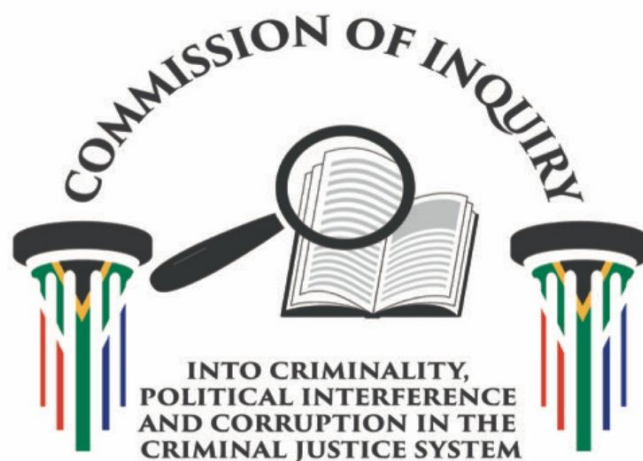


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CHAIRPERSON: Good morning, Ms Hassim. Good morning, Mr Shongwe.

MR SHONGWE MP: Sanibona, Mhlonishwa (Commissioner).

ADV HASSIM SC: Morning, Chair. As you can see, our witness for today is Mr Shongwe and he is ready to be sworn in.

CHAIRPERSON: Will you be taking the oath or will you be
10 affirming?

MR SHONGWE MP: The oath.

CHAIRPERSON: Please place your names on record, your full names please.

MR SHONGWE MP: My name is Crosby Vusi Shongwe.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Do you swear that the evidence you are going to give is the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth? If so, please raise your right hand and say, so help me God.

MR SHONGWE MP: So help me God.

20 **CHAIRPERSON**: Thank you.

CROSBY VUSI SHONGWE: (duly sworn states)

EXAMINATION BY ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you, Chair. Mr Shongwe, could we please begin on page – well, let me just start with this. You have one file in front of you.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: It says File 1.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And if you turn to page 7 of that file, you will see that it is your statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: It begins with attention Justice M Madlanga.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And if you go to the end of the
10 statement, on page 11.

MR SHONGWE MP: I am there.

ADV HASSIM SC: You will see that it is not signed by you.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: But do you confirm that this is your statement?

MR SHONGWE MP: This is my statement, I confirm.

ADV HASSIM SC: Did you prepare it?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, I did prepare it.

ADV HASSIM SC: And do you confirm the correctness of
20 the contents of these pages?

MR SHONGWE MP: I do confirm.

ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you. So we are going to go slowly through the statement.

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, sorry, perhaps even if it is during the tea break, Mr Shongwe must please sign the statement

and initial all the preceding pages.

ADV HASSIM SC: Certainly, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: And date it as well.

ADV HASSIM SC: Certainly, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

ADV HASSIM SC: Let us start at the beginning, Mr Shongwe. This statement was provided by you in response to a Regulation 10(6) notice from the Commission. Is that correct?

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Yes, ma'am.

ADV HASSIM SC: And if we go to those, to that notice, it is important that we look at the notice side by side with your statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: Because your statement answers the questions.

MR SHONGWE MP: Indeed.

ADV HASSIM SC: But we need to see the questions for context. So that notice is on page 1 of the bundle. So if
20 you could perhaps just take out page 1 to 3 and have it next to you alongside your statement?

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, I have it here.

ADV HASSIM SC: You have it?

MR SHONGWE MP: Ja.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, so before we go to the statement

and the questions, can I just confirm a few things with you?

You are a member of Parliament. Correct?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, I am.

ADV HASSIM SC: And you are a member of Parliament representing the MK Party?

MR SHONGWE MP: Deployed by MK Party.

ADV HASSIM SC: And you were also a member of the Ad Hoc Committee that was set up in Parliament to probe the allegations that were made by General Nhlanhla

10 Mkhwanazi?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, I am an alternative member.

ADV HASSIM SC: Pardon me?

MR SHONGWE MP: I am an alternative member.

ADV HASSIM SC: You are an alternative member?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Were you present during the hearings and the sittings of the Ad Hoc Committee?

MR SHONGWE MP: I was.

ADV HASSIM SC: And the reason I just wanted to begin
20 with the purpose of your evidence today, you raised questions, many questions during the sitting of the Ad Hoc Committee, but in particular and what is of relevance today is that you raised questions concerning allegations against Major General Feroz Khan. Is that right?

MR SHONGWE MP: Correct.

ADV HASSIM SC: And as I understand, the evidence that you want to speak to today is what followed, incidents that followed these questions that you raised in the Ad Hoc Committee. Is that correct?

MR SHONGWE MP: Correct.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, so let us go to the statement. You begin with an apology on page 7 for the delayed submission of your statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

10 **ADV HASSIM SC:** I do not know if you want to read that into the record or not.

MR SHONGWE MP: I would like to read it on the record if necessary. Okay firstly, I would like to also add on something, Commissioners. I am known as Thulani, so you will find people calling me Thulani. And sometimes you will say Vusi and I will not respond to you because I am known to this other name, Thulani. So just for the sake of that:

20 “I may begin by extending my sincere apologies for the delayed submission and response. Unfortunately, I missed a deadline on two occasions due to an exceptionally demanding workload and intense travelling commitments, and I take full responsibility for the oversight and regret any inconvenience which may

be caused by me on delays that I
caused.”

ADV HASSIM SC: You then go on to answer the questions
in the statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Now before you read paragraph 2, and
what I propose we do is we go through this slowly because
there is some parts in which we may need you to expand on
what you say. So before you read into the record of
10 paragraph 2.1, the question that you are answering here is
the following:

“Provide details of the investigative work
that you allege to have been conducting
in relation to Major General...”

The regulation refers to Lieutenant General, but that is
an error.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

ADV HASSIM SC: So I just want to correct that for the
record. It is in relation investigative work you have been
20 conducting in relation to Major General Feroz Khan, and
what prompted this investigative work. That is the first
question that was posed to you in the notice.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, ja.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. You may read into the record
paragraph 2.1.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, indaba inje, mama (the issue is like this, Ma'am):

10 “On the 6th of July 2025, General Mkhwanazi convened a media briefing in which he addressed matters pertaining to developments within the South African Police. Prior to this briefing, General Mkhwanazi had also appeared in the National Assembly in our committee, Portfolio Committee, which is a standard practice that we always do. Following the media briefing, an Ad Hoc Committee was established in Parliament to examine these matters. In conducting its work, the committee relied upon the investigative material compiled by the police, as well as a document compiled by the witnesses' statements submitted by Evidence Leaders and whistleblowers.

20 It is on this basis of this body of evidence that I drew my conclusion and established the connections reflected in my submissions. It should be noted that the Ad Hoc Committee does not possess the extensive independent investigative

resources, and therefore necessarily
relies on the material provided to it,
applying analytic rigour to connect the
relevant facts and evidence presented.”

What prompted my submission ke (then) were the
serious nature and gravity of the allegations levelled
against uGeneral Khan. So, it started there, where, if you
may notice then, Commissioners, due to this apology, as I
said that I travel a lot and I drive myself, and you compile
10 everything on your own. So I could not put everything as
what prompted me. If I may, I would like to put it now on
record and I am going to be telling you exactly how I got to
where I was. Because there is many factors that contribute
to us focussing on this name, specifically me.

On the early dates of the Ad Hoc, we were given a
chance where we submit names. And the procedure was
you only submit and never, in most cases we did not submit
supporting statements on why you are calling this name or
evidence, should I say. But at some stage it changed to
20 say, you must then submit unkulumo thizeni ozoifaka la
(some speech that you are going to put here) to support
leso istatement (that statement). At one stage the name
...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, when you are talking about names,
are you talking about names of people who you intended to

be called as witnesses?

MR SHONGWE MP: Kunjalo. (That is so)

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Thank you.

MR SHONGWE MP: Kunjalo. Umasihlela, Commissioner, ukubiza labantu (That is so. When we planned, Commissioner, to call those people) it was then on a list, if you can check General Khan's name, comes from EFF, where they had a list of 18 people. On that day, the list was submitted. We submitted names like President Ramaphosa,
10 and the other names were Padayachee, Moodley, and the likes.

But as we continue, at that time when the name General Khan was mentioned, I had not focused on the name, I was busy on the other names mentioned by General Mkhwanazi. But fast forward later, we have a meeting, a virtual meeting, it was on a Monday at night. Lana khona (where) we discussed these names.

Because of time that we were given and allocated to Ad Hoc, we then said, no, no, no, some of the names
20 have to give a submission in writing. Some may come in and then we question and probe these things. But we had an argument when it comes to igama laka Baba uKhan (the name of Mr Khan), on a later stage where now the other political parties, strongly so EFF by Honourable Malema, pushes back ukuthi there is no need to call igama laka

General Khan (that there is no need call the name of General Khan).

This is where now Honourable David Skosana is the one who mentions the name, and gives supportive statements on why should the name be there. That drew my attention as well, because the level of business as members of MK in getting information, if I may divert a bit, Sihlalo (Chairperson). We in the Ad Hoc, we are not the same as here where you have got resources, where you have
 10 investigators, security and all that. We do not have such. We only have a few support staff secretaries and a few evidence leaders, and that is it.

So, any matter you bring on the table, it is up to you as a member of Parliament that you get information. So, at that time, I was not privy to that information uHonourable Skosana, David Skosana had, supported by Honourable Nomvalu.

They punched the name, I was not supportive on that day. If you can check the video, I did not even talk
 20 much on that day. But the level of embarrassment that was pushed on our name, ngiyintsizwa, baba, ngiyaxolisa, ngiyintsizwa yimpela, kodwa mase sishawa, siyabuka ukuthi haaibo siyashawa la. Ngase ngi buka ukuthi no (I am a man, Sir, I am a man for real, but when we are now beaten, we looked that now here we are being beaten. I then

looked and said no) I must look into this name ukuthi (as to) why is there a push specifically on this name? It is far less than the push ubaba (Mr) Ramaphosa, the President.

So, I said, okay, I understand ukuthi (that) President Ramaphosa, because ANC would want to protect their President. But why Khan? Then later, that is when I started looking at this thing. Then I get reminded when ubaba (Mr) Skosana gives me the gist of this thing ukuthi (that) no, no, no, no. Let me remind you ukuthi (as to) who
 10 is Khan. And I recall ukuthi (that) I knew the name. I knew the things that were spoken about, because I grew up in the SAPS.

I worked there. So, I would hear certain stuff about the certain Generals ukuthi lo ubani (as to who this is) and what do they do. So, that started there. Uma ubheka (when you look at) the so-called Indian Cabal, ngiyaxolisa if ngizoba (I apologise if I am going to be) a bit racist. I hope I am not sounding racist, mphathi (Chairperson).

The Indian Cabal is then a subject of ekukhulunywa
 20 ngayo ukuthi iyona egcwele ku (that is many in) IDAC. Now, I noticed ukuthi (that) there is a certain relationship when I connect dots between Johnson, Padayachee, Khan, I also put in Paul O'Sullivan there, Brian, is it McKnight, not McKnight. Brian? Sorry, please remind me.

ADV HASSIM SC: I am not sure who you referring to.

MR SHONGWE MP: The Commissioner that had an accident when he was drunk, nangu ubaba wa (here is the gentleman of)...[intervenes]

CHAIRPERSON: You are giving a terrible example, but I think you are probably talking about Mr McBride.

MR SHONGWE MP: McBride, ngikhohlwe igama, sengimfaka emxolweni (I forgot his name and now I am putting him in the pod). So, those people umangi babheka, Mhlonishwa, ngicela ukusebenzisa uMageba, Mhlonishwa, 10 isilungu sibuye singideleye, ngoba kumele ngisixabange before ngizosikhuluma. But ngixo mixer (when I look at them, Commissioner, can I use the Mageba, Commissioner, because English is sometimes delays me, because I have to think before I speak it, but I will mix) I will mix, I will around yes. So ngaleso isikhathi leso (so at that time) I went to check those people aba ku (that are in) IDAC. To me, it gave me ukuthi (that) it is a situation where for you to work at IDAC, I have to have something on you so that you perform my duties. That is how it looked in my space.

20 Why do I get there? uKhan (Khan) General Khan has an assault case la bheka sebenza khona, washaya iofficer (where he was working, he assaulted an officer) and the case is opened. That case of an assault yanyamalala for isikhashana (it disappeared for a while) it disappears, that case disappears for a while.

