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Dear Adv Khanyile,

REQUEST INVESTIGATION INTO FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AFTER ROBBERY AT PHALA PHALA FARM

Information has emerged regarding the theft of four million US dollars from President Cyril Ramaphosa's game farm, Phala Phala. Most recently, *News24* reports that three of the suspects allegedly engaged in multiple cash transactions in US dollars, such as paying for luxury vehicles, including an allegation that the suspect Imanuwela David had purchased multiple luxury cars from a dealership called M&S Motorlink.

The financial intelligence centre has a legislative mandate to identify the proceeds of unlawful crime in terms of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act of 2001. Accordingly, the FIC should have robust systems in place to detect exactly these kinds of transactions. Ideally, new vehicle sales like this in cash should immediately have been flagged as suspicious and investigated by the FIC in line with its mandate.

The Democratic Alliance therefore requests the following information:

1. Did the FIC detect any of these cash transactions in its systems?
2. If so, what steps did the FIC take to determine if these transactions were legitimate or the proceeds of crime?
3. If the FIC failed to detect these transactions, does its monitoring systems need a revamp?
4. If the FIC failed to detect these transactions, will the entity investigate this matter now that the information is in the public domain?

We look forward to a positive response to this request.

Your sincerely

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cc: Financial Intelligence Centre