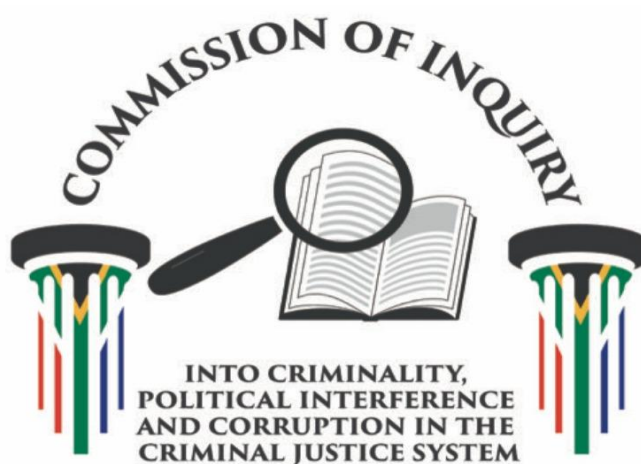


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CHAIRPERSON: Good morning, Ms Sello.

ADV SELLO SC: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

ADV SELLO SC: Good morning, Commissioners.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Thank you.

ADV SELLO SC: Chair, today we continue with the IDAC stream and we have Mr Adams in the witness box, who will be led by Advocate Segeels-Ncube. Thank you.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** Good morning, Ms Segeels-Ncube.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Good morning, Mr Adams.

MR ADAMS MP: Good morning, Commissioners.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Can you please state your full name or place your full names on record?

MR ADAMS MP: Fadiel Adams.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Will you be swearing or affirming?

MR ADAMS MP: No, I will be swearing.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** Do you swear that the evidence you are going to give is the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth?

MR ADAMS MP: I do.

CHAIRPERSON: If so, please raise your right hand and say, so help me God.

MR ADAMS MP: So help me God.

FADIEL ADAMS: (duly sworn states)

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. What we normally do, Mr Adams, do not mind the cameras. I see you looking in that direction.

MR ADAMS MP: It is a bit intimidating.

CHAIRPERSON: What we normally do is to start with the witness basically reading or going through their statement without being probed or seriously engaged, with the exception of asking clarity-seeking questions. Ms Segeels-
10 Ncube will advise how we will do it when we get to that stage, but I want to raise certain issues right at the beginning before you deal with your statement.

Issues that relate to what you said the last time you were here. That was on the 11th of August, hey? Yes. So I want to start there before we get to your statement. Do you have a file written Correspondence Bundle on the spine?

MR ADAMS MP: No, Chair. No, Commissioner. I only have witness bundles here that ...[intervenes].

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** He does have it, Chair. They will assist him with it, but it is there.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Thank you. On your last appearance on the 11th of August, you said that you did not receive communication emails to you by the Commission in October 2025. I am sure you do confirm saying so.

Correct?

MR ADAMS MP: Justice, Commissioner, what I said was I observed an email asking three questions. However, I expected more questions. Therefore, I did not respond to it, but I have had, and I put places on record, and you can summons the IT guys from Parliament here if you want to, that I have had numerous issues with my laptop. And though this is not an excuse, I am just trying to explain to you the situation I was in. I am still in with this laptop, but

10 ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Mr Adams, we will save a lot of time if you answer the questions asked directly and you do not veer off to terrain that does not relate to the question that was put to you. Is it so that on 11 August 2026, when you were last here, you said that you did not receive communication emails to you by the Commission?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. And the reason you gave for saying so, that is for not receiving the communication, was
20 that your emails were not working. Is that correct?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. And you also said that the first time you received the Rule 3 notice was only three months ago. Is that correct also?

MR ADAMS MP: That was when I received it, yes, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: You said you received it only three months ago.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: That is correct. Now, go to the file I just referred you to and go to page 1 of that file. Are you there?

MR ADAMS MP: I am there, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Page 1, okay. And there you see an email sent by Ms Mari Wilsnach on 3 October 2025 at 16:54. You see that email?

10 **MR ADAMS MP**: I am on page 1, Chair?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: And that email is addressed to you. That is your Parliament email address. fadams@parliament – I should not, oh my God.

MR ADAMS MP: No, it is fine, Chairperson. I do not have a problem with my email or phone number out there. That is what it is there for.

