

## freedom is still a long way off

rights and freedoms as well as freedom of religion and freedom of the press. Never before in the country has been so free. Despite all these freedoms, the ground little has changed for the majority of people. For the government has failed to give the freedom from want, freedom from hunger, the freedom from cold, the freedom from the oppression of poverty. To be fair, the government has done what it can in its first four years, having inherited an awful set of problems. Delivery of

housing has started to take off and in the rural areas something like a million water points have been installed. Nkosazana Zuma's health policies are beginning to have an effect, especially among the poor.

But the problems in education will mean that many in another generation will not achieve the freedom from ignorance, while the unemployment problem grows by the day - driving people to consider crime as an alternative.

There are still too many people who have embraced the culture of

freedom from paying which, along with civil service corruption, will continue to drain finances at all levels of government.

All this means there is still a long way to go before Freedom Day can be truly celebrated as the day when all the people of this country shrugged off the past for a better life.

It will take the general election set for next year before we will know exactly how the voters feel about their freedoms, but indications are that the majority are merely confused.

## Crimebusters' new boss

Significant changes take place in Business Against Crime this weekend - the handing over of the reins of managing directorship to high-flying company executive Cecil Brimacombe.

The position Brimacombe moves into is possibly the most high profile in BAC. He, in effect, becomes the leader of an organisation that is playing an important role in the ongoing and difficult battle against crime.

Brimacombe, however, is no stranger to BAC or the many admirable initiatives it has

launched to curb the activities of criminal gangs that appear to be holding this province to ransom. In his own case, his assumption of duty as chief executive reflects a vote of confidence from the directorate of BAC.

It would be naive to believe that the task Brimacombe faces in the months ahead is going to be easy. Much still has to be done to win the war - and instill some hope in the lives of those most affected by crime. We are confident he will succeed in the mighty challenges he will encounter.