

SACP MOSES MABHIDA PROVINCE MEMORANDUM ON THE SECURITY UPGRADES TO THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE IN INKANDLA

INKANDLA (KwaZulu-Natal)

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To be delivered to the Honourable Representative of the Department of Public Works

We as the South Africa Communist Party (SACP) in the Moses Mabhida Province have noted the hype around security upgrades in the residence of our President here in Inkandla which has developed into a politicalammunition for opposition parties and those who are politically opposed to the President.

This sustained attack on the Presidency has continued despite various statements by the Department of Public Works confirming that it had authorised the upgrades following security analyses conducted by the country's security agencies.

This has been made worse by the fact that the Minster of Public Works has admitted on numerous occasion that he is sitting with the problem of corruption much of which is located with the department's property portfolio.

For example, we need to be reminded of the circumstances around security improvement at Minster NathiMthethwa'shomewhcih is also in the rural area of KwaMtehthwa in Dondotha in KwaMbonambi.

The Department of Public Works has confirmed that it had undertaken some of the security improvements at the Presidential residence because that residence falls under the National Key Points Act.

The President is on record saying much of the refurbishments at his house were done and paid for by the family. He recently explained at the National Assembly sitting this week that it is not the public money which built his home.

Said the President:

“I want everybody to be clear, because you have made this country to believe that the government has built a home for me, it’s not true – it is not true. The Zuma family has built its own home for its own comfort. It does not ask anyone.”

Realising the above, we would like to make the following demands:

1. We demand that a forensic investigation is instituted which will establish the true costs of renovations and whether there has been an inflation of prices and who was responsible for those inflation of prices.
2. We also demand that there should be a further investigation to probe the existence of a syndicate of people who are enriching themselves by abusing the Department of Public Work’s property lease division.
3. We also call for an end to the Department of Public Works’ negotiated lease

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Signed on behalf of Public Works Department

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Signed on behalf of the SACP Moses Mabhida Province

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