20 **CHAIRPERSON**: Ja, apologies. But anyway, I am sure you do put out as Parliamentarians, you do put out yours or your constituency and everything else, but apologies anyway.

MR ADAMS MP: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON: So it is addressed to you. And that, as I say, is 3 October 2025 at 16:54. Do you see that – okay, let me ask you to read that email into the record from where it

says we hereby attach, and you read up to where it says this email serves as part 1 of 2. Please read it yourself.

MR ADAMS MP:

10 “We hereby attach for your attention and
notice in terms of Rule 3 of the Rules of
the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into
Criminality, Political Interference and
Corruption in the Criminal Justice
System, including transcripts from the
testimony of Lieutenant General
Mkhwanazi on 18 and 19 September
2025. The last mention will follow in a
subsequent email. This email serves as
part 1 of 2. Should you have any
queries, please contact the writer of your
email. Kindly acknowledge receipt of the
attached. Thank you. Mari Wilsnach.”

CHAIRPERSON: Okay. All right, all right. Thank you, and
you do notice that it refers to a Rule 3 notice.

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Yes, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Now go to page 2, and there
do you see the email sent only a minute later that is at
16:55 on 3 October 2025. You do see that as well? It is
also from Ms Mari Wilsnach. You see that email?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Please, you should please vocalise your agreement ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Vocalise your agreement. Do not nod, please.

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. And that email said the second instalment of the transcript of General Mkhwanazi's evidence was attached. I am paraphrasing, of course. Is
10 that correct?

MR ADAMS MP: You are, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Now my interest is in the Rule 3 notice that was referred to in the first email and which was attached to that email. And perhaps for the record and for your purposes, let me advise you that Ms Mari Wilsnach is one of the attorneys or directors in the Commission's firm of attorneys. That is just for your information. Now let us look at the notice itself. It is at page 3.2. Do you see it?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** Now it says that General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi implicated you on the matters itemised in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.2. Do you see that?

MR ADAMS MP: I do, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: No, I am sorry, to 1.3. To 1.3. Do you see that?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Ja. Now in the main paragraph 4, that is the main part of paragraph 4, read with paragraph 4.1, the notice invites you to respond and in doing so to address the facts that implicate you and to give an explanation or evidence. Do you see that?

MR ADAMS MP: I do, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Now, and this is quite crucial, bearing in mind that you said that you only saw the October
10 communication three months ago. 14 days later, that is on 14 October 2025, you responded to this communication by means of an email that is at page 5. Let us go to page 5 towards the foot of the page. Do you see your response there?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: It is addressed to Ms Mari Wilsnach, and in your response of 14 October 2025, you request to make your submissions 72 hours after the testimony of General Khumalo. Do you see that?

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, if you responded to the Commission's Rule 3 notice only 11 days after it was sent to you, your response, as I said, being on 14 October 2025, you were not truthful when you said you received notice or you only saw the email communication three months ago.

Am I correct? You were not truthful.

MR ADAMS MP: If I may, Chairperson?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, when I responded to this email, it was because when I looked at the section 3, please bear with me, I saw three questions. I then responded to Ms Wilsnach because I had been out of the province struggling with a laptop.

I went to Parliament. They fixed it. I responded to
10 her. I said to her, a lot of my testimony will have bearing regarding General Khumalo. If I may have permission to respond to him within 72 hours after, Chairperson. I then left it at that even after General Khumalo had testified.

However, I will admit, Chairperson, that all this confusion regarding the emails and my correspondence is entirely my fault. I could have done better and I should have done better. My recollection of the email referring to the section 3 is pertaining to the one that comes afterwards and I did get my dates mixed and for that I profusely
20 apologise.

I also, Chairperson, I sat here on the 11th and you told me that I was not taking the Commission seriously. It was something that I disagree with even now. However, I will take full responsibility for all the confusion and all the delay regarding the emails that came. Parliament will know,

and they can deny this again so I can prove it again, that all email correspondence sent, even from the police portfolio, is sent to my administrator, Beldine Lubbe, because my laptop just does not respond 50% of the time. So for this, Chairperson, I do apologise to you and everybody profusely, but this was my fault. I will not run from this.

CHAIRPERSON: You are ahead of me. My question is a simple one ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: My apologies.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** My question is a simple one. It is this. When you said on 11 August 2026 you received communication, that is the email communication of October 2025, or rather you saw it for the first time three months ago, that is three months now in 2026. That was untruthful. Is that so?

