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Mr J H Steenhuisen MP

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Dear Mr Steenhuisen

RE: REQUEST FOR DEBATE IN TERMS OF RULE 130 ON CORRUPTION RELATED TO COVID-19 TENDERS

Your letter dated 2 August 2020, in which you request the urgent scheduling of a debate on corruption related to Covid-19 tenders in terms of Rule 130, bears reference.

I find no basis for your request that Parliament should summon the President to account on how he will deal with members of his party and son. As you are aware, the President is accountable to the National Assembly in respect of his official duties contained in the Constitution and related legislation. In this regard, the President is scheduled to account to the National Assembly during Questions to the President, currently scheduled for 27 August 2020.

Notwithstanding the above, having considered the principle of your request, I wish to advise that the matter of the recent allegations of corruption related to Covid-19 tenders is indeed serious and should be considered by the National Assembly.

For this reason, I have acceded to your request and will table it at the next meeting of the Programme Committee in order for a suitable date and time to be identified.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T R Modise', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms T R MODISE MP

SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY