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Date:	12 February 2018
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Cc:	Mr L Mofokeng The Secretary to the Free State Provincial Legislature Mr N van Rooyen (MPL) The Chief Whip of the Free State Provincial Legislature Mr K Morapela (MPL) The Leader of the EFF in the Free State Provincial Legislature Ms T Wessels (MPL) The Leader of the FF+ in the Free State Provincial Legislature
From:	Roy Jankielsohn (MPL) The Leader of the Official Opposition
Subject:	RE: Correspondence received on the matter of urgent public importance - motion of no confidence in the Premier

Dear Speaker,

With reference to your letter dated 08 February 2018, the matter refers:

Rule 73 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislature empowers the Speaker to consider and decide on matters of public importance.

While we appreciate that you have referred the matter to the Multi-Party Whips Committee to decide on the technicalities to be considered for the debate and vote on the motion of no confidence in the Premier, the decision to convene a special sitting to hear the debate as well as the date and time of such remains the prerogative of the Speaker. In fact, the Office of the Chief Whip has already expressed itself in this regard as indicated in a letter cc'ed to your office dated 08 February 2018 from the Chief Whip of the Official Opposition, David van Vuuren (MPL), to the Chief Whip of the Legislature, Neels van Rooyen (MPL).

As such, we would appreciate a decision on whether a special sitting of the Legislature will be called to consider the motion before the State of the Province Address scheduled for 20 February 2018 before Wednesday, 14 February 2018, at 12:00 noon.

As our correspondence to you on 07 February 2018 indicated, motions of no confidence are inherently urgent and should be considered before other business on the order paper, as supported by 2012 judgement by the Western Cape Division of High Court, also submitted to your office.

Should we not receive your response as requested we will be forced to approach the Free State Division of the High Court in order to obtain the required relief.

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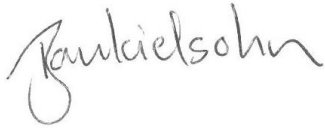
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A legal precedent has already been set in our courts that compels Speakers to call special sittings to hear motions of no confidence in the Executive on request from members of their relevant legislative bodies.

Your favourable and urgent consideration within the requested time frames would be appreciated.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Jankielsohn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

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