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, in response, in respect of the email mentioned, I was referring to the follow-up emails that I saw later, not this one right here, because I responded to this email.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** I specifically referred on the 11th of August 2026, I specifically referred when I engaged you to communication sent to you in October of 2025, and it was about that communication that you said you only received it three months ago. Am I correct?

MR ADAMS MP: 100% Commissioner.

CHAIRPERSON: Now I will repeat my question for the third time, and I will say, so it was untruthful of you to say that you only saw the communication of October 2025 for the first time three months ago.

MR ADAMS MP: In respect of, yes, Chairperson, now that I have all the emails, even my response in front of me, yes, the information I submitted was wrong.

CHAIRPERSON: It was untruthful.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** Could you possibly have forgotten that the Commission had communicated with you last year already?

MR ADAMS MP: I did forget about this email right here, Chairperson. I did. I will be honest with you. Now that I look at it and now that I replay your question to me on the 11th, if I had this bundle in front of me, the answer would have been different.

CHAIRPERSON: There is a lot of correspondence, and perhaps Ms Segeels-Ncube, or even my co-Commissioners,
20 will take you through it, but what I will say to you is that there are more than one item of correspondence starting from April of 2026, which are reminders for you to file your statement. Are you aware of those?

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, in the last few weeks, I still have not opened, managed to open all the emails, but I

have seen some of it. And again, Chairperson, let me apologise for this, and your team, if I may finish, Chairperson, will tell you that since they have started communicating via the Beldine Lubbe email address, we have responded promptly and as promptly as we can.

CHAIRPERSON: We are going to come to the apology, Mr Adams. What I want to know is, are you aware of the correspondence that I say starts from April, in which you are first being told file your statement now, and thereafter
10 you are being reminded to file your statement? Are you aware of that correspondence?

MR ADAMS MP: Not all of it, Chairperson, but I have seen some of the correspondence.

CHAIRPERSON: But you have received this file. Have you gone through it?

MR ADAMS MP: This file?

CHAIRPERSON: The one that I have referred you to now.

MR ADAMS MP: This file was given to me yesterday, Chairperson.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** Did you go through it?

MR ADAMS MP: No, I ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: It was given to me yesterday also, and I have gone through it, which is why I am able to engage you on it. It was given to you yesterday what time?

MR ADAMS MP: I received two batches of emails,

Chairperson. The one was at 12 o'clock the night. The other one was at 1 o'clock the afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON: I am asking you specifically about this file, the correspondence file.

MR ADAMS MP: I switched off my phone, but I can check my phone, because I am not sure which batch came at what time, but there were two batches of emails that came. The one batch came at 12 o'clock the night. The other one came at 13:25 or 13:12 the afternoon.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** May I ask for assistance? When was the correspondence filed?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Chair, as far as I know, the correspondence bundle was sent to Mr Adams on Monday. What was sent to him yesterday was documentation that he had sent to the Commission, which we had to collate into bundles and send back to him. So everything that he received yesterday are his documents. Everything that the Commission gave to Mr Adams or submitted to Mr Adams was sent to him on Monday via a link. The hardcopies he
20 sees for the first time today, because it is the witness bundle.

CHAIRPERSON: There it is. This was sent to you on Monday. Did you see it?

MR ADAMS MP: If I may, Chairperson?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: I booked my flight for Joburg for 6 o'clock Monday morning. I arrived here at roughly 8 o'clock. I took a meeting at half-past eight. I came out of that meeting and my PA had left 100 messages for me that Madlanga had sent you a bundle. I travelled to Pretoria ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: The Commission, not Madlanga.

MR ADAMS MP: The Madlanga Commission. Sorry, sorry. I am about to get whipped by Judge Madlanga again. It was about half-past 11 when she had let me know that the
10 Commission had sent you a bundle. At that time, so ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: This is Monday already?

MR ADAMS MP: This is Monday.

CHAIRPERSON: Your PA tells you that you have been sent something?

MR ADAMS MP: On Monday. I have still got my luggage. I am in Rosebank. I travelled to Pretoria and then found the hotel. It is at that stage when I started looking at this. So in all honesty, Chairperson, I did see, but it was very hasty.
20 I did not have hard copies because I did not have a printer. I am reading it from a cell phone because my laptop again is giving me issues. So it was not the easiest thing in the world to do, but I did try to go through it as well as I could, best as I could.

