

14 November 2018

Dear Speaker,

CORRECTION TO QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that during my appearance in the National Assembly when I was answering questions on 6 November 2018, I inadvertently provided incorrect information in reply to a supplementary question.

Following my response to Question 19 on VBS Mutual Bank, the Leader of the Opposition asked me about a payment that had been made on behalf of a Mr Gavin Watson to my son, Mr Andile Ramaphosa.

My reply to the question was based on the information that was at my disposal at the time, regarding a business relationship that my son's company has with the company African Global Operations.

It is true that my son's company does indeed have a contract with African Global Operations for the provision of consultancy services.

The said consultancy services are provided by my son's company to African Global Operations in a number of African countries other than South Africa. He informed me that South Africa was specifically excluded to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

Since my reply in the National Assembly, I have sought to get more information regarding this matter.

I have been subsequently informed that the payment referred to in the supplementary question by the Leader of Opposition does not relate to that contract.

I have been told that the payment to which the Leader of the Opposition referred was made on behalf of Mr Gavin Watson into a trust account that was used to raise funds for a campaign established to support my candidature for the Presidency of the African National Congress.

The donation was made without my knowledge. I was not aware of the existence of the donation at the time that I answered the question in the National Assembly.

I thought it best to furnish this information to clear any confusion.

I kindly request that you bring my letter to the attention of the Members of the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

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