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ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

TABLINGS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Chairperson of the Community Safety Portfolio Committee, Dr. B E W Masuku, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Fourth Quarterly Performance Report of the Department of Community Safety for the 2022/2023 financial year, as attached:

COMMITTEE QUARTER OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PERFORMANCE

**Portfolio Committee on Community Safety Oversight Report on the 4th Quarterly Report of the Department of
Community Safety for the 2022/23 Financial Year**

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i. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Wording
APP	Annual Performance Plan
CJS	Criminal Justice system
CPFs	Community Police Forums
CSC	Client Service Centre
CSFs	Community Safety Forums
GBV	Gender-based Violence
GBVF	Gender-Based Violence and Femicide
GEYODI	Gender, Youth, Persons living with Disabilities
GGT	Growing Gauteng Together
GIPPS	Gauteng Integrated Police Performance System
IPID	Independent Police Investigative Directorate
MASPs	Men As Safety Promoters
NDP	National Development Plan
PGDP	Provincial Growth and Development Plan
PWDs	Persons living with Disabilities
RRTTs	Rapid Response Task Teams
SOM	Sector Oversight Model
VECs	Victim Empowerment Centres
WASPS	Women As Safety Promoters

ii. SUMMARY

ii. Summary of the report

Strategic Priorities

High level summary of Committee's overall assessment of the Department / Entity achievement of relevant strategic priorities for the period under Review

The Department achieved 96% of its planned targets for the quarter. The Department continued to conduct announced and unannounced oversight visits in all 144 police stations to monitor police performance. The Department reported that more attention was given to 55 priority stations identified to be poor performing, to assist improve their performance.

The Committee noted that 450 crime dockets were analysed, 250 GBVF cases were tracked within the Criminal Justice System (CJS) and three (3) court watching briefs were monitored. These were intended to identify gaps in criminal investigations and improve coordination of the CJS.

The Committee acknowledged the efforts made by the Department in ensuring the implementation of the Gauteng Strategic Plan on Gender-based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) as well as providing support to victims of GBVF. About 47,455 households were reached through the GBVF Brigade programme to raise awareness on GBVF. Also, 89 green door facilities were established since the inception of the programme.

The Committee further noted that various road safety enforcement operations were conducted which included amongst others; reckless and negligent driving; speed operations; drunken driving operations; public transport operations; pedestrian operations; and road safety education. The Department further reported that it had conducted various operations through Operation Malayisha, to ensure law enforcement on overloaded vehicles as they were contributing to the high number of road crashes and fatalities.

The Committee also noted the achievements recorded under operation Okae Molao; which resulted to arrests of several suspects on various transgressions including armed robberies, business robbery, murder, possession of stolen firearms, possession of illicit drugs, trading in liquor without license, as well as illegal immigrants. In addition, 1,160 operations were conducted jointly with other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). These operations resulted to 116 arrests, and 238 items recovered, which included vehicles used in the commission of crime, stolen and hijacked vehicles as well as other goods and properties.

The Department must address its vacancy rate which was at 19.6% with a total of 379 vacant positions at the end of the quarter under review. The high vacancy rate was unacceptable considering the high unemployment rate in country, particularly as unemployment has been reported to be one of the contributory factors in the high level of crime.

Furthermore, the Committee noted that partnerships were established between the Department, Coca-Cola Beverages, South African Breweries (SAB) and Business Against Crime (BAC). These partnerships are commendable as they are critical in strengthening the fight against crime.

ii. Summary of the report

Department / Entity APP Achievement

An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity Non-Financial Performance is sound and prudent

The Department achieved 96% on its overall service delivery performance. The three main programmes performed as follows.

- Programme 1: Administration: Programme 1; achieved 7 targets of the 9 targets which were planned for the quarter, marking 78% achievement. This was a regress from the 89% target achievement which was recording in the previous quarter.
- Programme 2: Provincial Secretariat achieved all the 24 targets which were planned for the quarter, recording 100%. This was an improvement from the 95% achievement recorded in the previous quarter.
- Programme 3: Traffic Management: also achieved all its 12 targets which were planned for the quarter. This was an improvement from the 92% target achievement which was recorded in the previous quarter.

