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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the elections of 1994, South Africa ushered in a new era. In order to reconcile communities divided for decades along racial, ethnic, creed and religious lines the new government embarked on the re-alignment of service delivery boundaries in South Africa. The anticipated outcome was to ensure accessibility of government services to the multitudes of previously disadvantaged communities; further, to adopt the approach of one-stop service points for communities. All government departments were expected to re-align their service delivery points in accordance with the newly defined service delivery boundaries. This process gave birth to nine new provinces and over 200 transitional local councils. With time, the system of local government evolved into the municipalities that we have today. It has always been the case that each municipality will have its own court and, that the court's boundaries will be defined along those of municipalities.

The Department of Justice started with the process of re-aligning magisterial boundaries around 1998. The brief to the various Provincial Task Teams, as they were then known was, inter alia:

1. Align the boundaries as far as possible to the municipal boundaries
2. Do away with apartheid boundaries
3. Consider the socio-economic impact of the proposed changes to the communities.

Various regional committees were established to manage the process. Recently the task teams were reconstituted and renamed Regional Coordinating Committees hereinafter referred to as the RCCs. Their task is to validate the reports submitted and to consult with communities and stakeholders that will be affected by the changes brought about by the re-alignment process.

The Free State RCC is constituted as follows:

1. Regional Head DOJ&CD: Chair
2. Regional Court President
3. Heads of Administrative Regions 3 and 4
4. National Prosecuting Authority
5. Directors: Human Resources, Finance, Court Operations, Legal Administration
6. SAPS representatives
7. Department of Correctional Services
8. COGTA (Department of Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs)
9. Legal Aid South Africa
10. Free State Agriculture
11. Social Development Free State
12. Office of the Premier
13. Office of the Chief Justice of the Free State
14. South African Board for Sheriffs

The Free State Regional Co-ordinating Committee (RCC) identified areas where there is a need for community consultations to solicit the views of communities on the impact that the alignment of Magisterial Districts with Municipal boundaries will have on their communities.

The following areas that were identified for the purpose of conducting consultation meetings with the community will be discussed in point 2 below.

## 2. OVERVIEW OF THE CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE FREE STATE RCC

CONSULTATION MEETING	DATE OF THE CONSULTATION
Edenville (Community and the Farming Sector)	13 November 2015
Cornelia (Community)	16 November 2015
Lindley (Community and the Farming Sector)	17 November 2015
Dewetsdorp & Wepener (Community and the Farming Sector)	19 November 2015
Reddersburg (Community and the Farming Sector)	20 November 2015
Rosendal (Community and the Farming Sector)	30 November 2015
Paul Roux (Community and the Farming Sector)	30 November 2015
Witsieshoek (Traditional leaders and the community)	03 December 2015
Kestell (Community and the Farming Sector): The meeting did not continue due to unavailability of the farming community. However, written comments were received in January 2016 from the Farming Sector.	03 December 2015
Koffiefontein and Fauresmith (Community)	10 December 2015
Luckhoff (Community)	December 2015
Koffiefontein (Farming community)	28 January 2016
Kestell (Community and the Farming Sector)	18 February 2016
Winburg (Community and the Farming Sector)	25 July 2016
Vredefort (Community and the Farming Sector)	26 July 2016
Tierpoort (Farming Sector)	01 September 2016
Information session with Provincial SAPS Management.	15 September 2016
Soutpan (Community and the Farming Sector)	21 September 2016
Soutpan (Community)	27 September 2016
Regional RCC meeting at Regional Office	12 October 2016
Ikgomotseng (Soutpan)	October 2016

### 3. IMPACT OF THE SECTION 21 NOTICES BY THE MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD ISSUED FEBRUARY 2015

- 3.1 During February 2015 the Municipal Demarcation Board issued Circular 2 of 2015 notice in terms of which there will be a re-determination of Municipal Boundaries in the country. The Free State currently has 5 District Municipalities. Currently there are 67 Magisterial Districts, however after due consultation with the stakeholders within the Free State, the number of proposed Magisterial Districts will be 5 Districts, with 6 main seats and 61 sub-districts.
- 3.2 It should however be noted that there were four (4) areas identified which could not be aligned. In addition to this the proposed area of Thabo Mofutsanyana also posed a challenge as the proposed alignment would result in the overlapping of the area of jurisdiction of the two Chief Magistrates. The Head of Administrative Region 4, proposed the following to address the overlapping:
- 3.2.1 That there should be two main seats within this area, one in Bethlehem (Administrative Region 4) and the other in Phuthaditjhaba (Administrative Region 3); and as such each Chief Magisterial area of Jurisdiction will remain as it currently is or;
- 3.2.2 That the entire area of Thabo Mofutsanyana magisterial district wholly resorts under either Administrative Region 3 or 4 or;
- 3.2.3 That the entire area resorts under one Administrative Region, which will be Administrative Region 3.
- 3.3 The two (2) Chief Magistrates consulted on the matter and a resolution was taken on 18 October 2016 that the entire area of Thabo Mofutsanyana will resort under Administrative Region 4.
- 3.4 After discussions and consultations, it was agreed that the Thabo Mofutsanyana district will have two (2) main seats, namely:
- 3.4.1 Thabo Mofutsanyana North with the main seat in Bethlehem. This main seat will require a senior magistrate post.
- 3.4.2 Thabo Mofutsanyana South with the main seat in Phuthaditjhaba. This main seat currently has a senior magistrate vacancy.
- 3.5 There is only 1 Branch Court and 11 Periodical Courts with a further 4 new proposed Periodical Courts. It is proposed that the current Branch Court (Batho) should be converted to a sub-district which will result in the Free State having 62 sub-districts. Should the additional 4 Periodical Courts be approved, the number of Periodical Courts for the Free State will increase from 11 to 15.
- 3.6 Further to the above, the Supreme Court of Appeal for South Africa is situated in the Free State with sittings in Bloemfontein.
- 3.7 The main seat for the Free State High Court Division is in Bloemfontein, with circuit sittings at the following places:
- 3.7.1 Bethlehem
- 3.7.2 Bethulie
- 3.7.3 Botshabelo
- 3.7.4 Ficksburg

- 3.7.5 Harrismith
- 3.7.6 Kroonstad
- 3.7.7 Ladybrand
- 3.7.8 Parys
- 3.7.9 Sasolburg
- 3.7.10 Virginia
- 3.7.11 Welkom
- 3.7.12 Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana Secure Care Centre)

#### 4. RATIONALISATION IMPACTED BY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR THE FREE STATE PROVINCE

MUNICIPALITY	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS CREATED	COURTS ESTABLISHED	SEAT OF THE MAGISTRACY	SUB-DISTRICTS/ DETACHED COURTS	PLACES FOR THE HOLDING OF THE SUB-DISTRICTS/ DETACHED COURTS	PLACES FOR THE HOLDING OF A COURT AND PERIODICAL COURTS
Fezile Dabi	Fezile Dabi	Sasolburg	Sasolburg (Metsimaholo)	Metsimaholo		Vierfontein Is Served By Viljoenskroon. Cornelia And Tweeling Served By Frankfort.
				Sasolburg	Sasolburg	
				Moqhaka		
				Kroonstad	Kroonstad	
				Steynsrus	Steynsrus	
				Viljoenskroon	Viljoenskroon	
				Ngwathe		
				Parys	Parys	
				Vredefort	Vredefort	
				Koppies	Koppies	
				Heilbron	Heilbron	
				Edenville	Edenville	
				Mafube		
				Frankfort	Frankfort	

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				Villiers	Villiers	
Lejweleputswa	Lejweleputswa	Welkom	Welkom (Matjhabeng)	Matjhabeng		Verkeerdevlei Served By Brandfort.
				Welkom	Welkom	
				Virginia	Virginia	
				Ventersburg	Ventersburg	
				Hennenman	Hennenman	
				Odendaalsrus	Odendaalsrus	
				Nala		
				Bothaville	Bothaville	
				Wesselsbron	Wesselsbron	
				Tswelopele		
				Bultfontein	Bultfontein	
				Hoopstad	Hoopstad	
				Tokologo		
				Boshof	Boshof	
				Dealesville	Dealesville	
				Hertzogville	Hertzogville	
				Masilonyana		
				Brandfort	Brandfort	
				Winburg	Winburg	
				Theunissen	Theunissen	
Mangaung Metro	Mangaung Metro	Bloemfontein	Bloemfontein (Mangaung Metro)	Mangaung Metro		Batho Branch Court Served By Bloemfontein. Soutpan As A Periodical Court Is Served By Bloemfontein.

