



# Briefing to the Standing Committee on the Auditor-General

## Threats against the Audit Teams of the Auditor- General of South Africa

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# Presentation Overview

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# Purpose of the presentation

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The purpose of this presentation is to provide feedback on the status of the cases, which were registered by the South African Police Service (SAPS) and to inform the Standing Committee on the Auditor-General on the measures undertaken, to ensure the safety of the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) officials in the execution of their duties.



# Background

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- ❑ On 9 November 2018, presentations were made to the Standing Committee on the Auditor General, pertaining to the threats made to Audit Teams of the AGSA.
- ❑ During the meeting it was indicated that there is a need for the protection of AGSA personnel, where there are threats.
- ❑ The SAPS put some security measures/protocols in place.

# Status Report: Complaints and Incidents (1)



PROVINCE	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	STATUS
Eastern Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No case opened with SAPS</li> </ul>
North West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temba (Moretele District) – Intimidation, CAS 149/10/2018, registered at Makapanstad Police Station, on 29 October 2018. The suspect was arrested, on 31 October 2018, with a first court appearance, on 1 November 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 1 November 2018, the case was withdrawn by the Public Prosecutor (PP), citing no prospect of a successful conviction.</li> <li>The complainant was informed of the PP's decision</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rustenburg, CAS 287/08/2017: This incident occurred during a 2017 audit. The case was transferred to the Rustenburg Vehicle Crime Investigation Unit (VCIU), on 19 August 2017.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed as undetected by Rustenburg Vehicle Crime Investigation Unit, on 30 August 2017. The vehicle will remain circulated on all available systems, until recovered.</li> </ul>

# Status Report: Complaints and Incidents (2)



PROVINCE	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	STATUS
Gauteng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vanderbijlpark – Attempted Murder, CAS 251/10/2018. On Friday, 12 October 2018, at approximately 03:40, the complainant was asleep in the guest house when she was accosted by an unknown person in her room. She was shot twice and wounded in the right thigh during the incident. The suspects fled the scene with various items, with an estimated value of R20 000,00.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ballistic Report obtained</li><li>No arrest has been made</li></ul>
KwaZulu-Natal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Umsunduzi Municipality – Dispute surrounding professional qualifications</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No case opened with SAPS</li><li>Matter was resolved by COGTA</li></ul>



# Status Report: Complaints and Incidents (3)



PROVINCE	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	STATUS
KwaZulu-Natal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sydenham – Intimidation, CAS 251/05/2018. A threat was made against Mr Mahendra Harilal Harku, one the managers responsible for audits, which were conducted at the EThekwini Municipality. The threat against Mr Mahendra Harilal Harku emanated because he was allowed to conduct audits at all units at EThekwini Municipality, besides Supply Chain Management. The threat was made against himself and his immediate family.</li></ul>	The cell phone number from which the threats emanated, could not yet be traced.

# Procedure for AGSA officials before reporting to an audit site



- Meeting with the Station Commander, prior to commencing audit at the site.
- Obtain contact details of the Sector Manager in the sector where the audit is conducted.
- Agree on a plan of action when any of the staff is under threat.



# Responsibilities: Station Commander

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The Station Commander will ensure that:

- The Sector Commander makes regular contact with the Audit Leader, during the audit process.
- Visit the premises periodically in order to establish safety concerns.
- Attend to any threats that may arise out of the duties performed by the auditors.

# Threat and Risk Assessments Conducted



- ❑ Crime Intelligence has conducted and finalised nine requested threat and risk assessments for individual staff members of the AGSA.
- ❑ In one of the threat assessments a threat of intimidation was identified and security measures to protect the individual was recommended.
- ❑ In eight assessments it was determined that no direct threats existed.



# Thank you



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