ADV HASSIM SC: Do you know when that was?

MR SHONGWE MP: I cannot recall the time, but it was early years. It is one of the rumours that we got that Khan ushaye intsizwa, ushaye (assaulted a man, he assaulted somebody. Then there was that case.

ADV BALOYI SC: Was that in the SAPS?

MR SHONGWE MP: In the SAPS.

ADV HASSIM SC: But you...[intervenes]

MR SHONGWE MP: Hawks. If I am not wrong, it was in
10 the Hawks.

ADV HASSIM SC: But you yourself have not seen that ...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: No, no ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: Docket.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes. As I say to you, in the Ad Hoc, we fully rely on what you get and how you get your information. Mostly media and rumours, people talking. So, those things, they need a person to sit there so that when you probe those questions, you then make facts into
20 is this allegation or facts, that is how we operate on our side. So, when you look at that matter, it is when I am asking Umama (Ma'am) Winnie Mandela questions in the Ad Hoc.

ADV HASSIM SC: What is her real name?

MR SHONGWE MP: Umama (Ma'am) Johnson. Sorry,

sorry. I call her that. Umama (Ma'am) Johnson, I ask a question yokuthi (that) you are arresting ubaba Khumalo (Mr Khumalo) General Khumalo for hiring a lady from BMW. But you yourself, you were in a panel that interviewed your husband. Her response was "*I was not in the panel. When my husband entered, I recuse myself.*"

Now, in that panel, if there were four, that means there would be three people in that panel. That is how she answers. She further says "*I did not know about this post.*"

10 I asked ukuthi (that) Ma'am Johnson, it cannot be true that you and your husband, your husband gets called for an interview and he is not excited to tell his wife that today I got a call for an interview. It cannot be.

She says, no phela (but) that one she told me, and then he told me, and then it ended there. I am like, okay. Let us look at this thing, this matter forward. The husband gets called there. He gets the post. Now, if four people are scoring each, the other people who came for the interview were scored by these four people, let us do maths. Let us
20 say they give them all ama 10 (the 10), these four people. And then husband comes, scored by three people. How can the numbers surpass leyi number zabantu abai four (the numbers of the four people)? It did not make sense to me.

Later, there was a certain heat on this issue ukuthi (that) she was in the interview. Now, General Khan in the

Intelligence, kuba ne post evulekayo (there is a post that gets opened) the post is for a Brigadier. Indoba ka Ma'am Johnson applies lapha kwa Khan (the husband of Ma'am Johnson applies there by Khan) and gets the job later. The case of assault where Johnson was supposed to look at that case, apparently or allegedly, the case disappears and there was no findings till today on that case.

Where Umama (Ma'am) Johnson, apparently, should have been the one sitting on that case. That thing got my
 10 mind to focus there, number one. Ukuthi (that) okay there is a problem here. Is this a izandla ziyagezana (hands wash each other) situation, or maybe I am seeing it wrong. Khan needs to come and answer. We left it there. Unfortunately ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, is IDAC not concerned with corruption? What would its involvement have been in an assault case?

MR SHONGWE MP: At that time, nami (me too) this thing bothered me ukuthi (that) when this was happening, who
 20 was where, and what was happening, who was employed at where space. But it is alleged that Umama (Ma'am) Johnson was the one who was supposed to be handling this case, leya yaka ...[indistinct] (the one of...[indistinct]) this assault case.

I do not know, I cannot get the facts now ukuthi (as

to) what was the reason? I am saying why I got interested in this thing. Because of the allegations that are coming and the way they are coming. And then I look at the fact that I do not have those facts manje (right now). Let me further probe into this thing ukuthi (that) okay, what is the relationship ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: Can I pause you there, Mr Shongwe?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: You say that you posed questions to Ms
10 Andrea Johnson. She appeared before the Ad Hoc Committee on the 6th of November 2025.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And so, are these the questions that you posed to her, including in relation to this assault case?

MR SHONGWE MP: Due to time, in the Ad Hoc I only have 10 minutes. And in that 10 minutes I must get answers and questions. So some of the questions I did not ask, but the direction of the question was this.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** But as I am answering here, I am answering what prompted me to focus on Khan.

ADV HASSIM SC: I see.

MR SHONGWE MP: My focus was on IDAC and IPID specifically ukuthi (that) it is now utilised as a weapon. Now, when that thing happened ukuthi indoda ka Ma'am

Johnson gets umsebenzi (that the husband of Ma'am Johnson gets the work) in the intelligence, it put a question mark kimi ukuthi (to me that) okay, I must get this story and fully understand it ukuthi (that) who was where? Who was working where? Where was Johnson leading? And how did it happen? But the question mark remained ukuthi indoda ka Ma'am Johnson got umsebenzi (that the husband of Ma'am Johnson got the work) scored by three people. The other people who were interviewed did not get the job, but
 10 they were scored by four people. It did not make sense to me.

Now, as you go forward, General Khumalo removes Khan temporarily from, kuyi position ye (in the position of) what was that, just a second, Commissioner. Okay as I am looking, Commissioner, if I may, General Khumalo removes General Khan in the office, kwi (in the) Intelligence space, from—umbiyisela (he is taking him) ...[vernacular] back to the post yakhe (which was his) which was supporting.

Now, when that happens, Khan apparently did not
 20 like that because that position is very powerful, the Intelligence one. General Khumalo takes umama uMadondo, ufakwa laphaya (Ma'am Madondo, he puts her there) in that space where Khan was operating.

Now, you cannot beg for me to connect these dots. I am still connecting. It is still active on my side. General

Khumalo is charged right after these things happened, where uMadondo also is charged. To me, there was a focus ukuthi (that) that intelligence space where General Khan is operating must not be lost to them. But who charges Khan, General Khan? Is IDAC.

Now, IDAC charges General Khumalo on HR-related matters. In some of those video clips where she was asked, I do not know where exactly, but she was asked ukuhi (that) is this not an HR-related matter? She replies like a prophet
 10 ukuthi (that) this is a State Capture. She sees it as a State Capture in the future.

So it is like Khumalo is being arrested for something that is going to happen. Not what is happening currently. That is how I viewed some of the interviews that I got to listen to in one stage. I wanted to ask that, but time was not allowing me. So I asked myself ukuthi (that) if General Khumalo is arrested for the hiring of a person from externally, in SAPS there is what we call external post, where a person from outside can apply.

20 For example, the Acting Commissioner ...[indistinct] Commissioner Dimphe, is coming from outside of SAPS. She is not coming from the ranks of SAPS, from constable going up. She got umsebenzi (the job) and got a higher rank. She was an accountant, if I am not wrong.

Including iPA ka (the PA of) Ma'am Dimphe, is

coming from Parliament. She was a level 7, but now I think she is a Brigadier, if I am not wrong, in the SAPS. So I asked myself ukuthi (that) why would IDAC be focused on arresting Khumalo and Madondo. So again, that connects dots for me ukuthi (that) this is a Khan-Johnson relationship again.

One must look into this matter ukuthi (as to) why kuyenzeka lokhu (why is this happening)? What is the reason for this arrest? It did not make sense. So even
 10 today, when we ask Ma'am Johnson for the referral of arresting General Khumalo, we ask this in Ad Hoc. Even today we do not have it ukuthi (that) where was the referral? How was this referred to IDAC? What happened? We never got the gist of this matter, including today.

And the arrest uma ungabheka manje (if you can check now) again it happened. It worries me, Commissioner ukuthi singa thatha indoda esi yithemba nge 600 000 000, siyibophe, bese siyikhulule siyibuyisele ekhaya, sithi ayiyosebenza, kulo 600 000 000. Ne state security sa the
 20 march, ekhona today imarch and march (that wee can take a man that we trust with 600 000 000, we arrest him and then w release him, we sent him back home and say he must go and work, in that 600 000 000. Even the state security of the march that is there today, of march and march). We do not arrest this person. The reason is

siyamdinga (we need him). So how important is this arrest?
That is the question I still have.

So hence I said to the Advocate, my statement for me is still active and alive. I am still working on it. Because these are questions I am going to ask in the committee. Last one ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, sorry, sorry, Mr Shongwe. I have no idea of IDAC processes, but you said you queried the issue of the referral. How does that work? Does IDAC only
10 take on matters that have been referred? Who does the referrals? If you do know, if you could explain that.

MR SHONGWE MP: I know from what they said bona (themselves) in the Ad Hoc. When we were questioning ubaba (Mr) Paul O'Sullivan ukuthi (that) some of the matters that were probed with IDAC and IPID ziyekanjani (how did they go there) then the referral issue comes there ukuthi (that) there should be a referral. IDAC cannot on its own institute a case according to what they say.

However, in the Khumalo saga, apparently there is
20 no referral. It was then alleged ukuthi (that) is going to be cooked up, but we never got it even today. We even sent letters through the committee. Today we did not get it. The reason for that was because we were told ukuthi (that) IDAC does not go after you without a referral.

CHAIRPERSON: On something else, we had Mr O'Sullivan

here yesterday.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON: And he disputed the fact that General Khumalo's arrest related only to HR matters. If I am not mistaken, I think he pinned it down on alleged outright corruption and that was the basis for the arrest. What would your comment be on that?

MR SHONGWE MP: Ngenhlanhla (by luck) Commissioner, ngingumhlali wase (I am a citizen of) South Africa, so
10 information ngiyi thola nje nga wonke umuntu was se South Africa. Thina sonke siyazi ukuthi ubaba Khumalo obeshelwe intombazana yase BMW. Abanye base basole ukuthi intombi yakhe. Nayo leyo ndaba leyo sisa funa ukuyi bheka ukuthi is it true now ukuthi intobazana ixasheke ngendlela e right (the information, I found it like every person in South Africa. We all know that Mr Khumalo was arrested for a lady from BMW. Some even thought it was his woman. And even that issue, we still want to check it, as to is it true now that the lady was hired in the right way.

20 But because we are focused on this one, we wanted to know ukuthi kwenzakalani, why abantu abenze (as to what is happening, why is it that people who did) the very same issues ubaba Khumalo azenzile bangekho arrested (that Mr Khumalo has done, they are not arrested), but this one is arrested. And yet again, it is so important in the

country that siyakubopha, siyakukhulula, sithi no go work with imali yase South Africa, 600 000 000 (we arrest you, we let you go free, we say no go and work with South African money, 600 000 000) go work with businesses.

Because today, if the march goes out of hand, Khumalo will be blamed. If the march is successfully guarded, Khumalo and the team will be given credit. So if that is the case, why then arrest this person umbiyise (and bring him back) and trust him with such? It does not make
10 sense still namanje (right now).

So it is one of those things. But I think, hence I was, just to finish and close up this matter. Then there is this guy Suneel. There is a lot of social media that was there ukuthi (that) IDAC hires a person who has a warrant of arrest ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: Sorry, can you just say the name again? And where is he from?

MR SHONGWE MP: Suneel. He was in IDAC.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Yes. There is that on social media. It is all over before ukuthi (that) IDAC hired this person who had a warrant of arrest. I later get ukuthi (that) the docket was sibiyaed. The term sibiyaed is ukulahleka kwa madocket, bathi ulahla amadocket uSibiya (the loss of dockets, they say Sibiya loses the dockets). So it was then

termed ukuthi idocket ilahlekile (that the docket got lost) that had the warrant.

Now, this person is also at IDAC. There is this one, Padayachee, if you may remember. Suneel was the same guy, if I am not wrong, there was a story of 65 guns that got lost ePheri Police Station and he recovered two. He was deemed a hero for recovering these two guns in the dustbin.

I still have questions ukuthi naku lahleke ibamu ezu 65 (that 65 guns are lost) and then 63 is gone, 62 guns are
 10 found in the dustbin. What kind of a criminal would leave guns in the dustbin? So lama phoyisa amaningi, Mphathiwami, iningi la udlala ngathi, mase ubuka leitori lezi (a lot of these police, Chariperson, a lot is being played with us, when you look at these stories), no, no, no. The media was utilised to ...[indistinct] amagama abo ebantwini ukuthi siba thembe, siba thathe (their names at the people so that we can trust them, we can take them). So the characters of the people there gave me a problem.

When I was at Ad Hoc, a businessman writes to Ad
 20 Hoc and also claims ukuthi (that) he has also sent here as well. Because at that time, I was also cc'd on my emails Toshani. Who claims ukuthi (that) Padayachee bugged his phone and General Xele's phone, and many people. There was a case about that.

