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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. INTRODUCTION

Madam Speaker, I rise to table the budget vote-9 for the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Community Safety and Liaison. I table this budget under the theme: ***“Heightening the fight against crime to secure and grow KwaZulu-Natal”***.

This theme is a clarion call to action, and it is explicitly clear that as we have entered the new dawn, we cannot achieve the desired growth if there is no stability and security. To us, security is the prerequisite for development and progress. However, if our province and the country as a whole is bedevilled by crime and insecurity, there will be no investment. Crime, uncertainty and violence erode investor confidence.

Chairperson, this new administration under the stewardship of Premier Sihle Zikalala has placed top on its agenda the issue of fighting crime hence the emphasis on breaking the grimy restraints to create a safer province. Equally, President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa elevated the fight against crime as one of the bold priorities for this current administration. Indeed, we must take a collective responsibility in building a province that is growing economically and safe.

Scene Setting

Madam Speaker, the year 2019 marks a huge milestone in the history of this country. This year marks 75 years since the formation of the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) in 1943. This is the only youth formation that has managed to rally young people to participate in the liberation struggle and to confront any challenges facing this country. We are therefore reminded of the profound words of the founding president of the ANCYL, Anthon Lembede, who had this to say about the strength of young people.

“We are not called to peace, comfort and enjoyment, but to hard work, struggle and sweat. We need young men and women of high moral stamina and integrity; of courage and vision. In short, we need warriors. This means that we have to develop a new type of youth of stoical discipline, trained to endure sufferings and difficulties. It is only this type of youth that will achieve the national liberation of the African people”

Chairperson, even today we reaffirm young people as a central weapon to fight all challenges facing this country and its people. No matter how big is the challenge, the

unity of young people, their activism and resilient is unparalleled. The young people are also frontline agents of championing the radically economic transformation that we want to achieve in our lifetime.

We believe that as we begin the term of the 6th administration, we can only make a difference, grow South Africa and win the battle against crime – when young people are in the forefront, taking charge of their streets and villages.

The priorities announced by the President in his State of the Nation Address, will be difficult to fulfil if young people are not taking the lead. As the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, we are making a clarion call to all young people, youth formations in all corners of this province to be our partners in the fight against crime. For us to win this battle, we need your ideas, we need your energy and innovation. As we enter this heightened phase of fighting crime, every young person is our strategic partner - *Mayihlome*.

Chairperson, in our quest to build a resilient province, we must draw lessons and inspirations from the work of the 5th administration under the leadership of former Premier, Willies Mchunu. This Department of Community Safety and Liaison achieved milestones during this term of office and managed to galvanised the people of KwaZulu-Natal to be active participants in the fight against crime. The collaboration with the people, community structures, Non-Governmental Organisations, civil society and business - has been a living testimony that indeed if we join hands and work together, we can do wonders.

1.1 NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

Madam Speaker, Honourable members, we once again we pride ourselves that this province, against all prophets of doom, delivered peaceful election on the 8th May 2019. Many, including the so-called violence monitors have predicted a bloody National General Elections. We wish to commend the people of KwaZulu-Natal accross all political divide for being exemplary. On the same token, we wish to commend leaders of political parties for adhering to our call for peace and political tolerance. The era of political violence is over and the foundation that has been laid must be a reminder that our people have a right to elect anyone in public office and to exercise their democratic right freely – without violence and intimidation.

Indeed, it was refreshing that even when we had such an unprecedented increase in the number of political parties that contested the elections –political co-existence was still witnessed. Again, the fact that over 5 million people registered to vote and over 4000 voting stations were operational, we managed to conduct ourselves within the confines of the law, is history that is worth being celebrated.

Chairperson, we wish to commend the Multi-Party-Political Intervention Committee and constructive political engagements we had during our meeting in preparation for the elections. This committee remains an important vehicle in the creation of political stability and harmonious engagements in the province. All leaders were always ready to assist with information and to travel to any part of the province to intervene in the quest for peace and tolerance.