An analysis on whether (and if so, the extent to which) the Department / Entity Programmes / Projects are indeed achieving its Strategic Objectives / Service Delivery Outcomes for the period under review.

The Department has various programmes and projects aimed to achieve safer communities. These programmes include crime prevention interventions, gender-based violence interventions, school safety, and traffic law enforcement programmes.

Department / Entity Project Management

Overall Summary on management and delivery of Department / Entity Projects

None

Financial Performance

An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity Financial Performance is sound and prudent

The Department's projected budget for the quarter was R271.4 million, however **R404.5 million** was spent. This marked an over expenditure by R133million (49%). The Department's year to date expenditure at the consideration of this report was R1.188 billion, recording an under expenditure by R186 million (14%) of the R1. 374 billion adjusted budget allocation. The expenditure per programme was as follows:

- **Programme 1; Administration** spent **R45.6 million** of the R38.9 million which was projected for the quarter. The programme overspent by R6.7 million (17%). The over expenditure resulted from settlement of outstanding liability related to interdepartmental balances.
- **Programme 2; Provincial Secretariat** had spent **R82.6 million** of the R58.6 million which was projected for the quarter, marking an over expenditure by R24 million (41%). The over expenditure was attributed to payment of invoices for the 16 days of activism campaign and patrollers who were during the festive season.
- **Programme 3; Traffic Management** spent **R276.3 million**, recording an over expenditure by R102.5 (59%) million of its allocation of 173.8 million. The over expenditure was because of payment of goods and services including vehicles linked to elevated priorities and appointment of additional traffic officers.

ii. Summary of the report

Resolutions Management

An overall Summary of the Committee's assessment of Department / Entity Resolutions Management

The Department's submission of responses to House Resolutions has been dissatisfactory. This impacts negatively on the Committee's performance in resolution tracking.

Petitions Management

An overall Summary of the Committee's assessment of Department / Entity Petitions Management

The Committee was not informed of any petitions submitted by the Department.

Public Engagements

An overall Summary of the Committee's assessment of Department / Entity Public Engagements

The Department enhanced its stakeholder engagements sessions in the period under review. Numerous sessions were conducted which included several public meetings with communities, youth imbizos, crime summit and awareness programmes to educate communities about its programmes as well as awareness campaigns on gender-based violence. The various public engagements conducted demonstrated a strong community involvement by the Department.

International Agreements

Overall Summary on Department / Entity implementation of relevant Internal Agreements / Treaties [Only if applicable] [Applicable only to OCPOL / OoP]

N/A

GEYODI Empowerment

Overall Summary on Department / Entity achievement on actual GEYODI empowerment in communities

The Department had reported a 50% achievement on appointment of women in senior management positions and 2.3% for people living with disabilities. It was noted that 605 female volunteers were contracted as Gender-Based Violence Brigades. Of the 605, 93 (15.4%) were senior citizens, 332 (55%) were adults between 35 -55 years old, 174 (28%) were youth and 6 (0.9%) were people with disabilities.

Fiduciary Compliance

Overall Summary on Department / Entity Compliance with fiduciary requirements

The Department reported that it was complaint with fiduciary requirements.

Capacitated Department / Entity

An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity is adequately capacitated and resourced to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates

The Department is adequately capacitated to carry out its functions effectively. The Committee further noted that the Department was recruiting more personnel to enhance its organisational structure. The Committee believes that the recruitment of more staff will improve capacity and the Department will improve its performance moving forward.

ii. Summary of the report

Any other Committee Focus Area (if relevant / applicable and Requirement)

High level summary of any other area of Department / Entity performance with respect to its Quarter Report that the Committee wishes to report on, which is not already included in any of the above Focus Areas.

