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MEC Nancy Sihlwayi  
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Dear Hon Sihlwayi,

**RE: KWT Child and Youth Care Centre**

I refer to the Daily Dispatch newspaper article dated Monday, 05 March 2018, titled 'Kids at KWT Centre may lose home.'

In this article social development officials allege that there is financial mismanagement and various legislative non-compliance matters.

Officials have also threatened to seize much needed funding that is required to care for 95 children. Additional threats were also made to transfer these children to other homes across the province.

The management of KWT CYCC alleges that DSD officials from the department have not forwarded official reports, discussed or had any formal consultation sessions with them in regards to their concerns with the centre.

On Tuesday, 06 March, I visited the centre to find out first-hand what was going on and I have concluded that these accusations and counter accusations have seriously soured the relationship between the department and the centre.

In order to ensure fairness and to place the children's wellbeing as priority, I would strongly request that you formalise the following:

- To conduct a developmental quality assurance (DQA) assessment as soon as possible.
- The outcome of the DQA report must be presented, and discussed with the KWT CYCC's management and staff.

- A joint turnaround strategy must be developed and implemented with timeframes to ensure that failures to comply are corrected.
- The department must develop and ensure that monitoring and feedback happens regularly.

I am looking forward to your response in this regard.

Let us work together in order to give our best to the children at this centre.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.P. Botha'.

**KOBUS BOTHA**

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