Chairperson, we must however register our disappointment at some members of the communities, who embarked on violent public protests and barricaded roads, depriving other people their right to access voting stations in areas such as Bergville and eMgababa. This must never happen again because a right to vote is a hard-won right that was achieved through a decade of struggle and bloodshed – no one should take it for granted. It is therefore unacceptable that people can use such an important day to infringe on other's rights. This was a lesson for the future and moving forward, in the Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS), we will pay more attention to public protest hot-spot areas.

We also wish to extend our deep appreciation to all the law enforcement agencies for their sterling work during this period. Every voting station had a police officer to assure people of their safety and to escalate matters with speed where problems were being experienced. We also thank the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) staff, community safety structure and volunteers, who spent sleepless night making sure that these elections proceeded smoothly.

As we continue to conduct by-elections and prepare for the 2021 Local Government Elections, we must all strive not to reverse the gains we have made, and no political party or leaders must allow this province to reverse this in your name.

1.2 SCHOOL SAFETY CHALLENGES

Madam Speaker, when we send our kids to school as parents, correctly so, we assume that they are going to the safest place and that nothing will harm them. The incidents we have witnessed recently are shocking and indicative of a sick society. The attack and killing of staff (teachers), the violence among learners themselves are an indication that a lot more need to be done to make our schools safe.

We are working closely with the Department of Education to address this challenge because we are committed to create a safe learning environment in schools. A joint task team of the two Department is hard at work investigating measures that needs to be undertaken to arrest this scourge throughout the province. The two Department are also jointly planning a School Safety Indaba, where all role players in the education and crime fighting sector will come together and devise tangible means and plans of fighting crime in schools. We are also working on reviving the memorandum of understanding which was compelling them to work together in addressing matters of safety in schools.

Chairperson, we have also met the police management to address this problem. The 'adopt a school campaign', where each police officer in a station is attached to a particular school as a safety champion, will go a long way. This programme will help to proactively detect crime trends, notorious groups and develop community engagement plans. Beyond this, we have directed the police to conduct intelligence-driven operations in all suspected notorious schools and random raids throughout the province.

We have also attached crime prevention volunteers to schools so that they too can assist in alerting the police on time if interventions are needed before any incidents happens.

1.3 KILLING OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

Chairperson, this government remains deeply concerned with the targeting of public representatives. The assassination of public representatives, be it political leaders or administrators must be brought to an end. This is destabilizing governance and instils fear among people that being a public representative is the shortest route to the grave.

We wish to commend the good work done by the Police Task Team that is investigating the killing of politicians in the province. The arrests that have been effected and the amount of fire arms recovered, is enough testimony that as government we are serious about bringing perpetrators of this crime to book. As we said before, it is not enough to arrest the hitmen, we also want to see even the masterminds behind bars. The fact that more than 161 arrests have been effected and 163 dockets still being finalised, is inspiring. More than 59 cases are in court and this must be applauded!

The police must be afforded space to discharge their responsibilities without any fear or favour. No matter who is the suspect, be it a politician, business man or anyone holding any position in the society, the law must take its course. Gone are the days where people would commit callous murders and get away with them – this time things have changed – Ligaya ngomunye umhlathi.

We also welcome the decision by the police management to extend the period for this police task team in the province. As incidents of murder are continuing, there is more work that needs to be done and this team must be given support – till we reach a point where people realize that taking someone's life is not a solution.

1.4 FIFTH ADMINISTRATION ACHIEVEMENTS

Chairperson, KwaZulu-Natal has made great progress in achieving peace and stability in the last five years.

The Department has played a critical role in eradicating the scourge of cross-border crime between South Africa and Mozambique, particularly in the area of Manguzi in Umkhanyakude District.

