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REPORT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON SAFETY AND SECURITY HELD IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE ON 30 JUNE 1998

DETAILS OF THE HEARING

The hearing was held at North West Legislature, Garona Building, New Parliament Building, Second Floor, East Wing, Conference Room , on 30 June 1998. It was co-ordinated by Dolos Luka of the Institute of Democracy in South Africa (Idasa).

ATTENDANCE AT THE HEARING

The following 41 people, representing organisations, attended the hearing;

NAME	ORGANISATION
Mr Popo Molefe	Premier - North West Government
Mr Satish Roopa	MEC - Safety & Security
Mr David Mahlangu	Chair:Standing Comm on Safety & Security
Mr Michael Mohammed	Safety & Security, Standing Committee
Mr Stulgie Mosimanegape	NW Communication Service
Mrs Silvia Mogotsi	SAPS / CPF
Mrs Getrude Rossouw	African Christian Democratic Party
Mr Daddy Dintwe	CPF Provincial Board
Mr M Tawana	NW Dept of Agriculture
Ms Sue	Spescom Zenith
Mr Jan Muller	North West Local Govt Assoc
Mr E Mmutle	CPF
Mr D Radibotseng	NUM
Mr Sydwell Dokolwane	NUM
Mr Mogotsi Kalaeamodimo	Dept of Correctional Service
Ms Tiny Kwena	NW Para-Legal Association
Mr Moss Matshego	Chair - CPF Provincial Board
Mr J Lemmer	Democratic Party (North West)
Mr M Rossouw	African Christian Democratic Party
Mrs Mareledi Mogorosi	CPF
Mr Thupi Mokhatle	Southern District Council
Mr David Dikoko	Southern District Council
Mr M E Surty	MP (NCOP)
Mr Shellwood Nale	Provincial Secretariat
Mrs J Le Roux	Provincial Secretariat (Free State)
Mr Gauta Komane	NW Dept of the Premier
Mr L A Maluleka	MPL National Party – NW Legislature
Mr Willie Auret	North West Agricultural Union
Mr L S D van Deventer	N W L
Mr Anton Voster	Spescom Zenith
Mrs Alice Pienaar- Marais	National Secretariat
Mr D G Dube	SAPS / CPF
Mr Johnny Mokae	NW Dept of Local Government
Mr S N Koitsioe	National Secretariat
Mr C R Monama	National Secretariat

Mr Eric Pelzer	National Secretariat
Mrs Nondyebo Matole	Standing Committee (NW)

Some of the delegates were from the media:

Mr Kgotlaetsile Ditlhake	The Mirror (Media)
Mr B Saul	The Mail
Mr D Jansen	Klerksdorp Record
Mr J Steinberg	Business Day

QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE HEARING:

The following questions were raised in response to the presentation by the National Secretariat:

The Dept of Agriculture representative expressed concern that the point of view of the WP was from an urban perspective. Rural areas did not receive much emphasis, but require more.

What impact will the proposed changes in the Local Government sector have on the CPFs in terms of new legislation in local government eg boundaries. How are the CPFs going to be affected by the implementation of the legislation?

WP p24 Executive Management and Control - more clarification needed on victim support - What is the role of other departments in the victim support programme? Can the lead department not be social welfare?

At the local level, departments do not integrate programmes. What is the vision of S&S re local co-ordination?

Who is going to co-ordinate different sectors working on crime prevention? SAPS has different departments: who should take responsibility for social crime prevention?

How does clustering affect effective policing? It would be advisable for departments to follow the local government system of demarcation because it would make it much easier to co-ordinate programmes.

Private business would suggest that ways of minimising the bureaucracy should be investigated. Business in the NW is willing to support the police on projects but finds it difficult to access to the police.

Proposal that the social aspects of crime be transferred to the Department of Welfare and the issue of crime control to SAPS.

The Draft White Paper offers solutions to existing crime. What about the root causes?

CPFs need to be equipped to function as proper offices. Perhaps Individuals who assist the CPFs should receive a certificate of participation. ?

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AT THE HEARING:

The following 4 (four) organisations and individuals made written submissions on the Draft White Paper:

NAME	ORGANISATION
Mr Johnny Mokae	NW Dept of Local Government
Mr Moss Matshego	NW CPF Provincial Board
Mr M Rossouw	African Christian Democratic Party
Mr David Dikoko	NW Local Govt Association

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS OF SUBMISSIONS:

The following table represents a summary of the main points covered in all written and oral submissions at the hearing. (The full versions of the written submissions are annexed.)

