

**END OF EIGHTH PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT**

**Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and
Security Services**

Presented to the

National Assembly of the Parliament of Zimbabwe

The Portfolio Committee on Defence, Home Affairs and Security Services was appointed to shadow the security sector, namely, the Ministries of Defence, Home Affairs and all Security and Intelligent Services of Government.

To this end, the Committee conducted inquiries and fact finding field visits to the hinterland and came up with Reports which were presented to the august House.

The Reports were on the following:-

i) Immigration Department at Forbes Border Post;

ii) Landmine Situation in Zimbabwe;

Following visits to landmine infested areas of the country the Hon Minister of Defence gave a comprehensive to this august House embracing some of the recommendations of the Committee.

Attempted Jailbreak from Chikurubi Maximum Prison;

The Committee made a number of salient observations and findings in connection with the disturbances at the Chikurubi Maximum Prison. These culminated in commendable corrective measures being undertaken. This august House

may appreciate that a Board of Inquiry was instituted and suffice to say that in its findings the Board established that while on the face of it the main motive of the disturbances by the ring leaders was presented as shortage of prisoners' rations, it would appear the attempted jailbreak was as a result of a well calculated intention to escape from prison. As a result corrective actions have since been taken as a deterrent. These include among others addressing issues of staff shortage; improved communication and replacement of linen that was burnt during the disturbances. You may also be aware that concerted efforts have been made through the 2016 Presidential Amnesty Exercise and re-classification to mitigate challenges associated with overcrowding in our Prison facilities. Through your Committee's recommendations Prison Authorities have established internal monitoring mechanisms to deal with security threats in the prison facilities.

- iii) Service Delivery by the Office of the Registrar General in the issuance of primary documents;**
Suffice to say although the Hon Minister for Home Affairs has not responded to the Committee's Report some of the

recommendations by the Committee have started to be implemented, chief among them, is the relocation of Departments of Immigration and the Registrar General to the New Offices.

iv) Service Delivery by the Zimbabwe Republic Police;

The issue of numerous roadblocks which had become the Order of the

Further to that the Committee received and analysed monthly financial Statements from the Ministries that it overshadowed.

The Committee crafted and adopted its curriculum on security sector oversight.

Capacity building workshop were conducted for the Committee and these went a long way in improving the understanding of the Hon Members of the Committee on their roles.

It is my fervent hope that the capacitation of our Hon Members will always be ongoing if we are to become a vibrant Institution.