Although we are still receiving reports about vehicles being stolen and taken across the border, there has been a drastic decline in these incidents. This could be attributed to a number of interventions the Department, working with the police and community crime fighting structures, has put in place. These interventions include:

- Deployment of 40 social crime prevention volunteers who were trained by the department on various crime fighting skills. These volunteers played a key role in the recovery of some of the stolen vehicles at the border.
- Increasing the number of police personnel in the area and the upgrading of Manguzi Police Station to the level of Colonel. Over and above increasing the number of personnel in the station, government allocated R90 million to build a new police station in the area which is going to be completed in September.
- Procurement of high-calibre vehicles which have enabled the police to access all illegal routes that are used to smuggle cars and other illicit goods.
- Appointment of a contractor to start the process of building New Jersey Barriers along the border.

Chairperson, partnership with all sectors of the society is critical in the fight against crime. In the last five years, the Department established, assessed and supported the following crime-fighting structures in the province:

- 560 Community police forums: Community police forums are equal to 184 police stations in the province. The assessment is conducted annually and it is based on problems experienced in each year.
- 42 Community safety forums were established
- The Department managed to established 296 ward safety committees over the period of 5 years.
- The Department played a crucial role in the establishment of Interprovincial Technical Task Teams in Mpumalanga, Gauteng, Free State, Limpopo and Eastern Cape. Through this task team, interprovincial operations are held on yearly basis during festive seasons between Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal provinces. This interprovincial approach also yielded positive results in resolving conflicts in Gauteng hostels. The Department of Community Safety initiated and implemented projects of engaging Gauteng provincial government in dealing with hostel conflicts of KwaZulu-Natal hostel residents.

The department also successfully implemented the Communities in Dialogue Programme (CiDP) which we use as a tool to resolve conflicts in communities. The implementation of this programme yielded positive results in the following conflicts:

- Public transport/taxi conflicts/violence in various districts including Nongoma and Ladysmith
- Hostel conflicts particularly Glebelands and KwaMashu hostels in eThekweni
- Farm conflicts
- Community conflicts (Faction fights)

The implementation of CiDP approach entails the engagement of the affected parties in the form of a dialogue directed by a facilitator. Some of these dialogues are led by the MEC, especially the taxi-related conflicts.

As per section 205 of the constitution, the Department is required to oversee the activities of the police in the province. Through this programme, the following was achieved:

- 577 Police stations were evaluated: The total number police stations in the province is 184, however, the 577 police stations come from the re-evaluations of some police stations over the period of 4-5 years based on policing problems associated with those stations.
- 226 Police stations were audited on the implementation of Domestic Violence Act (DVA): The audit is based on the implementation of Domestic Violence Act by SAPS. Some of the stations were repeated during this period
- 156 police stations evaluated on the implemented of the school protocol including the monitoring the implementation of the IPID recommendations by SAPS

2. PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

Honourable Members, in line with the call made by the Premier during his State of the Province Address that we must build and strengthen the capacity of the state, the Department has committed itself to improving organisational excellence. We plan to achieve this by improving human resource management, instil a conducive organisational culture and enhancing the department's business management.

Through “**Operation Take Your Position for Excellence**” which the department has adopted in this sixth administration, we are going to build and institutionalise systems within the department that are responsive to the aspirations and needs of our people. We are also going fast track procurement reforms to accommodate previously disadvantaged communities and enable them to participate meaningfully in the mainstream economy.

We will be doing this, encouraged by the solid foundation the Department has laid over the past five years of obtaining unqualified audit opinions. In the current financial year, we will be working hard to achieve a clean audit.

Chairperson, in 2014, the Department managed to implement the decentralization strategy in the province by establishing 13 district offices. This strategy has brought the department’s services closer to the people.

We must however indicate that the Department would be making a greater impact in the fight against crime in the province if it had adequate human and financial resources. Currently, our staff complement is sitting at 163 with only 20 interns.

Madame Speaker, in an effort to motivate our staff and improve their performance, the department has revived its Annual Departmental Service Delivery Excellence Awards, in line with Batho Pele principles and Operation Take Your Position For Excellence. This initiative seeks to encourage 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.

2.1 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 who are deployed in their wards to assist the police in the fight against crime. In the current financial year, the department has recruited and trained 223 volunteers.

