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**BUDGET VOTE 9 SPEECH 2019/20: PRESENTED TO THE KWAZULU-NATAL
LEGISLATURE BY MEC FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON,
HONOURABLE T.M KAUNDA, MPL, PIETERMARITZBURG, TUESDAY ,16 JULY
2019.**

Madame Speaker;

The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Honourable Mr S. Zikalala;

Members of the Provincial Executive Council;

Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature;

Amakhosi AseNdlunkulu present;

Mayors and Councillors of Municipalities;

Excellences, members of the diplomatic corps;

Director-General and Heads of the various Departments;

Provincial Commissioner and your management team;

The South African Police Service;

Senior officials of government departments;

Members of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster;

The leadership of the Community Safety Structures;

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen;

All stakeholders;

Members of the media; and People of KwaZulu-Natal,

1. FOLLOWING UP ON OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE PEOPLE: “MAKING YOUR FUTURE WORK BETTER”

Madame Speaker,

It is with great pleasure to stand before you in this reputable house today to present the 2019/20 budget policy statement for Vote 9, the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, under the theme “**BUILDING A UNITED FRONT AGAINST CRIME**” “**JOURNING TOWARDS CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES FOR ALL**”

Madame Speaker allow me to start by I wish to start by extending my countless appreciation to the former Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Baba Willies Mchunu for his un-ended support during his term as the Premier. His words and actions of guidance towards achieving a safe and secure environment will always remain with us even though he is in retirement.

The same gratitude goes to the 5th Executive Administration for their unwavering support in making sure that by working together we delivered on the fundamental needs of our people

Madame Speaker, as we are celebrating 25 years since our people gained freedom and enjoyed democracy it is about time we implement and deliver what we committed to our people. It is in that essence we are leading opening this budget vote with the theme our President, His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa gave us when he was delivering the State of the Nation Address “**Lets grow South Africa together as we celebrate 25 years of freedom**”.

The President said it loud and clear that the 6th democratic parliament or administration should focus mong many other things at building a stable and secure environment for all. He continues to say for the last 25 years’ government working with different stakeholders and communities “We laid a firm foundation on which we can build a country in which all may know peace and comfort and contentment”.

Madame Speaker, during the State of the Province Address, the Honourable Premier Sihle Zikalala highlighted among other challenges, the challenges of social ills such as the high level of drug abuse and alcohol. The Department of Community Safety

and Liaison is working with the Department of Social Department we will implement strategies like demand reduction strategy, supply reduction strategy and harm reduction strategy that are available on the Provincial Drug Master Plan in fulfilling the vision of our people of a Province that is free of substance abuse. Again working with the Department of Social Department we will continue to stage educational and awareness campaigns to protect people living with albinism and many disabled people suffer discrimination.

Madame Speaker, the honourable Premier also spoke about issue of school safety in our Province, saying some schools are war zones and centres of crime, drugs, and sexual abuse. In response of this, Madame Speaker, the Department of Community Safety and Liaison has signed a memorandum of understanding where the Department of Community Safety and Liaison had provided the Department of Education volunteers who will serve as security guards in more than 3000 schools.

The Honourable Premier also made the following pronouncements:

- Implementing the Moerane Commission recommendations on preventing political related killings, Combating stock theft, Combating 'xenophobic' attacks, Establishing Street Committees, Community Safety Forums and Community Policing Forums where they don't exist. Where such structures exist, these will be strengthened and Revamping policing by ensuring proper functioning of police stations and ensuring that police respond to complaints with urgency.

Madame Speaker, fighting crime and winning the battle of crime is a collective responsibility. Together we can defeat this one common enemy because we are serving under the unity of purpose, which is keep our Province safe and secure.

Department of Community Safety and Liaison fulfil its mandate by performing duties of two programmes that are within the Department. Programme 1 covers administration of the Department while programme two talks to Provincial Civil Secretariat.

2. PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

“OPERATION TAKE YOUR POSITION FOR EXCELLENCE”

Honourable Members, the Department is continuing to put in place measures that will ensure that we deliver in an expected manner and speed. In year 2018, the Department received an unqualified report, with very few matters that had to be taken into consideration. We are working hard this financial year to achieve a clean audit. The structure of the Department remains the same with 13 district offices in the Province. In all these districts, we have dedicated officials who are working with all our stakeholders to ensure that we make significant gains in the fight against crime. Indeed, we are working towards achieving excellence when it comes to creating safer living conditions for our people.

Currently, the total number of the staff is sitting at 163 with 20 interns. The department took upon itself, working with different institutions, to secure a space for students who need experience before they get a full qualification for their diplomas and degrees.

Madame Speaker, under the 6th administration “zizojika izinto” the Department of Community Safety and Liaison is already operating under the above mentioned theme of “Operation take your position for excellence”. The purpose of the operation is to achieve the following and more:

- Inculcate a culture of discipline, ethical behaviour and professionalism
- Conduct a thorough introspection on how far we have come and how best we can continue to execute our responsibilities.
- Put our monitoring and evaluation at the centre of our operation
- Effective and efficient execution of our responsibilities as civil servants.

We envisage a public institution that is well driven, competent and value driven. A public administration that goes beyond compliance with public service regulations and Treasury Regulations and obtain clean audits. At the same time, we need to be innovative, adaptability dedication, patriotism and people-centredness in the public service.

We must build and institutionalise systems that are responsive to the aspirations and needs of our people. Definitely, we must fast track procurement reforms to accommodate previously disadvantaged communities and enable them to participate fully in the main stream economy.

Radical Socio-Economic Transformation must continue to be our strategic thrust and be expedited.

Our Community Service points must be centres of knowledge and development. They must be critical tools to change material conditions of our communities. This will undoubtedly restore the people`s confidence and hope to the public service.

Madame Speaker, on top of that the Department has revived the project called Annual Departmental Service Delivery Excellence Awards which are in line with Batho Pele; as an initiative to get public servants to be service orientated, strive for excellence in service delivery and commit to continuous service delivery improvement. It is a simple, transparent mechanism, which allows customers to hold public servants accountable for the type of services they deliver.

This project will help improve public service delivery by supporting the transformation of the public service into a citizen-orientated organisation, through a deeper understanding and application of Batho Pele. The Annual Departmental Service Excellence Awards seek to achieve the following objectives:

- To identify areas of service delivery that need improvement.
- To promote a culture of professionalism, dedication, integrity and encouraging collaboration amongst officials of the Department at all levels.
- To facilitate a culture of continuous improvement, empowerment, innovation and service excellence.
- To encourage active participation, commitment, sacrifice of individuals and teams when facilitating service delivery improvement to clients.
- To recognise effective leadership traits, and employee's service excellence that contribute to delivering quality services to the citizens of KwaZulu Natal.
- To celebrate the success of individuals and teams in the quest for an effective and efficient Department.

2.2 Social Crime Prevention Programme

Madame Speaker, the Volunteer Social Crime Prevention Programme (VSCPP), is one of the vehicles the Department utilises in delivering peace and stability in the Province. Our volunteers are attached to different wards to facilitate engagements between the community and the law enforcement agencies. Every after two years the Department recruit's a new intake of volunteers through issuing the advert and allow anyone who qualifies for such posts to apply. They are interviewed in their respective areas of stay.

For this financial year 2019/20 the intake and training of 223 volunteers have been done and completed. This foot soldiers are now working in different communities helping Government to fight the scourge of crime.

Madame Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention that working with the Department of Education under the leadership of my colleague, Honourable MEC Kwazi Mshengu, we are busy rolling out the strategy of placing our volunteers to more than 3000 schools. We are certain that our food soldiers will safe guard our schools 24/7 in making sure that violence and vandalization of the property is seen no more.

We are also engaging Fidelity to take and train more 500 volunteers and place them to different places as security guards.

Madame speaker, there is no policy enforcing the Department to find jobs or jobs opportunities for the volunteers, it is just because we are a caring government, these are our people.

One may ask why security guards, we are very convinced Madam Speaker that we invested a lot of money, energy and knowledge to the volunteers just focusing on safety and security. We don't want them to be misplaced because they have already acquired the experience of safety and security.

