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Speaker of the National Assembly  
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa  
CAPE TOWN  
8001

CC: *Mr C T Frolick, MP* *House Chairperson: Committees*  
*Mr M J Maswanganyi, MP* *Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance*

Dear Madam Speaker,

**URGENT MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REGARDING LACK OF FUNDING FOR PROVINCIAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS' VACCINATION ROLLOUTS**

I write to you with the utmost urgency regarding the abovementioned issue.

Daily Covid-19 vaccination rates over weekends have much lower rates than the daily vaccination rates on weekdays, primarily due to a lack of financial resources allocated to provincial health departments which inhibits them in paying professional nursing staff overtime.

If daily vaccination rates over weekends had kept up with the weekday rates, over a million more vaccine doses could have been administered by now.

Madam Speaker, the requisite funding is available. In the Main Budget, the Minister of Finance, Mr T T Mboweni, MP, budgeted approximately R 9 billion for the vaccination contingency reserve fund. To date, those funds have not been made available by National Treasury, who are now, according to reports, claiming that the national Department of Health has not made any formal request for more money. Such back-and-forth pointing of fingers serves to help nobody, especially South Africans who are in dire need of vaccines in the midst of a devastating third wave.

In light of this, in my capacity as a Member of Parliament serving on the Standing Committee on Finance, I hereby urgently request you to permit the Standing Committee on Finance to convene as soon as possible so that answers can be sought from National Treasury regarding this matter.

Your urgent attention to the matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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