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				Bloemfontein	Bloemfontein	
				Thaba 'Nchu	Thaba 'Nchu	
				Botshabelo	Botshabelo	
				Dewetsdorp	Dewetsdorp	
				Wepener	Wepener	
Thabo Mofutsanyana	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North) Phutha-ditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Bethlehem (Dihlabeng) Phutha-ditjhaba (Maluti- A - Phofung)	Dihlabeng		Clarens Is Served By Bethlehem. Rosendal Is Served By Ficksburg Tweespruit Is Served By Excelsior.
				Bethlehem	Bethlehem	
				Paul Roux	Paul Roux	
				Fouriesburg	Fouriesburg	
				Phumelela		
				Vrede	Vrede	
				Memel	Memel	
				Warden	Warden	
				Nketoana		
				Reitz	Reitz	
				Lindley	Lindley	
				Petrus Steyn	Petrus Steyn	
				Maluti-A-Phofung		
				Phutha-ditjhaba	Phutha-ditjhaba	
				Tseki	Tseki	
				Kestell	Kestell	

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				Tseseng	Tseseng	
				Makwane	Makwane	
				Harrismith	Harrismith	
				Setsoto		
				Ficksburg	Ficksburg	
				Clocolan	Clocolan	
				Marquard	Marquard	
				Senekal	Senekal	
				Mantsopa		
				Ladybrand	Ladybrand	
				Excelsior	Excelsior	
				Hobhouse	Hobhouse	
Xhariep	Xhariep	Trompsburg	Trompsburg (Kopanong)	Kopanong		Luckhoff Is Served By Fauresmith. Gariepdam Served By Philippolis. Goedemoed Served By Rouxville.
				Trompsburg	Trompsburg	
				Edenburg	Edenburg	
				Fauresmith	Fauresmith	
				Jagersfontein	Jagersfontein	
				Springfontein	Springfontein	
				Philippolis	Philippolis	
				Bethulie	Bethulie	
				Mohokare		
				Rouxville	Rouxville	
				Zastron	Zastron	



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				Smithfield	Smithfield	
				Letsemeng		
				Koffiefontein		
				Petrusburg		
				Jacobsdal		

## 5. IMPACT OF THE RATIONALISATION PROCESS ON THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

CURRENT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	SEAT OF MAGISTRACY	SUB-DISTRICTS	IMPACT
Bethlehem Fouriesburg Paul Roux	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North) Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Fouriesburg Paul Roux	Fouriesburg and Paul Roux lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts. Clarens retains its status as a Periodical Court of Bethlehem.
Ladybrand Excelsior Hobhouse	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North) Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Excelsior Hobhouse Ladybrand	Excelsior and Hobhouse lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts. Tweespruit retains its status as a Periodical Court of Excelsior.
Reitz Lindley Petrus Steyn	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North) Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Lindley Reitz Petrus Steyn	Lindley, Reitz and Petrus Steyn lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts. Arlington is proposed to be a Periodical Court of Lindley.

CURRENT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	SEAT OF MAGISTRACY	SUB- DISTRICTS	IMPACT
Vrede Memel Warden	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North)  Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Memel Warden Vrede	Memel, Vrede and Warden lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.
Frankfort Villiers	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North)  Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Villiers Frankfort	Villiers and Frankfort lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.  Cornelia (Villiers) and Tweeling (Frankfort) retain their status as Periodical Courts.
Ficksburg Clocolan Marquard Senekal	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North)  Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Clocolan Marquard Senekal Ficksburg	Clocolan, Ficksburg, Marquard, and Senekal lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.  Rosendal retains its status as a Periodical Court. It is excised from Dihlabeng Magisterial District and annexed to Setsoto Magisterial District.  The farms to the west of Senekal, known as the Aldam area is excised from Thabo Mofutsanyana Magisterial district and annexed to Lejweleputswa.
Witsieshoek (Maluti-a- Phofung) Harrismith Makwane Tseki Tseseng Kestell	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana North)  Phuthaditjhaba (Thabo Mofutsanyana South)	Makwane Tseki Tseseng Kestell Harrismith Witsieshoek	Witsieshoek changes its name to Maluti-a-Phofung.  Witsieshoek, Makwane, Tseki, Tseseng, Harrismith and Kestell lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.

