



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DRAFT RESOLUTION

Internal Ref Number: 001 - 2023

Date: 28.02.2023

Member: The Leader of the Opposition

Motion:

I hereby move on behalf of the Democratic Alliance that this House:

1. Notes the recent revelations that Eskom is plagued by widespread corruption and that criminal networks and/or cartels are operating unabated to loot the ailing utility's coffers;
2. Further notes that the former Group Chief Executive of Eskom, Mr A M de Ruyter, alleges that the Government was not only at all times aware of the widespread corruption taking place at the ailing utility - which played a massive role in the sustained and extreme levels of load shedding - but that it actively contributed to the collapse of the utility by allegedly participating in and turning a blind eye to the extensive looting;
3. Recalls that Mr de Ruyter also alleges that he on at least one occasion pointed out to a serving Member of Cabinet that a high-level politician described as a sitting Member of Parliament was intricately involved;
4. Recognises that, were it not for loadshedding, the economy could potentially have grown by 7% in both 2021 and 2022, creating 580 000 jobs;
5. Acknowledges that, according to Mr de Ruyter's estimate, Eskom is losing R1 billion a month to corruption and theft to people with alleged links to the ANC;
6. Resolves to establish an ad hoc committee in terms of Rule 253, the committee to –
 - (a) inquire into the full extent of the alleged widespread corruption and unabated operations of criminal networks and cartels at Eskom;
 - (b) confer with those Portfolio Committees that have oversight over the SA Police Service, National Prosecuting Authority, National Treasury, Eskom;
 - (c) consist of 11 voting members of the Assembly, as follows: African National Congress 6, Democratic Alliance 2, Economic Freedom Fighters 1 and other parties 2;
 - (d) further consists of 9 non-voting members of the Assembly, as follows: African National Congress 2, Democratic Alliance 1, Economic Freedom Fighters 1 and other parties 5; and
 - (e) exercise any of the powers as set out in Rule 167 that may assist it in carrying out its task; and

7. Sets the deadline by when the Committee is to report as 15 June 2023.

John Steinhilber.