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Dear Adv Gordon,

**REFERRAL OF UNETHICAL CONDUCT OF MINISTER OF POLICE, Mr B H CELE,
MP FOR INVESTIGATION**

I write to you to ask that you refer the appalling unethical conduct of the Minister of Police, Mr B H Cele, MP, in relation to statements he made about victims of rape to the Joint Committee on Ethics and Members' Interests to investigate whether he breached the standards of ethical conduct expected of him as a Member of Parliament and specifically a Member of the Executive in line with section 10.1.1.3 of the *Code of Ethical Conduct and Disclosure of Members' Interests for Assembly and Permanent Council Members*.

During an interview on eNCA on 29 July 2022, Minister Cele stated that he believed that a 19-year-old victim of rape in the recent Krugersdorp mass rape was lucky to be raped by only one man. I believe that it is totally unbecoming of the oath of office of the Minister in charge of policing in the Republic to perpetuate a rape culture in a violent society that has already been branded as the rape capital of the world by making these types of unacceptable and dangerous statements.

It is my considered view that Minister Cele's demonstration of an utter lack of sensitivity towards women and rape survivors - even arguably implying that there is some sort of gratitude missing among those women who escape the country's out of control rape pandemic - is not only a gross breach of his oath of office taken as a Minister, but also a breach of sections 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.1.5 and 4.1.6 of the *Code of Conduct*.

Yours faithfully,

Natasha Mazzone MP
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