



# public works

Department:  
Public Works  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Private Bag X 84, PRETORIA, 0001 Int Code: + 27 21 Tel: 406 1170 Fax: 086 272 8831 email: [Mandisa.Fatyela@dow.gov.za](mailto:Mandisa.Fatyela@dow.gov.za) website: [www.publicworks.gov.za](http://www.publicworks.gov.za)

**MR VANAYAK BHARDWAJ  
GROSVENOR CORNER  
195 JAN SMUTS AVENUE  
ROSEBANK  
2193  
JOHANNESBURG**

Dear Sir

**SUBJECT: A RESPONSE BY THE DEPARTMENT TO MAIL & GURDIAN CENTRE INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE STATE OF GOODS OR SERVICES TO IMPROVE, UPGRADE, ALTER, ADD TO, OR SECURE THE NKANDLA ESTATE OF THE PRESIDENT AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS THEREOF FOR THE PERIOD MAY 2009 TO PRESENT**

1. The matter above has reference.
2. Please be advised that Nkandla Presidential Residence, like all other Presidential residences in South Africa, is a National Key Point.
3. As such, information related to, the National Key Point is protected in terms of the National Key Point 102 of 1980.
4. Furthermore the handling of information for this residence is protected in line with the provisions of the Protection of Information Act no 84 of 1982, the Minimum Information Security Standards (MISS) and other relevant security prescripts of the State Security Agency.
5. You are therefore informed that the National Department of Public Works will not be in a position to accede to your request in compliance with the prescripts mentioned above.

Yours sincerely

  
**MS MANDISA FATYELA-LINDIE  
ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL  
DATE: 2012-08-13**