**3. Report by the Portfolio Committee on Police on the referral by the Speaker on correspondence by the Minister of Police, Hon. N. Nhleko dated 21 February 2017, on the investigation into the appointment and payment of Adams and Adams Attorneys by the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID), dated 21 November 2018.**

1. **Introduction**

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Baleka Mbete, on 21 February 2017 (ATC no 20 - 2017) referred a report from the Minister of Police, Hon. N. Nhleko (accompanied by a Report of the Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as the PSC Report) on the investigation into the appointment and payment of Adams & Adams Attorneys by the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID).

The matter was referred to the Committee *for consideration.*

1. **Committee process**

The Committee referred the matter for a response to the IPID on 30 May 2017 and included a copy of the Public Service Commission report. The IPID responded on 15 June 2017 with a memorandum indicating that the department will take the PSC Report on Adams and Adams on review. A copy of this memorandum was sent to the Public Service Commission.

On 11 July 2017, the Committee wrote to the IPID requesting a progress report on the matter.

On 19 July 2017 the IPID wrote to the Committee asking for a full copy of the PSC Report and indicated that the report in their possession was not a signed copy.

On 7 December 2017, the IPID provided the Committee with an update in the matter and indicated that it will file for review in the High Court by 15 December 2017.

On 20 February 2018, the Committee wrote to the IPID to request an update on the review process with regard to the PSC Report. On 21 February 2018, the IPID responded to the Committee by indicating that it’s appointed attorneys Shapiro & Ledwaba Incorporated had withdrawn and a new panel of attorneys, Manamela Morabela & Associates was appointed in their place. The IPID also indicated that it would file by 31 March 2018.

On 24 October 2018, the Committee received a letter from IPID in which it indicated that the PSC in a letter to IPID dated 11 October 2018, has decided to withdraw the original report and rescind its findings and recommendations.

1. **Conclusion**

The Committee notes the withdrawal of the report and recommendations, require no further updates and considers the matter closed.

**Report to be considered.**