None

Summary of Committee Findings

High level summary of Committee findings. Broadly, which aspects do they relate to

The Committee raised the following concerns:

- i. The high vacancy rate,
- ii. The alarming incidents of violence in schools,
- iii. The Department's inability to achieve its target in reducing road crashes and fatalities,
- iv. That several intervention programmes were put in place to deal with the spate of GBVF, however, these incidents were increasing constantly,
- v. The 55 priority stations identified to be poor performing,
- vi. The support to Community Police Forums (CPFs) and patroller teams,
- vii. The report that 43 policing vehicles were at a storage facility awaiting installation of tetra radios, and
- viii. The Committee noted the report that various publications and research projects were completed on policing and safety.

Summary of Committee Recommendations

High level summary of Committee Recommendations. Broadly, which aspects do they relate to

- i. The Department must submit a report on progress made in filling vacant positions, including a list of the filled positions.
- ii. The Department must submit a report on the impact of its school safety intervention programmes.
- iii. The Department must report on the impact of its road safety interventions in reducing road crashes and fatalities.
- iv. The Department must submit a report on the kind of support and the impact of all its Gender-based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) intervention programmes such as the GBVF Brigade, Victim Empowerment Centres, Ikhaya Lethemba and Green Door Facilities.
- v. The Department must submit a comprehensive report on interventions put in place and progress made in improving performance of the 55 priority stations.
- vi. The Department must strengthen its support to CPFs and patroller teams to ensure that they function optimally because they are crucial in ensuring community participation in fighting crime.
- vii. The Department must accelerate the installation process of tetra radios on the 43 policing vehicles to ensure that the vehicles are deployed to heighten police visibility.
- viii. The Department must submit reports on all the completed research projects.

ii. Summary of the report

The Department must provide a progress report on the above-stated recommendation by **31 July 2023**

iii. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the overview of the Committee on its assessment of the Gauteng Department of Safety and Security's performance of the 4th Quarter for the 2022/23 financial year. The report was developed in accordance with the Sector Oversight Model (SOM) aimed at enhancing oversight and accountability the Gauteng Government Departments. The Committee conducted this assessment to ascertain the level of performance and service delivery by the Department on its key priorities. The assessment was also guided by the Public Financial Management Act (PFMA) which regulates government expenditure.

The Committee's analysis of the Department's performance was focused on assessing the level of achieved targets against planned targets. The Committee also analysed the Department's service delivery performance against its allocated budget for the quarter under review, to ascertain correlation between the delivery of services and budget expenditure. Furthermore, the Committee assessed the expenditure patterns to ascertain whether the Department's expenditure was complaint with Treasury regulations and the PFMA. The Committee also highlighted areas of concern and made recommendations for the Department's consideration to improve its performance and delivery of services.

iv. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- i. The Gauteng Department of Community Safety's 4th Quarterly Report for the 2022/23 FY, was formally referred to the Committee for consideration, deliberation, and reporting by the then Acting Hon Speaker of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature Hon. N Mhlakaza-Manamela on 08th May 2023.
- ii. The Committee deliberated on the Department's 4th Quarterly Report at a virtual meeting held on 02nd June 2023. The Department of Community Safety also presented its report and responded to questions raised by the Committee at this meeting.
- iii. The Committee further met on 13th June 2023 to deliberate and adopt its oversight report on the 4th Quarterly Report of the Department for the 2022/23 financial year.

1. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review

The Department reported that it had achieved 43 targets of the 45 planned targets for the quarter under review. This marked 96% achievement of targets, recording a 3% increase when compared to the 93% achieved in the previous quarter. Programme 1 achieved 78%, whilst Programme 2 and Programme 3 both recorded a 100% target achievement. The Committee noted the achievement of targets; however, it was concerned that the report was not demonstrating how the Department had performed in achieving its strategic priorities and the impact of implemented programmes.

Programme 1: Administration

The Programme achieved 7 targets of the 9 planned targets, marking 78% achievement. This was a decline when compared with the 89% achievement of targets which was recording in the previous quarter.

