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Mr Imtiaz Fazel
Inspector-General of Intelligence
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Dear Sir,

CRIME INTELLIGENCE SECOND PURCHASE OF MULTI-MILLION RAND PROPERTY

The Democratic Alliance has been made aware reports that the Crime Intelligence Division of the South African Police Service (SAPS) has made another purchase in the sum of R22,8 million for a commercial property in Berea, Durban (the Property).

According to these reports, high-ranking officials from Crime Intelligence approved this purchase between October 2024 and December 2024. We also understand that the final approval for this purchase was granted earlier this month; although it remains unclear whether the aforesaid purchase sum has been made over to the seller.

You will no doubt recall that a substantially similar purchase – of a multi-million Rand boutique hotel in Pretoria North – was made by Crime Intelligence in October 2024. In that matter, the Democratic Alliance confirmed with the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure (Minister of PWI) that Crime Intelligence had not approached him to seek an allocation of vacant buildings for office space.

We have confirmed with the Minister of PWI that no such request was made in this case either.

It is further highly concerning that it seems that we have managed to track down the estate agent's listing of the Property in question, with an asking price of R9,5 million – some R13 million less than the eventual purchase price. If this is indeed the case, and Crime Intelligence has spent almost triple the asking price for the Property, it warrants an investigation by your office, on its every face.

A screengrab of what we understand to be the advertisement in question is attached hereto marked "A".

This now being the second time that reports surface of Crime Intelligence spending millions of Rands on property purchases, without parliamentary oversight or pre-engagements with the Minister of PWI, we urge your office to undertake a thorough investigation into this purchase – and what appears to be becoming a list of property purchases.

Accordingly, we would request that you undertake an investigation into the purchase of the aforesaid Property in order to ensure that all proper protocol and lawful procedures were followed in its procurement. Beyond that, we would further request that your office considers whether the Crime Intelligence Division took any steps whatsoever to seek a more cost-effective alternative to the aforesaid purchase.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your responses.

Yours faithfully,

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Spokesperson on State Security
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