Masakhane programme

2.2 RADICAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

Chairperson, The Department continue to put its focus in Radical Socio-Economic Transformation which play a vital role in transforming people's lives. Transforming people's lives by allowing them to fully participate in the programme.

Chairperson, in our last budget speech we reported that we have transformed the lives of workers who were providing cleaning services through a service provider. The Department assist them in registering as a cooperative and they received a certificate which confirmed that they can provide the service on their own. Today, we are pleased to report that the Department outsourced their services and they still working as a cooperative in the Department.

2.3 SYMPOSIUM (MS DIKO TO PROVIDE INFORMATION)

3. PROGRAMME 2: PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE SERVICE

“BUILD A SOLID AND UNITED FRONT AGAINST CRIME”

3.1 STABILITY IN KZN

Chairperson, achieving peace and stability in KwaZulu-Natal is critical for economic growth and job creation.

In the last five years, the Department has been hard at work intervening in a number of areas that were characterized as hot spots for violent taxi conflicts, faction fights and other forms of violent crimes.

I am particularly pleased that during this period, we have managed to stabilize KwaMashu and Glebelands hostels which had become notorious for criminal activities,

mostly murders. We applaud the excellent work done by the Department, law enforcement agencies and all our crime fighting structures.

Their hard work is testament to the fact 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 agencies, traditional leadership and our stakeholders have worked tirelessly to restore stability and co-existence with all warring parties in these areas.

Through this programme, we have been able to successfully intervene in Nongoma kwaDabhasi, Umsinga, Ladysmith, Stulwane in Bergville, Nhlawe and KwaMadondo in Weenen, eMatheni, Ntumbane and Eshowe. The main source of conflicts in these areas were dispute over taxi routes, faction fights and stock theft.

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. Police are also maintaining a strong presence in these areas to arrest those implicated in murders and to rid them of illegal firearms.

Madame Speaker, we are also 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 department started a project of compiling the *Safety, Policing Needs and Priorities for the province*. This project 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 be aligned with identified safety and policing needs and priorities.

We are pleased to announce that the Province is stable. The law enforcement is working tirelessly in keeping the environment stable. Of course challenges are there but we are not in a level of requiring South African National Defense Force to come and stabilize the province.

Chairperson, the Department has a hotline number that is used by the community to report crime related issues, we do also receive complaints talking to service delivery as a whole. We encourage everyone to continue use it and use it effectively. If you want to see more successes

Fak`ulwazi uzobona on: 063 697 9569.

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 the November Safety Month (November), our focus was on launching Districts Safety Forums as part of an innovative and inclusive strategies to squeeze the space 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 an advanced stage 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 to stay away from criminality.

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 the ranks against the crime.

3.2.1 Commercial Crime

Madame Speaker, this government is committed in fighting fraud and corruption. To this end, 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, one of the main drivers of murders that we are experiencing in the province are illegal firearms. We want to commend the good work done by our women and men in uniform to fight this scourge. They work tirelessly in making sure that the Province of KwaZulu-Natal is safe and peaceful. I dare say, let us resist the temptation of painting the police with the same brush. Let us commend those who are committed to their work and flush out the rotten potatoes from the system.

Madame Speaker, we are pleased to report that last year, 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.

We want to pledge our support to the Minister of Police for initiating 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.

Proliferation of drugs

3.4 STOCK THEFT

Livestock theft continues to pose a 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 awareness programmes have been undertaken which include the following:

- (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) Train Vispol and RTI members in respect of Stock Theft Act.
- (v) Co-ordinate the realignment of Stock Theft Units with Clusters.
- (vi) Conduct Cross Border operations.
- (vii) Enhance partnership between SAPS and NPA by including other relevant roleplayers such as Amakhosi, Farmers Union and KZNCCPA
- (viii) Enhance Farm Watch.
- (ix) Monitoring of movement of stock.
- (x) Improve detection and conviction rate of cases.
- (xi) Summit and dialogues on stock thefts

To add impetus in the fight against this form of crime, police have established a total of 16 stock theft units throughout the province. We are pleased that last year, police recovered a total of 9838 live stock. This total includes cattles, sheeps, goats, horses, donkeys, ostrich, pigs and poultry.