The Department was still unable to address its vacancy rate. There were 379 vacant positions at the end of the quarter under review, translating to 19.6% vacancy rate. Also, there was not improvement in achieving the 4% target in employment of people with disabilities (PWDs). The Department remained at 2.3% achievement. The Department reported that efforts were made to advance their efforts to attract PDWs through recruitment agencies, head hunting and referral approach. The Department must improve on its recruitment strategy and fill all the vacant positions.

The Committee noted the 100% achievement in payment of invoices within 30 days. The achievement was welcomed as it was a positive step in minimizing accruals.

The Committee also noted that report that R32.4million in irregular expenditure which was incurred between 2011/12 to 2020/21 financial years was condoned. The condoned amount was only 41% of the R77 million worth of irregular expenditure in the Department. The Committee probed on what corrective measures were instituted against employees who were found to have contributed to the irregular expenditure. The Department reported that whilst investigations were still ongoing, consequences management were instituted against employees who were found to have been negligent and in other cases the responsible employees terminated their employment with the Department prior to completion of their investigation.

Programme 2: Provincial Secretariat

The programme achieved all its 24 targets which were planned for the quarter. This was an improvement from the 95% performance which was recorded in the previous quarter.

1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review

With regards to the Policy and Research sub-programme, the Department reported that it had completed four (4) research reports on policing and safety and produced two (2) publications. It was recommended that the Department provide reports on the completed research work.

Police Performance Monitoring and Evaluation

The Department continued to conduct announced and unannounced in all 144 police station visits to monitor police performance. It also monitored the performance of the 55 priority stations identified to be poor performing. The Committee was concerned that there seem to be no improvements by the priority stations. Also, it seemed there was no clear strategy on how the stations were being assisted to improve their performance. Thus, the Committee requested a comprehensive report on interventions put in place and progress made by the stations in improving their performance.

The Department further provided clarity that the list of top 40 poor performing police stations by the Gauteng-SAPS was not different from its list of the 55 priority stations. The additional 15 stations were added by the Department because of community outcry regarding high level of crime within these policing precincts.

These police stations have even attracted national attention, but they are not amongst the SAPS' 40 priority list. Given the need to continuously keep an eye on these stations, the Department decided to include them in the priority list. Hence it would seem that there are different figures depending on which entity between the Department and SAPS, reports to the Portfolio Committee.

The Committee noted the report that 450 crime dockets were analysed, 250 GBVF cases were tracked within the Criminal Justice System (CJS) and three (3) court watching briefs were monitored in efforts to improve coordination of the CJS. The Department clarified that the 450 analysed crime dockets were on drug related cases that were withdrawn at court. The analysis enabled the Department to compare its findings with the court outcomes to identify gaps in criminal investigations. Based on the findings, recommendations were made and presented to the SAPS for intervention.

The Committee noted that the Department achieved its target to procure 50 policing vehicles. According to the Department's report, this target was achieved in the previous quarter. However, during the consideration of the 4th quarter report, 43 of these vehicles were still at a storage facility awaiting installation of tetra radios. The Department must accelerate the installation of the tetra radios and ensure that the vehicles were deployed to enhance police visibility

Safety Promotion

The Department reported to have met all its targets within this subprogramme. These included the achievement of 137 social crime prevention interventions, 115 school safety interventions, 36 Victim Empowerment Centres (VECs) monitored, and establishment of nine (9) Green Door facilities. The Committee also

1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review

noted that there were 89 established green door facilities since the inception of the programme. It was recommended that the Department submit a report on the outcomes of the services offered at these facilities to assess the impact of the support to victims of crime.

The Committee noted that extensive efforts were made in ensuring the implementation of the Gauteng Strategic Plan on Gender-based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) as well as providing support to victims of GBVF. The Department reported that since the beginning of the financial year, about 47 455 households were reached through the GBVF Brigade programme to raise awareness on GBVF. The Department also clarified that the GBVF ward-based programme was implemented in all the wards in the province, particularly in townships. It also reported that there were challenges accessing suburban areas because of the security in this areas. The Committee requested that a comprehensive report on the impact of all the GBVF intervention programmes be provided, to assess the impact of these programmes.

