

STATEMENT

Yolanda Faro states in English under oath.

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I am an employee of the City of Cape Town and hold the position of Deputy Chief in the Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department, 101 Hertzog Boulevard, Cape Town. telephone number 021 4275125.

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The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department received four (4) requests from the South African History Archive (SAHA) P.O. Box 31719, Braamfontein for access to record of public body (Section 18 (1) of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2000, (Act 2 of 2000) (Regulation 2). The four (4) requests are as follows:

Request 1

Copies of Standing Operational Procedures, National Instructions, Guidelines, Policies, Protocols, Training Manuals and Standing Orders which relates to the procurement, testing training, development and use of crowd management equipment (including surveillance equipment, devices and soft/hardware), weapons (including crowd control /less lethal weapons and devices), and ammunition by the Cape Town Metro Police. Noting that to the extent that any records forming a part of the request may or must be refused we are still seeking access to every other record forming part of the request.

Request 2

Records reflecting the make and model of all crowd management (i) equipment (including surveillance equipment, devices and soft/hardware), (ii) weapons (including crowd control /less lethal weapons and devices); and (iii) ammunition whether standard or specialized (a) used (b) procured in the last twelve months or (c) in the process of being procured for use by Public Order Police Units and any other unit (including the Cape Town Metro Police) in the execution of peaceful crowd management and public order restoration operations. Noting that to the extent that any records forming a part of the request may or must be refused we are still seeking access to every other record forming part of the request.

Request 3

Copies of Standing Operational Procedures, National Instructions, Standing Orders. Guidelines, Policies, Protocols or Training Manuals which relates to the video camera operator as well as members of the public filming and recording Cape Town Metro Police operations.

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Request 4

A list of names, ranks, contact details and work addresses and area of jurisdiction of all persons designated as a "Responsible Officer" appointed in terms of section 2 (4) (a) and which includes any person deemed in terms of section 2 (4) (b) of the Regulation of Gatherings Act 205 of 1993.

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Response on 1st request.

The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department have no Standing Operational Procedures, Guidelines, Policies, Protocols, Training Manuals and Standing Orders which relates to the procurement, testing training, development and use of crowd management equipment (including surveillance equipment, devices and soft/hardware). The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department is guided by National Instruction 4/2014 for Public Order Police, Crowd Management during public gatherings and demonstrations. Cape Town Metropolitan Police are utilizing the City of Cape Town Supply Chain Management Guide, Policies and legislation (Municipal Finance Act) for procurement purposes which is available and accessible on the City of Cape Town website.

Twenty Nine (29) Metropolitan Police Officers were trained by the South African Police Services in February 2016 and the members are utilizing the Training Manual of the South African Police Service.

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Response on 2nd request.

Cape Town Metropolitan Police has a Video Camera Unit which is based at the Metropolitan Police Control Room. Metro Police is utilizing the Video Camera Unit when needed to do surveillance during crowd management incidents. The particulars of the cameras utilized by Video Camera Unit are as follows:

- Video Camera – Make – Sony, Model - HVR 5E
- Digital Camera – Make – Cannon, Model - 6D Digital CAM
- Digital Camera – Make – Sony, Model - SLT-ATTV CAM

The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department has no other devices or soft/hardware with regards to surveillance equipment.

The only weapons and ammunition Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department possess with regards to crowd management are 12 GG caliber shotguns – Make - Winchester, Republic Arms, Mossberg, Mavericks, Fransi and Atis.

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The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department has no other less lethal weapons and or devices.

The only ammunition Cape Town Metropolitan Police possesses is 12 GG caliber Rubber Rounds. These are standard rubber rounds.

The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department did not use, neither procured within the last twelve (12) months, or are in the process of procuring for use by Public Order Police Units, and are not in possession or never utilized specialized ammunition in the execution of peaceful crowd management and public order restoration operations.

The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department is in the process of procuring the following items:

- Water Cannon – Make Custom Built on MAN Chassis.
- Protective Gear (Soft Anti-Riot Suits, Tactical Equipment Vest, Level IIIA PASGT Ballistic Helmets and Shields)

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Response on request 3

The Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department has no Standing Operational Procedures, National Instructions, Standing Orders. Guidelines, Policies, Protocols or Training Manuals which relate to the video camera operator as well as members of the public filming and recording Cape Town Metro Police operations. The staff attached to the Camera Unit was trained by the South African Police Services and therefor are utilizing SAPS Training Manual.

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Response on request 4

I am not in a position to respond to the 4th request as the nature of the request does not fall within the ambit of the Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department.

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I know and understand the content of this statement. I have no objection in taking the prescribed oath. I consider the prescribed oath as binding to my conscience.

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I certify that the above statement is taken by me and that the deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understand the content of this statement. This statement was sworn to/affirmed before me and the deponent's signature was placed thereon in my presence at Cape Town on 16 August 2016 at 11:00.



(Signature – Commissioner of Oath)

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