Through this initiative, we should see a decline school violence.

3. PROGRAMME 2: PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE SERVICE

“BUILD A SOLID AND UNITED FRONT AGAINST CRIME”

3.1 STABILITY IN KZN

Our beautiful province is known as a violent province mostly on the side of politics.

Madame Speaker, we are proud to announce that during the 2019 national and general elections we were able to put in place programmes that brought peace and stability in our communities. We were able to police our province before, during and after elections. We are continuing to do alike as we are aware that the Local Government Elections are just around the corner that means there is no time to rest. The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) also declared elections as free and fair.

We also salute the good work done by the Multiparty-Political Intervention Committee (MPPIC). Leading up to and during the 2019 General and Provincial Elections, the Department, Integrated law enforcement and VSCPP personnel worked around the clock to ensure that there was stability on the ground. We managed to ensure that the political environment was without any incidents of violence, intimidation and intolerance.

I am particularly pleased that we have managed to bring stability in two hostels that have become notorious for criminal activity, mostly murder. The situation in KwaMashu and Glebelands hostels has returned to normality. I applaud the excellent work done by the Department, law enforcement and all our stakeholders.

Their hard work is testament that if we all pull together in one direction, we can and will realize lasting, peace, unity and stability in all the corners of our province.

Our flagship programme, Communities-in-Dialogue Programme (CIDP), has played a pivotal role in restoring peace and unity in many communities of our province. There have been many places that have experienced bloodshed as a result of conflicts. The Department, law enforcement, traditional leadership and our stakeholders have worked tirelessly to restore stability and co-existence with all warring parties.

We have successfully intervened through our CIDP programme in Dabhasi, Stulwane, Weenen, Ntumbane and Eshowe. Our Department continues to monitor these areas

and rolls out programmes that encourage social cohesion like sports against crime. These programmes ensure that members of the community continue living together in harmony.

Madame Speaker, The Department is conducting research into the high prevalence of Murder incidents in KwaZulu-Natal. This project seeks to both, ascertain what factors are contributing to the high murder levels and, importantly, determine what interventions will most effectively prevent murders and who is best placed to participate in such endeavours

In relation to its Constitutional mandate to improve the quality of policing and safety provision, the compilation of the *Safety & Policing Needs & Priorities for KZN* is underway. This project, being conducted throughout the Province, will involve consultation and engagement with all role-players, in particular, communities as represented by Community Police Forums, Youth Desks and KZN Community Crime Prevention Association as well as relevant Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster stakeholders. The main purpose of this project is to enable the Province to make input into resource allocation which must align with identified safety and policing needs and priorities.

3.2 CRIME TRENDS IN KWAZULU-NATAL.

Madame Speaker, last year's crime statistics showed an increase in Trio crimes. Our focal point this year is in areas like iNanda, Umlaza, Madadeni, KwaMashu and Maphumulo as they were highlighted as the leading areas in terms of crime, especially contact crimes.

Last year, during Safety Month (November), our focus was on launching Districts Safety Forums as part of innovative and inclusive strategies to close the ranks for criminals. These safety forums are comprised of a plethora of committed "agents of peace" from the Local Municipality, Justice and Constitutional Development, Law Enforcement (SAPS and Traffic Police) and importantly the District Municipality and the Department. Thus far, we have successfully launched these Community Safety Forums in UThukela, Amajuba, Harry Gwala and uMkhanyakude Districts. Plans are

at advanced stages to launch these forums in the remaining districts and EThekweni Metro and Ugu District.

Since the advent of democracy, we have dedicated our efforts together with law enforcement and community crime prevention structures to ensure that our people feel safe and free from crime. Nevertheless, it must be noted that some communities are still faced with challenges of gangsterism and violence.

As part of the effort of fighting against this challenge the Department introduced a programme called Reintegration of ex-offenders and gangsterism, the intention is to work with the ex- offenders in fighting against crime and motivating young people on how not to involve themselves into criminality.

Through the help of the Community Policing Strategy that was launched in October last year (2018), we have been able to fight against(**crimes that shown a decline**). The strategy puts an emphasis in building and strengthening relations between the community and the police on how we can win the battle against crime.

