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PRESENTATION TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SECURITY, JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, PARLIAMENT. CAPE TOWN 4 MAY 2006.

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I have pleasure in presenting this report to the Select Committee on Security, Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

The Office of the Chief State Law Adviser continues to provide the state at a national level with advice on various matters, including policy related issues and certifies all national legislation before it (the national legislation) is tabled in Parliament.

In addition the Chief State Law Adviser nominally / notionally exercises control over the state attorneys. I have been advised that a Chief Litigation Officer is going to be appointed who will, in time, also exercise control over the state attorneys. This report, therefore, incorporates an overview of how the state attorneys have performed over the past year as well.

Up to fairly recently, Legal Liability, Legal Process and International Affairs reported to the Chief State Law Adviser, but now report directly to the Director-General.

These changes are in line with the current thinking within the Ministry and will ultimately result in the Chief State Law Adviser performing only the functions historically performed by the Chief State Law Adviser.

The Office of the Chief State Law Adviser constantly considers ways of measuring its performance and of enhancing it.

agreements and regulations during this period.

During our most recent legothla, we considered ways of positioning ourselves, as
more proactive and our training requirements.

The office has identified and is prioritising the development and enhancement of
skills.

It established the legislative drafting unit to fulfil what was clearly a much-needed
in their early thirties, two have turned forty, four are in their fifties and two in their