7th November 2022

Hon Mkhuleko Hlengwa

Chair

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Parliament of South Africa

Cape Town

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Dear Mkhuleko

**MINISTER GORDHAN’S REPLIES TO QUESTIONS**

It has been our experience over the past 17 months that during meetings of SCOPA when questions have been put to Minister Gordhan and/or the officials of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) and officials of South African Airways (SAA) that Minister Gordhan has not provided full replies and officials of the DPE/SAA have either equally not provided information or simply remained silent.

In addition, in reply your oral question in Parliament last week President Ramaphosa stated that he was in favour of the full details of the SAA/Takatso deal being made public.

I take this extraordinary step of writing to you to request that during the meeting to be held on the 15 November 2022 at which Minister Gordhan is due to be present that you use the powers vested in you as the Chair of SCOPA to insist that Minister Gordhan and DPE/SAA officials provide full and detailed information about the SAA/Takatso agreement and that they reply fully and in detail to all questions put to them by members of SCOPA.

I look forward to your assistance to ensure that Minister Gordhan is held fully accountable to Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr R A Lees MP**