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Hon B Mbete MP
Speaker of the National Assembly
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Dear Madam Speaker,

REQUEST FOR A DEBATE OF NATIONAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

I am writing to request the scheduling of a debate on an urgent matter of national public importance in the National Assembly, according to Rule 130, to debate the measures necessary to fight the recession and mass unemployment in South Africa.

I am sure you are aware that, according to official data recently released by Statistic South Africa: the economy contracted by -0.7% in the first quarter of 2017, following a contraction of -0.3% in the fourth quarter of 2016, and is now officially in recession; and that a staggering 9.3 million people, do not have jobs, or have given up, looking for jobs in South Africa.

South Africa is now in deep economic trouble, and I believe that it is of urgent national public importance that the National Assembly debate the measures that could be taken to fight the recession and mass unemployment in South Africa.

The matter which is of urgent public importance as it will affect each and every South African, through job losses, prices hikes and increasingly tough challenges to daily living.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Maynier', written in a cursive style.

David Maynier MP

DA Shadow Minister of Finance



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Mr D Maynier MP
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Dear Mr Maynier

REQUEST FOR DEBATE ON URGENT MATTER OF NATIONAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Your letter, dated 7 June 2017, bears reference.

As you are aware, Rule 130(2) provides that, in submitting a request under Rule 130, the member must motivate why the matter is of so urgent a nature that it should be dealt with in terms of this rule. I have taken note of your motivation and appreciate the seriousness of the matter you request a debate on.

In exercising my discretion to allow or disallow your request, I am required to apply the criteria laid out in Rule 130(8).

In terms of Rule 130 (8) (h), the request will not be granted if the matter can be considered by some other means in the near future. You will agree with me that the First Reading debate on the Appropriation Bill, on 8 June, provided an ideal opportunity for the matters you have highlighted to be dealt with. I have no doubt that members, including yourself, did make use of that platform.

In addition to this, the matter can also be considered by such other mechanisms as members' statements and oral or written questions to relevant members of the Executive. I have also asked the Chief Whip of the Majority Party to liaise with your party to explore other avenues through which the matters you have raised could be dealt with.

Yours sincerely



B Mbete MP

Speaker of the National Assembly