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Zastron Rouxville Smithfield	Xhariep	Trompsburg	Rouxville Smithfield Zastron	Rouxville, Zastron and Smithfield lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.  Goedemoed retains its status as a Periodical Court (Rouxville).
Dewetsdorp Wepener	Xhariep	Trompsburg	None	Wepener and Dewetsdorp are currently in the Xhariep district but with the introduction of the Mangaung Metro, they will now resort under same.
Trompsburg Bethulie Fauresmith Jagersfontein Philippolis Reddersburg Springfontein Edenburg	Xhariep	Trompsburg	Bethulie Fauresmith Jagersfontein Philippolis Reddersburg Springfontein Edenburg	Bethulie, Edenburg, Fauresmith, Jagersfontein, Philippolis, Reddersburg and Springfontein lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.  Gariëpdam retains its status as a Periodical Court. (Philippolis).
Koffiefontein Jacobsdal Petrusburg	Xhariep	Trompsburg	Jacobsdal Petrusburg Koffiefontein	Jacobsdal, Koffiefontein and Petrusburg lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.  Luckhoff retains its status as a Periodical Court. (Fauresmith)

CURRENT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	SEAT OF MAGISTRACY	SUB- DISTRICTS	IMPACT
<p>Bloemfontein Botshabelo Thaba 'Nchu</p>	<p>Mangaung Metro</p>	<p>Bloemfontein</p>	<p>Botshabelo Thaba 'Nchu Wepener Dewetsdorp</p>	<p>Botshabelo, Thaba 'Nchu, Wepener and Dewetsdorp lose their status as Magisterial Districts and become sub-districts.</p> <p>Batho retains its status as a place of sitting to hold a court. It is proposed to be converted to a sub-district pending the provision of new infrastructure.</p> <p>Soutpan retains its status as a Periodical Court and the farms to the North of Soutpan will be excised from Lejweleputswa and annexed to Mangaung Metro.</p> <p>Wepener and Dewetsdorp are currently in the Xhariep District but with the introduction of the Mangaung Metro, they will now resort under same. The farms to the South of Tierpoort will be excised from Xhariep and annexed to the Mangaung Metro.</p>
<p>Brandfort Theunissen Winburg</p>	<p>Lejweleputswa</p>	<p>Welkom</p>	<p>Brandfort Winburg Theunissen</p>	<p>Brandfort, Theunissen and Winburg lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.</p> <p>Verkeerdevlei retains its status as a Periodical Court and serviced by Brandfort.</p> <p>Soutpan retains its status as a Periodical Court and the farms to the north of Soutpan will be excised from Lejweleputswa and annexed to Mangaung Metro.</p> <p>The farms to the west of Senekal, known as the Aldam area will be excised from Thabo Mofutsanyana Magisterial district and annexed to Lejweleputswa.</p>

CURRENT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	SEAT OF MAGISTRACY	SUB- DISTRICTS	IMPACT
Welkom Odendaalsrus Hennenman Ventersburg Virginia	Lejweleputswa	Welkom	Odendaalsrus Hennenman Ventersburg Virginia	Odendaalsrus, Hennenman, Virginia and Ventersburg lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.  Allanridge is proposed as a new Periodical Court serviced by Odendaalsrus
Bothaville Wesselsbron	Lejweleputswa	Welkom	Wesselsbron Bothaville	Wesselsbron and Bothaville lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.
Boshof Dealesville Hertzogville	Lejweleputswa	Welkom	Dealesville Hertzogville Boshof	Dealesville, Boshof and Hertzogville lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.
Bultfontein Hoopstad	Lejweleputswa	Welkom	Hoopstad Bultfontein	Hoopstad and Bultfontein lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.
Sasolburg	Fezile Dabi	Sasolburg	None	Oranjeville and Deneysville are proposed to be new Periodical Courts. (Sasolburg)
Kroonstad Steynsrus Viljoenskroon Edenville	Fezile Dabi	Sasolburg	Steynsrus Viljoenskroon Edenville Kroonstad	Steynsrus, Edenville, Kroonstad and Viljoenskroon lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.  Vierfontein (Viljoenskroon) retains its status as a Periodical Court.
Heilbron Koppies Parys Vredefort	Fezile Dabi	Sasolburg	Vredefort Heilbron Koppies Parys	Vredefort, Parys, Heilbron and Koppies lose their status as Magisterial districts and become sub-districts.

