in effectively tackling and reducing crime is a lack of political will within the ANC national government to do the things that are required to turn the police service around and make it an effective crime-fighting organisation.

If the ANC remains in government, the chronic crisis of understaffing and under-resourcing at station level will continue, our Crime Intelligence will remain in crisis and the over-burdened Detective Services will continue to operate in distress.

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The only solutions to these problems is for the ANC to be voted out of power and for a new national government to be installed that brings total change and a new beginning instead of a false dawn and will have the political will to fix the fundamentals in the police. I thank you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Mr S P MHLONGO: The breakthrough in Glebelands Hostel has proven beyond doubt that intelligence driven investigations are a way to go in breaking syndicates and organised crime in our country. The same methodology can be applied in ensuring that criminal underworld created by Zuma administration is abolished and clear blueprint must be put in place to recover tax payers' money looted during this reign of helix of evil.

The road ahead cannot be easy, Mr Minister, as corruption has reached proportions of complicated spider web which inflicted paralysis almost in all state organs thus creating culture of corruption within the state and society at large. This requires a great new beginning at both political and management level of SA Police Service. Stability in the command and control is of prime importance as discipline in the service plays a key role.

As EFF, we welcome the decision by the new Minister of Police that of recommending upward movement of over 40 000 police officers who

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have been overlooked for promotions because of their non connectedness politically, and this has adversely affected morale of the SA Police Service in its entirety. We accept this great move and hope Parliament will endorse it for implementation in two phases. That is 2018-19 budget cycle and 2019-20 financial years.

Hon Chairperson, our specialised units can be put in best action if and only if we ensure that through you Mr Minister and the Minister of Trade and Industry as well as the Minister of State Enterprises. We actually draw from the strength of Armaments Corporation of South Africa, Armscor, to ensure that they transfer skills to Denel in order to ensure that Nyalas are actually repaired in time and replacement of most required services as recommended by Judge Farlam are actually put at disposal, particularly of public order.

Most of our detective services comprises of young people which is of course a good strength, however, institutional memory has been lost due to exodus of old experienced officers. Extensive training and retention strategy is required here, Mr Minister.

On the issue of Crime Intelligence Service, Mr Minister, moving from the experience in the recent past of the scandal of Captain KGB, it means that the new general appointed must apply deforestation and forestation in order to ensure that you know exactly who is in the

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zoo within the Crime Intelligence Service. Otherwise, you will be operating with criminal syndicate that will actually inflict damage to the whole programme of fighting crime because this must be ears and eyes of the state.

The Ipid unit stood by the nation during difficult times and refused to surrender before the masters of helix of evil under Zuma era. The unit remains underfunded with limited personnel, yet dealing with powerful syndicates within and outside SA Police Service. It is the duty of this House to plead with Treasury to put more resources at the disposal of this unit.

Madam Chairperson, the angel of darkness has been thrown to KwaZulu-Natal. Every person who actually is a victim and against the law that person will be seen in corruption marches, supporting corruption. At the end of the day, innocent lives are lost because KwaZulu-Natal has become a paradise of anarchy. We cannot leave this as a duty of the SA Police Service only.

We have a premier who is the head of government, supporting corruption marches instead of defending the Constitution. We must condemn this. We must actually say that for us to deal with the killings in KwaZulu-Natal, that province must be attended to with speed. Thank you very much.

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Mr E M BUTHELEZI: Hon Chairperson, the SAPS has a very clear responsibility to prevent, combat and investigate crime; maintain public order; protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property; and uphold and enforce the law, to name but a few.

However, for far too long have South Africans endured the heinous crimes that are committed on a daily basis against them. Murder, rape, sexual assaults, house breaking, business burglary, car theft, hijackings etc, are on the rise.

When one holistically looks at crime in our country, our communities are living in fear, our farmers and farmworkers are being killed, livestock theft is on the rise, drug related crimes are becoming more and more prevalent and our women and children no longer feel safe.

The issue of safety and security goes beyond the safety of our citizens as it forms the basis for economic development and growth in our country. A safe and secure country will see a boost in local and international investment opportunities because investors always choose to invest in a country that is safe and free from violence and looting.

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What is noted is that safety in South Africa appears only to be for the few, the wealthy and the elite as they are able to afford private security, yet, our poor and vulnerable communities are exposed to high levels of violent crimes.

The above mentioned on its own, highlights the challenges and shortfalls of the SAPS in delivering on its core mandate. If citizens are forced to dig deep into their pockets for their own safety that is the biggest challenge that we face as a country.

Yes, crime is down by 1,8% in South Africa, but even the police agree that the country just doesn't feel any safer, according to the latest SAPS crime statistics. Former Minister, hon Mbalula, admitted last year in a broadcast and said: "We have a 1,8% drop in crime, I do not feel it, and our people do not feel it, and they are correct." This on its own shows how far we are from achieving a steady percentage decline in crime.

The IFP hopes that the new Minister, hon Cele, this time around, will be able to make a significant impact in reducing crime. We have also seen that talking tough on crime does not change anything; it is only tough action that will be able to see us reducing crime in our country.

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Chairperson, with regards to the IPID, in March this year, executive director, McBride, told this House that there are huge challenges within the department itself, including the lack of security clearance for senior crime intelligence officers.

The worst part of it all is the involvement of the SAPS officers and those in higher positions, who are involved in criminal activities and crime syndicates, which pose a serious threat to our national security.

A case in point was the statement made by McBride when he said: "Police were preoccupied with stealing, and not fighting crime. This is not something we should accept as a Republic."

Chairperson, for our country to respond positively to the call by our President, Cyril Ramaphosa, as he said in his state of the nation address: "Thuma Mina"[Send me]; this department fundamentally serves in the interest of ensuring that the ideals of a new dawn is achievable, by ensuring that our country is safe and prosperous. The IFP supports this budget. I wish to commend the Minister when he said; he will soon be introducing Operation Thunder. I only hope, Ndosini, that there won't be any lightning conductors within your department, so that when it thunders, the lightning must strike a person. Thank you. [Applause.]

