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TO: ACTING MINISTER CACHALIA
ACTING MINISTER OF POLICE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR UPDATE ON SAPS INVESTIGATION INTO MS TEBOGO MALAKA, SUSPENDED CEO OF THE IDT

Dear Acting Minister,

As a Member of Parliament, I write to you with serious concern regarding the continued lack of visible police action against Ms Tebogo Malaka, the suspended CEO of the Independent Development Trust (IDT), despite credible allegations and formal criminal charges relating to corruption and bribery.

It is now a matter of public record, following the Honourable Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Dean Macpherson's official statement, that Ms Malaka's spokesperson, on her behalf, attempted to bribe a journalist with R60 000 in cash in order to halt investigations into her misdeeds. The Minister himself laid charges under **CAS 182/8/2025**, currently being investigated by SAPS, and publicly called on SAPS to urgently investigate not only the bribery of journalists, but also the use of social media bot campaigns, political party involvement, and irregular contracts linked to Ms Malaka's tenure.

The prevailing existence of corruption within entities such as the IDT is seriously concerning, not only because of the reputational damage it brings to government, but because it undermines service delivery, robs South Africans of resources, and diverts public funds away from the projects and purposes that are so desperately needed. In this context, the South African Police Service has a very important role to play in setting our country on the right path. By taking a clear and decisive stand against corruption, SAPS can help restore confidence in law enforcement, ensure that public money is protected, and show the nation that accountability applies equally to all.

In light of this, I respectfully request:

1. An update on how far SAPS is with its investigation into **CAS 182/8/2025**, specifically regarding the charges against Ms Malaka, and why she has not yet been arrested.

2. Clarification on whether Ms Malaka has been questioned or detained in relation to these allegations.
3. Confirmation on whether SAPS is investigating the broader network of possible outside influence and involvement by other key players, as highlighted by Minister Macpherson — including possible bribery of other journalists, the role of political parties, and manipulation of social media campaigns.
4. A timeline of when Parliament and the public can expect decisive prosecutorial action in this case.

South Africans are weary of the perception that those in positions of power can avoid accountability, even in the face of overwhelming evidence. Parliament cannot remain silent while SAPS appears paralysed in the face of brazen corruption.

I urge you to treat this matter with the utmost seriousness and urgency, and to provide a written response that can reassure both Parliament and the public that justice is being served without fear or favour.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin Macrae Bath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edwin Macrae Bath, MP

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