NAME OF ORGANISATION, COUNCIL BODY, INSTITUTION or INDIVIDUAL	WRITTEN or ORAL	DWP PAGE #	COMMENT MADE
Department of Local Government	W	p 7 envi design	The DFA provides a framework for integrated Development Planning
Department of Local Government	W	p 16 Commty Crime Prevetn	Local Govt should be more fully utilised in crime prevention
Department of Local Government	O	p 26 Municipal Police services	Legislation of municipal policing is welcomed
Provincial CPF Board of the North West	O	p 26 Municipal Police Services	They support the DWP but advise caution by Local Government in the process establishing municipal police structures. Rates would hav to increase to support these structures. People will not b able to afford these rates therefore crime would increase. We should also guard against kangaroo cou and rural police who violate rights.
Provincial CPF Board of the North West	O	p 28 CPF's	

NORWELOGA	O	p 26 local govt role	They support the DWP but advise caution by Local Government in the process establishing municipal police structures. Rates would hav to increase to support these structures. People will not b able to afford these rates therefore crime would increase. We should also guard against kangaroo cou and rural police who violate rights.

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ACDP	W	p 6 6 causes of crime	Various comments on the reasons for crime
ACDP	W	p 17 inst location of crime preventn	
ACDP	W	p 11 police	
ACDP	W	p 26 local govt role	Support the DWP approach
ACDP	W	p 11 police	
ACDP	W	p 29 local arrgmts	
ACDP	W	various non-DWP	
NW BUSINESS	O	p 30 implemtn	
SPEAKER FROM FLOOR:	O	p 16 crime prev	

5. EVALUATION OF THE HEARING:

The evaluation team comprising of representatives from the National Secretariat, Provincial Secretariat, Standing Committee Chair and Idasa felt that the way the invitation list was done was good and it reflected the stakeholders in the province. The evaluation was done as follows ;

Concerning attendance

35 organisations, responded but did not all attend;

Only one district council (Southern District Council) attended;
Only the ACDP gave input and other Political Parties did not, saying they will do so at national level
Although many copies of the DWP were sitributed to business, very few representatives from business attended or participated;
Mafikeng is not a central venue- people had to travel far, without transport reimbursement, or subsidised accommodation;
Timing - Legislature in recess, school closed and national congresses of stakeholders (SACP,COSATU, AZAPO etc)
There are few organisations in the province with "Provincial Profile"
Many organisation in the province are structured in such a way that documents goes through a lot of channels before a decision is made. This process takes a long time and was problem for responses.
Civil Society organisations were represented but didn`t make much input which was disappointing
The role and responsibility of civil society should have been clarified, when requesting input

Concerning submissions
Some submissions that were made were not relevant to the White Paper;
Although there is quite a lot of crime in the province, attendees didn`t raise their views on this;
The hearing was dull because it lacked debate;
Most political parties will make written submission at national level, not at provincial level;

Agenda
The agenda was fine and the process well managed
A useful presentation on the White Paper was well done by Eric Pelser – but could have more emphasis on CPF and PCPF's in future;

Logistics
Lot of support was given to Idasa from the committee section
A concern was raised, that the Provincial Secretariat didn`t attend any of the preparatory meetings held between the Standing Committee and Idasa;

General Comments
It was clear that many attendees had not read the White Paper;
People attended the hearing to see what the White Paper is all about;
There were no preparatory workshops because of time constraints;

OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEARING
PREMIER's REMARKS:
On behalf of legislature, the Premier expressed appreciation for the seriousness which everyone is showing to tackle problems of crime prevention and restructuring and reform of policies with regard to crime. Crime is one of the major problems facing SA, which is why we are all here. Today's gathering symbolises a new

paradigm in the manner in which we formulate policy, implement and monitor policy. The approach integrates all role-players and the entire society in tackling the challenge of crime. He said that the problem of crime is not a govt problem, but a social problem, requiring society to get involved. The DWP emphasises that the solution does not lie in the Criminal Justice System, but in preventing crime. If more of us become convinced that society must become involved in preventing crime, we will be able to mobilise more people, to draw the communities behind this programme, the ideal of a crime-free society and zero tolerance of crime can be realised. We want to thank those who participate in CPF's. A critical problem for this WP to address is the demarcation/jurisdiction of police stations - need to look at efficiency and effectiveness, and cut the red tape - part of the issues of service by the police to the community. We also need to look at the differences in service and resources between formerly black and white areas. The Premier also thanked the National Secretariat and Idasa and the MEC for their excellent work.