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The Chairperson

Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings

National Council of Provinces

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Dear Chairperson

Request to Schedule Appearance by Minister of Police to Account for Executive Undertaking

During the oral question session in the National Council of Provinces on 13 May 2025, the Minister of Police responded to a question I posed regarding the state of gang violence in the Western Cape and the operational collapse of the Anti-Gang Unit (AGU). In his response, the Minister committed to the implementation of unspecified “extraordinary measures” to contain the situation in Cape Town’s high-violence zones. He further undertook to engage the NCOP once these measures were in place.

This verbal commitment, made on the record in the NCOP, constitutes an executive undertaking within the meaning of the mandate of the Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings. Given the scale of the crisis - including the staggering total of 3,777 gang-related murders recorded between 1 March 2020 and 31 December 2024 in the Western Cape - the urgency of proper oversight and follow-through on this undertaking cannot be overstated.

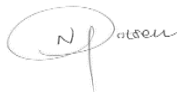
Accordingly, I request that the Select Committee formally schedule the Minister of Police to appear before it to account for:

- The nature, content and timelines of the “extraordinary measures” referred to in his NCOP response;
- The failure of SAPS to adequately resource and structure the AGU despite the ongoing gang crisis;

- The disproportionate and rapid response to incidents involving VIP security, in contrast with the lack of response to daily killings in gang hotspots such as Wesbank.

I would appreciate being informed of the date and process by which the Committee intends to consider this matter. The people of the Cape Flats - and the SAPS members who risk their lives daily - deserve clarity, accountability, and above all, action.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'N' followed by the name 'Gotsell'.

Nicholas Gotsell, MP
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