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Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Chairperson, all I have been listening to here is complaints with on solutions. What is worse is that the complaints are coming from people who have enough complaints about them right now. They are actually in a crisis but they are talking about the government complaints anyway.

The NFP supports the report of the SAPS and the IPID tabled here today. The matter of concern, however, is the issue of value for money. Whilst budgets are allocated, the challenge we face is that repeatedly year in, year out, we seem to find that the department seems to be funny in terms of spending the money accordingly and providing the services that are required.

The emphasis for me should not be on the money but on the service that we provide because policing is about serving the people, protecting them and creating ...

Chairperson, allow me on behalf of the nation, to apologise to the families of Karabo Mokoena and Zolile Khumalo, deprived of life and murdered callously by criminals Sandile Mantsoe and Thabani Mzolo – Mzolo who is a current member of the IFP and the former chairperson of SADESMO, the student wing of IFP, having used an unlicensed firearm to gun down this beautiful girl. [Interjections.]

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Mr M HLENGWA: On a point of order!

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Chairperson ... [Interjections.]

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L Mashile): Hon Shaik, just hold on a second!

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Yes

Mr M HLENGWA: Hon Chairperson, I rise in terms of Rule 85. The member must not mislead the House. He knows that very well. Quiet frankly, I think it is reckless and irresponsible for an hon member on such a serious matter to try and steal a political point over the blood of people. Its cheap politics and you know ... [Inaudible.] Actually, it bordered on stupidity.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chairperson!

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L Mashile): Take your seat hon member!
Hon member, you may proceed!

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Chairperson and Minister, one of the problems we seem to be having is intelligence. You could see very clearly what is happening in the Western Cape right now. What happened pre

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1994 and let me reiterate, what happened pre 1994 by the apartheid regime, which created black on black violence is now being started in the Western Cape by the DA government - creating division between the coloureds and the blacks communities. I want the SAPS to be mindful of that as there is going to be a lot of pressure on the SAPS to deal with matters of this nature.

Hon Chairperson and Minister let me also talk about the issue of the SANDF, which is supposed to have come and provide assistance to deal with the issues of gangsterism and drug related cases, specifically in the Western Cape. We all know that this is a crisis that has been going on year after year and very little or nothing seems to be happening.

It is our view that one of the ways of resolving this is by bringing in the Defence Force, not to work in silos but to work together with the SAPS, to give them the necessary support because what police have repeatedly told us in all the stations that we visited that they know who the criminals are, they know who the drug dealers are and they know who the gangsters are. What they need is that added support to be able to go out there and eradicate them once and for all.

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The other challenge that we have is the issues of the borders and the airports with regards to how drugs come through. I don't think we are effective enough on those areas.

With regards to policing when it comes to the issue of car theft, motor vehicle theft, car hijacking, it is as a result of there being a market for it. Why there is market for it, is because the licensing department ... the roadworthy centres are all working, hon Minister, in collusion and being able to create this market. So, we need to deal with this matter hands-on. [Interjections.]

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L Mashile): Order, hon members. Hon Shaik, just hold on a second, please. Hon members please don't drown the speaker. We have invited guests. Thank you very much. Hon members, order! You may proceed.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Chair, guns are becoming a major problem in South Africa. As the NFP, we are once again calling for the creation of a gun free society. I think we will go a long way if we do that because a lot of the crime that's being perpetrated is by use of a gun. I think we have lost control with regards to gun ownership in South Africa. We are calling upon for a gun free South Africa.

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The other thing is the limited powers on the SAPS – our men in blue. We have a problem because IPID is on their backs, they cannot effectively deal with the criminals. We are saying shoot the criminals with the contempt they deserve, if you don't do that they are going to come back and shoot at you. The NFP supports the Budget Vote tabled here. [Time expired.]

AN HON MEMBER: The point I am rising on is that it is unparliamentary that hon Hlengwa threatened hon Shaik Emam that he shouldn't pass there. Now, this is a serious threat and therefore, I want to suggest that we call the police to attend hon Hlengwa as a matter of urgency. [Applause.]

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L Mashile): Hon members. Let's try and provide a situation where our guests can listen to what the speakers are saying. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE: Chairperson, Minister of Police hon Bheki Cele, Ministers and Deputy Ministers present here today, the leadership of the police, the guests that are here to grace this important event, I rise before this House today with pain and a heavy heart that in today's day and age our country continues to bury its own children, especially a girl child. I am asking myself many questions. What kind of a nation celebrates the death of its

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own children? The Republic of South Africa is not a burial society for its own children so something should be done to defend our girls.

This year marks the first anniversary of the brutal murder of Lwando Mantshontsho of Walter Sisulu University in the Eastern Cape who died on the 12 May 2017 when he was killed he had only five months left to graduate as a medical doctor. So recently on the 1 May 2018 another student, Zolile Khumalo, a Mangosuthu University of Technology student was brutally killed by one isishumane [a bachelor but with the connotation that the man is afraid of women]. This was followed by the ruthless death of Katlego Joja, a 10 year old child. I repeat, we cannot continue along this path, we need to do something. Our country is under siege and our girls are under siege in the dirty hands of isishumane [a bachelor but with the connotation that the man is afraid of women].

In our own townships, universities and university of technologies something needs to be done urgently. With this budget of this year we will deliver in our effort to ensure greater safety on our campuses and schools. These incidents of the brutal killings of our children and students at institutions of higher learning needs to be dealt with. On Friday 11 May 2018, together with Minister Cele we officially launched the campus safety program in the Tshwane

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University of Technology. Going forward, we would embark on the road shows to all institutions of higher learning in the Republic of South Africa with the aim of having campus safety dialogue.