## 6. AREAS WITH MAXIMUM IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURE

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	IMPACT
Fezile Dabi District	Oranjeville and Deneysville are proposed as Periodical Courts of Sasolburg in Metsimaholo, however there is no infrastructure. Should the said courts be proclaimed, the number of periodical courts will increase by two.  Edenville is currently sharing a building with SAPS and a new infrastructure is required in order to be in compliance.
Lejweleputswa District	Allanridge is proposed as a Periodical Court of Odendaalsrus in Matjhabeng, however there is no infrastructure. Should the said court be proclaimed, the number of Periodical Courts will increase by one.
Thabo Mofutsanyana District	Arlington is proposed as a Periodical Court of Lindley in Nketoana, however there is no infrastructure. Should the said court be proclaimed, the number of Periodical Courts will increase by one.  The total Periodical Courts in the Free State region will be 15.
Mangaung Metro	Batho is a place of sitting to hold a Court of the Mangaung Metro. It is proposed that it should be proclaimed as a sub-district; however there is no suitable infrastructure. Should Batho be proclaimed as a sub-district, the number sub-districts for the Free State will increase to 63.

## 7. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

	DATE OF CONSULTATION	PLACE	DELIBERATIONS	RESOLUTIONS	OUTCOME/ IMPLICATIONS
1	19 November 2015	Dewetsdorp and Wepener (Morojaneng Community Hall)	The Consultation meeting was held with the community of Dewetsdorp and the farming sector of Wepener at the local community hall of Dewetsdorp. The RCC was represented. The alignment with Municipal boundaries will not in any way affect the community of Dewetsdorp. There is a full time, fully fledged Court servicing the community of Dewetsdorp.  A concern was raised by the farming sector that certain SAPS service points might move further away from their farms. As a result police response time might take longer.	The status quo in terms of Justice and SAPS borders should remain unchanged pending the implementation of a merger by Mangaung Metro with Dewetsdorp and Wepener. The farming community of Dewetsdorp requested that farms to the South of Dewetsdorp should remain as part of Dewetsdorp and that they should not move towards Smithfield (Mohokare).	Decision has been taken by Mangaung Metro to merge Dewetsdorp and Wepener with Mangaung Metro.  This will address the concerns raised by the Farming Sector. The merging will take place after the 2016 Municipal elections. It is proposed that farms to the South of Dewetsdorp should remain as part of Dewetsdorp in terms of SAPS and Judicial boundaries.

	DATE OF CONSULTATION	PLACE	DELIBERATIONS	RESOLUTIONS	OUTCOME/ IMPLICATIONS
			<p>It was further requested that the farms to the southern side of Dewetsdorp (Naledi) should remain and not move to Mohokare (Smithfield). Reasons provided were response times, distance and established rural safety structures.</p> <p>Status quo in terms of Wepener can be maintained</p>		These farms should not move to Smithfield (Mohokare).
2	25 July 2016	Winburg	<p>The Stakeholders were represented by DOJ and SAPS. One community member representing the farming community attended and participated in the meeting.</p> <p>A challenge that was identified was that the farms to the west of Senekal will be affected as there was no direct access route from Senekal to the said area other than via Winburg.</p>	<p>The recommendation was that the area to the west of Senekal, known as the Aldam area should form part of the Masilonyana Magisterial district.</p> <p>This was due to the fact that the only route to the affected area from Senekal is via Winburg which will also have an impact on the distance to be travelled.</p>	The recommendation was that the farms to the west of Senekal, known as the Aldam area should be excised from Setsoto Magisterial district and annexed to the Masilonyana Magisterial district.
3.	01 September 2016	Tierpoort	<p>The DOJ and SAPS attended the meeting on behalf of the Stakeholders. Community members and the Farming sector attended and participated during the consultations.</p> <p>The challenges identified were:</p> <p>No direct access road to Edenburg.</p> <p>Farmers to the north west of Tierpoort must travel through Tierpoort to Edenburg.</p>	<p>There was a request from the community that the current police precinct remains as it is.</p>	The alignment for this area will not be possible. Therefore the affected areas should remain under Mangaung Metro.

