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Dear Adv. Lebeya

**REQUEST FOR A MEETING REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION INTO ACE  
MAGASHULE AND MOSEBENZI ZWANE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE ESTINA DAIRY  
FARM PROJECT IN VREDE, FREE STATE**

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your recent appointment as the new head of the directorate for priority crime investigation, the Hawks. I wish you strength, courage and resilience as you carry out this important role in our young democracy.

I am writing to you to request a meeting regarding the progress made in the Hawks investigation into the involvement of political appointees in the now infamous Estina Dairy Farm Project in Vrede, Free State. In particular, the roles played by former Free State Premier, Ace Magashule, and former Free State MEC for Agriculture, Mosebenzi Zwane.

Yesterday, the Minister of Police confirmed to me in a written parliamentary question that the investigation into the Estina Dairy Farm Project is still ongoing, and that the investigation - which I assume was referring to your Directorate's investigation - would be submitted to the National Prosecuting Authority once finalised.

In August last year, I hand delivered to the Hawks Head Office a legal indictment containing over 200 pages of *prima facie* evidence showing that Minister Zwane and members of the Gupta family, through an intricate web of companies and actors, stole almost R200 million of public funds which ended up paying for a Gupta family wedding at Sun City in 2013.

This indictment provides concrete evidence which outlines in detail how money was stolen from the intended beneficiaries and provides sufficient evidence to support the criminal charges laid against several members of the Gupta family, their associates, and Minister Zwane in July 2017 by DA Shadow Minister of Finance, **David Maynier MP**. These charges include money laundering, racketeering, assisting another to benefit from the proceeds of unlawful activities, and acquiring, possessing or using the proceeds of unlawful activities in terms of the *Prevention of Organized Crime Act 121 of 1998*.

I would therefore like to discuss this matter with you in person, in order to understand the current status of the investigation, its projected timeline, and the contents of the legal indictment I provided to the Hawks last year.

What makes the matter of utmost importance is that to date, none of the political principals involved have been held to account. The Public Protector's report into this matter absolves the very individuals who designed and orchestrated this R220 million scandal. The DA has taken the report on legal review as we believe it to be a "whitewash".

South Africans need to be assured that those politicians who orchestrate the theft of public money are investigated and held to account. South Africa's democracy cannot survive without the independence of your Directorate. And I believe that a meeting to discuss the progress of this investigation could go a long way in beginning to bolster this cornerstone of our democracy.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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

**Mmusi Maimane MP**  
Leader of the Official Opposition