



**THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND
TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

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Dear Acting Minister, Minister and National Commissioner,

**REFERRAL OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR T. GORESEB-MASEKO REGARDING THE
DISAPPEARANCE OF NTANDO NGOZO**

The Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs hereby refers the attached correspondence received from Mr Thomas Goreseb-Maseko, a community activist representing the family of 17-year-old Ntando Ngozo, who has been missing since 18 December 2025.

Mr Maseko's letter raises urgent concerns about the disappearance of Ntando Ngozo, who was last seen in the company of individuals associated with an initiation school in Poortjie, Vaal, under the supervision of Mr Mzizi, the Principal of the school. According to the family and community, no substantive progress has been made despite engagements with provincial authorities over the past three months.

The Committee notes the seriousness of the matter, including:

- The history of similar incidents in the area involving initiation schools.
- A community protest involving over 700 residents demanding accountability.
- A petition exceeding 4,000 signatures, calling for urgent intervention to locate Ntando and enforce compliance in initiation schools.

Given the gravity of the allegations and the urgency expressed by the affected family and community, the Portfolio Committee requests that the South African Police Service:

1. Conduct an urgent and comprehensive investigation into the disappearance of Ntando Ngozo.
2. Investigate the operations and compliance of the initiation school involved.
3. Provide direct updates to the Ngozo family and local community regarding the investigative process.
4. Submit a formal written report to the Committee outlining steps taken and intended actions.
5. Department of Traditional Affairs should collaborate with the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee, and the CRL Commission to ensure legal compliance and protect minors involved in initiation processes.

The Committee requests your urgent attention to this matter and kindly asks that your offices furnish the requested report at your soonest convenience.

The documents can be submitted through the office of the Committee Secretary, Ms S Cassiem email: scassiem@parliament.gov.za or 083 709 8533.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ZL Mkhize', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr ZL Mkhize, MP

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