Through our community safety structures, which is KZN Community Crime Prevention Association (KZNCCPA), Provincial Community Police Board and Community Police Youth Desk we are ready to continue working very hard in closing all the ranks against the criminals.

Madame Speaker, under commercial crime, the Police were able to arrest 2021 people linked to one or two criminal activities. 574 convictions were secured, 359 guilty verdicts and 215 alternative dispute resolution verdicts. At the end of the financial 1997 court dockets were pending trial. 91,4% of court related cases are trial ready with the remaining being still under investigation.

3.3 PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS

Madame Speaker, the good work done by our women and men in blue is much appreciated. They work tirelessly in making sure the Province of KwaZulu-Natal is safe and peaceful. I dare say, let us not outshine the good work done by the police by a minority of those rotten potatoes who need to be flushed out from the system.

To the police, we continue to pledge our unwavering support in making sure that together we fight and win the scourge of crime.

Madame Speaker, police recovered 4838 complete firearms, 76 654 rounds of live ammunition, 14 firearm components and 3533 firearm parts in places like; Umsinga, Richmond, uMzimkhulu, Maphumulo and uMlaza.

The Office of the Minister of Police has initiated a review of the regulatory framework for firearms control in order to address current legal challenges as well as further reduce the availability of firearms in society.

3.4 STOCK THEFT

Livestock theft continues to pose threat in attaining the envisaged safety and security in communities of KwaZulu-Natal. In an attempt to reduce the effect and impact of this criminal act, a series of programmes are being embarked upon as indicated below.

- (i) Enforcement of branding of livestock.
- (ii) Visit pension payouts, abattoirs, funerals, butcheries, traditional functions.
- (iii) Establish and maintain Rural Safety Committee with all relevant role players.
- (iv) Promote awareness campaigns.
- (v) Train Vispol and RTI members in respect of Stock Theft Act.
- (vi) Co-ordinate the realignment of Stock Theft Units with Clusters.
- (vii) Conduct Cross Border operations.
- (viii) Enhance partnership between SAPS and NPA by including other relevant roleplayers such as Amakhosi, Farmers Union, KZNCCPA, etc.
- (ix) Enhance Farm Watch.
- (x) Monitoring of movement of stock.
- (xi) Improve detection and conviction rate of cases.
- (xii) Summit / Dialogue on stock thefts(Amajuba , Harry Gwala,

A total of 16 stock theft units are capacitated and maintained throughout the province. During the last financial year, there has been an upward movement in respect of the incidents of stock theft and whilst the conviction rate is quite high, the detection rate

can be improved. This means that greater community cooperation with investigations is needed.

Police recovered a total of 9838 live stock. This total includes cattles, sheeps, goats, horses, donkeys, ostrich, pigs and poultry.

3.4 HOSTELS PEACE INITIATE

Madame Speaker, the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, is working very closely with the Gauteng Department of Community Safety and Liaison, His Majesty, iSilo SamaBandla, King Goodwill Zwelithini Zulu through Prince VM Zulu, Izinduna from all Gauteng hostels and the police in finding a lasting solution of making hostels a safe and peaceful environment.

Madame Speaker, The Gauteng Community Safety and Police working with KwaZulu Natal Community Safety & Liaison and police we will establish an Inter-Provincial Law Enforcement Task Team to conduct operations in all hostels within KZN and Gauteng province as part of disarmament campaign, use the Inter-provincial task team to raid all suspects in Gauteng and KZN, as most perpetrators involved in Gauteng hostels violent conflict are known criminals in KZN.

3.5 CROSS BORDER CRIME

Madame Speaker, cross border crime has given our government man a sleepless night in the recent years. This stretch of land that connects Mozambique and Manguzi was notorious for carjacking, smuggling of drugs, human trafficking and movement of undocumented persons and poaching of endangered species. However, I am happy to report that we are steadily turning the tide against these crimes. Currently, the Department has trained and placed fifty (50) Social Crime Prevention Volunteers to augment our efforts to win the battle against cross border crime. These volunteers are critical in information gathering, they relay important pieces of information to border police and the SANDF which has yielded positive results in significantly decreasing the number of stolen and hijacked vehicles that cross the border. Two weeks back 3 cars were recovered with two from Gauteng. Last year, we reported a R90 million for

the upgrading of the Manguzi police station. This project will be complete by September this year.