But Padayachee on that case, this case disappears.

Somebody is arrested and takes the fall. Nothing happens to Padayachee and Moodley. This person writes to us in the Ad Hoc. This case does not get space in the Ad Hoc. So this person comes again with emails ukuthi (that) Mr Shongwe, you guys are also letting us down and stuff like that.

So I get to call this guy and understand he mfethu (hey my brother) what is the problem actually? And then he explains to me ukuthi (that) no, no, no. This person was
10 (at) IDAC, is this person was bugging our phones. And the bugging of phones includes with General Khan in the Intelligence.

So then it worried me ukuthi (that) General Khan is one, a business person. Has a lot of money. Isalary yase SAPS inxani, ifana neyethu (the salary of SAPS is too little, it is just like ours). You would not stay there for umsebenzi olaphaya (the work that is there) unless you have the love of SAPS in that way.

But when you look at this thing, you understand,
20 okay Khan is sitting in a strategical position where he gets to know ukuthi ubaba Khumalo singa muholda ngani, singambamba ngani ukuthi masifuna ukuthi enze izinto (that Mr Khumalo, what can we hold him with, what can we hold tie him with, so that if we want him to do things). To me, it is like an extortionist type of a way where the allegations,

that also follows ubaba Sibiya ukuthi (Mr Sibiya, that) they keep dockets, and then they say faka imali, sizokukadela (put the money in and then we will guard for you) in a protection way, kind of a way.

So I saw ukuthi uKhan (that Khan) is strategically positioned in that space and bayasebenzisana (they are working together) the four of them are from the IDAC. That is how I got to then start searching this whole thing.

Unfortunately, because of that 10 minutes that I
 10 have in the Ad Hoc, I could not get to where we should go. And the fact that Khan then says, allegedly, around our circular, ebantwini (to the people) we will not see him in the Ad Hoc. He will not come in the Ad Hoc because he has got us in his pockets.

Now, this is a township talk ukuthi abafana ngeke nimthole, vele loya muntu unemali, sebanigayile, siyabona nathi (that boys, you will not find him, that person has money, they already gave you, we can also see). That is what crossed my mind kamhlungu kabi ukuthi (in a painful
 20 way that) no, no, no, no, not my name. So it happened in that space ukuthi (that) I was worried ukuthi (that) okay this General Khan, who happens to be in a strategical position and is so wealthy ufunani Esaps (what does he want in the SAPS), if it is for the love of SAPS, why in the Intelligence? Is he that good? So it is some of those things yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: So ...[intervenes].

ADV KHUMALO SC: Sorry, Adv. Hassim. Good morning, Mr Shongwe.

MR SHONGWE MP: Baba uKhumalo (Mr Khumalo).

ADV KHUMALO SC: You, in passing, mentioned that you have a history in the SAPS.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV KHUMALO SC: I hope I heard you correctly.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

10 **ADV KHUMALO SC:** Can you just give us that history and that background? Were you ever a policeman?

MR SHONGWE MP: I was employed at SAPS in the college space. At one stage, there was a need for SAPS members to have driver's licences by the Parliament and all that. Then we were incubated to come there. Then later trained by SAPS to be instructors in the space of advanced driving and tactical driving.

I was also trained there in the assessor and moderator, which I did not finish because of time. But I
20 then did my two diplomas of examiner of vehicle and examiner of driver's licence, which the state has its own DLTC. So I was then deployed ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: Can you just give a time period? When was this?

MR SHONGWE MP: From 2006, coming up. I left SAPS

2015.

ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you.

MR SHONGWE MP: So in the later years, there was a case where people were employed by SAPS. Now that is us, who were instructors. Then there was an allegation that we cannot train SAPS members under the Police Act while we are not employed under the Police Act. So there was that case where we were then offered later ranks. But at that time, I decided to leave, full-timing on politics and
10 business, media space and politics.

ADV KHUMALO SC: So you were in the SAPS for about 10 years?

MR SHONGWE MP: No, more ...[intervenes].

ADV KHUMALO SC: 2006 until 2015, yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: More or so yes, more so. And I have worked in most of these colleges. Bishop Lavis, Benoni, and Pretoria West. I have been ...[intervenes].

ADV KHUMALO SC: And just out of interest, when you left, what was your rank? Or was it before they gave you
20 ranks?

MR SHONGWE MP: The Court had already pronounced that we must get ranks from sergeant, warrants, going upwards, but that was the time I was exiting. So I never took rank, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: I just want to get back to your

statement. You explained, with reference to incidents and rumours and allegations, why you became interested in investigating Major General Khan.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: In your statement you give further reasons and you say there are four incidents that you have cited here, in addition to what you have now expanded on in your evidence today.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

10 **ADV HASSIM SC:** So if we could return to your statement, and it is at the bottom of page 7.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And if you could just read out those last four allegations that you say were also part of what prompted your investigation?

MR SHONGWE MP: The first one was the Aeroton drug saga, where General Mkhwanazi clears General Khan and deems him a hero, which I still disagree with Baba (Mr) Mkhwanazi. And then the second one, the alleged cover-
20 ups relating to the murder of the make-up artist, which is on social. The third one is the alleged cover-up relating to the murder of medical doctor, which is also in the social and around the corridors. And then the fourth one is the alleged cover-up of matters pertaining to cigarette smuggling cases.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. Now, just pause there for a

moment. If you go to page 44 of your bundle.

MR SHONGWE MP: 44. Is this on my statement?

ADV HASSIM SC: No.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

ADV HASSIM SC: This is ...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: I have got it.

ADV HASSIM SC: It is page 44. It is an extract from ...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

10 **ADV HASSIM SC:** The Ad Hoc Committee meeting of the 5th of March 2026. Okay. It starts at page 44, but the relevant part is on page 45. And this is during the evidence of and the questioning of Mr Paul O’Sullivan. And you will see halfway down the page is a question that you pose to him.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: It starts, if your life is in danger. Okay. Perhaps you should just read out that paragraph because it corresponds with your four allegations.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Is this on page 45?

ADV HASSIM SC: Page 45. This is ...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

ADV HASSIM SC: Do you see it?

MR SHONGWE MP: I see it.

ADV HASSIM SC: It is just that one paragraph.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes. I said, reading from here:

*“My life is in danger. How would you go
to a house of a person you do not know?
Tell me this. Is it fine? Let us leave it.”*

Okay, besesixabana la (we were arguing here) okay I
remember this one. And I say to him, this is to Paul
O’Sullivan:

10 *“You are lying. Tell me this. A facial
makeup artist is shot dead, alleged by
her boyfriend, and a policeman covers up
the story. Allegedly, right? Keep that in
mind. One. Two, drugs worth 300 million
get stolen and lost. A case alleges that a
person who is a police officer is involved
in that case, and the case gets
withdrawn. That is number two. A father
loses his son in hospital when a doctor
was operating on that son. It is alleged
that father goes and says to his friends
20 he has shot the doctor because he lost
his son through the hands of the doctor.
Number three, It is also alleged that
cigarette smugglers and cigarette sellers
and all that gets covered up by the same
police officer. Now, the most amazing*

thing is this. This police officer owns multiple franchises of businesses, lucrative businesses. This person remains in the leadership, but you, as a lover of South Africa, never investigate that person, Feroz Khan. We cannot even get the name here in Parliament to get that person to come here and answer. Apparently, he is being covered up and
 10 *protected, even by us. Now they say we are protecting him. We cannot get him here. Why did you not investigate Feroz Khan, but you went for Phahlane, whom you do not have a single evidence of what he has done. Your statement sitting there in front of you does not have an ounce of evidence about Mr Phahlane."*

Should I stop there?

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes, you can stop there.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Okay.

ADV HASSIM SC: So, these are the questions that you are posing to Mr O'Sullivan. It relates to the Aeroton drug saga. It relates to this alleged cover-up of a murder of a make-up artist, alleged cover-up of the murder of a medical doctor, and cover-up of matters relating to cigarette

smuggling.

Just for context, because you do not say anything more in your statement about these specific incidents, but you say that the concerns arose because of what you were reading in the media. That is where you picked these things up.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: So, I just want to confirm that it is these media articles that you are referring to. So, if you look at
10 page 51 of your bundle.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, I am there.

ADV HASSIM SC: You will see there is a news report which is headed make-up artist and influencer, 39, found dead in her bedroom under mysterious circumstances and there is a picture of the person. You see that?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Is this the story that you are referring to?

MR SHONGWE MP: This is one of the stories.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** It is one of the stories?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then there is a second news report in the bundle, and that you will find at page 47.

MR SHONGWE MP: 47. Yes, ma'am.

ADV HASSIM SC: And the headline of this article is I had

nothing to do with hit on doctor. Right? And there is a picture of the doctor on the front page who was assassinated. And then the article, as you see, refers to the allegations that it was a certain Mohamed Sayed who had ordered the hit. Is this the other story that you are referring to?

MR SHONGWE MP: It is the story. It is the story.

ADV HASSIM SC: And on the cigarette smuggling matters that you are referring to, is there anything that you wish to
10 say about that to expand? Because you do not really say more about that. What are you referring to when you are talking about cigarette smuggling cases?

MR SHONGWE MP: On the cigarette smuggling, it is the relationship between then it was alleged General Khan pertaining from the EFF event where General Khan attended, if you may remember that, and the guy called Sayed. So that story is all over most of the time when we speak in the corridors.

ADV HASSIM SC: So this Mohamed Sayed in this article is
20 the Mohamed Sayed who is the director of Carnilinx.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, yes, that is Sayed.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: What got my attention to that story is that the relationship, politically and business-wise, there is a lot of allegations. If you may read most of the stories that

you get on social media about Sayed, you will never pass there without getting a name of Khan in the comments. If you go through any, you will find it somewhere there. So that is the one I am referring to.

The fact that at that time, when I mentioned it here, I did not have much knowledge of it exactly, very intensively. But I later learned a lot of things, including the invitation, that no, no, no, that means the cigarette issue is true. Because how would I be invited by the cigarette
10 people in the cigarette business to tell me to protect Khan in a way if this story is not true? So there is an interest there.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, so that is going to bring us to the 8th of March.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, so let us just pause on that because you are going to come to that in a statement, and then you can expand on the people with whom you met. Let us go to page 8 of your statement.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Okay. I am there.

ADV HASSIM SC: Could you read from the top of this page?

MR SHONGWE MP:

*“Further to the above, I was also
prompted by the fact that certain*

members of the Ad Hoc Committee did not see the necessity of summoning General Khan for questioning during the process of compiling the list of individuals to be invited before the committee. Two names in particular were at issue, namely President Ramaphosa in relation to Phala-Phala matter and General Khan.”

10 Should I continue?

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP:

20 *“In the case of President Ramaphosa, I understood from the political standpoint that he would be likely be shielded by the process by his party, ANC. However, with respect to General Khan, I could not understand the reluctance to call him before the committee, particularly the weight and seriousness of allegations that had been formulated and tabled against him.”*

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes, so you have given us quite a detailed explanation of those paragraphs.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you can move on to the next.

MR SHONGWE MP:

10 *“I was further prompted by the allegation
that General Khan is a multi-millionaire
and a businessman of considerable
means, yet he seeks to remain in
employment within the SAPS, specifically
within the intelligence division. This
raises serious question as the motivation
behind is a continued presence in such a
sensitive and strategical significant
position within the services.”*

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, you can pause there. So before
you go on to 2.2, the question that was asked of you was,
what were the findings of this investigative work, all of
these incidents that you have referred to this morning,
which came to you through social media, through people
reporting things to you.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** To the evidence that was coming out to
the Ad Hoc Committee. So the question is, what were the
findings, what were your findings of your own investigative
work? So you can read 2.2 in response to that question.

MR SHONGWE MP:

“In undertaking this investigation, my

primary objective was to establish the truth regarding the allegations levelled against General Khan. However, due to the failure to appear before the Committee, I was regrettably unable to arrive to the conclusion, determination of the facts, and the truth in this matter. It therefore remains unestablished.”

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. You say in this paragraph, due to
 10 his failure to appear before the committee, but it was not that he failed to appear, it was that he was not called. I just want to get the context right.

MR SHONGWE MP: Oh yes, uyabona ke isilungu siyahlupha (you see then English, it is bothering me)

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, so he did not appear, but it is because he was not called.

