

**Petitions Standing Committee**

**Report on the Balkanisation Process**

**Duration: August 2008 – July 2022**

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to update the Petitions Standing Committee (PSC) of the balkanisation process in an effort to reduce the backlog of petitions. The institution has a backlog of **six hundred and eighty-seven** **(687)** ongoing petitions for the period August 2008 – July 2022 which were tabled, adopted, and subsequently referred to relevant authorities. These petitions are yet to be resolved as the responding authorities have not adequately addressed issues/complaints as raised by communities. It is for this reason that the PSC resolved to adopt a strategy that involves manually clustering all ongoing petitions according to the responding authorities and handing them over at their respective offices. The authorities will then be tasked with processing the ongoing petitions and given a set deadline to resolve and respond to the submitted petitions. It is envisaged that this process will assist to clear the backlog but also strengthen relations with Portfolio Committees who will have a critical role to play in monitoring and tracking commitments that have medium to long term deliverables or budgetary constraints.

1. **Ongoing Petitions**

The 657 ongoing petitions pertain to all local municipalities in the province as well as provincial departments barring the Department of Finance. As such, the Balkanisation process involved clustering petitions for all municipalities and departments in the province as follows:

**2.1 Local Municipalities**

**Petitions pertaining to local municipalities were clustered as follows:**

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|  | **REGION** | **NUMBER**  |
| **City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality** | **78** |
| **City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality** | **94** |
| **City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality** | **95** |
| **Sub-total:** | **267** |
| **Sedibeng District Municipality:**  |  |
| **Emfuleni Local Municipality** | **60** |
| **Lesedi Local Municipality** | **03** |
| **Midvaal Local Municipality** | **04** |
| **Sub-total:** | **67** |
| **West Rand District Municipality:** |  |
| **Mogale City Local Municipality**  | **35** |
| **Randfontein Local Municipality** | **02** |
| **Merafong City Local Municipality** | **00** |
| **Sub-total:** | **37** |
|  | **TOTAL** | **371** |

**2.2 Provincial Departments**

**Petitions pertaining to provincial departments were clustered as follows:**

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|  | **DEPARTMENT** | **NUMBER**  |
| **Department of Education** | **04** |
| **Department of Health** | **10** |
| **Department of Economic Development** | **03** |
| **Department of Infrastructure Development** | **01** |
| **Department of Roads and Transport** | **25** |
| **Department of CoGTA and Human Settlements** | **269** |
| **Department of Social Development** | **06** |
| **Department of Community Safety** | **07** |
|  | **Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation** | 01 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **221** |

1. **Progress**

The Balkanization process is complete as all petitions were packaged and filed and are ready to be handed over to the relevant authorities.