3.5 HOSTELS PEACE INITIATIVE

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, through Prince VM Zulu, uNdlunkulu from eMatheni, Izinduna from all Gauteng hostels, Glebelands hostel and the police in finding a lasting solution of creating a safe and peaceful environment in hostels.

Madame Speaker, working together with the Gauteng Department of Community Safety and the 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.

3.6 CROSS BORDER CRIME

Madame Speaker, cross border crime has given us a huge challenge in the recent years. The 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 as they relay important pieces of information to the border police and the SANDF. This has yielded positive results and significantly decreasing the number of stolen and hijacked vehicles that cross the border. Three weeks ago, three stolen cars were recovered in the area.

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 by the provincial government, will begin shortly as the contractor is already on site. This project will prevent the movement of stolen cars across the border.

3.7 PUBLIC PROTESTS

Honourable Members, KwaZulu-Natal has been plagued by a wave of public protests, which have, sometimes turned violent. Since the beginning of the year, over 400 protests have taken place in various communities. Among other things that have sparked these protests, include service delivery and labour disputes.

We are pleased to report that 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 would like to thank our law enforcement officers, disaster management teams, community crime prevention structures, community crime prevention volunteers and departmental officials for showing tremendous courage and a spirit of selflessness when facing these public protests, which sometimes can quickly become violent.

3.8 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 within the taxi industry in the Ladysmith. The situation in Nongoma is also stable since we intervened.

The Provincial Crime Summit and the Provincial Security Indaba which we convened last year also assisted in restoring unity and helped to 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 Security Indaba 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 in 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.

3.9 COMMUNITY AND POLICE RELATIONS

Honourable Members, 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 attacking and 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 and unambiguous directive to the police to defend themselves and the constitution of the republic if criminals attack them.

Madam Speaker, building solid foundations and strengthen family values is key in winning the battle of crime. Communities need to come on board and work with us in eliminating the scourge of crime, by doing so, we are sure that we can win the battle of crime.

3.10 BUILDING A UNITED FRONT AGAINST CRIME

Chairperson, we like to thank all our community crime fighting structures KZN Community Crime Prevention Association, Community Police Board and Community Police Youth Desk, for the work done and successes in assisting government to fight crime. These structures volunteer their time and resources which is well appreciated by government.

We wish to send our deepest condolences to all fallen heroes and heroines serving in community safety structures.

Ssection 18 of the constitution embraces the freedom of association. The Department of Community Safety and Liaison started the process of adopting the community safety structures, train and equip them on how together we can win the battle of crime.

Madam Speaker, we wish to put it loud and clear, that all those who attach them with crime but using the name community structures are declared as criminals and they should face the law. We stand position is very clear, we are opposing to kangaroo court and those who attach themselves to such must be reported and be arrested.

Community safety structures are not police, they don` t investigate but they work in collaboration with the police in investigating crime and arresting criminals.

3.10 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Honourable Members, the Department is mandated to monitor and evaluate policing and the conduct of the police throughout the province. In the previous financial year, the Department, monitored all 184 police stations in the province just to assess their functionality.

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.

In addition to this programme, the Department is concurrently running a special project called Docket Archive Stores (DAS). The purpose of the project is to assess the availability of dockets, the state of Docket Archive Stores, the extent of the loss of dockets and opened duplicate case dockets.

3.11 COURT WATCHING BRIEF (CWB)

Madame Speaker, in our efforts to improve policing in the province, we are also in the process of implementing a new project called Court Watch Brief (CWB).

The project seeks to enhance our ability to perform oversight over the police as mandated by the Constitution. The oversight is going to be performed by visiting various courts in the province to monitor police conduct, efficiency and effectiveness.

