



# GAUTENG PROVINCE

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Dear Hon. Msimanga

## **REQUEST FOR 177 FORENSIC INVESTIGATION REPORTS UNDER THE PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT**

1. On 16 October 2024, the Office of the Premier received your request in terms of the Promotion of Access Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000) (Act).
2. In your letter, you request the Office of the Premier to provide you with 177 Forensic Investigation Reports (Reports) from 2016 to present.
3. I have considered your request in great detail and unfortunately will have to refuse to grant you access to the requested information for the following reasons:
  - (a) The Forensic Reports contain protected personal information of other persons and service providers.
  - (b) The reports are at different stages of implementation while others are the subject of litigation in our court of law.
  - (c) The release of the reports has the potential to cause financial harm on the Service Providers. If the particulars of the Service Providers can be made public, they might suffer reputational damage. The prejudice to be suffered by Service Providers outweighs the prejudice to be suffered by you.
  - (d) Further, the reports contain recommendations that criminal enquiries be instituted, lifestyle audits be conducted against certain officials and/or disciplinary actions be taken against certain senior officials within the state institutions.

The disclosure of such intended steps could prejudice the effectiveness of such proceedings resulting in undesirable consequences.

- (e) In terms of PAIA, the information officer may also refuse access to requested records where the amount of work involved in processing a request would substantially and unreasonably divert resources within the office as this will negatively impact the daily activities of the office.
4. Please be advised that you have right in terms of section 74 of PAIA to lodge an internal appeal relating to this decision to the Executive Authority.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Edward Mosuwe

Director-General

Date: 11/11/2024