

FOREWORD BY THE MINISTER



*Minister
C. Nqakula*

I present the sixth Annual Report of the Independent Complaints Directorate and the first under my leadership.

The South African policing oversight model is currently still a hybrid of an investigative and monitoring one. However, starting in the financial year 2002/2003, the ICD will commence implementation of its Strategic Plan 2005 which will see the ICD being a fully fledged investigative agency by the year 2005. Its monitoring function will be limited to the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act by the South African Police Service and policing oversight over Municipal Policing Services. The adoption of this strategy was possible due to the first real increase to the budget of the ICD for 2002/2003 and further projected increases for the remainder of the MTEF cycle. I have to commend the late Minister Steve Tshwete for this achievement which was reflective of his commitment to the work and importance of policing oversight.

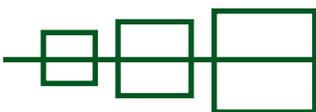
During the year under review the ICD has received much acclaim internationally based on the fact that they do their own independent investigations, but more specifically also because this model is in existence in a relatively new African democracy, barely three years after the apartheid government. The only other agency which also conducts its own investigations is that of the Northern Ireland Ombudsman in Northern Ireland. Continentally there have been many requests to the ICD for assistance with regard to the establishment of a policing oversight structure, the drafting of policing oversight legislation and technical expertise.

The ICD has continued to strengthen its linkages with the SAPS in various areas which impact on both the mandates of the ICD and the SAPS. This remains a work in progress for both agencies.

The decrease in the statistics in certain categories of police misconduct, criminality and brutality are a strong indicator of the successful interventions of the ICD. They are also an indicator that members of the SAPS are starting to understand the role of the ICD and the fact that they are able to add value to accountable and human rights policing in South Africa.

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MINISTER FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY





ICD Management, from left: Tommy Tshabalala, Johan Snyman, Elise Verster, Shadrack Mahlangu, Adv Karen McKenzie and Mike Kekana with representatives of the Palestine police in January 2002.



Adv KD McKenzie with police representatives from Palestine in January 2002.