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To: Ms Zamantungwa Mbeki, Acting Gauteng Provincial Manager
Email: GPComplaints@sahrc.org.za
Re: Appalling Conditions at Gauteng Crime Wardens Training Camps

To Ms Zamantungwa Mbeki

I am writing this letter to you to ask the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) to investigate conditions at Gauteng **Premier Panyaza Lesufi's crime wardens' training camps** where we believe basic human rights may have been infringed upon.

The Star newspaper today reported that the crime wardens trainees experience appalling conditions where they are forced to live in cramped conditions in containers with poor sanitation and have not received the payment they are entitled to.

ActionSA is also concerned that the crime wardens scheme has been a rushed attempt by Premier Lesufi where wardens may not be adequately trained while gaining access to heavy arms which may further endanger their lives and that of the communities.

ActionSA, therefore, asks the SAHRC to urgently investigate these allegations to ensure that the basic human rights of those employed through the scheme are not infringed upon.

We look forward to the SAHRC treating these allegations with the severity it deserves and completing a thorough investigation in due course.

Yours in service,

Funzi Ngobeni
ActionSA Gauteng Provincial Chairperson