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Dear Lieutenant General Godfrey Lebeya,

R700 million fraud at the South African Post Office

Last week it was revealed that the South African Post office had not paid R700 million towards staff medical aid contributions, and now some 22 000 people are at risk of losing their medical aid.

During this week's Communications Portfolio Committee meeting, I asked the Post Office representatives about this revelation, and it was freely admitted that the Board were fully aware of the medical aid contributions not being paid. They claimed that the portion paid monthly by staff members and deducted automatically from their salaries, was paid to the Medical Aid, but that it was the 2/3 portion which was supposed to be paid by the Post office, which was not paid. It had not been paid for so long that the debt had racked up to a staggering R700 m. There were further claims in a report before the Portfolio Committee that the Post Office have also not been paying pension contributions, UIF, PAYE or VAT.

It was stated that the contributions were not paid because the Post Office does not make enough money. This seems to be fraud on a grand scale.

It is exactly for this reason that we are reporting this matter to the HAWKS so that an in-depth investigation can be done.

Looking forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

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