



Attention: The Honourable Mr. Thembelani Thulas Nxesi

Minister: The Department of Public Works

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Dear Honourable Minister Nxesi,

**RE: CORRUPTION WATCH VIEWS RESPONSE OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO NKANDLA HOMESTEAD UPGRADE QUESTIONS AS INADEQUATE**

1. We refer to your letter of response dated 8 October 2012 transmitted to our offices on 16 October 2012 for which we thank you.
2. We however view such response as inadequate in that it fails to answer the questions posed to your Department in our letter dated 4 October 2012.
3. In addition, your response fails to address the concerns raised in the media about the Nkandla homestead upgrade; which concerns are echoed by members of the public that report to Corruption Watch. These include concerns regarding the amounts expended in the security upgrade; indications that not all of the expenditure can reasonably be construed as necessary from a security perspective; and a lack of transparency regarding the process of procuring the requisite goods and services. In this latter regard we note the allegations in the City Press Newspaper that a large amount of expenditure was incurred on an 'emergency' basis, thus circumventing the

necessity for following prescribed tender procedures. This appears to be at odds with your assertion in paragraph 3 of your response that the implementation of this project was preceded by an exhaustive process of investigation.

4. Early next week, Corruption Watch will publish our correspondence on our website as well as our other communications platforms both in the interest of transparency and in order to garner further responses from the public.
5. We welcome further engagement with your Department in an ongoing attempt to promote transparency around the Nkandla homestead upgrade.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Lewis", written over a horizontal line.

David Lewis

Executive Director

Corruption Watch