	<b>DATE OF CONSULTATION</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>DELIBERATIONS</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>OUTCOME/ IMPLICATIONS</b>
4.	21 September 2016	Soutpan	<p>The DOJ and SAPS attended the meeting on behalf of the Stakeholders.</p> <p>Only the farming community attended the meeting on this day, therefore a second meeting will be arranged for the community.</p>	<p>There was a request from the farming community that the current police precinct remains as it is.</p>	<p>The matter regarding Soutpan should be discussed in the bigger RCC for consultation and recommendation.</p>
5.	27 September 2016	Ikgomotseng (Soutpan)	<p>DOJ and SAPS attended the meeting with the community on behalf of the Stakeholders.</p> <p>The community indicated that public transport is only available to Bloemfontein and not Brandfort. This will mean that they will have better access to Bloemfontein because they currently have to go via Bloemfontein to get to Brandfort. This results in them not honouring the court appearances on time. As a result warrants of arrest were issued for the non-appearance.</p> <p>The connecting road between Soutpan and Brandfort is a gravel road with no established transport system.</p> <p>The community also requested that it should be considered that a full service court be established in Soutpan, if not possible they should request that the Periodical Court be closed and that Bloemfontein should be their main court of service. They also requested that the police station remains as is.</p>	<p>There was a request from the community that Soutpan should align with the Metro borders.</p>	<p>The matter regarding Soutpan should be discussed in the bigger RCC for consultation and recommendation.</p>



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6.	12 October 2016	Bloemfontein RCC – Regional Office	The matter was discussed and the meeting agreed that the farms to the north of Soutpan be excised from Lejweleputswa and annexed to the Mangaung Metro. A meeting should be arranged to inform the community and the farming community.		The RCC directed that the meeting between the farmers and the Ikgomotseng community should be arranged to discuss the two divergent views. The meeting was set for the 19th of October 2016.
7.	19 October 2016	Ikgomotseng (Soutpan)	SAPS was requested to notify farmers and community of the meeting. Notices were placed at the local Senwes. SAPS also attended the Farmer Association meeting to inform them of the meeting of the 19th of October 2016.  DOJ and SAPS attended the meeting on behalf of the Stakeholders.  The meeting took place, however the farming community did not attend the meeting.		The community agreed with the proposal that the whole SAPS precinct should be included in the Mangaung Metro.

After consultations, it was established that there were four areas which could not be aligned.

The four (4) areas of non-alignment are as follows:

- Tierpoort (Farms to the south)
- Aldam (Farms to the west of Senekal)
- Dewetsdorp (Farms to the south-west)
- Soutpan (Farms to the north)

## 8. CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PROVINCIAL RCC

The Provincial RCC met on a regular basis to discuss the contents of the report and to address any challenges identified; as well as to agree on best possible solutions for the mentioned identified challenges. The table below provides a breakdown of all the dates on which the RCC met:

No.	Dates of meetings
1.	16 November 2012
2.	04 February 2013
3.	20 August 2013
4.	10 September 2013
5.	07 February 2014
6.	06 August 2015
7.	18 September 2015
8.	04 November 2015
9.	19 February 2016
10.	11 March 2016 (meeting between DOJ and SAPS on re-demarcation)
11.	08 April 2016
12.	19 July 2016
13.	17 August 2016
14.	12 October 2016