Through the initiative of the Province, an Inter-Governmental Relations Protocol Agreement was signed during the last financial year with 19 national government departments to improve collective border integrity management.

Madame Speaker, the building of New Jersey barriers at the cost of R50 million, thanks to the provincial government will begin shortly. This project will prevent the movement of stolen cars across the border.

3.6 PUBLIC PROTESTS

Honourable members over the past few years, the Province has developed the following mechanisms to better manager Public Protests:

- Establishment by COGTA of a rapid response structure and teams with terms of reference;
- Development of a legal strategy, which includes sending cautionary letters to convenors of protests, interdict applications, recovery of damages, recovery of legal costs and laying of criminal charges;
- Development of a protocol for the provincial government with roles and responsibilities in respect of public protest management;
- Appointment of dispute resolution facilitation teams and setting dispute resolution conditions and procedures;
- Conducting training programmes for employees on organizational rights and grievance procedures;
- Publicizing the potential adverse consequences of unlawful protest action;
- Implementing a pro-active intervention plan to engage affected communities on underlying causes identified through intelligence reports and departmental channels;
- Facilitating an integrated law enforcement approach.

We have had an unprecedented number of public protests. We have travelled the length and breadth of this majestic province “**putting out fires**”. We have held numerous consultations, meetings and at times heated debates in our endeavour to

realise stability and to ensure that all service delivery complaints or dissatisfaction are settled amicable through negotiations.

I thank law enforcement officers, disaster management teams, community crime prevention structures, community crime prevention volunteers and departmental officials for showing tremendous courage and a spirit selflessness when facing these public protests, which sometimes can quickly become violent.

Through our interventions, we have managed to ensure that the situations remain stable and thus conducive for economic growth prospects. We have intervened in the following areas:

- eThekwini Metro
- Ugu
- Nhlalakahle
- Mfekaye
- KwaXolo
- UMzimkhulu
- Mhlumayo
- Mzumbe
- Buhlebezwe

3.7 PERCEIVED POLITICAL KILLINGS

In respect of political killings, the Moerane Commission Report was received in June 2018. An implementation plan has been developed and letters signed by the Premier. Relevant functionaries and structures, such as the Social Cohesion Council, are seized with the matter, however, it must be noted that the underlying causes are complex and would only be truly eliminated if we as politicians and political parties heed the Commission report and correct our behaviour. On the positive side, an police investigative task team has been established and perpetrators are being brought to book.

3.8 MULTI-PARTY POLITICAL INTERVENTION COMMITTEE/ 2019 ELECTIONS

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Multi-Party Political Intervention Committee was resurrected with the goal of defusing eminent political tension or violence. A series of successful engagements were convened by this committee in different Districts of KwaZulu-Natal to spread the message of political maturity and tolerance leading up to, during and after the elections. I want to thank Mawethu Mosery for his leadership and unbiased support and professionalism.

The Multi-Party Political Intervention Committee laid a solid foundation for the 2019 Elections. This committee visited Lindelani in KwaDukuza, here, a successful interaction with different political parties was achieved. In Vryheid, this committee successfully quelled a volatile situation in the Abaqulusi Municipality following a series of public protest that resulted in the damage of property and a number of arrests. Madame Speaker, because of the stellar work done by this committee, our province hosted peaceful elections where political tolerance was the order of the day. I want to thank all political parties for playing their part in ensuring that political stability, co-existence and maturity is realised.

3.9 TAXI-RELATED CONFLICTS

Madame Speaker, I am happy to inform this august house that most of the areas previously characterised as hotspots in terms of taxi related conflicts are stable as a direct result of interventions made by the Department. These areas include KwaNdengezi, Maphumulo and Ladysmith.

