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I, the undersigned,

**FAISEL ABRAHAMS,**

do hereby make oath and state that:

1. I am currently employed as a project manager. I reside in Elsie's River. I am currently a member of the Cluster Community Policing Forum ("CPF") for Bishop Lavis as well as a member of the Provincial Board. I was elected as Public Relations Officer and as member of the Executive of the Board. I was so appointed as PRO in 2011, but I resigned in 2013 in that I regarded the removal of the then chairperson, Hanif Loonat as having occurred in an unprocedural and unconstitutional manner.
2. The facts contained within this affidavit are within my personal knowledge, save where indicated otherwise or is apparent from the context, and are true and correct.
3. I have been involved with the CPF structures since 2000 when, as part of a group of concerned citizens, we regarded this as a manner in which we could get involved organisationally in making a difference.



4. I have for the years 2000 to 2008 served as the treasurer of the Elsie's River CPF. I have attended CPF meetings in Khayelitsha and have attended at all three Khayelitsha police stations. I interacted with persons who reside in Khayelitsha and are involved with the CPFs in Khayelitsha giving advice, attending meetings with them and I have participated in patrols that have been organised in Khayelitsha and elsewhere.
  
5. I have read the affidavit of Hanif Loonat deposed to on 25 November 2013 and I confirm the contents thereof as being true and correct insofar as he refers to the patrols which had been conducted in Khayelitsha during 2012. My experiences in relation to Khayelitsha and CPFs are very much the same as that experienced by him and as indicated in the affidavit. I share his views on the difficulties that face CPF structures.
  
6. I accompanied him on a number of occasions when he carried out inspections or attended at the police stations, as well as on patrols with members of the neighbourhood watch and CPFs both in Khayelitsha and elsewhere.
  
7. I have encountered a number of dedicated members of SAPS both in Khayelitsha and elsewhere but in my experience there are also a number of members who completely disregard that which they have to

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do to fulfil their duties or who show a complete lack of interest in assisting their communities and have witnesses members of the public being treated disrespectfully when coming to the police station for assistance.

8. I have had personal experience with this occurring at both the Harare and Lingeletu West police stations where I have had to intervene to request a member of SAPS to attend to a member of the public who was trying to lodge a complaint at the SAPS office. I hasten to point out that this experience that I am relaying, I have also experienced at other police stations in the Western Cape.
  
9. In relation to the vehicles in Khayelitsha, it has been my experience that there are a number of vehicles just standing at the police stations which should be out patrolling. I have noted that they have punctures or light bulbs out and members of SAPS, on enquiry, have advised me at various times that they encounter problems in ensuring that their vehicles get fixed as being the reason why such vehicles are not out patrolling.
  
10. I do not support the extended partnership program ("EPP") which has been implemented by the Department of Community Safety for reasons articulated in the affidavit of Mr Loonat. Further I point out that while some training is given by DOCS for members of the CPF, I don't think that it is sufficient or efficient. The CPFs need to be empowered and

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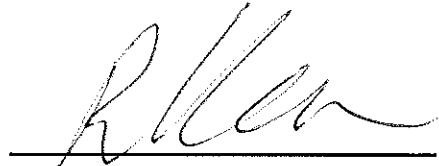
be provided with sufficient resources and skills to play a meaningful oversight role as contemplated by the legislation or else they serve a fruitless purpose.

11. I recently heard National Commissioner Phiyega refer to the EPP as one where the CPFs are being turned into "*impimpies*" (spies) for DOCS. In my view she may very well be correct in this view as it is not resulting in individual members of SAPS reporting to DOCS.
12. I think what is required is not for money to be paid to individual members of the CPFs to fulfil the oversight and monitoring functions that DOCS is obliged to do, but to actually build capacity with training and resources within the CPFs themselves, putting into place proper MOUs so that everybody knows precisely what their roles are and that civilian members or members of CPFs are actually equipped to perform those tasks.
13. No organ of state is currently fulfilling this task adequately.

  
FAISEL ABRAHAMS

I certify that the deponent acknowledged to me that he/she knows and understands the contents of this declaration, that he/she has no objection to taking the prescribed oath and considers it to be binding on his/her conscience.

Thus signed and sworn to before me at CAPE TOWN on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER 2013.



**COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

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