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Mr. Ebrahim Patel
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LEGAL OPINION ON AMENDED LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS:

I would like to bring to your attention a legal opinion obtained by Woolworths from their lawyers, Webber Wentzel, dated 17 April 2020.

The opinion is with respect to the pronouncement that you made in a media briefing regarding the amendments to the lockdown regulations and the banning of cooked or prepared food.

Such a pronouncement by yourself appears to be invalid and is not supported by the lockdown regulations, as is articulated in the opinion.

I would request that you furnish me with the legal advice that you have relied on to make such a determination by 17:00 on 19 April 2020.

There is no justifiable reason, legally or logically to ban prepared food and I would request you to reconsider this position within the shortest time possible.

Kind Regards

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Shadow Minister: Trade and Industry
