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Good afternoon Pauli

I'm sending this on behalf of Jean-Marie.

Please attribute the information in green to Richard Bosman, Executive Director for Safety and Security.

Please attribute the response below in red to Councillor Malusi Booi, the City of Cape Town's Mayoral Committee Member for Human Settlements.

Please also see the attached media statement.

Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards

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Good day,

I am a journalist with Daily Maverick.

I've visited Khayelitsha today, with a focus on the open field between Baden Powell Drive, Macassar Road and Lewsine / Cebula streets.

I have spoken to members of the community, who showed me videos of how City of Cape Town's new law enforcement officers worked in the area.

Informal structures were demolished. Teargas, stun grenades and rubber bullets were fired.

Teargas canisters were fired into and close to structures housing small children and babies.

Some of the mothers in this community had to take babies "foaming at the mouth" to their nearest clinic for emergency help.

It is an obvious fact that we are in the middle of a pandemic.

Please help me to understand the actions of the newly minted Law Enforcement unit. **There is no newly minted anti-land invasion unit.**

Kindly return your answers by **15 April, 18:00.**

1. This article suggests the Law Enforcement officers are part of a "new safety plan" for the Western Cape that cost the province R1-billion and was announced by

for the Western Cape that cover the premises in question and was announced by premier Alan Winde in February:

<https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/500-new-law-enforcement-officers-deployed-to-crime-hot-spots-in-cape-town-20200210>

Is this correct? Is this a new unit? I also see gazetted notices that suggest this is not

a new unit. Like here:

[https://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/shg/govenment\\_gazettepowers.pdf](https://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/shg/govenment_gazettepowers.pdf)

Do you wish to add some context here?

**The unit in operation in this area is not part of the Premier's safety plan. This unit is the City's existing Anti-Land Invasion Unit.**

2. I note that Robbie Robberts is the Director of Law Enforcement. In an interview with Cape Talk he claimed that gangsterism and crime will be the unit's main concern.

<http://www.capetalk.co.za/articles/5030/city-of-cape-town-law-enforcement-genrobbie-roberts>

Explain the command structure of the law enforcement unit to me?

**The unit has a command structure of Inspectors, Senior Inspectors, Principal Inspectors as well as a Regional Inspector, all reporting to an Assistant Chief.**

**If the South African Police Service (SAPS) is on site, the City agencies act under the command of the SAPS.**

3. Who are the commanders of the unit who operated in Khayelitsha on between 10 and 13 April?

**This information will not be provided.**

**And if the South African Police Service (SAPS) is on site, the City agencies act under the command of the SAPS.**

4. On whose orders did this part of the unit break down informal structures in Khayelitsha between 10 and 13 April, used rubber bullets, stun grenades and tear gas?

**SAPS discharged rubber bullets, stun grenades and tear gas.**

5. Were the Law Enforcement unit met with any violence from the community?

**Yes, at times. In addition, remember also that these members of the public were performing illegal acts of land invasion as well as in contravention of the national COVID-19 lockdown.**

6. Under which structure does the Anti Land Invasion Unit fall?

**There are two departments. One unit falls under the Informal Settlements Department while the other falls under City Law Enforcement Department.**

7. I note that none of the officials wore any badges or tags reflecting their names. Is this allowed in terms of the standard operating procedures of the Law Enforcement and Anti Land Invasion units?

**All staff can be identified in the event that it is required.**

8. Where can I find the latest standard operating procedures of the Law Enforcement and Anti Land Invasion units?

**Standard operating procedures are internal documents.**

9. I note activists refers to ongoing disputes with the City of Cape Town about land occupation and, apparently, this specific piece of land next to Baden Powell Drive. The City of Cape Town apparently received a court interdict in 2018, but did not act on it until now. The contradicting information is confusing. Can you please provide a chronological account of the issue.

**The City has been acting to prevent illegal occupation of the land in question since the court granted the interdict. Please note, the actions by members of the public are illegal and in contempt of a court order. It is also in contravention of the national COVID-19 lockdown.**

**Please refer to the statement attached. Further illegal invasions will jeopardise our COVID-19 response as a City, apart from it being illegal.**

Regards

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Good day,

I trust this finds you well.

I am a journalist for Daily Maverick.

Attached are a few questions relating to the Law Enforcement Unit and its work over the weekend in Khayelitsha.

Kindly return your answers by **15 April, 18:00**.

Regards,  
Pauli

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