Moreover, the Committee noted the report that the Department partnered with Coca-Cola Beverages and South African Breweries (SAB) in efforts to advance the fight against GBVF. Coca-Cola was empowering GBVF victims at Ikhaya Lethemba with entrepreneurship, whilst SAB offered awareness campaigns on matters of GBVF at places of entertainment. The Committee also noted that 28 cameras were installed at identified schools through partnership with Business Against Crime (BAC). These partnerships were commendable as they were contributing towards the much-anticipated reduction in crime.

Community Police Relations

The Department reported that it had assessed 36 Community Policing Forums (CPFs), 27 community patroller groups and 3 Community Safety Forums (CSF). The Department must provide a detailed report on the assessed CPFs, patrollers and CSFs. The Department must strengthen its support to ensure that these structures were optimally functional because they were crucial in ensuring community participation in fighting crime.

The Department in its response to an enquiry on the operation of the Anti-Land Invasion Unit, reported that the unit was yet not launched. It was still in the process of training Crime Prevention Wardens which were to be deployed in the different corridors as this initiative was part of the elevated priorities. The Committee must monitor the implementation of the programme on quarterly basis.

Programme 3: Traffic Management

The programme achieved all its targets and, in some instances, exceeded its targets. The achieved targets included 2,380 reckless and negligent driving; 4,168 speed operations; 508 drunken driving operations; 1,580 public transport operations; 735 pedestrian operations; 48 compliance inspections; 350 road safety awareness programmes, 309 schools participated in road safety education, as well as 322 651 vehicles were stopped and checked.

1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review

In efforts to contribute to crime reduction, the Department reported that 1,160 operations were conducted jointly with other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). Out of these, 116 suspects were arrested, and 238 items were recovered, which included vehicles used in the commission of crime, stolen and hijacked vehicles as well as other goods and properties.

The Committee further noted the achievements recorded under operation Okae Molao which resulted to arrests of several suspects on various transgressions including armed robberies, business robbery, murder, possession of stolen firearms, possession of illicit drugs, trading in liquor without license, as well as illegal immigrants. The Department further reported that it conducted various operations through Operation Malayisha, to ensure law enforcement on overloaded vehicles as they were contributing to the high number of road crashes and fatalities.

The Committee enquired about the operations and objectives of the Trans Kalahari programme, and it was described as a multi-disciplinary structure aimed at enhancing policing, constituted of the Gauteng Traffic Police, the Northwest Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, SAPS, National Traffic Police, Tshwane Metropolitan Police Department, Department of Home Affairs.

2. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF APP TARGETS

2.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE

Number of APP targets relevant for this Quarter

45 targets

Number of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter

43 targets were achieved.

Percentage of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter

96%

Percentage of APP achievement for the previous Quarter (for Comparison)

93%

Main areas in the APP that have experienced non-achievement or over achievement during this Quarter

The Department performed fairly on all its service delivery targets. Only three targets were not met with one unachieved target on each three programmes of the Department.

Main reasons provided by the Department / Entity for non-achievement or over achievement of its APP during this Quarter

The Department performed fairly on all its service delivery targets.

Measures in place (with timeframes) to correct the deviation in targets for this Quarter and to prevent recurrence of such or similar deviation

2.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE

The Department reported that certain positions were ring-fenced for people with disabilities to achieve the 4% target.

A summarized analysis on the Department / Entity performance per Programme for the period under review

The Department achieved 96% on its overall service delivery performance. The three main programmes performed as follows.

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Summarized information on any unplanned / emerging priorities reported on by the Department / Entity during the period under review

None

Summarized information on how the Department / Entity maintains portfolios of evidence to verify its reported performance information

The Department reported that it had developed a share point system where evidence is uploaded. Additionally, the Strategy Management Unit conduct quality assurance on evidence submitted.

3. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

3.1 THE DETAILS ON [DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

None

4. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

4.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Actual amount (in Rands) allocated to the Department / Entity as budget for this entire Financial Year

R1.374 billion

Actual amount projected by the Department / Entity to be spent only during the Q under review

R271.4 million

Actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department / Entity only during the Q under review

R404.5million

Total actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department / Entity (Year to Date), i.e., from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review

4.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
R1.188 billion
Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure for this Q under Review only
149%
Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure (Year to Date), i.e., from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review
86%
An analysis of how the % budget expenditure compares with the % APP achievement
The Department achieved 96% of its planned targets. The target performance is commendable; however, the financial performance was worrisome. Although the overall expenditure was at 86% at the end of the quarter under review, the respective programmes recorded alarming over spending.
If there was over / under spending of greater than 3% of projection, what were the main challenges that led to the over / under spending
Programme 1; Administration overspent by R6.7 million (17%). The over expenditure resulted from settlement of outstanding liability related to interdepartmental balances. Programme 2; Provincial Secretariat recorded an over expenditure by R24 million (41%). The over expenditure was attributed to payment of invoices for the 16 days of activism campaign and patrollers who were during the festive season. Programme 3; Traffic Management overspent by R102.5 (59%). The over expenditure was because of payment of goods and services including vehicles linked to elevated priorities and appointment of additional traffic officers.
Mitigating measures by the Department / Entity to remedy over / under expenditure
The Department indicated its spending patterns was to be continuously monitored to ensure adherence to treasury regulations.
The Department / Entity's achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review
The Department's achievement with respect to GEYODI was as follows; black owned business 90%, female owned business 80%, youth owned business 2% and business owned by persons with disabilities 0%.
The Department / Entity's achievement with respect to township economy / SMME / local procurement for the period under review
The Department reported that it had achieved the 72% in promoting township economy.
A summary for the period under review with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days
The Department recorded 100% achievement on payment of invoices in 30 days for the quarter under review.

4.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful, and irregular expenditure

The Department reported that it had not incurred any fruitless, wasteful, and irregular expenditure in the quarter under review.

A summary for the period under review with respect to efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes

The Department had not incurred any fruitless, wasteful, and irregular expenditure in the quarter under review.

A summary for the period under review with respect to reduction of fraud and corruption in all SCM / procurement processes

No report was provided under this indicator.

A summary for the period under review with respect to ongoing clean audits

The Department received an unqualified audit opinion on the annual financial statements and material findings on performance information.

A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants (where applicable)

The Department reported that 52% of the R4.7 million allocated towards Social Sector EPWP incentive grant payments was spent.

Program / Sub Programme level financial performance

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5. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

5.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT

How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review	With respect to any and all Resolutions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Resolutions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity
None	None
What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to Committee Resolutions	
The Committee has been struggling to receive responses to House Resolutions from the Department timeously.	
With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Quarter under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]	
None	
5.2 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PETITIONS MANAGEMENT	
How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review	With respect to any and all Petitions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity
None	None
What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to referred Petitions	
The Committee has not received responses to petitions from the Department.	
With respect to the Petitions / Action due during the Quarter under review but not yet responded to by the Department / Entity, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]	
None	

6. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

6.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

The steps / measures the Department / Entity has taken to meaningfully involve the public / stakeholders in the course of its work / service delivery, during the period under review

The Department reported to have conducted several outreach programmes including engagement sessions on GBVF, substance abuse and gangsterism. It also held a safety summit and launched the 16 days of Activism on No Violence Against Women and Children.

Summary of Public Education programmes of the Department / Entity during the period under review

It was reported that public education programmes were conducted in the quarter under review, to educate communities on the services and programmes of the Department.

Feedback sessions conducted by the Department / Entity during the period under review

No feedback sessions were conducted during the period under review.

7. OVERSIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL TREATISE / AGREEMENTS

7.1 DETAILS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES [Applicable only to OCPOL / OoP]

N/A

8. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

8.1 DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

It was noted that 605 female volunteers were contracted as Gender-Based Violence Brigades. Of the 605, 93 (15.4%) were senior citizens, 332 (55%) were adults between 35 -55 years old, 174 (28%) were youth and 6 (0.9%) were people with disabilities.

9. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS

9.1 DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS

GPL	The Department does comply with the requirements of the GPL in submitting reports, responses to house resolutions, petitions and any other information required.
Auditor General (AGSA)	The Department was compliant with the AGSA requirements when submitting financial statements and any other information required by the office.
Public Service Commission (PSC)	The Department was not compliant with PSC. The Department had a vacancy rate at 19.6% which is above the PSC prescribe percentage of 10%.
Compliance with relevant fiduciary Legislation [e.g., PFMA]	The Department does not seem to fully comply with the requirements of the PFMA in its financial expenditure. This was because the Department's spending was either significantly above or below the acceptable spending percentage.

10. OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE**10.1 THE DETAILS ON A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT / ENTITY****Detailed information on the current vacancies (at all staff levels)**

379

Current vacancy rate

19.6%

Current acting positions (at all Staff levels)

16

Terminations during the period under review

99

New appointments during the period under review

86

Detailed information on the GEYODI / HDI empowerment for the period under review

The Department had reported a 50% achievement on appointment of women in senior management positions and 2.3% for people living with disabilities.

Detailed information on any suspensions for the period under review

There were no terminations in the quarter under review.

11. OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA**11.1 THE DETAILS ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA**

Any other area of Department / Entity performance with respect to its Quarter Report that the Committee wishes to report on, which is not already included in any of the above Focus Areas.

None

12. COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS**12.1 DETAILED COMMITTEE CONCERNS/ OBSERVATIONS**

- i. The high vacancy rate.
- ii. The alarming incidents of violence in schools,

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- iii. The Department's inability to achieve its target in reducing road crashes and fatalities,
- iv. That several intervention programmes were put in place to deal with the spate of GBVF, however, these incidents were increasing constantly,
- v. The 55 priority stations identified to be poor performing,
- vi. The support to Community Police Forums (CPFs) and patroller teams,
- vii. The report that 43 policing vehicles were at a storage facility awaiting installation of tetra radios, and
- viii. The Committee noted the report that various publications and research projects were completed on policing and safety.

13. PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 DETAILED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the information set out herein-above as well as the Committee Concerns, the Committee therefore recommends as follows:

Ref Number	Recommendation	Type of response expected	Due Date
COS/Q4-2023/001	The Department must submit a report on progress made in filling vacant positions, including a list of the filled positions.	Written Response	31 July 2023
COS/Q4-2023/002	The Department must submit a report on the impact of its school safety intervention programmes.	Written Response	31 July 2023
COS/Q4-2023/003	The Department must report on the impact of its road safety interventions in reducing road crashes and fatalities.	Written Response	31 July 2023
COS/Q4-2023/004	The Department must submit a report on the kind of support and the impact of all its Gender-based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) intervention programmes such as the GBVF Brigade, Victim Empowerment Centres, Ikhaya Lethemba and Green Door Facilities.	Written Response	31 July 2023
COS/Q4-2023/005	The Department must submit a comprehensive report on interventions put in place and progress made in improving performance of the 55 priority stations.	Written Response	31 July 2023

13.1 DETAILED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COS/Q4-2023/006	The Department must strengthen its support to CPFs and patroller teams to ensure that they function optimally because they are crucial in ensuring community participation in fighting crime.	Written Response	31 July 2023
COS/Q4-2023/007	The Department must accelerate the installation process of tetra radios on the 43 policing vehicles to ensure that the vehicles are deployed to heighten police visibility.	Written Response	31 July 2023
COS/Q4-2023/008	The Department must submit reports on all the completed research projects.	Written Response	31 July 2023

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15. ADOPTION

In terms of Rule 117 (2) (c) read together with Rule 164 of the Standing Rules of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, the Committee hereby present this report to the House for adoption, considering the proposed recommendations made on the report.