In the same vain, we have partnered with the Ministries of Basic Education, Higher Education and Training and Social Development to re-organise the failed school safety summit that was supposed to be in 2017. Part of this safety school summit is to review the current school safety initiative, for example, we need to take action against the continued death of our children in pits toilets, especially in rural areas. Therefore, the school safety programmes would include amongst others, health and road safety.

Former President Nelson Mandela once said, a country that does not take care of its children, women, and the elderly has no future. We are dedicating this budget in honour of women, children, and the disabled and other vulnerable groups in our own country. While we understand and feel the pain and suffering, we need to join all our efforts to defend the vulnerable, the weak and the threatened in our own ranks.

Our budget is a budget dedicated to women, children and the vulnerable. We are calling for zero tolerance towards violence against women and children, elderly people and other vulnerable

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groups as we continue to receive disturbing news of the killing of young women and students. As men across all society and sectors we should stand up and say to the nation; any man who is abusing a woman or a girl child is not part of us and must face the full might of the law.

Hon members, in this year of the centenary of our stalwarts Mama Sisulu and Tata Mandela, we stand before you to present this budget. As we reflect on the lives of them and other leaders, we commit ourselves in ensuring that what they stood for is realized during our lifetime. The new budget here will see us continuing our commitment to address the plight of those members from the former non-statutory forces who have been routinely and systematically denied access and opportunities within integrated police service.

The conditions of service and the readiness and capacity of the uniform cops and detective services would traditionally are non-commissioned officers and the state of crime intelligence would be overhauled. This has seen us engaging these components and began the process of studying developments inside and outside the police and realising the fact that the world is changing fast and answers the question of what that means for the police matters in this particular country.

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It is in this regard that we must acknowledge that the South African Police Service is a youthful institution. This means in essence that South African Police Service is an agile organisation and not a fragile one. Our office has been engaging the youth within the South African Police Service and separately within our own community with a view of listening to their needs and development opportunities and challenges that they are facing inside the South African Police Service.

We need to give our undivided support to these young people in the police service that are at the cold face of crime. It is my considered believe that crime is on our streets and not in the offices. Therefore, it is necessary to provide all matter of support to these young officers including promotions and their academic training and mobility. Some of them are here today there at the back. Those are our students that are in our colleges so we need to focus on them because South African Police Service is an agile organisation of running people - not a fragile organisation of old people. So we need to take care of those youngsters.

We are of the firm believe that the South African Police Service structure is huge and top heavy and addressing these and other structural changes calls for a deliberate and considered intervention. We are therefore going to take a review of the youth

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crime prevention strategy to this particular House this year. This strategy would respond to challenges that are facing young people across the country.

Our engagement with communities across the country with the aim of listening and understanding their experiences, expectations and challenges have revealed that we cannot wait for professional and effecting policing services to be delivered to the most vulnerable, threatened and the marginalised. Thus in the mean time we urgently need our best people at station level to enable, facilitate and leading on the delivery of essential policing services which should see us redeploying our senior police to the community service centres.

In engaging in this and other rural and urban areas, we are securing our work with the community policing forum, community safety forum and campus liaising forums. The aim of the latter is to take partnership with various stakeholders with the intention of addressing crime and violence at our colleges and everywhere. We will launch and nationalise Masibambane Campaign this year. We are taking it from comrade Ramatlakane when he was the MEC. We are nationalising and operationalizing at a national level. Your child is your child campaign.

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We also call upon all South Africans to take good care of the police. On our part we have started the negotiations with private physical training institutions to assist in ensuring that health and fitness centres are accessible to the police and that they are innovative and structured programmes to enhance the fitness level of all the police officers.

Lastly, we also visited some of the barracks or living quarters of members and the conditions of some of these are horrific. We call upon the relevant government departments and private sector institutions to be open and to provide accommodation to the police. We are saying that senior members of the police must go out of these barracks. They are getting enough salaries and they can buy their own houses. We must give these barracks to those young people who need them, who are staying in shacks and are vulnerable. They don't have enough money to pay for their own houses. So Minister, we must take the issue of taking all senior officers from barracks, they must buy their own houses. I thank you very much. [Applause.]

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Hon Chairperson, I want to start by thanking all the members of the South African Police Service, men and women who work hard, who are dedicated to their jobs, who have to face dangerous situations to save the people of South Africa. We thank you for what you are doing to make South Africa a better place.

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I give a special word of thanks to about 5 500 members who are part of the Public Order Policing unit. Those people had to handle, according to figures given in the portfolio committee, 14 374 incidents of violence and protests. Thank you. I saw in North West, they are working long hours, getting tired, but they still have to be the barrier between an incompetent government and the people to ensure their safety.

Minister, you will have to speak very urgently to your government because to their poor governance. I can understand that people can get unhappy with the ANC governance - I will also - but the police have to be that barrier.

Afrikaans:

Vanaf 1999 is die VF Plus op rekord waar ons gesê dat die Kommissaris van Polisie nie 'n politieke aanstelling kan wees nie. Dit moet 'n ervare, kundige persoon uit die geledere van die polisie wees. Ons het dit nou. Generaal Sithole is ervare, kundig en hy het ander kundige lede aangestel. Agb Minister, uself was vir 'n paar jaar 'n Kommissaris van Polisie. So, as Minister, weet u wat die uitdagings van die polisie is.

Minister, ek plaas dit op rekord dat ek nie meer verskonings soek dat daar nie kundigheid is om misdaad in Suid-Afrika te bestry nie.

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U het die kundigheid, u het die mense. Ons gee u 'n billike kans om die misdaad in Suid-Afrika behoorlik te bestry.

Dis 'n skande as 'n mens vanoggend na die media moet luister en hoor van 'n adjudant-offisier wat nogal in die gespesialiseerde eenheid van georganiseerde misdaad van 'n elite eenheid soos die Volke gearresteer word, en dit gevind word dat dit blyk te wees dat hy die meesterbrein agter transito-rooftogte en ander rooftogte is.