MR SHONGWE MP: If I may elaborate on that? We somehow have not exactly a voting system in the Ad Hoc, but somehow a weight balance agreement of who do we
 20 want there. Now on that day, if you can add MKP numbers with DA and ANC, we would outnumber other parties and get General Khan in that seat.

The only thing is that on that day, Honourable Malema was the most vocal in not getting General Khan to come there. But I can tell you ukuthi (that) the other

parties sided with him, with the EFF, not with him as to say, with EFF, in not allowing us to get Khan to come there.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: So the upshot of all of that was that he was not called.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: All right, thanks. Now we get to the crux of your statement in 2.3. And I just want to take you to
10 – we will come there. You raised these questions on the 5th of March, of Paul O’Sullivan. We went there in the record, right?

MR SHONGWE MP: You mean in the Ad Hoc?

ADV HASSIM SC: In the Ad Hoc Committee, yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay. I do not recall the dates, but ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: These questions about General Khan and these allegations. But you had also previously raised questions when ...[intervenes].

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** ...[indistinct] who was crying the whole day.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. So now comes 8th of March. The question was to you to explain the events of 8th of March regarding the request for a meeting with you, which led to a telephone call between you and Major General Khan.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

ADV HASSIM SC: Now, I know that there is some complexity to that question. It was not a direct call between you and Major General Khan.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: So can you start with 2.3.1 on page 8 to explain those events?

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay. I received a call from the PA of the President, former President, who then told me ukuthi
10 (that) ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: And her name is?

MR SHONGWE MP: Sorry, I do not know whether I should mention. Can I not mention the name? Just for...[intervenes]

ADV HASSIM SC: Well, she has provided a statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Oh she has?

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, her name is Londiwe. Londiwe Xulu.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** And ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Londiwe who?

MR SHONGWE MP: Xulu.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Is that X-u-l-u?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yebo (yes).

ADV HASSIM SC: And if you turn to page 15 of your bundle.

MR SHONGWE MP: 15.

ADV HASSIM SC: 1-5.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: You will see at that page, from page 15 to page 22 – sorry, not 22, 24.

MR SHONGWE MP: I see the statement.

ADV HASSIM SC: There is a statement. And you read the
10 statement of Ms Xulu, right?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, I just read it, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. All right, you can go back to your statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, I received a call from uPA ka Baba (the PA of the father) to say there were people that came to see the former President. Sorry? Okay, good. Thank you, Commissioner. I received a call from usisi (the lady) and telling me ukuthi (that) there were people who came to see the President and they were interested in
20 seeing me. Now, if I may just explain on that one.

This thing happens kakhulu (a lot). We have gained, I do not know how to call it in English, but ngesiZulu ngizothi uthando from abantu in the Ad Hoc (but in Zulu I will say love from people in the Ad Hoc, where people view us as people who did not shy away from the

truth, as dangerous as it sounded. So, because mostly they cannot get directly to us, and they have access, some have access to ubaba (the father) some do not, specifically business people.

A lot of business people have come to ubaba (the father) and said yeyi siyabathantha labafana (hey we love those boys) they are doing very well and we would like to help la singaxeta khona (where we can help). So we have been assisted by certain business, after they seen our
 10 stance in the Ad Hoc ukuthi (that) okay you guys need to push because you are working in a direction where you are not shy away from the truth. So I have been called by Londiwe many times.

And some go to ubaba and say sifuna ukubona uShongwe (the father and say we want to see Shongwe) and then they just call me in. So this is one of those incidents where I was told that I must come ukuthi I must come, ngiyafuneka (that I must come, I am needed). I was in Cape Town, if I may remember very well. I had left Durban
 20 days before, and I had left my car at the airport. So I flew to Cape Town. I was in Cape Town for, I think, two days or so. Then I was called to come back. So then I flew to Durban for this one.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And to be clear that the request for you to go to Durban, it was the call you received from

the former President Zuma's PA?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Requesting you to come to Durban?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, but who made the request for the meeting that took place on the 8th of March? Because the meeting was not going to be with President Zuma, right?

MR SHONGWE MP: No. I later, I will explain that part of President Zuma and the meeting because I later find out
10 that he was not even aware himself why I am going there. But the call was made by usisi (Sister) Londiwe to me.

ADV HASSIM SC: Right.

MR SHONGWE MP: Saying that there is two gentlemen that came, and they requested to see me. They also requested ku baba (to the father) to see. She is the one who told me to come, and then I went.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And then in 2.3.2, you explain who the
20 two gentlemen are.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And who are they?

MR SHONGWE MP: It was Yusuf Kajee and Imran. I do not know Imran's surname.

ADV HASSIM SC: If we go to the PA's statement, I said it

starts at page 15, but she includes an attachment and she corroborates what you say about the meeting.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Just to try to establish the surname of the gentleman you refer to. She does not refer to the surname in her statement. But if you look at page 35, it is in her annexures. She annexed WhatsApp conversations between her and the two individuals.

MR SHONGWE MP: You mean on her WhatsApp?

10 **ADV HASSIM SC:** Her own WhatsApp communications.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, okay I see that.

ADV HASSIM SC: It starts at page 33.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you will see there it is a conversation between her and Mr Yusuf Kajee. And in fact, that begins on the 6th of March.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay. Ja, I see the WhatsApps here.

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes, so it starts on the 6th of March and not on the 8th of March when you were called. So he
20 approaches her on the 6th of March. And if you look at the bottom of that page, on page 33, he says:

*“Hello darling, thank you for your
immense help. Which day am I meeting
our brother in Johannesburg?”*

Do we understand that to be you?

MR SHONGWE MP: Because of the video on the screenshot, I would presume they are talking about me. Because I see the hello darling, then my face. I think I would allege it is a video because there is a time frame there. And then because of this, I think it is me.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. Have you seen that video clip? Do you know what this video clip is about?

MR SHONGWE MP: I have seen a couple of videos of me. But this one, if I may recall, I think I was questioning Mr
10 Paul O'Sullivan. But on her phone, I did not know she had this video.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then if you look at page 35.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, I am there.

ADV HASSIM SC: It is the copy of an extract of the WhatsApp conversation between her and a gentleman named, well, she has him saved as follows. Imran CK Baba. Do you know whether, does that ring a bell? Is that his surname or do you know?

MR SHONGWE MP: No, I do not know. It is the first time I
20 have seen this Imran Baba. But I think, if I may just think at the top of my head, I would say maybe it is a reference. Imran for Baba or Imran Baba. I do not know whether it is a surname. It might be a surname because in Indian people it is also a surname. So I am not sure. But I have never, when the guy introduced himself to me, he never said his

name. It is only Kajee that said his name to me.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Just before we leave this page, you will see it is dated 8 March 2026.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, which is the day.

ADV HASSIM SC: And at 10:32 in the morning, she says:

*“Morning, Imran. He will be landing at
11:40 a.m.”*

10 Is that the time at which you were due to land?

MR SHONGWE MP: I think that is the time I was given that I would be landing, but I did not land at that time. I landed far later than that.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, we will come back to that. Were you delayed?

MR SHONGWE MP: I was delayed.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then the next message says:

*“Please share address so we can come
straight to you when he gets to town.”*

20 Do you see that?

MR SHONGWE MP: On page what?

ADV HASSIM SC: It is still on page 35.

MR SHONGWE MP: 35. Yes, yes, I see. I see.

ADV HASSIM SC: And then he shares an address.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And the address is an address of a place called DRK Tactical, 207 Montpelier Road. Is that where you had your meeting?

MR SHONGWE MP: This is where I had the meeting. And I confirmed this because I checked my – unfortunately, when I got there, my phone was off, but my tablet was on. So when you check your timeline, it tells you exactly where you were. It gives me exactly this address. And when I check the pictures that come on Google, it is exactly the house I
10 was at.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. Let us get back to your statement. So you say that it was a request that came from these two gentlemen, Yusuf Kajee and a person named Imran. That is 2.3.2.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And then in 2.3.3, you are answering the following question:

“Was the request made directly to you?”

If not, who was it made to?”

20 If you could just read in your answer?

MR SHONGWE MP: 2.3.3?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: I answered there:

“No. I subsequently learned that the meeting had been requested with the

*President in the course of which my
presence was specifically requested.”*

That is the knowledge I had when our sister Londiwe called me and said uBaba (the father) requests to see you because there is people wanting to see you.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you earlier were talking about the people who are now fond of the MK Party, the work that is happening in Parliament and the Ad Hoc Committee, and so you are saying that this meeting was, in your view, to meet
10 with people who want to support the organisation?

MR SHONGWE MP: Mostly, mostly, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then in 2.4 – sorry
...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: 2.3.4.

ADV HASSIM SC: The numbering on the notice is incorrect.

MR SHONGWE MP: Ja, I noticed that when you sent me the question, I had to rearrange the numbers.

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** I see there is somebody who has a Zuma syndrome here with numbers. So I had to redo the numbers.

CHAIRPERSON: Be careful, Mr Songwe. That document is signed by me.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you have fixed it, fortunately. You

do not suffer from the same syndrome.

MR SHONGWE MP: May you clap hands for me for that such a wonderful job, please? Thank you.

ADV HASSIM SC: 2.3.3, the question was – sorry, 2.3.4, how was it relayed to you? Right? How was the request relayed to you? So you can now turn to your answer at 2.3.4.

MR SHONGWE MP: 2.3.4, what was the question again?

ADV HASSIM SC: Page 8 of your statement.

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Yes, but the question?

ADV HASSIM SC: It was how was the request for the meeting relayed to you?

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, I think I replied that on 2.3.3 ukuthi (that) - because when I see 2.4, I am answering something different here, because I am answering upon my arrival in Durban. I was somewhat delayed and ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: Ja, I think that it merges the two questions ...[intervenes].

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Ja, so 2.3 ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: So if you could just read 2.3.4?

MR SHONGWE MP: I must read 2.3.4?

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay:

“Upon my arrival in Durban, I was

somewhat delayed and the President had already attended to other commitments. I then had a conversation with Ms Londiwe, who informed me that two individuals were present requesting to see the President and had specifically asked to...”

I am turning the page:

10 *“...meet with me. I asked her whether she knew who these individuals were and the reason for their request. She indicated that she was aware of their identities, but not the purpose of their visit. Through Ms Londiwe, we then contacted these individuals to advise them that I had arrived in Durban and I was on my way to meet them.”*

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, so she relayed this to you?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** And you say that she was aware of their identities. So these are individuals that she had met with before?

MR SHONGWE MP: According to my assumption at that time, she knows them.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, but she did not know why they

wanted to meet with you in particular?

MR SHONGWE MP: Ja, in most cases, what happens, she only arranges meetings and she is never part of the meeting. She would walk you in, close the door, you have a meeting. And then some people would then, even if they do not get uBaba (the father), they would then tell her ukuthi (that) we need to see Shongwe, we are here to ask uBaba (the father) to give us permission to see Shongwe.

Remember with President Zuma, it is a freeway.
10 Everybody is welcome. So people usually would go there so that even if I want to say no, I cannot say no because they already asked the President. Now it comes as an instruction ukuthi ei hamba uyobona labantu (that hey, go and see those people),

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: Ja.

ADV HASSIM SC: But to be clear, you had never met these people before?

MR SHONGWE MP: No, never.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** All right. So 2.3.5, the question is where the meeting took place, if you could continue?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes:

*“The meeting took place at 207
Montpelier Road, Morningside, Durban,
4001 at the DRK Tactical premises, which*

is their offices.”

ADV HASSIM SC: This is their offices?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, they said so.

ADV HASSIM SC: And at what time was this meeting?

MR SHONGWE MP: I will check on my time, but it was like 13 something. It says on my timeline when I arrived. If you can check on page 42 on the bundle. Where is it?

ADV HASSIM SC: You are talking about the vehicle trackers?

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Yes, it gives exact time.

ADV HASSIM SC: Page 43?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV KHUMALO SC: 42.

ADV HASSIM SC: It is page 43 ...[intervenes].

ADV KHUMALO SC: It says 13:13, DRK Tactical.

MR SHONGWE MP: Page 43, Commissioner.

ADV HASSIM SC: Page 43, yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes. It is 13:13 and I was there until 13:53. That is when I arrived there.

20 **ADV BALOYI SC:** Mr Shongwe, what is DRK? Is it a security company?

