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- A. The Provincial Commissioner  
SA Police Service  
**CAPE TOWN**  
8000  
For Attention : Maj Gen Jeptha
- B. The Provincial Commissioner  
Finance  
**CAPE TOWN**  
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For Attention : Lt Col Geldenhuys
- C. The Station Commander  
Supply Chain Management  
**KHAYELITSHA**  
7784  
For Attention : Lt Col Smook

**APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF A CONTAINER INTO A SAFE OFFICE /  
TEMPORARY DETAINING FACILITY**

1. Lingeletu West doesn't have any holding facilities or a safe office where suspects can be processed or questioned before they are officially detained & taken to Harare cells for detention before taken to court, which is a big concern & creates a big risk for escapes and/or attacks on members.
2. I first identified this risk in 2010 and submitted a detailed report whereby I requested a container that can be converted into a safe office with a secure temporary holding facility only for the time being that the suspects is processed before taken to Harare or Khayelitsha police station cells (A copy of my motivation dated 2010-11-01 herewith attached).
3. Initially the procurement for a container for this purpose was not recommended by Property Management due to the indication of a holding cell and my application was turned down. (See PC 19/4/1 (21731/2010/2011) dd 2010-12-23 attached).
4. After further correspondence and additional motivations and explanations that it is not meant to be utilized as a holding cell where suspects will be kept overnight, but only as a safe office with a detention facility to keep high profile suspects in while processing them before taking them to Harare cells which will be at the most for an hour or two, the procurement for a container was then approved on 2011-08-02.

5. Since then this office struggled to get approval for the procurement to convert the container into a office with specifications for temporary holding detention facility whilst the suspect is processed by the responsible member.
6. My last application dated 2012-12-10 was again sent back by PC Financial Services : Budget Section (Lt Col Bernie Geldenhuys) indicating that he is not sure whether it is permitted in terms of current regulations with regards to the detention of suspects. Despite my previous explanation that it will not be utilized as an overnight detention facility whereby the procurement of the container was approved on that facts.
7. My question is, if the procurement of the container was approved on the same facts based on my motivation and explanation right from the beginning, what happened with the previous correspondence in this regard as it is exactly the same motivation which I again submitted now for the procurement of the conversion.
8. If this is then now all of a sudden not acceptable, then the procurement of the container, based on the same motivation, was a fruitless expenditure. Knowing that the procurement of the conversion will not be approved, or is it a case that one hand does not know what the other one is doing, referring to the approving of the container based on this very same motivation, but not approved for conversion of it.
9. I herewith wish to request your office to please look into this application and if necessary to send a delegation to my station where they can inspect it and may get a better understanding of what is wanted and needed to limit the risks as identified.
10. Your approval in this regard will be highly appreciated.



SIGNED

COLONEL

STATION COMMANDER : LINGELETHU WEST  
MF REITZ