The primary objective of the CWB is to promote professionalism within the police. The project involves regular court attendance by appropriately qualified members of the department staff during which they make certain observations and 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 and audits, will be forwarded to the **Provincial Commissioner** of the SAPS in the province on a quarterly basis, affording him an **opportunity to comment** on such findings prior to the report being escalated to higher authorities. Although detailed cases will be reported on, the main focus of the project is the identification of **systemic failures within the detective environment of the police**.

3.12 PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR OUTLETS

Madame Speaker, another driver of crime, murders and rape in the province is alcohol abuse. As the Department, we will continue to monitor and visit liquor outlets throughout the province, especially those who are not adhering to their license conditions. In the previous financial year, joint operations were conducted with the police, the liquor authority and other stakeholders where 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.

3.13 YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT OF FIGHTING CRIME

Chairperson, as I have indicated in my introduction that we need young people to be at the forefront of all our crime-fighting efforts, we are pleased that in the current financial year, we will continue to work with the CPF Youth Desk to champion the following programme for the youth:

- The Junior Commissioner Project-The concept saw the selection of learners through a public speaking competition from high schools to be mentored by the South African Police Services at a station, cluster and provincial level. These learners will be mentored by the various station commanders alongside the Youth Desk. The programme seeks to develop and capacitate these young people to be crime prevention ambassadors amongst their peers in schools.
- Implementation of the Campus Safety Project. The project will see in-depth research being undertaken to establish the root cause and source of instability

and crime within campuses, development of solutions and the establishment of steering committees to address challenges and implement solutions. This process will be undertaken hand in glove with Universities, the student populace and the South African Police Services.

- The Youth Desk will also be embarking on a capacity building exercise which will see their structures being capacitated on the National Youth Crime Prevention Strategy, the community in blue concept, National Drug Master Plan.
- Hosting District Youth Crime Prevention Summits which will culminate in the Provincial Youth Crime Prevention Summit.
- The Youth Desk in alignment with technological advancement and the fourth industrial revolution will be moving towards the technological space in terms enhancing its crime prevention initiatives with the province. This will ensure more young people are reached.

Chairperson, we wish to call upon the business sector to work with the police in bringing in innovative ways of swiftly catching and arresting criminals.

3.13 CRIME SUMMIT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Madame Speaker, fighting crime is a collective responsibility, and equally, the safety of all sectors of the society is our individual and collective responsibility. Statistics indicate that people with disabilities are more vulnerable to crime. It is for this reason that the department will, in this financial year host a summit for people with disabilities during the November Safety Month. This summit will take a closer look at the crime challenges facing this critical sector of our society and find solutions to address their plight.

3.14 MEC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Madame Speaker, last year we committed to host the MEC's Service Excellence Awards, I am happy to report that the awards were a huge success as they were

hosted in partnership with the Department of Community Safety and Liaison and the Department of Transport.

The awards are aimed at awarding excellent services within the law enforcement agencies (SAPS, RTI). They also foster integration among community safety structures and the police in the elimination of crime in the province.

4. CONCLUSION

Madame Speaker, fighting crime is a collective responsibility. We urge all citizens of this province to work with us to build a safe and peaceful KwaZulu-Natal.

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

5. WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Madam Speaker, allow me to thank Premier who is leading this 6th administration in the province for the leadership he continues to provide since we have started this of serving the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

Our special gratitude to the ANC for entrusting us with this huge responsibility. The Chairperson of the Community Safety and Liaison Portfolio Committee, the Honourable Bheki Ntuli, and the Honourable members of the Portfolio Committee for the guidance you are providing us in executing our responsibilities.

I also wish to thank the Head of Department, Mr CT Mavundla, Provincial Commissioner, Lt-General Mkhwanazi and your senior management and staff for your hard work and commitment in making the people of KwaZulu-Natal safe.

To my family for always being a pillar of my strength and shoulder to cry on. I am hugely indebted in you.

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 SECREATRIAT : R144 661,000.00

I thank you.