Dit is die kanker wat hierdie ander lede van die Polisie wat hard werk, deel van daardie korps, ook besoedel. Ek wil 'n beroep op u doen dat u daadwerklik sal moet optree.

Laastens, dankie vir die syfers oor plaasmoorde. Ek verwelkom dit. Ek sal graag met u in gesprek wil tree, sodat ons dit meer kan verfyn. Natuurlik is daar verskille oor die presiese getal, maar vir die afgelope aantal drie jare was daar 'n toename in aanvalle en ons sal spesifiek moet gaan kyk na statistiek oor die slagoffers van plaasaanvalle. Dis mense wat vermink is en wat wreed aangerand is. Daar was gepoog om hulle te vermoor en hulle dra die letsels en moet voortgaan met hulle lewens. Ons moet 'n behoorlike statistiek kry.

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Only if you know the real situation, you can address the problem. There is no bigger enemy than denial. [Time expired.] So, I would like to engage with you further on that matter. I thank you.

Ms M P MMOLA: Hon Chairperson, hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers, hon members, officials of the Department of Police, distinguished guests and fellow South Africans, crime has always been an area of concern for the ANC. The ANC's 2014 election manifesto is committed to the promotion of safer communities and giving special attention to fighting crime. The ANC noted in its 2012 strategy and tactics that there should be promotion of social cohesion and that there should also be a deliberate collective action to promote a positive role by members of society in promoting a culture of a zero crime rate. The ANC-led government has consolidated partnerships across society to strengthen social cohesion and ensure that our country achieves its value of a caring society.

The Civilian Secretariat for Police Service is established in terms of section 208 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. For many years, it was incorporated into the South African Police Service, which constrained the entity from fulfilling its role of civilian oversight of the police, until the promulgation of the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service Act of 2011, which resulted in this entity being established as a department in April 2014.

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The Civilian Secretariat has since its establishment as a department developed a number of policies and strategies, conducted research, monitoring and evaluations to improve policing and safety in the country.

All these are worthless if it is ignored by SAPS. We believe that, with enough resources, the Civilian Secretariat will be of great support in the transformation of the South African Police Service.

In the two decades since the transition to democracy and the establishment of a democratic police service, South Africa continues to experience an alarmingly high rate of crime, particularly violent crime.

Violence against vulnerable and marginalised groups remains stubbornly high, compromising the ability of these individuals to play an active role in their communities and society at large. SAPS continues to ensure that barriers to reporting cases of rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence are sufficiently addressed, to report and minimise secondary victimisation.

The Policy on Reducing Barriers to Reporting Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences developed by the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service is a Ministerial directive that must be implemented by SAPS,

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to deal with this scourge. If implemented diligently, we believe it will bring confidence and trust in the police by the most vulnerable members of our community. The Civilian Secretariat must monitor the implementation of this policy.

Seemingly intractable challenges such as gangsterism, drugs and alcohol abuse underpinned by increasingly sophisticated and violent organised criminal enterprises have resulted in our communities being mired in a cycle of violence and trauma. Our people rejoiced when Cabinet announced the approval of the National Anti-Gangsterism Strategy in 2016, but to date the impact of the implementation of this strategy is not felt by the communities, who on a daily basis, experience pain and suffering due to gang violence and the effect of drugs.

The 2016 White Paper on Policing provides appropriate policy frameworks for achieving these goals. The White Paper on Policing provides a focused emphasis on areas of responsibilities of SAPS, which deals with a professional, modern and demilitarised police service, which is community-centred, accountable and human rights-based. Moreover, it highlights the importance of regular, independent civilian oversight of the police to foster openness, transparency and accountability. The regular scrutiny of police conduct and performance is a cornerstone of democratic policing, and

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thus, every effort should be made to strengthen the role of the independent investigative directorate and Civilian Secretariat in holding the Police Service accountable.

The directorate exercises its functions in accordance with the IPID Act, independently from the SAPS and the Municipal Police Services, MPS. The trust of the work of the directorate is to investigate serious and priority crimes, allegedly committed by members of the SAPS and MPS. This includes a greater focus on systemic corruption.

The IPID Act enhances the directorate's investigative capacity and creates an opportunity for a strong, independent oversight body, which will contribute to the achievement of a police service that operates in line with the spirit of the Constitution.

The IPID's ultimate goal is to contribute towards the achievement of Vision 2030, as outlined in the National Development Plan which is that, people living in South Africa feel safe and enjoy a community life free of fear. A police service which is trusted by the community means the building of a police service that is professional, serves the community, safeguards lives and property without discrimination and respects the right to equity and justice.

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The IPID's strong management and skilled investigators contribute towards the realisation of the IPID's strategic outcome-oriented goals, identified for 2013-18 strategic planning period. The other factors that will contribute positively towards the realisation of these goals are powers bestowed upon IPID investigators as officers provided for in the Criminal Procedures Act 51 of 1977.

The current lack in human resource capacity and the high staff turnover pose a significant threat to the fulfilment of the directorate's legislative mandate and consequently, the achievement of its strategic outcomes and goals. The mandatory reporting and investigation of serious and priority crimes allegedly committed by members of the SAPS and the MPS has resulted in an increased work load for the directorate.

In order to address the aforesaid pressures and to ensure that the IPID fully complies with its legislative mandate and added reporting responsibilities, additional resources will have to be sourced over the 2018 to 2023 period. The current economic climate and the allocation of funding might bring about additional challenges in this regard. Nevertheless, the directorate is committed to delivering on its legislative mandate, in order to contribute towards the achievement of the ultimate outcome, namely, a police service that is trusted by the community.

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The Department of Police is the backbone of the developmental state we are building and it a pillar of the provision of safety and security. The adoption of this year's Budget is within the context of prevailing difficult local and global economic conditions. It is in this context that we, as the ANC-led government, unwaveringly, support the Budget, as it is presented. We are of the firm view that it addresses the main spirit of what we believe to be at the centre of the transformation our Police Service. I thank you. [Applause.]

The ACTING CHAIPERSON (Mr B L Mashile): Hon members, I have not been informed about the whereabouts of hon Madisha. I therefore call upon hon Meshoe. Order!

Rev K R J MESHOE: Chairperson, I stand on behalf of the ACDP to support this budget, and to also congratulate and thank all the police who are doing their job diligently and with unwavering commitment. As the ACDP, we welcome the Minister's statement that a key priority for 2018-19 would be the implementation of direct measures to restore the community's trust. The SAPS must ensure that it adheres to high ethical and professional standards in meeting the service delivery needs and that they investigate all allegations of corruption, especially within its senior leadership.

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We note with concern that investigations by Ipid against senior police officers implicated in systemic corruption, were being hampered. Investigative authorities such as Ipid and other police officials that might be intimidated from doing their jobs in eradicating rotten apples from these institutions must receive greater protection. To this end, we welcome the additional allocation of R20 million by National Treasury to Ipid to pursue and complete its investigations.

Chairperson, not enough – we believe – is being done to ensure that there is an increase of visible policing on our streets. While 51% of the SAPS budget is apportioned to visible policing, we do not believe it is enough to significantly decrease high levels of crime. Furthermore, the reported reduction of some 3 000 personnel over the medium-term budget period will have serious consequences for the police stations at local level, as there is already serious staffing shortfalls.

While the ACDP welcomes gains made in reducing certain categories of crime, we are nevertheless concerned that contact crimes have increased by 1,9%. The triple crimes of robbery with aggravating circumstances which include car hijacking, house and business robberies have also increased. Police must act swiftly to address car hijackings. Besides endangering the lives of the victims, car

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hijackings also impact negatively on our economy. It is very sad to note that even tourists, who contribute to our economy, are not spared.

Yesterday, there was another report of tourists hijacked on their way to King Shaka International Airport. When tourists who were hijacked in our country report back on their bad experiences in their home countries, it further tarnishes our country's image as an investor-friendly country and obviously, this deters both visitors and future investors.

The President has appointed envoys to visit countries which have the capacity to invest in our country because we need jobs to grow our economy. However, these hijackings targeted at tourists in particular from our airports, are undermining such efforts. Robbery at residential places has also increased by 7,3%. This exposes residents to the risk of violent attacks while their homes are being searched and robbed. Our homes should be places of safety. If we are not safe in our homes, then where in the country will we be safe?

Criminals in our country have become more daring that they even attack and rob police stations. This is why the ACDP supports proposals that all police stations be better equipped with CCTV cameras and body cameras for frontline service personnel.

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The ACDP notes with concern that there has been an increase in the murders of members of metropolitan and municipal police services, particularly in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal. In February, five police officers and a SANDF soldier were killed in Engcobo, Eastern Cape. Thank you. [Time expired.]

Setswana:

Moh M A MOLEBATSI: Motl Modulasetilo, Ditona le Batlatsaditona, badiri mmogo le nna ba ba tlotlegang, maloko a Sephodisa sa Afrika Borwa le makala a otlhe, bagaetsho botlhe ko gae, ntetleng ke lo dumediseng mo tshokologong ya letsatsi.

Puo ya me e tla itshetlega mo mafokising, DPCI kgotsa Hawks le botlhodi jwa bosenyi. Mo dingwageng di le mmalwa re tlisitse diphetogo mo lefapheng. Go nnile le Mokomishenara wa Bosetšhaba wa leruri le Tlhogo ya Botlhodi jwa Bosenyi. Seno se tla tlisa botsitso mo boeteledingpele jwa sephodisa.

English:

As the ANC we urge Minister Bheki Cele to expedite the appointment of a permanent national Head of the Hawks; someone with unwavering integrity, and steadfast loyalty to our Constitution. We cannot afford to compromise the independence of the specialised unit. The

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Hawks must act without fear or favour and need support when going up against seeming giants.

What is encouraging is that the Hawks are not flying up there anymore; they are now here. On 20 December 2017, Hawks nabbed two of their own and a cop for R1 million armed robbery. On 01 February 2018 a syndicate on VAT scam was arrested by the Hawks in Durban and Pretoria, where R99 million was recovered.

On 24 April 2018, Gauteng Hawks arrested five security company workers for cash-in-transit with the value of R30 million. On 25 April 2018, the Hawks in the Free State conducted a search and seizure operation at the Free State Gambling, Liquor and Tourism Board offices in Bloemfontein. On 09 May 2018 the Hawks arrested 12 suspects for allegedly operating illegal gold processing laboratories at Mapuve Village in Limpopo. Yes, the Hawks are flying here.

Setswana:

Moporesitente wa naga ya rona, Moporesitente Matamela Ramaphosa, fa a ne a bula Palamente monogwaga o ne a re...

English:

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This is the year in which we will turn the tide of corruption in our public institutions.

Afrikaans:

Die debat in die openbare domein word gekenmerk deur ernstige bewerings van korrupsie in die kontrakbestuur en aankope afdeling van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie diens. Die Valke moet hulle werksverhouding met die Onafhanklike Polisie-Ondersoekdirektoraat versterk ten einde korrupsie in die geleedere van die polisie hok te slaan.

English:

The newly-appointed Divisional Commissioner for Crime Intelligence has a mammoth task ahead. The ANC is optimistic that he will ride the ship that has been listed for more than six years. The ANC wishes General Jacobs well in his pursuit to lift crime intelligence in fulfilling its mandate and truly becoming the foundation of effective intelligence-led policing. The ANC urges the detectives to increase their performance targets especially for property related crimes. Not all our people can afford expensive insurance to replace stolen goods.

Setswana:

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Dikgolegelo tsa rona di tletse e bile di a phophoma ka disenyi mme ga ba ikisa, ba tshwerwe ke maphodisa mme re akgola maphodisa a rona. Ka jalo, seno se re "sedikwa ke ntšapedi ga se thata." A mowa wa *thuma mina* wa ga Moporesitente Ramaphosa o re tsene mme re thusane le maphodisa a rona.

