



19 May 2022

Ms N N Mapisa-Nqakula, MP
Speaker of the National Assembly
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
CAPE TOWN
8001

Dear Madam Speaker,

SCHEDULING OF DATE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, MR M C RAMAPHOSA, TO RESPOND TO ORAL QUESTIONS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE SECOND TERM 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RULE 140(1)(a)

I am writing to you to request that you liaise with the Office of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, and the Office of the Leader of Government Business, Mr D D Mabuza, MP, as appropriate, to identify a date before we enter the constituency period from 20 June 2022 on which President Ramaphosa will avail himself to respond to oral questions posed by Members of the National Assembly (NA).

Although I am aware that President Ramaphosa will most likely be introducing the debate on *Budget Vote 1: The Presidency* scheduled for 9 June 2022, debates do not take the form of an oral question session, and as such this appearance before the Assembly cannot be regarded as the fulfilment of his obligation to appear before the Assembly at least once per Quarter to respond to oral questions in line with NA Rule 140(1)(a).

I firmly believe that it is of the utmost importance that Members of the NA are afforded regular opportunities to engage with President Ramaphosa on a range of urgent matters of national and international importance. Moreover, it is imperative that President Ramaphosa should set the example as the Head of the Executive that the Government is indeed serious about fulfilling their obligations of being held accountable to the Assembly by ensuring that he attends to his parliamentary duties.

I look forward to your favourable response and the proposal of a suitable date to the NA Programme Committee in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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