

**REPORT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN
AND BUDGET 2010/2011 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ON ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011 ON THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

1. INTRODUCTION

During its presentation to the portfolio committee, the Department of Public Safety has demonstrated its commitment to improve the lives of our people in the province. The Department tabled its strategic/annual performance plan and budget for 2010/2011 to the portfolio committee for scrutiny. This was done in order for portfolio committee to be more informed in processing the department's budget and to be passed by the House.

2. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The objective of the meeting was for the department to present its Annual Performance Plan and budget briefing for the 2010/2011. The following are the strategic objectives of the department as presented:

- To provide a civilian oversight to the SAPS and coordinate crime prevention initiatives
- To render road safety services
- To create an enabling environment conducive for optimum service delivery

3. DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION

The Department made a presentation on how it is planning to achieve the abovementioned objectives during the financial year 2010/2011. The department comprise of the following programmes; **Administration, Community Safety and Traffic Management**

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The budget for the above programmes for 2010/2011 financial year is demonstrated in the table below

BUDGET ALLOCATION PER PROGRAMMES

Programme	Budget Allocation (R` 000)
Management administration	R122 334
Crime Prevention and Community Police Relations	R 30 849
Transport regulation	R 202 403
TOTAL	R 355 586

4. MAJOR CHALLENGES FACED BY THE DEPARTMENT

- Office accommodation
- Approved organizational structure
- Budgetary constraints
- Preparations for 2010 FIFA World Cup with particular reference to the availability of budget for physical resources and finalization of the plan
- Continuous monitoring of Community Police Forums for enhanced functionality
- Funding of crime prevention projects
- Non-cooperation of municipalities in integrated safety promotions
- Policy interpretation especially on supply chain management issues
- Additional staff in all directorates with particular emphasis on traffic management, social crime prevention, community police relations, financial management, management services and planning
- Proper management of weight bridges and related service providers
- Critical posts (imported by the BAS system)
- System paid for as pre volume of transactions,(no budget)
- Training for personnel: (the system is decentralized, so dept needs expertise which was initially performed by the CCP)

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5. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE CONCERNS /COMMENTS

- Is there any engagement with the Department of Public Works regarding office accommodation
- (Traffic disaster during World Cup) State of readiness of the Department for World Cup 2010
- Are there any measures taken to deal with problematic Police Stations in the Province
- There is a concern from the public that Police Officers not treating and responding to the communities well, when reporting some of the cases at the Police Stations
- Is the department aware of human trafficking at Rustenburg area, and what is being done to control the situation.
- Every year the department is holding 16 days of activism and what is it done to sustain the programme throughout the year
- Complaints of cases by the community, what is being done by the department with regard to that.
- How is the department dealing with the issue of police reservist and is there a strategy in place to deal with such i.e. somebody working for 10 years and not absorbed in the employment
- What is the status of testing stations in the Province
- Employment of female police officers on senior management positions
- Does the department have any objectives or measures in place to prevent crime in the Province as is increasing dramatically on a daily basis
- The website of the department is not functioning properly, any action taken to maximize publicity for services and communication to the communities/public
- Is there a decrease in the administration management as compared to the previous financial year and why such a decrease
- How is crime prevention in 2009/2011 as compared to the previous financial year

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6. RESPONSES BY THE DEPARTMENT

- The Department of Public Works identified the offices at Megacity but due to the budgetary constraints they were unable to settle for them
- Roadworthy taxis have been removed from the road due to non-compliance
- Relocation of SAPS Head Office from Potchefstroom to Mafikeng is a challenge, it will cost the department R120m
- The Department is ready, 99% of personnel has been deployed to assist at Rustenburg area during World Cup 2010
- Issue of Community Police Forum, is being addressed and it has been at MINMEC level
- Due to the absence of the Provincial Commissioner in the meeting, no explanation was given with regard to the department's strategy to prevent crime in the Province
- The Tswaing Community are complaining about distance of the Police Station, they are in need for assistance with Mobile Police Station
- On Police Officers behaviour, there is a unit dealing with Batho Pele principles and It will be assigned to monitor issues raised
- Human trafficking is an ongoing process, the department will oversee
- Weight bridges at Koster, Ventersdorp and Potchefstroom are fully functioning but Wolmaranstad needs to be elevated.
- Most of female police officers are in management positions
- Police stations don't provide the department with the report cases regarding crime, and due to lack of police stations to provide the department with report for crime cases, the department stays with perception of the CPF functions well and crime stays uncontrollable
- No remunerations for reservist and currently under discussion at national Level

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7. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the concerns mentioned above the committee resolved that;

- Provincial Commissioner should assess the population size and distance before the mobile Police Station can be allocated to the community.
- The Department to submit quarterly reports 14 days after end of each quarter to the committee and should include the internal audit report.
- The Department to meet with the Committee to present its readiness for World Cup 2010 at Rustenburg area
- The department should brief the Committee about crime statistics in the Province.
- The functionality report of the Provincial Community Police Forum should be sent to the committee within 30 days.
- Mobile Police Stations should be established in rural areas where community members walk long distance for the service i.e. Tswaing Community.
- Strategic plan to address stock theft should be developed and submitted to the committee within 30 days.
- Madibeng, Potchefstroom and Zeerust weight bridges should function fully, traffic officers should be stationed on site.
- SAPS should make sure that no CSC should suffer because of 2010 Soccer FIFA World Cup.
- A 24hours services for traffic officer be implemented by the next financial year as most accidents happen at night.

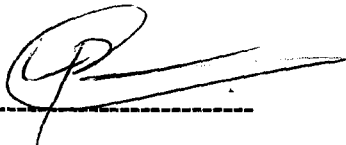
The department to submit the following reports to the portfolio committee;

- CCTV Camera
- BAS System
- ENATIS
- Status of Vehicle Testing Centers

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8. CONCLUSION

The committee complimented the Department of Public Safety for its strategic plan for 2010/2011 financial year, however there are still outstanding report that must be submitted to the committee. The committee recommends that the budget for 2010/2011 be adopted.



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