Ladies and Gentleman, since we announced the suspension of long distance operations in Ladysmith between Sizwe and klipriver taxi associations in December 2017 to date there have been no reports of any loss of lives in the Ladysmith taxi industry. The situation in Nongoma is also stable since we intervened.

The provincial crime summit which we convened last year also made significant strides in restoring unity and to help regulate private security companies and personnel recruited by taxi associations. The circulation of illegal firearms and ammunition within the taxi industry is a great concern. To this end, the provincial crime summit resolved to conduct thorough check up on the personnel and to create a firearms register to make sure that illegal firearms are removed from our streets and the taxi industry.

As government, we recognise the taxi industry as the first truly black owned business and we want this business to flourish and reach even greater heights. Police have also developed a plan to root-out all the hitmen (Izinkabi) and private security companies that continue to perpetuate violence within the industry.

3.10 COMMUNITY AND POLICE RELATIONS

Ladies and gentlemen, the Department will continue in its endeavour to advocate for building, improving and maintaining relations between the police, various sectors of the society and communities.

As government, we want to issue a strong warning to criminals who are killing our police officers. Anyone who attacks a police officer while on duty is directly undermining the authority of the state. We have issued a clear unambiguous directive to the police to defend themselves and the constitution of the republic if criminals attack them.

Madame Speaker, in this financial year, the Department will fast track the process of establishing street and village committees, voting district safety teams as well as local and district safety forums.

The formation and functionality of these committees will greatly enhance and complement the work done by other community crime prevention structures. Indeed, fighting crime is a collective responsibility; we should all take our positions for excellence.

If we want to turn the tide against crime, we must adopt an activist approach, build a stronger united front against crime, and declare war against crime.

3.11 SCHOOL SAFETY

Madame Speaker, the time is now for us to take drastic steps to curb the unprecedented incidents of criminality in our schools. Following incidents of shootings at school premises I have held meetings with my esteemed colleague and comrade, the MEC for Education HON: Kwazi Mshengu to accelerate the formation of school safety committees.

We have also placed crime prevention volunteers at high risk schools to assist with the implementation of the National School Safety Framework.

The Department will also convene a school safety summit with the view to improve safety of both pupils and teachers, tackle and reduce drug and substance abuse, end the carrying of dangerous weapons in school and make sure that the culture of teaching and learning continues in a safe and secure environment.

3.12 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Department is mandated to monitor and evaluate the policing policy and the conduct of the police throughout the province. Last financial year the Department under the census project we monitored all 184 stations in the province just to assess what do we have and what we don't have in order to police our communities accordingly. The purpose of this project also is to improve service delivery and check the police stations' compliance with the Domestic Violence Act (DVA) and the National Monitoring Tool (NMT). Data collected during this approach provided a baseline information on the status of SAPS performance, compliance and implementation of policies and legislation. The findings were shared with the SAPS management in order to implement them.

Madame Speaker, since all 184 police stations have been evaluated, this financial year we are running a programme called post census monitoring where we are only monitoring 25% of the of the 184 police stations. The ultimate aim is to move the station from poor level to the highest level of performance – it is envisaged that by the end of the year/term those identified police stations should be best practice model stations. The criteria to be used in determining the 25% of the police stations to be monitored includes the follows:

- Police stations that performed poorly, overall;(Stations include.....
- Provincial trends in relation to poor performance; and
- Police stations that displayed poor management of non-compliance by members and members as offenders of domestic violence.

- Based on the census report - feedback report with findings is presented to station management;
- Together with station management, the Department develop a realistic and detailed Improvement Plan to address all deficiencies and irregularities that have been identified;
- Once ratified by Cluster Commander, copy be forwarded to the SAPS National Commissioner and Provincial Commissioner.

On top of that the Department is concurrently running a special project of called Docket Archive Stores (DAS). To purpose of the special project is to assess the availability and state of Docket Archive Stores, to assess the extent of the loss of dockets and opened duplicate case dockets during the 2018/19 financial year; and to assess the availability and implementation of the Integrated Criminal Docket Management System. (ICDMS).

