

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE INEFFICIENCY IN KHAYELITSHA AND OF A BREAKDOWN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE IN KHAYELITSHA:
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITTINGS**

I, Catherine O'Regan, Chairperson of the Commission of Inquiry into allegations of police inefficiency in Khayelitsha and of a breakdown in relations between the community and the police in Khayelitsha, appointed under Proclamation 9/2012 published in *Provincial Gazette* 7026 dated 24 August 2012, ("the Commission"), hereby give notice of the second sitting (Preliminary hearing) and the further sittings (public hearings) of the Commission under section 2(3) of the *Western Cape Provincial Commissions Act, 1998 (Act 10 of 1998)*.

The second preliminary sitting of the Commission will be held on the **13 November at Lookout Hill, cnr of Spine Road and Mew Way, Ilitha Park, Khayelitsha, from 10h00 to 16h00**. A third preliminary sitting will be held at the same venue on **25 November 2013 from 10h00 – 16h00**.

The primary purpose of the second preliminary sitting of the Commission is to determine the working methods and procedures of the Commission at its future sittings. No evidence will be led or taken at this sitting. Participants will be entitled to address the Commission and propose amendments to "Notice 4", "Notice 5" and "Notice 6" of the Commission, which deal with the working methods, procedures and issues to be addressed by the Commission. Copies of all these documents can be obtained on the Commission's website which can be accessed at www.khayelitshacommission.org.za.

Further sittings (public hearings)

The further sittings of the Commission will be held in 2014 at **Lookout Hill, cnr of Spine Road and Mew Way, Ilitha Park, Khayelitsha, from 10h00 to 16h00** and have been scheduled to take place on the following dates:

- **Phase One Hearings: Tuesday 21 January 2014 to Friday 22 February 2014.** The Commission will sit each week from Monday to Friday, from 10h00 – 16h00.
- **Phase Two Hearings: Monday 24 March 2014 to Friday 28 March 2014,** from 10h00 – 16h00.

The Commission will publish a Hearing Plan on its website at least five days prior to each week of the scheduled sittings. In the event that it is not necessary to hold sittings on all the dates indicated above, the Commission will give notice of such dates on which sittings will not be held when it issues the relevant Hearing Plan.

At the sittings, the Commission will hear evidence on allegations of police inefficiency in Khayelitsha and of a breakdown in relations between the community and the police in Khayelitsha.

Proposed working methods and procedure of Commission

As set out in "Notice 1", dated 6 September 2012, the Commission will conduct its work in two phases. Phase One will consider evidence relating to the allegations of inefficiency by

the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Khayelitsha and a breakdown in the relations between the community and the SAPS in Khayelitsha. Provisionally, the Commission plans to hold five weeks of public sittings during Phase One to allow evidence to be put before the Commission. Phase Two will permit expert witnesses to provide evidence on issues relevant to the Commission's terms of reference and on the evidence led during Phase One.

Further information on the Commission is available on its website at www.khayelitshacommission.org.za, and any enquiries can be directed to its Secretary, Amanda Dissel at info@khayelitshacommission.org.za or 082 417 1407.

Catherine O'Regan

Chairperson of the Commission

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