



28 August 2018

Dear Speaker,

FURTHER INFORMATION ON PERSONAL LEGAL COSTS OF FORMER PRESIDENT

In a response to a question for oral reply in the National Assembly on 14 March 2018, I provided information to the House on the amount spent by the Presidency on the personal legal fees of former President Jacob Zuma.

The response read in part:

“According to information from the Department of Justice and Correctional Services, government has contributed R15.3 million to the personal legal costs of former President Jacob Zuma since 2006.

“Of this amount, approximately R7.5 million was spent in the period between 2006 and the withdrawal of the charges against the former President in 2009.

“An amount of R7.8 million has been spent since 2009.”

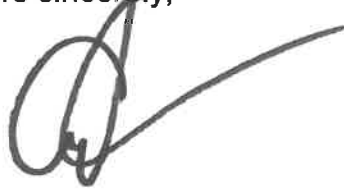
Subsequent to the provision of this reply, and in the course of sourcing documents in respect of a court application, we have received additional information, which has required a revision of the total amount spent by the State on the legal fees of the former President.

The outcome of this further research is outlined in an affidavit submitted to the Gauteng Division of the High Court by the Director-General in the Presidency, Dr Cassius Lubisi.

In the affidavit, the Director-General indicates that, according to updated information provided to the Presidency by the Department of Justice, the total cost to the State of the former President's legal fees is R16,788,781.14.

I kindly request that you bring this information to the attention of the Members of the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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