The problem was, Chairperson, if these things had

come at 9 o'clock in the evening, I could have cancelled my flight. I could have stayed the day. I could have done better, and I am not throwing mud at anyone. I am just saying if I received it earlier, just a little bit earlier, I could have done so much better.

CHAIRPERSON: No. Mr Adams, this correspondence became necessary only because of what you said on 11 August 2026. Had you not said anything about you not receiving emails from October of 2025, we would not be
10 having this correspondence filed before us. So you cannot really complain about the need for it to have been served on you much earlier ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I am happy to concede that ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: It arose because of what you said on 11 August 2026.

MR ADAMS MP: I am happy to concede that.

CHAIRPERSON: Now you say you did go through it, but of course you do give some descriptor as to the nature of how
20 you looked at it, but bottom line is you did have a look at it. Now I will go back to my question. Did you see that in this correspondence file you are told in April 2026 to file your statement, and thereafter there are a few other emails that remind you to file your statement? And this starts from April of 2026.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: And it ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: My apologies, Chair. Before you move away from the 11 August and whether Mr Adams could have forgotten about the email correspondence, there is a clip that we want to play of an interview that Mr Adams had just before his appearance on the 11th of August, where he actually deals with the correspondence, and that will maybe assist him so far as he may have forgotten.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** Please do that now.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Please, please, thank you.

[VIDEO CLIP PLAYED BACK]

20 **"FEMALE SPEAKER:** Adams, I would like to know why he would say he is disappointed about the possible postponement if it is his legal team that handed things late on a public holiday. What did he expect, annexures and a sworn statement?

MALE SPEAKER: Definitely, and he joins us now. We just had to grab him before he goes inside the guest room here at the Bridget Mabandla Justice College. I am also joined by Yusuf

Abramjee, who will be part of this conversation. Thank you very much for speaking to us on ENC. Before, of course, I hand over to Yusuf as well, what happened? Who was late and where is the delay?

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** You know, I am reading the Madlanga statement and I am seeing that I was subpoenaed. It is a lie. I was never subpoenaed. I emailed the Commission and I said you know what, my name has been kicked around like a football for three months. I demand my opportunity to speak. They came back to me and they gave me a date of the 11th. I think that was on the 3rd. I said to them voter registration is the 4th or 5th or 6th. Those are the three busiest days of the year for me. Can you give me another

20 date? I am proposing the 30th. They said no, it is the 11th or nothing. They, in essence, gave me four days to complete my submission. But now remember, as I am trying to complete my submission, people are still mentioning my name left,

right and centre on TV. So it becomes a little bit odd. So we submitted yesterday at 6 o'clock, which I think is still reasonable. I mean, it is not as if they need to go and find documents. I have given them everything. And then this morning I get here and I am told by Yusuf that I am unlikely to testify today, which is disappointing because I have come halfway across the country. I went to bed early. I put on a suit for this and I am told I am not going to testify today. So that is, ja.

MALE SPEAKER: Are you ready to testify for this?

MR ADAMS MP: I would not have emailed Madlanga to demand to testify if I was not ready, sir.

MALE SPEAKER: So what is at play here in your view?

MR ADAMS MP: I think certain people would have read my submissions and thought we have a problem here.

MALE SPEAKER: Do you believe that you were used?

MR ADAMS MP: Let me put it to you like this, Phule. I am here to be used. I am asking the public, if you know of any malfeasance, any corruption, please put your envelope under my office door.

MALE SPEAKER: But were you used? Given the contents of the section 27 referral, the argument here is that your allegations were weak.

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** Let me challenge that..." ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair. We will play the rest of this when it becomes relevant later, but the point is where Mr Adams says that he would not have emailed the Commission demanding to come and give evidence. And if you look at the email that he sends, which is on page 5:

"In closing, I would need to appear before the Commission to clear my name."

20 It is that email correspondence that he is referring to, which started, as Chair said, in October of 2025. And this he says before he appears on the 11th before the Commission.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, thank you. You may ask whatever follow-up questions you may want to.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, Chair, I just wanted to assist

or add to what Chair was asking insofar as he may have forgotten about the email exchange.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, and I notice he speaks so fast. So, you say on Monday, this Monday, you did read this correspondence, the contents of this correspondence bundle. Now, let us go to – let me just find the April email that I kept referring to. I will read to you. It is also from Ms Mari Wilsnach. It says:

10 “I refer to the Rule 3 notice issued to
 you.”

