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MEMORANDUM

To : Clerk of Papers
From : Procedural Services Office
Date : 13 August 2014
Re : Paper for referral and tabling

The following petition has been received:

- (a) Submission of a petition from Mr Sello B Gatebe and Mr Mokoena, Free State Province regarding the alleged illegal eviction by Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality. *(The full content of the correspondence to be tabled).*

To be referred to the Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings for consideration and report.

APPROVED

Handwritten signature of T R Modise in black ink.

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Attention:
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Me,

During 2010 myself and other people at Qwa-Qwa were given stands at Bokamoso next to Free State University campus at Qwa-Qwa. We payed for those stands.

On 11 June 2014 the Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality came to Bokamoso under Police Protection and demolished our stands and houses at Bokamoso, saying that we were there illegally. They broke everything that belonged to us.

During the elections they kept quiet and said nothing, but now that we have voted for them, they come and treat us in such an inhumane way.

On Saturday 14 June MEC Sisi Nthombela took us from the Qwa-Qwa Fire Station then moved us to a Youth Centre at Makwane in Qwa-Qwa. All the people must stay in one hall, male and females together. This situation is not acceptable; no healthy food is given to the people and they are treated inhumanely. Till today on 1 August 2014 we are still staying there in the very cold weather of Qwa-Qwa. We don't have food and the children are not attending school. The living conditions are not healthy and some of the people are ill. MEC Sisi Nthombela promised us they will take us to another place. Maluti-A-Phofung took +- 38 families to Bluegum Busch and gave them better places to stay. What about us that are left behind in these inhumane conditions.

We plea to the President or the Cabinet of South Africa to help us South African citizens to enjoy a better life for all like the new South Africa says. This situation that we are in is not a better life for us. We are treated like foreigners or illegal immigrants in our own country. This situation is not acceptable.

The children that are in this situation with us, now have to walk on foot +-20 Kilometres to Sephokong school and +-20 Kilometres back every day, without proper food. It is winter right now and the winter in the Qwa-Qwa area is severe with early morning temperatures as low as minus 13 degrees already been experienced this winter. On Saturday 14 June MEC Sisi Nthombela promised the children transport to and from school. From that date till today there has been no transport for the children. These children are 10 to 15 years of age and are the targets of criminals and exposed to heavy road traffic on a daily basis. How long will it be before they become victims.

All of this is happening around the Birthday of our former president, Mr Nelson Mandela, who was the biggest fighter for the rights of children in this country. It is now Women's Month and the women with us are being treated in a very poor way by our Municipality.

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I hope that Parliament and our President will intervene in this situation speedily. We are now tired of the promises and failure to deliver by Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality and would appreciate your intervention. The municipality are abusing our rights, including the rights of our children.

We were not illegal squatters like Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality says. We were given those stands by Chief Tsholo. We know that the chief has power. He gave us this land. It seems the government are respecting only Chief Goodwill Zweetini in KZN and Chief Mandla Mandela in Eastern Cape, Chief (Morena Wa Mathembo) and others but not Chief Tsholo. Qwa-Qwa was always the place of chiefs, like KZN, Eastern Cape, Mphumalanga and others.

Thank you,
On Behalf of the People of Bokamoso,



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