



**cooperative governance
& traditional affairs**

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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr J J McGluwa (ID) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) Whether complaints via the presidential hotline about councillors have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any action has been taken against councillors; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any of these complaints have been about councilors of the Independent Democrats; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details? NW339E

Reply

- (1) The Department deals with all issues raised with it through provincial governments and municipalities. Please find details attached.
- (2) See above response
- (3) We don't ask public representatives their party affiliation. We deal with them as councillors.

CASE DETAILS	DATE OF REFERRALS	ACTION TAKEN BY COGTA	STATUS
<p>1. An alleged housing corruption was reported against eThekweni Municipality Ward 54 councillor. It was reported in the Presidential Hotline that the Councillor was tasked with overseeing the allocation of 30 RDP Houses to people residing in the ward in line with the Urban Renewal Programme.</p> <p>However, it has been alleged that the councillor is renting-out these houses to people from other wards and friends</p>	<p>03 November 2009</p>	<p>The Department alerted the Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu Urban Renewal Programme offices where the complaint was referred to the eThekweni Housing Unit. The Unit assisted the complainant to report the matter in the Municipal Ombudsman's office for investigation.</p> <p>CoGTA anti-corruption was also activated to act on the matter together with KZN Local Government and Traditional Affairs.</p> <p>On 03 March 2009, CoGTA received a report on the case from eThekweni Municipality. According to the report from eThekweni, the complainant's claims could not be proved.</p> <p>The report states that the said project has only produced 4 houses, not 30, because the complainant incited the community to disturb the project from progressing. It has also been reported that the complainant is a contractor who lost out in the bid to build these houses. As the matter stands, the project is said to be on course.</p>	<p>A parallel investigation by the province is still on</p>

<p>2 A complaint was reported in the Presidential Hotline against the councillors in Maquassi Local Municipality.</p> <p>The complainant raised a concern that they do not see development and councillors were not effective in addressing people's needs in General.</p>	<p>14 November 2009</p>	<p>The Minister for CoGTA raised these issues in a letter with the Mayor of Maquassi Local Government. The Municipality was requested to engage the complainant.</p> <p>The municipality held a meeting with the complainant where the issue of overflowing sewer and RDP houses were raised by the complainant.</p> <p>This matter was attended by the Municipality and the problem of housing has been escalated to the province.</p>	<p>The issue relating to a sewer was addressed by the Municipality working with Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs</p>
<p>3 An anonymous call was received from a community member in Mahwelereng under Mogalakwena Municipality. The caller reported in the Presidential Hotline that ward 27 councillor has a group of thugs that he used to intimidate people who asks questions about community development. It is alleged that the councillor buys this group marijuana and alcohol to carry out their intimidation tactics.</p> <p>Another councillor in the same municipality is alleged to have hired a person without a qualification and request sexual favours from women who seek employment in the municipality.</p> <p>The caller also called for an investigation of the entire municipality because the corruption is allegedly rife.</p>	<p>04 November 2009</p>	<p>The matter is being attended to by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the municipality</p>	