

**On behalf of the Democratic Alliance, I hereby move that the House –**

- (1) notes the various allegations aired in the public arena regarding the:
  - (a) appointment;
  - (b) initial remuneration package offered; and
  - (c) subsequent salary increases awarded;to the Secretary to Parliament, Mr Xolile George;
- (2) notes that the Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament has received representations from the Speaker on these matters;
- (3) notes further that the Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament has absolved itself from considering these matters any further;
- (4) acknowledges that there remain unresolved and untested allegations levelled against the Secretary to Parliament, the former Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nwakula, and the former Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Mr Amos Masondo;
- (5) acknowledges further that whereas Adv Pillay SC reported to the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Committee that a *prima facie* case existed to be answered by the former Speaker, the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Committee did not proceed with an investigation into those allegations;
- (6) accordingly resolves to establish an ad hoc committee in terms of Rule 253(1)(a) consisting of members from the Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament and the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Committee to –
  - (a) conduct an inquiry into, and make findings on, matters surrounding:
    - (i) the appointment of the Secretary to Parliament;
    - (ii) the initial remuneration package offered to the Secretary to Parliament;
    - (iii) the employment benefits received by the Secretary to Parliament;
    - (iv) the subsequent increases in the remuneration package of the Secretary to Parliament; and
    - (v) the conduct of the Secretary to Parliament, former Speaker, and former Chairperson in relation to these matters;
  - (b) conduct an inquiry into, and make findings on, matters surrounding and included in the report furnished to the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Committee by Adv Pillay SC;

- (c) propose the necessary policy and legislative interventions to be made, including clear parliamentary oversight mechanisms, aimed at strengthening parliamentary oversight over the appointment and remuneration of the Secretary to Parliament;
- (d) exercise those powers in Rule 167 that may assist in carrying out its tasks;
- (e) consists of 11 members, as follows: African National Congress 4, Democratic Alliance 2, uMkhonto weSizwe Party 2, Economic Freedom Fighters 1, and other parties 2;
- (f) report back to the House on its findings and recommendations by 30 September 2026.