MR SHONGWE MP: It is a security company, yes.

ADV BALOYI SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: But I think there is a whole lot more of what they do there. Because when you get there, you see

more security related stuff. Like the cars that were out there were security cars written in security markings, but the office does not have anything that says security. It says tactical only.

ADV BALOYI SC: Thank you.

ADV HASSIM SC: So just to be clear, you arrived at 13:13 in the afternoon and you left at 13:53?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. So you were there for about 40
10 minutes in total?

MR SHONGWE MP: If I may say so.

ADV HASSIM SC: So who attended the meeting with you?

MR SHONGWE MP: Ngahamba no mama, uLondiwe (I went with Ma'am Londiwe).

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then who did you meet with?
And that is at 2.3.7.

MR SHONGWE MP: Ngadibana no (I met with) – okay at 3.7, can I read it as it is there? Or you want just the...[intervenes]

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** You can read the paragraph and then you can expand on it.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay. Let me start maybe by expanding. When we got there at the gate, there was one security guy who was inside, wearing a big dark clothes, bluish kind of. And that is the guy that opened for us. And

then I drove in and I did not drive straight on. I just reversed in the yard, and ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: Can I just pause for a moment? You said there was a security official?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, in the yard.

ADV HASSIM SC: And who granted you access?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And was he the only security officer there? Or were there others?

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** At that time, it was only him.

ADV HASSIM SC: Only him.

MR SHONGWE MP: In the front.

ADV HASSIM SC: All right.

MR SHONGWE MP: So I drove in, in reverse. And then while I was parking my car, a gentleman with glasses, tiny in body, short, flat beard, came, wearing glasses, came smiling and introduced himself to me, greeting and introduced himself as Imran as I exited my car. He said his name is Imran. Then I also told him my name. Then he was
20 like, oh, I know you. I know you, my brother. Stuff like that.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then if you can just say, if you take it from, we were escorted.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay:

“We are then taken into the boardroom,

which was furnished with four chairs...”

...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: No, no. Let us just go up a little bit.
Sorry.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

ADV HASSIM SC: It is the third line. It starts, we were escorted onto the premises. Take it from there.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay:

“We were escorted into the premises.

10 *And as we entered, we passed at the
reception desk, bearing the signage that
read DRK.”*

Now, I did not write here in my statement that those alphabets, they were very big, but they were 3D type of signage with lights. They were, there was white, red, and white. So those alphabets, I think R was in red. Then the two other alphabets were white. As we entered, it was like a desk, like this one. Then it is somewhere here.

20 Then we were escorted into the left of that
receptionist, where the next room is their boardroom. And then we got there. Imran, he offers us a seat. Now, we were sitting on a table. If I am not wrong, the table might be from this corner, maybe to the end there of this. It is very long, but the width of it, it is not that much. It is maybe like 1.5 or so.

ADV HASSIM SC: So it was a narrow, but very long boardroom table.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, narrow and long on this side.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: So Imran sits on my left, on the far end. Londiwe sits just slightly opposite me here. And then while we were sitting there, Imran advises us that we are waiting for one gentleman who is going to come, and then we are then waiting for that person. So may I continue?

10 **ADV HASSIM SC:** Yes, please.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

ADV HASSIM SC: So I think where you can just read in, because you have explained 2.3.7, but if you could just read the last sentence.

MR SHONGWE MP: 2.3.7:

“Imran advises that we could wait for another individual who was expected to arrive. This person subsequently introduced himself to me as Yusuf Kajee.”

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That is when this gentleman also bearded, wearing this Indian clothing, this long dress, same colour as this table I am sitting in, lighter, walked in and then immediately came to shake my hand and introduce himself as Yusuf Kajee.

Then we, I recall I laughed at him ukuthi hau (that oh) Kajee, is this a Zulu surname? Because if it is a K, it is a Zulu. If it is C, it is English. And then we laughed about that matter, but he said, no, I am Kajee.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then 2.3.8, the question is:

“What was the purpose of this meeting according to the people who requested it?”

So if you could just take us to 2.3.8, what was the
10 explanation to you for why they requested this meeting with you?

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay. Prior to the meeting, my speculation was that the meeting had been requested because they wish to assist the organisation in some way. However, in the course of our conversation ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: By organisation, you mean MK Party?

MR SHONGWE MP: MK, yes. And I say that organisation, if I may explain, Commissioner, because I only get relations or request of invites through or for the reason of MK. I
20 hardly get invites just for, I am Shongwe. I think Shongwe is not a person they want lo, uyabona (this one, you see). So if I may put it like that. So for that purpose, it was for the MK, my thinking, my assumption. I will continue. Where was I?

ADV HASSIM SC: However.

MR SHONGWE MP:

“However, in the course of our conversation, Yusuf stated that someone wished to speak to me without explaining further and he insisted on calling this person to speak to me telephonically. I asked who is this person was. They then disclosed the name of this individual as General Khan. I refused and I informed them that I did not wish to take the call. During this interaction, Yusuf moved his chair closer to mine and proceeded to call this person. As the phone was already ringing, the call was answered and it was General Khan.”

Now, if I may explain this, because here in writing, my mind was already in the Ad Hoc. I am a 10-minute person. So how it happens is this. When he sits down, as we are talking this, just to talk, nothing serious. Before he starts talking to me, Imran moves closer to Sis Londiwe. And it is a chair with wheels.

He sits next to Sis Londiwe here. Very close. It is when also Kajee moves directly to me and saying hey, my brother, there is a brother of ours who wants to talk to you. You know uyabona (you see) he wants to talk to you. He

speaks a lot. If I can bring him here, before you get to know what he wants to say, there will be sentences and sentences. So you cannot remember everything. He speaks fast as well.

So he says that, hey, our brother wants to speak to you. And I ask who is that? Why? He says, no, no, no, you know the guy, General. It is Khan. He says it is Khan. So that is why, in respect, I say General Khanye. But he says it is Khan, our brother. No, man, you know you are our
10 brother. Talk to our brother.

And at that time, he is talking already dialling. And the person on the other end of the phone picks up the phone. It is a video call ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: But did you agree to have the conversation? What was your response?...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: No, I did tell him that I do not want. Okay, as I say, he talks too much. While he was calling, I am telling him, no, no, do not call. We can either make other ways and talk if there is a way, but I do not want a
20 phone call. And I tell him that I do not like phone calls.

He then explains to me, do not worry, brother, we will help you with the phones. If you are scared of phone calls and anything, do not worry. We will help with your phone. Your phone will be tracking someone, you are making a phone call. All this nonsense. He speaks while

acting on this thing. We will work on your phone. Do not worry about this. You must give us your phone. Then the phone is already ringing at that time.

So at that time, he takes the phone and turns it towards me. The phone was answered exactly when he turned it. And it was then when I saw this face that I know this face on pictures. Exactly as he looks now.

ADV HASSIM SC: So it was a video call. It was ...[intervenes].

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** It was a video call.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: And the angle of the video call is from the right-hand side of his face. Not directly in the front, but on the side of this side. Then the guy on the phone greets me, hey brother, how are you? Speaking calmly. Brother, how are you? And then I replied, hey, I am okay. How are you? Says, brother, what are you doing?

ADV KHUMALO SC: Just do this for our transcription. The person who is greeting you, that is General Khan.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** That is General Khan. Yes, sorry. I am feeling that Julius Mkhwanazi syndrome here, I do not know why. And I have also done the yes, yes thing now.

ADV HASSIM SC: It comes with that seat.

MR SHONGWE MP: Ja, I said yes, yes, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you greeted.

MR SHONGWE MP: I greet him, and he greets back. Actually, he greets me, and I greet back. But immediately, he starts talking. But this one, aii (no).

ADV HASSIM SC: Even while...[intervenes]

MR SHONGWE MP: Kajee yes, no, no, no.

ADV HASSIM SC: Even while General Khan is speaking, he was ...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: He never stopped, some of the things he said I do not even recall, but he never stopped. So he
10 has the phone in his hand, and then Khan speaks. At the time when Khan speaks, he starts saying, brother, what are you doing? Why are you doing this to me? The conversation was in that line. Why are you doing this to me? And what did I do to you? And I replied, no, you did nothing to me. In fact ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: But what was he referring to when he says why are you doing this to me?

MR SHONGWE MP: I knew what he was referring to. That is why I did not bother to ask. I knew already what he was
20 referring to. Because now, this is happening very fast and I cannot really, really focus on my dots ukuthi (that) okay what is really happening here? And how should I tackle this? But I decided, let me push in, and then just finish this thing and move away from it.

So I said, no, no, no. I am doing nothing to you. I

was referencing you. Referencing you, your name in this thing. I am not looking for you. You even know that we will not call you on the Ad Hoc. You were voted out that you will not come. So it was just a matter of me referencing. No, brother, you are killing me. He then touches his neck, you are suffocating me.

And his eyes are now turning red. If I may say, he was crying. But I just decided to let me look at this and understand what is really, really happening here. He was
10 wearing a shirt this colour. He looks down and he looks at me in the phone, and then he never looks. He speaks very, very ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, is that what? Light blue? What colour is that?

MR SHONGWE MP: I would say baby blue.

CHAIRPERSON: Oh thank you.

MR SHONGWE MP: I am not good with colours, but ngiyazama (I am trying)

ADV HASSIM SC: Very light blue.

20 **MR SHONGWE MP**: Ngempela, ngiyazama yimlela (I am trying, really).

CHAIRPERSON: You are very good. He was very good because I have no idea what baby blue is.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Mr Shongwe, my grandmother used to say it is powder blue.

MR SHONGWE MP: It is powder blue, blue seal is powder, but it is blue.

ADV KHUMALO SC: And because she was my grandmother, so she was right ...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: So we do not know what blue is that.

CHAIRPERSON: May I just ask this? May I just ask this? You say you knew what he was talking about. Just for completeness, can you please tell us what it is that you knew?

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Okay, and prior to me meeting him, after all these couple of times where I asked questions about him on Sarah-Jane Trent, Paul O'Sullivan, I had forgotten that I had asked uGeneral Masemola as well.

But prior to those days, when I kept on punching that question ukuthi (that) how did you, Paul O'Sullivan and Sarah-Jane Trent establish who to investigate? Because I was probing ukuthi (that) when it comes to General Phahlane, they already had proof of the sound system. And he answered, uPaul O'Sullivan, he loves South Africa, that
20 is why he is investigating.

So that is why I asked him, as a lover of South Africa, how do you then generate who you want to target, where you see the allegations of General Khan are so many, but you focus on Phahlane? That is the issue. So in those days, I was getting phone calls with hey *wena* (you), and

people that I know, people that I may not know sometimes, and pass on the street hey mfanakithi, uyithinte emsileni la (you have hit the dog on the tail) this Khan, you do not touch. He deals with abantu aba wrong kakhulu (a lot of wrong people).

I got so many of those in a way that I started to take note ukuthi (that) okay now I have put my life in danger with this thing. But the day this happened, it was when I asked uBaba (Mr) Paul O'Sullivan. That is when I got a
10 number of people when I walk in the streets.

Some people even that I do not even know in the airport, would say ei nfanakithi, uzibheke la, but siyabonga into eniyenzile (hey my brother, be careful here, but thank you what you have done) all those things. So I noticed ukuthi (that) okay, when he speaks ukuthi ngiyamgama (that I am strangling him) I knew exactly ukuthi sikhuluma ngani (what we were talking about). The topic to me was clear ukuthi okay sila ku lento manje (that okay we are here on this thing now). And what I must do is to understand ukuthi
20 (that) how do I escape being here. So that ngazifaki enkingeni (I do not put myself into trouble).

CHAIRPERSON: And at the top of page 10, where you say you told him that you were merely referencing his name, were you referring to what you said to Mr O'Sullivan?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON: You are investigation Phahlane, but why not Khan? That is what you meant by saying, I was merely referencing your name?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes. I was referring to that because the situation was very fast, I will not lie about it. But one is forced to think fast out of the box in that situation ukuthi (that) how do I calm the situation here? Because we came there without bodyguards, without any weapons or anything.

So one has to make sure that I do not allow this to
10 escalate. Because should it be I allow it to escalate or I become violent, it might turn on me. And at that time, if I may say, while we were sitting, the number of people in the yard, it was no longer one person. Because where Kajee is sitting, there is a window behind him and I could see my car. I could see a couple of men around that space.