Selo se sengwe se se re tshwenyang re le ANC ke dipolao tsa basadi le bana. Fa Moporesitente a ne a re *thuma mina*, o ne raya gore basadi le bana ba tshwanetse ba sireletswe mme ba tsamaye ba phuthologile go ya ka tokomane ya NDP, Kgaolo 12.

Basadi le bana ba ba bolailweng setlhogo ... mme re le ANC re a re malapa a gomotsege. Go tloga ka Ferikgong 2017 go setse go bolailwe basadi ba le 22 mo Kapa Bophirima.

Ka 15 Motsheganong 2018 go ne ga bonwa mmele wa mosetsana wa dingwaga di le 15 o o fisitsweng, kwa Jouberton, Bokone Bophirima.

Ka 9 Motsheganong 2018, Saudi Umar, ngwana wa dingwaga di le 5, o ne a betelelwa le go bolawa kwa Delft, Motse Kapa.

Ka 7 Motsheganong 2018, lesea la dikgwedi di le thataro, Bonolo, o ne a bolawa ke rragwe ka go mo ratha ka selepe, ko Limpopo.

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Ka 1 Motsheganong, Zolile Khumalo, o ne a thuntsha a bo a shwa mo yunibesithing ya kwa KwaZulu-Natal.

Ka 28 Motsheganong 2017, yo mongwe yo o bolailweng setlhogo ke Karabo Mokoena kwa Gauteng; mokapelo wa gagwe, Sandile Mantswe, o ne a golegwa dingwaga di le 32. Re le ANC re akgola Mokapotene Malefetsane Philip Radebe le setlhopha sa gagwe, bao ba neng ba tshwere kgetsi eno ya ga Karabo Mokoena; re lebogela matsetseleko a bona.

Mo ngwagengkgolo ono wa Moporesitente wa ntlha wa Temokerasi, Moporesitente Mandela le Mme Albertina Sisulu, re a re dilo tseno ga di batlege.

English:

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Haibo, please! I am a member here and I have rights.

The ACTING CHAIPERSON (Mr B L Mashile): Why are you rising?

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chair, on a point of order: Is it parliamentary to say there's a Capricorn in KwaZulu-Natal instead of Limpopo?

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The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L Mashile): That is not a point of order. Take your seat. Thank you very much.

Afrikaans:

Me M A MOLEBATSI: Die ANC ondersteun hierdie begroting. Ek bedank u.

Ms D KOHLER: Colleagues, if you imagined that finally ridding the Saps of crooked and criminal crime intelligence boss, Richard Mdluli, had magically cut the bars on its own version of state capture lockup you would be mistaken. Why do you think the National Prosecuting Authority, NPA, has reinstated a charge against General Johan Booysen – a charge that has -already been thrown out of court? It is to keep him from working together with Minister Cele. He had the unmitigated gall to lift the grubby NPA sheet and gave us a peek. If you imagined this was not payback for his attempts to jail Toshan Panday, you would be mistaken. Minister of those involved, Colonel Madhoe, who attempted to bribe the general with R2 million cash in a bag – is still at work, as is Captain Narainpersad who was arrested for corruption and Colonel Aiyer, arrested for perjury.

The Saps paid Mdluli millions for all the years it took him to reach retirement age using every excuse in the book but the new neighbourhood police centre, NPC, released him faster than Schabir Shaik. The report by Major General Hankel, revealed in excruciating

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detail his thieving ways, any one of which would have – should have – had any other Saps member immediately fired and criminally charged. While he sat in that chair a senior public prosecutor had two attempts made on her life shortly after handing a 200-page report revealing the error of lifting the murder charges against him to the Acting Head of the NPA. You know who she is, now our Shadow Minister of Justice, Glynnis Breytenbach. Speaking of which, so great is the fear of General Booyesen that a hit has been taken out on him.

There is confirmation from three independent and reliable sources that Umkhonto weSizwe, MK, veterans from Cornubia near Phoenix in KwaZulu-Natal have been taken on to do the job after meetings with none other than former fired President Jacob Zuma , Super Zuma and Sihle Zikalala. Dudu Myeni is also implicated after she also met with the veterans. Indeed, if General Booyesen so much as stubs his toe we'll know exactly where to look. Members of the Saps have been beaten down like a baton to the head by each of the revolving door Ministers and crooked national police commissioners over the past decade. What was the result? The R91 billion – made up of our taxes – gives us over 2000 firearms stolen from Saps armouries over the past four years; over 2 500 police firearms stolen or lost over the past three years, 11 000 police members - who don't have competency certificates - yet nearly 4000 of them still packing.

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So, we have members who can't shoot – no guns; or no drivers licences – but that doesn't really matter much because there are so few vehicles to drive. each and every day. Minister, presumably a pick pocket nicked your watch so you missed my latest member's statement on the murders in our rural areas. How those have become carefully planned and executed invasions characterised by sheer brutality. I gave excruciating details of the torture and murder of black, white, Indian, young and old residents of farms. Minister you say we don't need specialised rural safety units because the rural safety strategy is working. You might imagine it is, but it isn't.

Our rural communities are isolated, they are terrified and they need your help. Of course, you'd also need forensic evidence if a farm murderer was actually caught. Some were, but the forensic evidence didn't arrive and the court was about to cut them free for lack of evidence. I managed to ensure the evidence arrived and today they are being tried. What if I hadn't been called? The Saps spent billions on forensic laboratories but the one in Amanzimtoti was flooded for the third time recently and has now been abandoned. You must think the promised laboratory in Pinetown is nearly complete, but you would be wrong. The land for the new lab was bought eight years ago but not a single brick has been laid. I did ask for the details of the forensic sample backlog nationally but if you imagine I have them, you would be mistaken.

