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## **SELECT COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND EXECUTIVE UNDERTAKINGS: CONTENT OF THE MALUTHI-A-PHOFUNG MUNICIPALITY PETITION**

### **1. Content of the Petition**

The Petition was tabled in the ATC on the 13 August 2014 and was subsequently referred to the Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings ('Committee').

The focus of the Petition centers on the alleged illegal eviction of the petitioners (Mr. Sello Gatebe and Mr. Mokoena Matjele) and a group of people by the Maluthi-A-Phofung Municipality ('Municipality'). The Municipality is in turn located in the Thabo Mafutsanyane District, Free State Province. The co-petitioners have approached the Committee for intervention, not only in their own interest but in the interest of the rest of the community whom they are representing.

The petitioners allege that in 2010 they were staying in 'stands' which were given to them by the Chief Tsholo Mopeli (Chief Mopeli) of the Bochabela Village. The petitioner's further state that in 2014 the Maluthi-A-Phofung Municipality along with officials from the South African Police Services (SAPS) approached the petitioners and the people they are representing claiming that they were occupying the land illegally. With the eviction process, their 'stands' and belongings were demolished. They were subsequently moved to a youth centre in Qwa-Qwa. Whilst some of the community members who had moved to youth centre in Qwa-Qwa, an amount of approximately 38 families were rehoused by the Maluthi-A-Phofung Municipality at Bluegum Busch.

In addition to their alleged illegal eviction, the petitioners also make brief mention of the conditions under which they are living. Children have to walk to school for about 20 kilometers a day with no transportation services even though this was promised by the MEC in June 2014.

The Committee should also note that the Bokamoso Petition which was tabled on the 13 August 2014 and referred to the Committee, is submitted by the same petitioners. The Bokamoso Petition cites poor service delivery in the area of Bochapelolo, Bokamoso as reasons for petitioning the Committee. Two (2) petitions have therefore been tabled; the Maluthi-A-Phofung Petition which deals with the alleged illegal eviction of approximately 700 families and the Bokamoso Petition in which allegations of poor service delivery to the residents of Bochabela, Bokamoso are allegedly taking place. I have therefore also attached the summary of the Bokamoso Petition.



## **2. Relief sought**

The petitioners seek the assistance of the Committee to investigate the alleged illegal eviction by the Maluthi-A-Phofung Municipality since the petitioners allege they were given the land by Chief Mopeli. In addition to this, the petitioners also claim that they have paid the Chief money in this regard.

## **3. Reasons for the relief sought**

The petition seeks the above stated relief as the petitioners have been without a safe dwelling since 2014 when the Maluthi-A-Phofung Municipality evicted them.

## **4. Recommendations to the Committee**

Investigate the alleged illegal eviction by the Maluthi-A-Phofung Municipality.

## **5. Stakeholders**

Mr. Sello B Gatebe (Petitioner)

Mr. M Matjele (Petitioner)

Chief Tsholo Mopeli

Maluthi-A-Phofung Municipality, Thabo Mafutsanyane District, Free State Province

Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs – Free State Province