

The Speaker – eThekweni Council  
Councillor Logie Naidoo  
City Hall  
DURBAN



22 January 2012

Dear Mr Speaker

### **QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF SECTION 17 OF THE RULES OF ORDER**

The Durban Metropolitan Police Service has an extremely important role in the proper functioning of our City. In order for DMPS to fulfil its mandate, it must be fully capacitated and well lead throughout the structures.

In this regard, Captains are extremely important leaders in DMPS area structures and are crucial to the proper functioning of each shift and specialised unit. Questions 4 and 5 relate to Captains in DMPS.

1. How many Metro Police officers are indicated in the organogram under each of the 5 regional commanders: North, South, Inner West, Outer West, Central (incorporating CBD, Suburbs and Beach)?
2. How many Metro Police officers are presently employed under each of the 5 regional commanders: North, South, Inner West, Outer West, Central (incorporating CBD, Suburbs and Beach)?
3. How many Captains are indicated in the organogram under each of the 5 regional commanders: North, South, Inner West, Outer West, Central (incorporating CBD, Suburbs and Beach)?
4. How many Captains are presently employed under each of the 5 regional commanders: North, South, Inner West, Outer West, Central (incorporating CBD, Suburbs and Beach)?
5. If the answer to question 4. above indicates shortage in the number of Captains presently employed relative to those provided for in the organogram, what is being done by DMPS to expedite the training and promotion of Captains?
6. What is the total of uniformed staff in the organogram, and how many vacancies exist as at 1 November 2011?
7. What is the total of Sergeants/Captain posts in the organogram, and how many vacancies exist as at 1 November 2011?
8. Why does the DMPS use a 12-hour shift?
9. Surely, given the shortage of officers, an 8-hour shift will greatly increase the number of officers available for duty at any one time?
10. Will the DMPS consider moving back to an 8-hour shift system?
11. How many applications to the DPP for new speeding sites have been made since January 2011?

Yours faithfully,



Councillor Warwick Chapman