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Speaking of regressing we met to interrogate the Moses Mabhida Stadium invasion – the one that resulted in R2,8 million in damages. My information was that the operational plan was only signed off on the day after the match. The police admitted that was true. I also asked if it was true that the leader of the operation had missed every planning meeting. They police admitted that he had. I presume, Minister, that you still think in your chest out stomach in chant and that it has convinced you that the Saps is able to deal with any and all emergencies. Where were the Saps when the trucks started burning at the Mooi River toll plaza? As Crime Intelligence is back to the level of a fresh-faced first time pick pocket they had no idea the burning was about to start.

There is much use as a file in a cake. Add to that the fact that the process to ensure the public order policing, Pop, units are called is now so cumbersome that the disarmed reservists on the scene may as well have been handcuffed. The Pop units have become the sensible shoes of the Saps, hard to find and when they eventually give you would wish you'd never ordered them. The lack of crime intelligence speaks equally to the soaring rhino and elephant poaching especially in KwaZulu-Natal. Poachers are arrested, zip through the courts, pay minimal bail and disappear.

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When did you last hear of a poacher going to jail? Certainly not alleged kingpin, Dumisani Gwala – 20 adjournments later they're trying again next week. It seems every time the allegations of the magistrates' courts come up, the police are sidelined and there is only one officer left investigating this matter.

The DA has a single vision; a highly professional Saps where station commanders aren't set up for failure to the extent that they turn away victims of crime so their statistics will show a decrease.

For a decade I've asked for a professional real police officer at the helm. We have one and I pray daily that the rumours that he may not be squeaky clean are fake news. Sadly, if you imagine the ANC can self correct as it yells shut-ups to those pointing out its myriad failings, you would be mistaken. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr J J MAAKE: Ministers, Deputy Ministers and my colleagues. Hon Chairperson, my colleagues have said almost everything that needs to be said in the portfolio committee and police services.

However, it is always appropriate to start one speech with the guiding document, which explains what needs to be done within the police service by 2030. The NDP states that we must build safer communities by 2030.

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People should feel safe and have no fear of crime. They should have confidence in the criminal justice system to effectively apprehend and prosecute criminals who violate individuals and community safety.

It goes further to say that the criminal justice system needs to be strengthened. The police service needs to be professionalised. It also needs to be demilitarised. This means that the service must move away from its history of brutality.

The key goal of transformation within the police force in 1994 was to move away from this history of brutality. We need to build community participation, civil society organisations and civil participation is needed to establish safer communities.

Hon Chairperson, having said all this I think it is necessary to give a brief background of what used to happen before we took over as the ANC government; and that will explain why it is necessary to implement precinct folds that I alluded about.

Let me give you a practical example: How many people on my left have ever in their lives been arrested, locked in police cells and brutalised. Is it because they are good citizens, especially before the ANC took over?

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However, hon Chairperson, look at this other side of the House; almost 80% to 90% of them have experienced brutality in one way or another; either they have at one point been arrested, confined to solitary confinement, tortured, banished, burnt, sentenced or harassed in ways unimaginable.

This side – if I was to repeat how many on my left experienced any of this, all of these horrible mentioned were implemented by a police force at that time, helped by the community of the white minority. They would talk about a citizen arrest. They still do not up to even today – they are actually nostalgic to their good old days when they could do that with impunity.

What about Ventersdorp, Messina, Witbank, Potchefstroom, a person is killed because his black dog belonging to a farm worker mated with Mrs Henriet Chiwawa's dog. That is why I thought it necessary to give you the history of your own police force lest you forget. You conveniently tried to forget because the DA kept on talking about transformation of the police service.

I always think to myself that what do the DA knows about transforming the police force. Transforming it towards what?

[Applause.] During apartheid the SAP was at the forefront of you forcing races laws to promote whites hegemony.

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The SAP was politically in the worst possible sense of the term. The police protected the white minority government of the day rather than the citizenry at large, controlling black South African as part of their mandate.

From what is known about the police culture, the system of apartheid would have had a profound impact on SAPS. Racism in SAP was crude in both foreman expression, black police officers were seen to be naturally inferior to white officers, which reflected in the races ideology of apartheid; highlight how poorly black police officers were generally treated during apartheid.

They were not expected to be literate; were not allowed to arrest whites and could only work within strict parameters usually under white supervision, typically black officers received 30% less pay than their white counterparts of the same rank; had no career structure.

It was no until 1978 that black officers could wear the same uniform as their white colleagues. It was only in 1980 that the first black station commissioner was appointed. The situation was similar for coloureds and black employees.

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During 1980 the SAP started recruiting ever larger numbers of black officer. During this time the antiapartheid movement grew increasingly and demonstrated stronger, and the state waged a violent and repressive battle to maintain control. Black officers were then largely recruited into policing roles that precluded them from operating as fully fledged members of the South African Police.

A thousand of black people recruited under this scheme required no educational qualifications. They were provided with minimal fire arms training, functional blue overalls, and tasked with foot patrol and ride controls. They were created with the intention of providing very cheap labour to SAP; and were therefore legally defined as temporary labour.

While police ranks are overwhelmingly dominated by men, the research found encouraging science that gender dynamics are changing – this because the ANC-led government policy intervention to promote diversity and transformation. [Applause.]

As it is the case in police organisations worldwide, police women face particular challenges in SAPS, most of these challenges are as a result of gender prejudice held by male officers who do not believe that females are suitable for the more dangerous of policing aspects.

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In conclusion, hon Chairperson, in those times when this side would be at the police station... [Interjections.]

Mr Z N MBHELE: House Chair, I'm rising on a point of order, there was a remark thrown across the floor from the other side of the House calling one of our members a whitey.

IsiZulu:

Bengicela ukubuza ukuthi ...

English:

Is that language considered parliamentary, given the rulings about racial epithets?

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Can you point the member?

Mr Z N MBHELE: Right over there, House Chair. Right there.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chair, Chair!

IsiZulu

Mnu Z N MBHELE: Ngicela umbuze ukuthi uyishilo yini leyonto? Buza yena.