So one has to think fast ukuthi (that) okay let me just keep this situation calm. Then we will exit sizwene la (being in agreement here) and then we will see how we handle this matter. So that is why I say to him, no, I am not
20 targeting you. I was referencing your name. I know my targets. This one, this is where he also says, ja, I know your target. You are targeting Mkhwanazi ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: [Indistinct]... Mr Kajee.

MR SHONGWE MP: Mr Kajee, constantly talking. So this is where he also says, ja, I know you are looking for

Mkhwanazi. I can hear your questions. Then this one says, no, man, come, let us meet. Let us have a talk. Come, let us talk. We can look after you. Let us talk about some things. He says it as well.

But this one then takes over the conversation of the taking care of me and then this one says, no, let us meet in Johannesburg. He asked this, sorry, in Sandton. He asked this one, where in ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, sorry. You are using so many, this
10 one, this one. It was General Khan who said you must meet at his place in Sandton the following week.

MR SHONGWE MP: The same week on Friday
...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: [Indistinct].

MR SHONGWE MP: Sorry.

ADV HASSIM SC: [Indistinct].

CHAIRPERSON: Ja, ja, ja. Please, please.

ADV HASSIM SC: [Indistinct]... paragraph.

MR SHONGWE MP: Page 10.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC**: [Indistinct].

MR SHONGWE MP: On page 10?

ADV HASSIM SC: On page 10.

MR SHONGWE MP: Ja.

ADV HASSIM SC: The last two lines.

CHAIRPERSON: Perhaps, perhaps, perhaps, let us do

this. Please read the whole of 2.3.10.

MR SHONGWE MP: 2.3.10, where is it? Okay. The ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, sorry. The first paragraph up to I responded that I would make time.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner.
2.3.10:

10 *“General Khan answered the call and Yusuf held the screen facing me in his hands and said to General Khan, my brother, here is Shongwe. General Khan greeted me saying, brother, how are you? I replied that I was okay and asked how he was. He then said, what is wrong, bro? What did I do to you? You are suffocating me. While saying this, he placed his hands on his neck and his*

20 *eyes appeared red as if he had been crying. I replied that I was not doing anything to him, that I was merely referencing his name and that he was not my focus then. He then said, what do you want? We can look after you. Come*

meet me at my place in Sandton next week, Friday, if you are available. I responded that I would make time.”

Ja. Sorry for that.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. So it was General Khan who invited you to meet him ...[intervenes].

MR SHONGWE MP: In Sandton.

ADV HASSIM SC: At his place in Sandton?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

10 **ADV HASSIM SC:** And he invited you for the week after this meeting?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And you said you would do so, right?

MR SHONGWE MP: I agreed that I will come.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. Can you read the next paragraph?

MR SHONGWE MP: I quickly want to check something here:

20 *“While we were still conversing, Yusuf turned the phone to face himself and asked, where in Sandton? General Khan responded, in the apartment. Yusuf then ended the call and continued speaking to me, remaining close to me. He said, stop this. You are our brother and we can*

really take care of you. There is a security tender at Checkers worth 2.2 million every month and we can give it to you. I replied that I do not operate in that manner. He insisted that he could arrange 10 bar in cash for me, and I said it was fine, that we can talk on Friday.”

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. So this second part of the conversation, an offer of a tender, what did he mean? Did
10 he mean that – I mean, are you in the security business? So why would he offer you a security tender? How did you understand it?

MR SHONGWE MP: Let me put it how I perceived it. Because prior when we were talking, and he is talking too much on the issue of phone, there was an instance in this talking where he asked for my number, Yusuf Kajee, and I constantly said, no, no, no, no, I do not want you to have my number.

So I noticed that me being, me pushing back
20 constantly does not get this guy to back off. So this is the type of person you agree to everything, then you live like that. This is what I started deciding to, okay, let me work on this. Because now he says, you give me the tender of 2 million of security. And I said, no, no, I do not operate like that.

So to him, maybe he thought I mean, no, in book form, this will get me arrested or whatever in a way. To him, he thought I am saying that. That is why he changes the subject to say, we can get you cash then. 10 bar, we can get you 10 bar, we can arrange it. In that, the thing is, I forgot to write it here.

In that statement, this is where he even promised me, there were three BMW cars that were window tinted and bulletproof. He then promised me ukuthi (that) we will even
10 give you this car, we give you protection ...[intervenes].

ADV HASSIM SC: Sorry, where were those cars?

MR SHONGWE MP: In the yard, parked next to my bakkie.

ADV HASSIM SC: In the yard, okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, in the yard. He showed me
...[intervenes]

ADV HASSIM SC: So he pointed at them?

MR SHONGWE MP: Pointed at them. Even when we went out as well, he was walking me out on the window. He said you see all these cars are safe. I was no longer interested
20 in listening, but my focus was leaving. So I had agreed to say, okay, no, about the 10 bar, we will talk on Friday. That is what I said, because I wanted to get them to say, okay, fine, let us meet wherever we are going to meet and talk.

Then as soon as I started agreeing, I just noticed the change of tone and the character of the body ukuthi

(that) now I think they feel calm ukuthi (that) I am with them. Then I decided, okay, this is where I want to take this thing. This is where they then, if I may recall, at the same time, I stood up. I wanted to leave, and then he said, no, no, sit down. I want to tell you something. There is a brother of mine upstairs who has information, because we see your line of questions are more asking about Mkhwanazi. We have something on General Mkhwanazi. We can give it to you. And he spoke fast. He spoke about
 10 the helicopters and a lot of stuff that I was not interested in listening.

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, sorry. I see that for 10 bar, you have a bracketed explanation, R10 000 000.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes. The language 10 bar is R10 000 000.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

ADV HASSIM SC: Can you read the next paragraph into the record? This is now where you are talking about what you just said about that he seemed to intimate to you that,
 20 in fact, the person you are really looking into is General Mkhwanazi.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: Imran then, this is when we were standing up:

10 *“Imran then offered to bring us something to drink and returned with bottle of water. Yusuf then said, in the line of your questions, I see you do not want General Khan. You want Mkhwanazi. I can give you information on Mkhwanazi. My brother upstairs has information on him. I did not respond to this statement. Instead, I requested to leave. As we were walking out, Yusuf said we must wait a while as the brother was coming. We waited next to the signage and a man of approximately my height or slightly taller and muscular build came down to the stairs. Yusuf took this individual and me back to the boardroom, leaving Londiwe and Imran by the reception.”*

And if I may say, I think Londiwe also continued to leave here:

20 *“And asked him whether he still had information on Mkhwanazi and the helicopter, to which he responded yes. Yusuf then instructed him to locate the information and stated that he would give it to me on Friday when we meet in*

Sandton.”

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. Chair, it is 11 o'clock. Before I ask questions on this paragraph ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Should we not push to finish? If that is— unless...

ADV HASSIM SC: I am in your hands, Chair. We could.

CHAIRPERSON: Or let me ask this question perhaps. How much longer do you think you are going to be?

ADV HASSIM SC: Probably no longer than an hour.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** Let us rather take the break then. Let us adjourn until 11:30.

ADV HASSIM SC: 11:30. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Ms Hassim.

ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you, Chair. Mr Shongwe, we are at page 10 of your statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, ma'am.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** And you just read into the record the paragraph that begins, 'Imran then offered us'.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV HASSIM SC: Can you explain, when he says to you, I see you do not want General Khan, you want Mkhwanazi, what was he referring to?

MR SHONGWE MP: This I will answer in my own thinking.

Yes, he was referring to giving me information about General Mkhwanazi that I should be using in the Ad Hoc, because it was in line with him saying that he understands the line of my questions, that I am looking for information about General Mkhwanazi, which is, I do not know where he gets that. However, it was a way I think he was trying to pursue me to then go after General Mkhwanazi with what he was going to give me.

So I was very, very sceptical and even probing
 10 further of those information that he wants to give me, because at no stage we spoke, I spoke about General Mkhwanazi. And it would not make sense why, out of nowhere, he would just punch in General Mkhwanazi's name, whereas there is a lot of corrupt police that he can tell me about.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, so it was not that you had given him any indication that you were looking for information about General Mkhwanazi?

MR SHONGWE MP: I do not even know where he gets that.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** Okay, so what then happens is another gentleman enters the room.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And you explain that he asks this gentleman whether he had information on, as you put it, Mkhwanazi and the helicopter. Did they speak any further

about that? What was the issue about the helicopter?

MR SHONGWE MP: To be honest with you, when the gentleman was walking down the stairs towards me, this is where Yusuf says, this is my boy, this is the guy who has the information. Then he takes me, he grabs me back to the boardroom and then he speaks about the information of the helicopter. He did mention a place and the helicopter and I do not know what he was talking about. But this muscular guy did not speak much. He only agreed that I
10 have one and that he would package it in a USB for me and then give it to me on Friday. But this one, because of I was tired of listening to him, to be honest. I cannot recall exactly the words he was saying, but he was speaking again fast and very, a lot of things that I could not even listen to.

ADV HASSIM SC: So he said they would put it onto a USB and give it to you on Friday when you meet.

MR SHONGWE MP: In Sandton.

ADV HASSIM SC: So the idea was when you meet with General Khan?

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** When I meet, yes. The idea of the meeting was going to meet, I was supposed to meet Imran, Yusuf and Khan. That is how the meeting was going to be on that Friday, had I went to that meeting.

ADV HASSIM SC: I see, so it was not just going to be you and General Khan.

MR SHONGWE MP: No, no, no.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. Can you read the next paragraph?

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay. I see in the next paragraph I mistyped. I wanted to say it is worth mentioning, so I said it is worth nothing. Can I correct that?

ADV HASSIM SC: It says it is worth noting.

MR SHONGWE MP: Oh. Oh, okay, no. In my, this one then.

10 **ADV HASSIM SC:** You will write the first time, when you wrote.

MR SHONGWE MP: Oh, there is the new one. Okay, this side.

"It is worth noting that Yusuf requested my contact details, which I refused to provide. He was persistent, stating that they could change the location reflected on my phone. I declined this offer. It may also be important to note that my phone remained in the car throughout the meeting as I was apprehensive that it could be hacked."

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** Okay, pause there, please, because I did not, I would like you to explain the following. He says they could change the location reflected on your phone. What did you understand by that?

MR SHONGWE MP: Now, that one he explained thoroughly many times as he was talking. He kept on saying, if I could, he kept on saying, give me your number. I will call you so that we can arrange the meeting, trying to eliminate Ms Londiwe with being the contact person. That is how this topic goes. And I kept on saying, no, no, no, I do not want anybody to have my number. I will find a way that we meet through Londiwe. It is fine that way.

Then he said, no, if you are scared of us, we will
10 not do anything. Actually, we will help you. We will make your phone un-hackable. When one tries to check it, it will reflect in Brazil, it will reflect in Paris, mention other countries while you are here in South Africa. That was the promise. He even mentioned that they would work on the SIM card in the phone if I give them my number, they would help me with that. So I said, no, no, no, my phone is in the car. It was off at that time, but I was not interested in giving them my number because in a way I was trying to indicate that I am not comfortable with this thing. So I will
20 trust them later if they feel that they want me to trust them.

Because what was running in the back of my mind is that if Khan is so innocent, why would he want me there in that office? Why would he want to talk to me on the phone in that office where he has a space where he can come to the Ad Hoc for free? It is different here in the Ad

Hoc. In the Ad Hoc we pay for you to come, we accommodate you, we give you food, we give you everything, so yini lemlulayo ukuthi eze asosi bona lapha, akhulume nathi, asijele ixiniso ukuthi yena akayenzanga lutho (what is so difficult for him to come and see us there, to talk to us and tell us the truth that he has not done anything), that was my concern in this thing ukuthi (that) this is a plot to get me to take cash or get myself implicated in whatever they want to implicate me or find a way to
 10 control me so that I can keep quiet in probing Khan.

ADV HASSIM SC: So were there cameras in the room where these offers were being made to you, the checkers and the ten bar, et cetera?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, as I entered the boardroom, when I sat down on my right hand side on the corner, there was a camera there on top. And on my left hand side again on the corner, there was a camera there on the corner. Including when we entered the gate, at that door there is a camera at the corner of the door. A very, very tiny camera, you might
 20 not see it if you are not looking. So those are things that I did take note of.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you felt that they were trying to implicate you?

