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### **Motion without notice - Hon JF Smalle – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

I rise on behalf of the Democratic Alliance (DA) that this house notes that COVID 19 is a growing danger and several thousand people have unfortunately lost their life's. Recent revelations of government corruption and looting of COVID 19 relief funds has raised not only public interest but that of the public protector and other state institutions as well.

Limpopo is not immune to this corruption and tenderpreneurs whose companies were registered months ago for the sole purpose to get their hands on COVID funds for their self-enrichment and not for the purpose to serve government and contribute to the saving of lives of our citizens.

The irrational actions by some of our executive members and officials to award contracts to individuals and companies that were unable to deliver goods and services when it was clear that no vetting was done speaks directly to the culture of malfeasance of individuals who are entrusted to safeguard assets of the state.

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It was therefore shocking to note that we are willing to spend R36m to upgrade private guest houses, guard houses, and government buildings not aligned to the aim of the COVID relief fund.

The DA therefore calls for all COVID related expenditure to be reported in full to the portfolio of treasury on a bi-weekly basis and that any expenditure items under the COVID relief fund of R2,6bn which is not focused to improve Health Infrastructure and is not owned by the state should not be supported.

**Thank You**