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Dear Lt. Genl. Patekile

## REQUEST FOR TIMELINES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR MINISTER MCHUNU'S "EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES"

During last week's oral question session in the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), the Minister of Police responded to a question I posed regarding gang violence on the Cape Flats and the sustained dysfunction within the Western Cape Anti-Gang Unit (AGU). In his response, the Minister committed to implementing "extraordinary measures" to address the escalating crisis and stated that these would be communicated to the NCOP in due course.

Given this public undertaking, I write to request that your office urgently provide clarity on the following:

1. The timelines associated with the development, implementation and rollout of these "extraordinary measures".
2. The specific operational content of these measures, including targeted precincts, resourcing shifts and intended outcomes;
3. Confirmation of when the AGU will be fully resourced, including:
  - (a) The date by which it will have a fixed establishment;
  - (b) When its full vehicle fleet will be restored;
  - (c) What measures will be taken to address personnel shortages; and

(d) Whether any operational threat assessments have been conducted in respect of AGU officers and Cape Flats communities.

As previously conveyed in correspondence dated 14 and 24 March 2025, the DA remains deeply concerned that the AGU continues to function without the basic institutional and logistical support it requires. That this situation persists, even after the high-profile killing of 4-year-old Davin Africa in Wesbank — his mother's second child lost to gang crossfire — reflects a grave failure of leadership.

I request a written response no later than Friday, 31 May 2025, in order to ensure proper parliamentary follow-up through the NCOP and relevant oversight committees.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N Gotsell", with a circular flourish around the first part of the name.

**Nicholas Gotsell, MP**  
**Member of the Select Committee on Security and Justice**  
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