MR SHONGWE MP: In many ways, I felt many things. Either implicate or find a way to control me. You see, in my

political life, there is one thing I am wary of. I believe that when somebody promises such an amount of money and should you be lucky, should I put it like that, should you be lucky and get that money, you will be happy for a little while. And they will control you. So that is what I do not want in my career, politically.

Because there is now Ad Hoc and Madlanga because of such things. The politicians have now a bad reputation because of such things. So I am one of those
10 people who are trying to resuscitate our name and our credibility. I am sorry if I may not, no offence intended. You see, when you go out, it is a standard norm that when somebody is arrested, they will tell you, no, thola icold drink ntwana (get a cold drink my brother), get a cold drink, we speak to the police, give them something.

It is also a standard norm that they will say, no, if you are going to court, do not worry, bring something, we will speak to the prosecutor or I know the judge. That is why when Honourable Skosana, in the Ad Hoc, when we
20 spoke that we are not done in the Ad Hoc, we want to further probe the commissioners in the security cluster, the judges, the prosecutors. I remember one day we started asking about certain judges, I may not mention names here.

Outside of the committee, we were then told, guys, do you know what you are doing? You are talking about

judges here. Do not start a fight with judges. I have done nothing wrong, so do not worry about what judges will do to me if I know I have done nothing wrong. So it is those things that are standard in our cities and in our communities that this is a character, that politicians are like this, police are like this, and we need to change that, so that we have a better South Africa.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you never took the 10 million that was offered to you?

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** If it was there, if it was there, let me tell you what I was going to do. I was going to take that 10 million, go home with the 10 million, look for charities, look for the hobos in the street, give them money, and get to Ad Hoc and tell them that I took 10 million given by these people, here it is. That is my character. That is the person I am. But unfortunately, they had no money. Even when we leave, I stated here in my statement, this Imran guy says, no, Shongwe, do not worry, I see you are not quite happy.

We will get your chocolate when we get to
20 Johannesburg. When I land at the airport, we will meet at the airport, I will give you a chocolate, talks in that line. No, do not worry, I will take my chocolate in Jo'burg. So I was going to take it and make sure that I expose it. Because the purpose that I wanted to know is why would Khan get me there? Why would they want me there if he is

innocent?

ADV HASSIM SC: So on the issue of the chocolates, it is the next paragraph. I think we should just read it in because it mentions the names, if you can read that paragraph into the record.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes. It says:

10 *“We then said our goodbyes, and Imran walked us out to the car. Before I entered the vehicle, Imran said, I do not have anything now, but I will give you your chocolates on Friday when we meet.”*

That is the promise.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. The next paragraph, 2.3.11, you have already dealt with. It was a question about who was present in the meeting, but you have dealt with that.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Can we go to 2312 on the next page?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** And the question here was, what were the outcomes of this meeting then? You know, what happened after this discussion that took place in the boardroom in Durban? So can you begin by reading 2.3.12 into the record?

MR SHONGWE MP:

“The outcome was that we will meet at his

apartment in Sandton, meaning General Khan, on Friday and Imran will bring me my chocolates and the information on General Mkhwanazi.”

That was the promise. I had promised them, if you may refer back, that I would come to the meeting, which was planned to be in Sandton, in the apartment, where I can recall, as Yusuf asked General Khan where would the meeting be, in the house or, and then he said, in the
 10 apartment. So there was no outcome for me. This is where it ended.

ADV HASSIM SC: You did not meet then, on that Friday?

MR SHONGWE MP: No, I never. I never.

ADV HASSIM SC: And you did not meet at any time subsequent to that Friday?

MR SHONGWE MP: I made sure that calls that I do not understand, I drop immediately.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you did not have any further conversation either with Mr Kajee or Mr Imran?

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** I do not recall having any phone calls from—okay, they did not have my number, so a person who would have my number would be Ms Londiwe. I do not honestly recall exactly whether she did ask me or not after that, but I think if she had asked me, as she mentioned in her statement, I think I turned her down. But as I left that

door, I closed that chapter in my mind. I just wanted to find my leaders and explain to them what had happened.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Sorry, Ms Hassim. Mr Shongwe, please look at page 20. It is paragraph 54 of Ms Londiwe's affidavit.

MR SHONGWE MP: Paragraph?

ADV KHUMALO SC: Paragraph 54 on page 20.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Commissioner.

10 **ADV KHUMALO SC:** Maybe just take time to read 54 to 58, and then tell us if you have any recollection of the call on 10th of March 2026.

MR SHONGWE MP: Thank you, Commissioner. This is Ms Londiwe's statement, right?

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: On 54 it says:

20 *“On or about 10 March 2026, I met with Mr Imran and Mr Yusuf Kajee, and telephonically connected them to Mr Shongwe. Their call was placed on speakerphone. Mr Shongwe indicated that he was occupied with work commitments. It was apparent to me that he was not interested in pursuing any further meeting. Following that discussion, I had no further*

involvement in the matter.”

ADV KHUMALO SC: Do you have any recollection of that call?

MR SHONGWE MP: Mhlonishwa, nangibona lento le, angikhumbule nakaxani (Chairperson, when I see this thing, I do not remember even a little bit), but I am trying, my mind is failing me here because on the 10th of March it was my birthday and I do not recall ukuthi (whether) was I at work. But if I read this, ngoba ngiyazazi mina, umangibizi
10 maybe ngo Ad Hoc (because I know myself, if I am busy maybe with Ad Hoc) I will pick up and say, ei ngibizi, ngibizi (hey I am busy, I am busy), I will call you.

So I do not really recall ukuthi ngakhuluma nabo (that I spoke to them), maybe I just dropped the call ngibizi, ngibizi (I am busy, I am busy) they were talking to me. So angiyibheki ngaphandle, angiyivumi, kodwa angiyikhumbuli ke ntlobo (so I am not putting it out, I am not agreeing to it, but I o not remember it only) but what I know is that bengingasaifuni kula madoda ehe (I did not want myself
20 with those men, yes).

ADV KHUMALO SC: But it is possible that her statement, the way she puts it here, is correct.

MR SHONGWE MP: The outcome of what she says here gives me lento yokuthi (something that says) it is me here, because ngangasafuni lutho ngempele (I truly did not want

anything). So I can say it might have happened. But I do not have a clear recollection of yona lento le (this thing)

ADV KHUMALO SC: Thank you.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: She says that she put the call on speakerphone. You do not recall any voices or recognised voices on that?

MR SHONGWE MP: One thing I know for sure, I have never spoken to those guys ever again. She might have called me
10 and spoke to me and maybe she said I am putting you on speaker, I was not even listening because, you see, when I am at work, it is a space like this. Cameras are here. So you go on the phone. By the time you are going down, somebody is continuously speaking.

So I might have missed that if it happened like that. But I know that I might have said to her, I am not available, I am committed, I am busy at work. So if it happened, I was working on that day, it might have been like that. For that matter, I do not even recall what I did that day on my
20 birthday, but I do not drink. So I do not know what happened that day.

ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you. So the next paragraph, 2.4, is in response to the question where you were requested to provide information about your discussions with President Zuma, Duduzane Zuma, and the leadership of the MK party

and their response to you relating this meeting to them and the details of this call with General Khan. Could you read that into the record?

MR SHONGWE MP: Are we on 2.4?

ADV HASSIM SC: 2.4.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes. “*The following day...*” And which I think I must correct, I do not think exactly it was—was it on the 9th? I cannot recall.

ADV HASSIM SC: Did you, can I ask you this? After this
10 meeting on the 8th, did you fly back to Cape Town? Or did you remain in Durban?

MR SHONGWE MP: No I did not, I remained.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: I remained, ja. So I wrote here:

20 *“The following day I met with President Zuma and Mr Duduzane Zuma and recounted to them what had transpired in the meeting as previously explained. President Zuma expressed surprise that this was the reason the meeting had been requested, as this had not been disclosed to him up front. He had only been informed that they wished to praise our work on the Ad Hoc Committee and many individuals too.”*

Ja.

ADV HASSIM SC: So you reported this to President Zuma and to Mr Duduzane Zuma. Did you report it to anybody else?

MR SHONGWE MP: I went to my principals. President Zuma is my President in the party and my elder, which I felt to respect him, because these guys went to him. And then, Duduzane Zuma is the member of the PTT, which is Presidential Task Team. So because of a certain
10 relationship, I decided to ...[intervenes]

ADV HASSIM SC: Sorry, just to be clear, Presidential Task Team within the political party?

MR SHONGWE MP: Within the political party, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

MR SHONGWE MP: So I had to tell them the story, because I know Duduzane understands these people. So I then decided, let me go tell them what happened, for my protection in a way, that I had a meeting with these two people. But when we got there, the subject of the meeting
20 was then related to me as this. So the President did say – at first, when I told him about these people, he kept on saying, okay, because when I said it, I said I was in a meeting where I was speaking with General Kahn.

So the President does not know General Kahn. He met that guy once. Even Duduzane confirmed it, no, this

guy has only met ubaba nakhona once (the father and once) somewhere in passing. So the President does not know Duduzane. But when we spoke about these two guys, he said oh amadoda lawa wogwayi, ya be befikile la (oh those cigarette guys, yes they did arrive here). Meaning la madoda (those guys), those cigarette guys, oh, they came here, bafuna ukukubona (wanting to see you), so what was wrong with that?

So I then told the President ukuthi haai mfo, 10 ngibizelwe into enje (that no my brother, I was called for such a thing). This is when the President tells me, no, no, no, do the right thing, uyawazi umsebenzi wakho (you know your job), go do your thing uyiveze lento (take this thing out). So I got the blessings ukuthi ngiyoyiveza (that I can bring it out) from my seniors.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Sorry just, did you report this to the committee?

ADV HASSIM SC: Mmm.

20 **ADV KHUMALO SC:** The Ad Hoc Committee.

MR SHONGWE MP: I did not, I would not use the word report it. But when I went to the committee on that day, I spoke about it when I was questioning General Masemola.

ADV HASSIM SC: Can I just pause you there? Because that is where I was going to go next. Can I take you to

page 13 in the bundle? In fact, if we could just start at page 12. You will see from page 12, this is a transcript from the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on 17 March 2026. Okay, you will see the date at the top.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. And then page 13, you turn over the page.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: The very last paragraph on that page,
10 that long paragraph. Okay?

MR SHONGWE MP: I see that, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: You see that, do you see three lines into it. Sorry, Commissioner Khumalo, maybe it would help if the witness just read this paragraph and the relevant parts into the record. So, I think Mr Shongwe, if you could read that paragraph.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Where is that?

ADV HASSIM SC: But the relevant part starts at, 'guess what happened'?

20 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Wait, wait, wait, where is that?

ADV HASSIM SC: Three lines in it.

MR SHONGWE MP: Three lines before? Okay, yes. So, should I start there by 'guess what happened'?

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay. I say there:

“Guess what happened? I got a call to come to Durban, somebody wants to see me. These people went into the office to make an appointment to see me. I flew to Durban, and when I got there, General, who are...”

Sorry, when I got there, should I read the time as well?

ADV HASSIM SC: No, you can skip over that.

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Okay. *“...General, who are having a...”*
There is a very small font here.

ADV HASSIM SC: I know, it is very small.

MR SHONGWE MP:

“...who are having a factory of cigarettes in Maritzburg, you may know them. They took me to a security company office, actually, they asked me, they invited me to that office in Morningside, not far from Cubana. When I entered, they spoke to me and said
20 *to me, Shongwe, what is wrong, what did we do to you?”*

Should I continue?

ADV HASSIM SC: Yes.

MR SHONGWE MP: Okay.

“My response, what are you talking about?”

That house has cameras outside and inside, General, as we are speaking, obviously they make promises we will look after you, do not do this, why speak to this guy, there is somebody who wants to speak to you and I asked, who is that? There is somebody who wants to speak to you. Who is that? No, look at the phone, they are forcing me to take the call. They made a video call. On the video call is a person I do not know, it is the first time seeing that person, but I am told this is General Khan now. My question is, the guy spoke until his eyes were red, when he was speaking, as emotionally as I am right now, he says, you are suffocating me, come see me on Thursday or on Friday in Sandton, let us talk, what is wrong? Yes, on the record I do not see there is anything wrong in that, because that is how we politicians get information. But what worries me is what these two families say to me. There is a family of Maja Janeska who died, a makeup artist who was shot in the head. The family says, this case, somebody walked on the

case and the allegation is that General Khan covered for these murder cases. The second family is the family of Dr Abdullah Monshi, who was killed in an alleged road rage incident, a car bumped into the car behind the doctor, the doctor went out and he was shot. But on the street it was said that the father of the son who went to the hospital and died had the hands on that doctor. It is the one claiming that he killed that doctor for revenge and again, General Khan's name comes out there and it is said to me that he is the one who is the protector. Now, General, it is alleged that we here in Parliament, the Ad Hoc, we will not see that person sitting where you are sitting because he claims he is protected. He claims all of us are taking something from whoever he says it is to. I will not reveal my sources. I had left that thing, but when I was in that house, that prompted me, if General Khan is as true as he says, why is he not applying to come here and clarify his name? But instead, he opts to call me and invite me into an office.