3.13. COURT WATCHING BRIEF (CWB)

Madame Speaker, The Department of Community Safety and Liaison is in the process of implementing the new project that is called Court Watch Brief(CWB). The project is an initiative of the Department of Community Safety Western Cape, to enhance the ability to perform oversight over the police as mandated by section 206 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. The oversight is performed by visiting various courts in the province to monitor police conduct as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The primary objective of the CWB is to promote professional policing. The function performed by the unit is to report on cases removed from the court roll and to ensure that those failures have been reported, investigated and addressed by the relevant SAPS leadership. The project involves the regular court attendance by appropriately qualified members of the staff during which they make certain observations and or inquiries into the **conduct, efficiency and effectiveness** of the South African Police Service (SAPS). Their observations are duly recorded, analysed, reported and followed-up.

A summary report, on findings made during such observations/audits, will be forwarded to the **Provincial Commissioner** of the SAPS in the province on a quarterly basis, affording him the **opportunity to comment** on such findings prior to the report being tabled at the Provincial Legislature's ComSafety Portfolio Committee. Although detailed cases will be reported on, the focus remains on the identification of **systemic failures within the detective environment**.

3.14 COMMUNITIES IN DIALOGUES PROGRAMME(CiDP)

Madame Speaker, the Premier Honourable Sihle Zikalala during his State of the Province Address, mentioned the importance of Communities in Dialogue programme. Indeed, we also seen this vehicle bringing communities and families together. This programme is the channel that respond to many different issues. Premier said, "**it is the value which has been extensively applied to resolve deep-seated community conflicts**", I totally agree.

3.15 MEC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Madame Speaker, the MEC's Service Excellence Awards were staged in the last financial year and they were a huge success. They were conducted in partnership between the Department of Community Safety and Liaison and the Department of Transport.

The project is aimed at awarding excellent services within the law enforcement agencies (SAPS, RTI). It also integrated community safety structures that work effectively and efficiently with the Department in eliminating crime (KZNCCPA, CPF Board, CPF Youth Desk).

This financial year the approach will still be the same but we will also add other categories like Municipal traffic officers, Metro Police and volunteers.

3.16 PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR OUTLESTS

Madame Speaker, we will continue to monitor and visit liquor outlets throughout the province. Working with the police, liquor authority and other stakeholders we raided

and arrested 6699 people for illegal dealing in liquor, 33 illegal distribution of liquor, 4 illegal macro-manufacturing of liquor and 38 illegal micro-manufacturing of liquor.

3.18 CRIME SUMMIT FOR THE DISABLED / PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

Madame Speaker, fighting crime is a collective responsibility, as a department we believe the safety of every sector of the community remains our collective responsibility. Stats have shown the people living with disability are more prone to crime than every sector of the community. The department will in this financial year as part of the safety month activities host a summit for the disabled where will take a closer look at the crime facing this critical sector of our societies looking at means and ways in our programmes can be tailored in a way that they do not feel less of the South African citizens than the others .

4. CONCLUSION

Madame Speaker, fighting crime is a collective responsibility. We urge all citizens of this province and those who love this province to work with us to achieve the envisaged results.

We`ve seen that working in collaboration with different stakeholder`s, KZN Community Crime Prevention Association, Community Police Board, Community Police Youth Desk and Justice Crime Prevention Security Cluster bare good fruits.

5. WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Madam Speaker, allow me to thank the leadership of the 6th administration, as we begin this journey we will journey together and serve the people of KwaZulu-Natal accordingly. The ANC for entrusting me with the task of building a crime free Province. The Chairperson of the Community Safety and Liaison Portfolio Committee, the Honourable Bheki Ntuli, and the Hounarable members of the Portfolio Committee.

I wish to also thank the Head of Department, Mr CT Mavundla, the Management and staff of the Department.

To my family(MLULEKI PLEASE DO THIS PART)

6. BUDGET

Madame Speaker, it is my pleasure to table the budget of the Department of Community Safety and Liaison for the 2019/20 financial year of **R 235 054,000.00** for approval to be appropriated as follows:

8. PROVINCIAL ALLOCATION

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION : R 90 393,000.00

PROGRAMME 2: PROVINCIAL CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT : R144 661,000.00

I thank you.