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## **MINISTRY OF SAFETY AND SECURITY**

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VOTE 06**

**FOR 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
Honourable Members**

Allow me to thank the Honourable Minister Calle Schlettwein and his team for making the best of very difficult situation for a well-crafted budget in prevailing uncertain and tough current global economic environment.

I would now like to take this opportunity to introduce Vote 06 of the Ministry of Safety and Security for your consideration. This ministry consists of the ministerial administrative component that provides guidelines and oversight as well as two components in the criminal justice system, i.e. the Namibian Police Force which is the first leg, and the Namibian Correctional Service, which is the depository of offenders, after the prosecution has taken its course.

The Ministry has identified eight (8) budget programmes according to which it plans to execute its mandate as enshrined in Articles 118 and 122 of Namibian Constitution. These programmes have been developed along the country's long and medium term development goals; namely Vision 2030 and NDP5, with a view to ensuring an environment conducive for economic development, internal security as well as the maintenance of law and order. The programmes are as follows:

## **1. Combating of crime**

The objective of this program is to prevent and fight crime in the country in order to provide a safe and conducive environment for economic development.

On the same score, the programme will facilitate the participation and cooperation on international, regional and bilateral level as entered into by the Ministry with International Police Organisation (INTERPOL), Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARPCCO), African Correctional Services Association (ACSA) and International Corrections and Prisons Association, to name a few.

It is under this program that intelligence on criminal activities are collected and investigations of crime are carried out. In a nutshell, Combating of Crime Program forms the core function of the Ministry. **An amount of three billion, three hundred and ninety two million, two hundred and fifty eight thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$3,392,258,000) is required for this programme. Of this amount, two hundred and eighty eight million, two hundred and fifty four thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$288,254,000) is set aside for infrastructural Development.**

## **2. VIPs Protection**

The purpose of this program is to render protection to national and visiting foreign Very Important Persons (VIPs) and at the same time provide security at their residences and offices.

**An amount of three hundred and ninety nine million, seven hundred and forty-eight thousand Namibian Dollars is (N\$399,748,000) required for this programme.**

### **3. Training and Development**

This program is aimed at improving service delivery by providing quality professional training and career development through basic training, advanced, specialised training and staff development. Under this programme the Ministry intends to re-train detectives, investigators and other staff in both basic and advanced courses. **An amount of eighty-five million, seven hundred and fifty-nine thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$85,759,000) is required to achieve the objectives of the programme.**

### **4. Forensic Services**

The objective of this program is to provide forensic services to multi- disciplinary scientific entities that may require scientific solutions to crime related problems. It covers a range of genetics complex, documents examination, analytical chemistry, explosives analysis and blood analysis. The Forensic Science Services is the custodian of these activities and its service is essential in crime analyses, hence it needs adequate resources in order to provide answers to complex cases. **An amount of eighteen million, four hundred and sixty-one thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$18,461,000) is required to achieve targets under this programme.**

## **5. Coordination and Support Services**

It is under this program where the social factors that contribute to members' condition of service, social welfare, public relations, policy formulation, financial obligations, and logistical management are catered for. **An amount of three hundred and two million, one hundred and four thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$302,104,000) is required to meet the set objectives of this programme.**

## **6. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Management.**

This programme gears at providing efficient means of information and communication technology services. Under this programme, projects such as E-policing and Offender Risk Management are been funded. **An amount of forty-nine million, nine hundred and sixty-one thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$49,961,000) is required to achieve the objectives of this programme.**

## **7. Safe Custody and Rehabilitation**

This programme contributes to the protection of society by providing reasonable, safe, secure and humane custody of offenders in accordance with universally acceptable standards. It also assists inmates in the reformation of criminal behaviour through the offender risk management correctional strategy, which includes, among others, risk and needs assessment, delivery of rehabilitative programmes and services to reduce reoffending.

**An amount of seven hundred and sixty-one million, one hundred and fifty-one thousand Namibian dollars (N\$761,151,000) is allocated to Safe Custody and Rehabilitation. Forty million Namibia Dollars (N\$40,000,000) of this amount is set aside for capital projects.**

## **8. Reintegration**

This programme rehabilitates and assists the offenders to successfully return into society as law-abiding citizens through controlled and gradual release supported by community corrections with proper supervision and support.