Why now?"

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, that is good. I think you can stop there. So this is where you relate, in the Ad Hoc Committee, the events that took place on the 8th of March.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Just before I ask the next question, I just want to first ask you, you say in this paragraph, when you got there, you met these people who have a factory of cigarettes in Pietermaritzburg. Who are you talking about?

10 Is that...[intervenes]

MR SHONGWE MP: Imran and Aseef Kajee.

ADV HASSIM SC: They have a cigarette factory?

MR SHONGWE MP: It is what they told me.

ADV HASSIM SC: And that cigarette factory is in Pietermaritzburg?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, how they tell me that, is that in one of his yapping-yapping too much, he says your former SG, referring to Floyd Shivambo, when he came to the factory, we always helped him, we gave him something, do
20 not worry. He was referencing how he helped people, so if I agree to what they want to offer, it is one of those things that he talks too much, I recall as we move on. So he says that Floyd Shivambo came there, your former SG we gave them t-shirts, do not worry, man, that was the topic. So in that sentence, that is what he says, in our factory in

Pietermaritzburg.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay, and do you know the name of the factory?

MR SHONGWE MP: No, I do not, I have never been.

ADV HASSIM SC: All right, so you talk about it then in the Ad Hoc Committee. Were there any further enquiries that were made on this incident, either by the Ad Hoc Committee or by anybody else that you are aware of?

MR SHONGWE MP: Ma'am, to my understanding, I think,
10 let me say, I am new in Parliament, and some of the things I do not know how they operate. But the level of assistance we are supposed to get or I think we should be getting in the Ad Hoc Committee, is zero. Because this matter, it is only here that I am speaking about this matter. It is only here that I am asked formally about this matter.

And taking into consideration, you see when you speak of the cigarette guys, you link them with many allegations, including the drugs, how unsafe they are. If I may recall back, there was a time when I went to Kgosi
20 Mampuru. A night before we were questioning Cat Matlala, if I may transverse the space. TAhe night before I questioned Cat Matlala, which was on Wednesday, I drove out to Tembisa to see one of my pastors, uBaba Simelene.

When his daughter was opening the gate, I got hijacked and my car, I was taken into the car at the back,

and we drove off with those two people, with the daughter as well. Fast forward, the case is opened. The case is opened as kidnapping and hijacking. Now, I asked the police, why do you specify it like that? Because it sounds, in a way. Then they specified it like this. I did not report it. I went to work, I went to the police station.

After I was done with the police station, I went straight to work, because I wanted to question Cat Matlala. I was so interested in questioning Cat Matlala. And why
10 was I so interested? Because, I just cannot find that article, but I think it was reported by Media24 in some years, it was somewhere in December, where the Aeroton drugs, it said they were not transported to the lab, but they went to Pretoria West College. I have never seen that anywhere, I have only seen it once, in that article, and I cannot find it. That is what I was looking for yesterday.

Before I lose my chain of thought. So, that thing that day, when I went to question Cat Matlala, I wanted to ask him ukuthi (that) is this the reason he got residence for
20 his business in the Pretoria West, so that these drugs, if they were brought to Pretoria West, nobody will think the drugs of Cat Matlala are in the police college. So, that information, for you to probe that information and get it further somewhere, you will have to traverse very dangerous ways, to go to dangerous people and put your

life in danger.

So I did not probe that thing further, but that was why I went to work that day. So I got to work, I did not even tell my colleagues that an incident had happened. I asked a certain question to uBaba (Mr) Matlala. Unfortunately, my ten minutes lapsed before I got the important information about the Metropolitan Life Company. I did not get to the drugs issue. As I left there, I wrote a note to my chairperson that I am leaving, there was a
 10 certain incident I will explain later and I left, because I was very emotional.

Now, in the media it was said Shongwe addressed Cat Matlala as a groot man. When I address everybody, I either call them isithakazelo, clan names and all that, everybody, I respect people. But, I missed that opportunity of checking whether these drugs really, really were in college, and if they were in college, that means the syndicate, which I call the Indian Cabal, which I am still checking the IDAC people, Khan would have been able to
 20 work with Cat Matlala to get the drugs stored in the police, and they can be utilised from that police vicinity.

Nobody would think if there are drugs in the police college. Nobody would think to check there. So, I say this because, in the Ad Hoc, the support that we are supposed to be getting was somehow very, very limited. We missed a

lot of things that we could have probed. So, that is why I say, even that matter, I was never asked. I remember seeing it on TV two days, I did not mention it that much, but I saw it two days later, I saw it on TV, I was like, oh, now I have to rush and tell my parents quickly something happened, because while my mother was still alive and my father, I could not tell them that this thing has happened, because they are always worried.

People are coming at the location and say ei
 10 umtanakho uzongena engozini, umtanakho uzongena engozini (hey your child will get into trouble, your child will get into trouble), stuff like that, so I did not tell anybody, but I saw it on the news on Friday, then I informed my family. But in the Ad Hoc, we have never spoken about this.

ADV HASSIM SC: So, that whole story that you just gave us now about Cat Matlala and the drugs and so on, is a way of you saying that there were no further enquiries.

MR SHONGWE MP: I could not.

20 **ADV HASSIM SC:** From the Ad Hoc Committee's side?

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, including this one as well, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. On that issue, but also on this issue.

MR SHONGWE MP: On this one, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: You are drawing an analogy.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: All right. But on the 17th of March, when you explained this in the Ad Hoc Committee, you were discussing, the person you were talking to at that point was General Masemola. He was the person who was the witness before the Ad Hoc Committee.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And he is the National Commissioner of Police.

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Commissioner at that time, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: Did he follow up and make any enquiries about this call that was made to you with this offer from General Khan?

MR SHONGWE MP: It is only the Madlanga Commission that has spoken to me about this matter, apart from my political party. And in my thinking, I think me mentioning it there in the Ad Hoc, for me it was enough. I did not even see a need to open a case or do anything further because that space, I think it is a protected space. We are governed
20 by certain laws there. We are protected by certain laws. If the Committee felt the need to do anything, they would have jumped on it, including protecting us.

ADV HASSIM SC: Okay. Then your statement concludes with, you refer us to the timeline tracker from your vehicle, which we have.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: And then you conclude that they never reached out to you, meaning Mr Kajee and Mr Imran, since you—and then you have clarified there is a different version that is provided in Ms Londiwe's statement.

MR SHONGWE MP: Yes, yes.

ADV HASSIM SC: But you have explained that. And that brings us to the end of your statement. Is there anything else you wish to add?

10 **MR SHONGWE MP:** Mmm. You will wish you never asked that. So do you have six hours?

ADV HASSIM SC: Only that is relevant to the questions that were put to you in this notice, Sir.

MR SHONGWE MP: No, apart from saying I appreciate the level of the Madlanga Commission work and the fact that you guys have taken the bar, in fact I will admit at first when we started the Madlanga Commission, to me I was seeing a Zondo.2, Zondo Commission.2. It was not going where we wanted to. But when we as the MKP members in
20 the Ad Hoc changed the notch, people in South Africa focused so, so much in the Ad Hoc until something changed here.

And I myself was changed and taken into appreciation that at least this time around there will not be a one billion spent on nothing. There will not be a one

billion spent on fighting our fight as politicians. So I appreciate you guys for being fair and honest through their fight. And the South Africans are seeing that exactly as I see it. So in that note, I also appreciate that you have given me this opportunity to speak about this.

I hope we work together in fighting this crime in South Africa. We would not have March and March today had our laws been followed the way they should be. Now we have an issue where we have to accept and feel bad that
10 we are taking foreigners away in our country. But mainly because laws were not followed. So I appreciate your work. Thank you very much.

ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you, Mr Shongwe. Chair, I do not have any further questions for the witness.

MR SHONGWE MP: Can I put this on record before I speak, Commissioner ukuthi (that) I am the first person to get the Commissioners not to ask the questions, angisiyinto yokudlala (I am not a playing thing).

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you very much, Mr Shongwe. You are excused.

MR SHONGWE MP: Thank you, Commissioner.

ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: Ms Hassim?

ADV HASSIM SC: Chair, I believe there may be one *in*

camera application. Could I ask that we stand down? I cannot give you a time.

CHAIRPERSON: We will come back when it is indicated to us.

ADV HASSIM SC: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: Let us adjourn.

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CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Mr Chaskalson, good afternoon.

10 **ADV CHASKALSON SC:** Afternoon, Chair, afternoon, Commissioners. Chair and Commissioners, there is an application for the evidence of Witness L to be led *in camera*. The application has been put before the Commission. There is no opposition on record. The media have been notified of the application and unless there are specific questions which the Commissioners would want me to address, I would ask that the Chair gives a ruling that the evidence of Witness L be given *in camera*.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Is it still morning? Afternoon, Mr
20 Chaskalson. We have obviously read the application and the Chair will deal with how the Commission intends to proceed with it. But it was served on the media. So if you go to page 15 of the letter, page 15 of the application rather, the letter of the attorneys, the media's attorneys, they raise serious concerns about how the *in camera*

applications are presented to them and they are so heavily redacted that they cannot meaningfully engage with the application. Although they say they are not opposing this one, they raise certain concerns. So it may be that evidence leaders going forward need to address this issue because it is obviously a concern to the media parties and they wanted it placed on record. That is why it is put in the letter.

ADV CHASKALSON SC: Indeed, Commissioner. Our
10 concern with this specific application is that it was very difficult to provide, well it was not possible to provide a less redacted copy without identifying the witness in the process. And certainly the redactions that were made were...

ADV KHUMALO SC: They were necessarily.

ADV CHASKALSON SC: We believe were necessary. It may be that we need to, obviously we cannot post an un-redacted application or circulate it to the world. But it may be that we can have a situation going forward where we
20 make available to legal representatives of the media a, if not a wholly un-redacted copy, then a much more substantially un-redacted copy under conditions of confidentiality. We would have to think through a process that would secure the protection of the witness.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Or maybe as you serve it on them,

consider explaining why redactions were made and for what purpose so that at least they get a big picture. Because I am concerned that all they are getting is a redacted application and they are then being asked to state whether they oppose or they consent and that is where the complication might be. So it is something to think about for the evidence leaders going forward. I do not think we will find a solution now. But I thought I should place it on record because they have placed it on record in the form of
10 a letter.

ADV CHASKALSON SC: Thank you Commissioner. It is certainly something that we are applying our minds to.

CHAIRPERSON: Mr Chaskalson, I am thinking there are a few prayers in the notice of application itself. What I am proposing is just to make a ruling that the hearing of the testimony will be *in camera*. But I will ask you to prepare a full draft ruling. Why I am saying that, I am looking for example at paragraph 3.

ADV CHASKALSON SC: 3?

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** Yes, yes, yes. So let me just make that one important ruling and then for the rest I am thinking it may then be served on the media and also posted on our website, the full ruling.

ADV CHASKALSON SC: Thank you, Chair. And maybe just to clarify what 3 is, because we cannot clarify what 3

is.

CHAIRPERSON: I think I do have an idea, but please go ahead.

ADV CHASKALSON SC: No, but for the public.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

ADV CHASKALSON SC: 3 is to specify a list of the people who may be present in the proceedings. And we just need to organise among ourselves inside the evidence leader team who is going to be present so that they can be named.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** Yes, yes, yes. Thank you.

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RULING

The hearing of the testimony of Witness L will be *in camera*, a fuller ruling will be given in due course and it will be posted on the Commission's website and also handed over or delivered to the media.

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ADV CHASKALSON SC: Thank you Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: And we adjourn I assume until?

20 **ADV CHASKALSON SC:** I am afraid we do adjourn.

CHAIRPERSON: 9.30 tomorrow. Let us adjourn.

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