## 9. LOCATION AND FREQUENCY OF PERIODICAL COURTS IN THE FREE STATE

Sub-district	Periodical Court Name (place of sitting)	Location (Stand alone or in Police Station)	No. of court rooms available	Approx. Distance from court	No. of sittings
Fauresmith	Luckhoff	Stand-alone building on its own premises	1	98 km	1 x per week
Rouxville	Goedemoed	In the Police Station	1	69 km	1 x per week
Phillipolis	Gariepdam	Stand-alone building on its own premises	1	107 km	1 x per week
Ficksburg	Rosendal	Stand-alone mobile unit on SAPS premises	1	37 km	2 x per week

Sub-district	Periodical Court Name (place of sitting)	Location (Stand alone or in Police Station)	No. of court rooms available	Approx. Distance from court	No. of sittings
Viljoenskroon	Vierfontein	In the Police station	1	36 km	2 x per week
Brandfort	Verkeerdevlei	Stand-alone building on SAPS premises	1	45 km gravel road	1 x per week
Brandfort	Soutpan	Stand-alone building on SAPS premises	1	39 km gravel road	1 x per week
Excelsior	Tweespruit	Stand-alone mobile unit on SAPS premises	1	33 km	2 x per week
Bethlehem	Clarens	In the Police station	1	47 km	1 x per week
Vrede	Cornelia	Stand-alone Mobile unit on Municipal premises	1	48km	1 x per month
Frankfort	Tweeling	Stand- alone building on SAPS premises	1	31 km	1 x per month

9.1. In terms of the Edenville sub-district, it should be noted that although the said court is not a Periodical Court, it is in the same building as SAPS.

9.2 In terms of the Goedemoed Periodical Court, it should be noted that the court is currently on the premises of the Goedemoed Correctional Centre as there are no townships and/or in the vicinity. Therefore this court mainly deals with matters pertaining to inmates in the Goedemoed Correctional Centre with the exception of a few cases of the neighbouring farms.

The following challenges should be considered should Goedemoed periodical court be removed from the DCS premises:

- 9.2.1 There is no suitable secured site available to set up a mobile unit for the court.
- 9.2.2 Should the court be closed, there will be a security risk for the community and the departments, as inmates will now have to be transported back and forth between the correctional facility and court.
- 9.2.3 Should it be considered that the court be rebuilt on other suitable premises, it will not be feasible for the department, considering the case load of this particular court.
- 9.2.4 An alternative solution to consider is to move the Goedemoed precinct to Eastern Cape as the nearest court to serve Aliwal North. This will however result in cross border alignment.

### 10. LIST OF STATIONS WITH IMPACT OF THE RE-DEMARCATON PROCESS ON SAPS: FREE STATE PROVINCE

The South African Police Service was represented during the consultation sessions by Lt.Col. JL Botha. He consolidated the information and issues raised by the community into two tables.

The first table deals with the impact of the community inputs and/or proposals on the proposed magisterial district boundaries.

These proposals are very sensible and are supported. In most instances they will not have any significant effect on the current SAPS borders.

LOW IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NOTABLE	SIGNIFICANT	POSTPONEMENT
Phuthaditjhaba				
Rosendal				
Paul Roux				
Luckhoff				
Koffiefontein				
Fauresmith				
LOW IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NOTABLE	SIGNIFICANT	POSTPONEMENT
	Cornelia			
Edenville				
LOW IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NOTABLE	SIGNIFICANT	POSTPONEMENT
		Lindley		
LOW IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NOTABLE	SIGNIFICANT	POSTPONEMENT
	Wepener			
Dewetsdorp				
Reddersburg				

## 11. IMPACT OF THE INITIAL DEMARCATION PROCESS ON POLICE STATIONS

This table deals with the impact of the initial demarcation process on station boundaries. In most cases it will have a significant impact on existing station boundaries.

LOW IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NOTABLE	SIGNIFICANT	POSTPONEMENT
		Phuthaditjhaba		
			Rosendal	
			Paul Roux	
		Luckhoff		
			Koffiefontein	
LOW IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NOTABLE	SIGNIFICANT	POSTPONEMENT
			Fauresmith	
			Cornelia	
LOW IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NOTABLE	SIGNIFICANT	POSTPONEMENT
			Edenville	
		Lindley		
Wepener				
			Dewetsdorp	
			Reddersburg	

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Signature of Secretariat

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chief Magistrate: Cluster A

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chief Magistrate: Cluster B

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