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USIHLALO WESIHASHANA (Mnu B L MASHILE): Ngithi ngubani ukuze aziwe.

Mnu Z N MBHELE: Igama lakhe angilazi kodwa uhlezi lapha kuleli bhentshi.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Order! No let me just attend to the hon member. Yes, I will come to you. Yes, I'm saying I just want to identify the member in question. Who is the member? No, no, no you are just pointing across, you must identify so that I'm able to identify.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chairperson, the member was talking about white sugar. He never said Members of Parliament. The member said white sugar.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): No, hon members, hon members order!

Mr H P CHAUKE: No, Chair, Chair she spoke about white sugar, there was never white people. She said the speech has a white sugar on it. The speech has a white sugar.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Just take your seat. Thank you. Just take your seat.

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Mr J J MAAKE: In conclusion, hon Chairperson whilst most of us
...[Interjections.]

Dr M J FIGG: Chairperson, can I ask you to please make a ruling. I
want to identify the person that has made that remark. It is this
young lady in the front. ... [Inaudible.]

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Order! Order hon members, I
...[Interjections.]

Dr M J FIGG: The person is this lady in the front with the black
stripe shirt.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Hon member, just take your
seat.

Dr M J FIGG: I'm identifying the lady.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Please just take your seat.

Dr M J FIGG: I'm identifying the lady.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Take your seat. Hon member,
just take your seat. I have asked the relevant member to identify

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the person, he could not. Then I have gone past that particular point of order. Thank you. Just take your seat hon member. Order! Order hon members! Why are you rising hon member?

Ms Z S DLAMINI-DUBAZANA: No Chair, I 'm rising on Rule No 84. That even if whatever the member is assuming that she said, but you cannot call somebody that lady, that woman, that new – it is in the House. This is the House.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr B L MASHILE): Hon members, I have already dismissed that point of order. Can you allow us to move on.

Mr J J MAAKE: In conclusion, hon Chairperson whilst most of us within the ANC will take a detour when we see a police station during apartheid era, a detour that might even take 10 kilometres away from the police station. A white lady would go directly into the police station and call her protectors the "K" word. Hon Chairperson what does that tell you? I don't think I like her face. She is a monster, a dinosaur belonging to the Stone Age.

The ANC supports. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF POLICE: Hon Chairperson, I will take one minute to respond. One, I will accept the invitation from hon member

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Groenewald to sit down and talk to. I will urge hon member, Baba Mbhele, from the DA to go and read the speech. Everything he spoke about was prepared before the speech and the speech answered everything he said. Therefore, I will urge him to go and read the speech because there is nothing new really. He did not deviate from the speech that he has prepared before I spoke.

Thirdly, at the present moment we haven't reached the stage where we need SA National Defence Force members, as a SA Police Service we will be equally. Sorry, maybe we can explain further about Operation Thunder that is here where we have brought 270 members with a very specialised units to come and deal with ... [Inaudible.]

Baba Mhlongo, you spoke about promoted members, maybe unfortunately I did not read before you came here. The police will review its career progression measures and will implement appropriate action to address the current backlog in the upward progression of the lower level police and personnel to a higher grade salary level within a define career path with employee acquiring and demonstrating the required competency. There is currently a backlog in the grade progression of employees between level 5 and 7, about 69 219 people that are overdue. Members with these grades are long overdue for progression consideration.

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Allow me to outline enlistment grade progression. We will be promoting 3 500 police on the competitive measure where they will apply for the higher grade to be promoted. That will also take 600 members that are not members of the police ... [Inaudible.].

However, we will put this in three financial year - promoting those that have been in a certain level for a long time having not been promoted for many years. Those will be 69 000 I have been spoken about. However, this financial year we will promote 28 000 of them. [Applause.]

The next financial year and the other one we will finish the whole lot. Therefore, there will be 28 000 people that will be promoted, especially from constables to sergeant and from sergeant to warrant officers so that they can be able to progress in life. [Applause.] I don't know why they have been stagnant all the time, but they will progress in life. Above that the addition of 914 members from the specialised units, namely: The Special Task Force; Tactical Response Team, TRT; and Intervention Unit including the commencement level of the public services personnel will be regraded. Which means those that are in the specialised units will start on a higher level, the normally where others will start because after training they still go for specialisation - so, which means it put them up a little bit. That is what will happen with the personnel come this year and going forward.

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We will make sure that 70% of vehicles are always on the road and only 30% that are on the garage so that we keep them moving. We will be also improving the police stations, for instance, we are opening three police stations, that is: Mqhasa Police Station in Flagstaff Eastern Cape, Polile Police Station and Kamhlushwa Police Station. There will be better life for the members of the SA Police Service going forward. For now, I would like to thank everybody I work with and all the entities.

Lastly, it's a big time to thank my beautiful wife, uMaNgcobo, who is seated up there and who keeps me going together with the family and our kids. Thank the members of SA Police Service. On top of every other thing ... [Interjections.] there is no ... [Inaudible.] ... Hlengiwe who is my wife, is MaNgcobo who is my wife. [Laughter.] On top of everything ... [Interjections.]

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr M R Mdakane): Order! Order, hon members!

IsiZulu:

Nk H O MKHALIPHI: Cha! Ngiyancoma nje Ndosi ukuthi ...

English:

... she's beautiful and young.

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The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr M R Mdakane): Thank you. Take your seat.

The MINISTER OF POLICE: On top of everything that has been said by the police, the prisons are full onto above the capacity and not a single prisoner that marches to prison, they are all sent by these members you see there. So, they are doing their job. Thank you very much. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr M R Mdakane): Hon members, let's thank the Minister and the Deputy Minister for leading this debate and the members that participated in the debate, all members that attended this Budget Vote and our guests. That concludes the debate and the business of this mini-plenary session. The mini-plenary will now rise. Thank you.

The mini-plenary session rose at 18:21.