



# correctional services

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Correctional Services  
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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Transfer of Remand Detainee Vusimuzi Matlala

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) confirms that on 21 December 2025, remand detainee Vusimuzi Matlala was transferred from Kgosi Mampuru II Correctional Centre (C-Max) to eBongweni Correctional Facility.

The transfer of remand detainees and sentenced offenders between correctional facilities is a standard operational practice, informed by a range of considerations, primarily security, safety, operational requirements, and effective inmate management across the correctional system.

In terms of Section 6 of the Correctional Services Act, 1998 (Act No. 111 of 1998), the National Commissioner of Correctional Services is legally empowered to detain an offender or remand detainee at any correctional centre, notwithstanding the wording of a warrant. This provision exists to enable the Department to respond appropriately to security assessments and operational demands.

The core mandate of the Department is to ensure that all correctional facilities are safe, secure, and conducive to humane detention, while enabling the delivery of rehabilitation and care programmes. In this regard, the safety and security of detainees, officials, and the broader correctional environment remain paramount. Where enhanced security measures are required, these considerations take precedence.

It must be emphasised that the transfer of a detainee does not prejudice their legal rights or access to services. All detainees continue to receive appropriate care, and necessary arrangements are made to ensure that court appearances and legal processes are honoured without impediment.

Given the sensitive nature of security-related decisions, the Department will not engage in public discussions, interviews, or further commentary on the specific security considerations underpinning this transfer.

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