**Five million, eight hundred and eight-five thousand Namibia dollars (N\$5,885,000) is allocated to Reintegration.**

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
Honourable Members**

Allow me now to give a brief account of crime prevalence in the country. Though we have been privileged to enjoy peace and stability and rule of law, there are crime of concern that pose a challenge to our operations, such as, murder, theft, robbery, domestic violence, drug trafficking, rape, fraud and cyber-crime, just to mention a few. Such crimes do not only create fear amidst our law-abiding citizens but also uncertainty for investors who may perceive our environment not to be conducive to invest.

The concern is mainly on Gender Based Violence, more particularly passion killing which is carried out every day in our society. My humble appeal further goes to church leaders, traditional authorities, school principals as well as to you, Honourable Members of this August House, to assist law enforcers in curbing the occurrence and commissioning of crimes in our society, especially GBV. I also call upon all men in our society to humbly change our mind-set on the fight against GBV.

The onus is upon all of us to bring to an end the scourge of senseless killings of mothers, daughters, children and sisters by some men who turned themselves into the killing machines of innocent and vulnerable part of our population.

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Namibia continues to maintain excellent cooperation with all its neighbouring countries. It goes without saying that without the ongoing mutual assistance, understanding and cooperation, it would be very difficult if not impossible to fight crime, especially cross border and transnational organized crime. The country maintains Joint Permanent Commissions on Defence and Security with Angola, Botswana, South Africa and Zambia. All security related matters are openly discussed at those platforms and joint programmes of actions are designed during those meetings at Ministerial level.

This cooperation with the neighbouring states is further consolidated through Southern African Development Community (SADC) Organs on Security and Defence; hence, Namibia remains a member of SADC Standby Force Brigade.

In support of the International Community's efforts in maintaining peace, stability, and economic development around the globe, Namibia as a signatory to the United Nations Charter has participated in a number of Peace/Keeping Support Operations, under the auspices of the United Nations and/or African Union, by sending individual Police officers for deployments. Furthermore, the Ministry of Safety and Security is the custodian of the Prevention and Combating of Terrorist and Proliferation Activities Act, (PACOTPA) which compels the country to gazette the names of parties and persons linked to the above activities and to freeze their assets, issue a travel ban and prevent any form of weapon and arms deals.

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
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The Ministry of Safety and Security has succeeded to carry its mandate diligently, but it did so with inadequate resources allocated to it through the national budget.

The current economic situation facing our country, will have serious impact on the overall operation and administration of the Ministry of Safety and Security during 2017/18. The suspension of the recruitment of cadet constables and



correctional officers will result in some services to be paralyzed as a result of shortage of manpower.

The anti-poaching operation in Etosha, Bwabwata National Parks and Palmwag Conservancy where we have over 300 members will negatively be affected. Feeding of offenders and trial-awaiting inmates, in our correctional facilities and of police officers at different posts alongside the borderline at Border Posts and other crossing points as well as those deployed to guard key installations will be affected. Forensic investigation and analysis will not be sufficiently carried out and Nampol Automated Biometric Identification Systems (NABIS) and E-Policing will not be decentralized due to shortages of funds.

Impounded livestock and other animals (Police dogs, horses, cattle, goats and pigs) will not be adequately catered for. Water and electricity, Telecommunication and mortuaries services will be negatively affected. The Ministry will not be able to attend to some of the SADC, AU and UN statutory meetings and other obligations.

One big challenge in Namibia is food insecurity. The Ministry, however, is making good progress towards food sufficiency. Currently, the Ministry's food production initiative is

undertaken at four correctional facilities and was able to contribute towards the National Food Security. During 2016/17 Financial Year we donated 600 metric tons of maize grain to the Emergency Management Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister as our contribution to drought relief program and a further 200 tons of wheat to the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare for the Food Bank program. Unfortunately, neither the electronic nor print media have reported these despite having been invited to the hand over on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
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If one looks at the accommodation of most of men and women in uniform namely: Police officers and correctional officers country-wide; it is deplorable, to say the least. However with the little resources allocated to us under this budget we will continue to improve some of these facilities, inclusive of correctional facilities that are dilapidated and overcrowded.

In conclusion, I now have the pleasure of requesting this esteemed August House to approve the sum of **five billion, twenty one million, three hundred and twenty seven thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 5 021 327 000)** as follows:

<b>Number</b>	<b>Programme name</b>	<b>Amount per programme (N\$)</b>
01	Combating of Crime	3 392 258 000
02	VIP's Protection	399 748 000
03	Training and Development	85 759 000
04	Forensic Science Services	18 461 000
05	Coordination and Support Services	302 104 000
06	Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Management	49 961 000
07	Safe Custody and rehabilitation	767 151 000
08	Re-integration	5 885 000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>5 021 327 000</b>