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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POISED BY LEGISLATURE

5. COGTA0157 - Noting that the Deputy Chief of Police Julius Mkhwanazi has been on suspension in the City of Ekurhuleni, can the MEC please respond to the following questions:

(i) On what date was the deputy chief of police suspended:

Response:

He was suspended on the 11th of November 2025 pending finalisation of his disciplinary hearing.

(ii) Have the disciplinary hearings commenced and if so, how many sittings have been held:

Response:

The Disciplinary Hearing (Blue Lights Installation) sat on the following dates:

- 27 February 2026;
- 24 March 2026;
- 7 & 8 May 2026;
- 24-26 June 2026; and
- 8-10 July 2026.

Another sitting is scheduled for the 11th and 12th of August 2026.

The Employee has another Disciplinary Hearing dealing with the Precious Stones case which has thus far dealt with objections and points in limine. The case is scheduled to go on the merits in September 2026.

(iii) By what date does the City expect the disciplinary process to be concluded:

Response:

It is not possible to confirm at this stage as the employer still has 4 more witnesses to testify.

(iv) Can the MEC please provide the total cost of the suspension to date, including salary, benefits and any other additional expenses:

Response:

The amount is **R1 272 211.00.**

(vi) What is the total cost associated with appointing acting officials during the suspension:

Response:

The City has never appointed any official to act in the position of Deputy Chief of Police: Operations since his suspension. Therefore, no cost has been incurred.

(vii) Does the City have internal targets or policies for conducting disciplinary proceedings involving senior officials and have those targets been met?

Response:

Yes. The Disciplinary Procedure Collective Agreement regulates the disciplinary procedure of employees.

Regards



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