Page 4, page 4, I am sorry. Yes:

 “I refer to the Rule 3 notice issued to you
 on 3 October 2025 in relation to the
 testimony of Lieutenant General N
 Mkhwanazi. We have been instructed to
 request your response thereto,
 notwithstanding that the evidence of
 Lieutenant General D Khumalo has not
 been concluded.”

20 You will recall the relevance of this paragraph is that in
 your response of 13 October 2025, you had requested to file
 your statement after General Khumalo had finalised his
 testimony. Do you remember saying that in ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I do, Chairperson ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: October of 2025?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: So, that is the relevance of paragraph 2:

“We have been instructed to request your
response thereto...”

That is to the Rule 3 notice:

“...notwithstanding that the evidence of
Lieutenant General D Khumalo has not
been concluded. You are therefore
requested to respond to the said Rule 3
notice.”

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The point I want to make about this, I assume you did
receive this email.

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, I received this email and it
was a little bit later than this, but I will listen and I will
concede what you are about to say.

CHAIRPERSON: That you received it?

MR ADAMS MP: I did.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. The point I want to make is this.
This email refers back to 3 October 2025. You see that?

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, even if you were to attempt to
suggest not to have seen the emails of October 2025, this
would have reminded you that they were emails of October
2025. Correct?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: So, you having forgotten that they were emails of October 2025 cannot possibly make sense on the 11th of August 2026, when you were reminded this year, this year, only in April 2026, that there was a Rule 3 notice sent to you in October 2025. You could not have forgotten between April and the 11th of August that you were reminded about the Rule 3 notice of October 2025. Could you?

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, I did not see this email before the 6th of May. Otherwise, I would have responded
10 to it. I again ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: That is not the question I am asking ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, I am going to answer the question, Chairperson. When I saw this email, it would have reminded me of the October email. That is the truth.

CHAIRPERSON: So, it would have reminded you.

MR ADAMS MP: You are 100% correct, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, on 11 ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Page?

20 **CHAIRPERSON**: No, no. 11 August 2026, you do not give us that detail. You just say I was not aware at all of these emails until only three months back. You mention nothing about a reminder in April of 2026 that an email had been sent to you in October 2026 or that Rule 3 notice had been sent to you in October 2025. You say nothing about that.

You just give us the impression that your mind was a complete, clean slate until only about three months ago. You knew nothing at all about the Rule 3 notice of October 2025. Do you want to comment on that?

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, if that is the impression that I am giving, then I do apologise for that. And I know this Commission is having a hard time understanding this, and that is okay. I would probably too if I was sitting on that side. I get 100s of emails a week, and I struggle to get into
10 the emails most of the time. So, just allow me to finish, Chairperson ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: [Indistinct] ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, I see you shaking your head ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: No, no, no, I did not shake my head. I just moved.

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry.

CHAIRPERSON: And you cannot control me not to move.

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, Chairperson. So, what I am
20 saying, Chairperson, this is actually worse than an oversight on my part. It is, but I did not intend to mislead you. I did not, and I understand how bad it looks. And I even understand if you are sitting there, Commissioner Khumalo, thinking that I am being disrespectful to this Commission, but I promise you, Chairperson, as my mother

is watching, that that definitely was not the case.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, there is only one so-called Madlanga Commission, and you say you receive a lot of emails, but emails that you receive from the Commission are only from the Commission. And do you take the Commission seriously?

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, I am here. I arrived a day early at my own expense, twice. I take this Commission very seriously. I am very respectful of this Commission.
10 Forget what I say on social media. That is me acting like a fool half the time. But when I address you, I want you to understand something. You are the only man besides my father who is ever given me a beating. That is how much respect I have for this Commission.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, thank you. Not about me chastising you, no, but thank you for saying you take the Commission seriously. Now, if you do, you receive an email in October 2025 telling you about the Rule 3 notice. You respond to it 11 days later. I will tell you now that it is hard to believe
20 that you would forget about that communication. That is the only communication you got from the Commission until April 2026.

It is hard for me to believe that you would forget about that communication from this one, the only so-called Madlanga Commission. If you say you take the Commission

seriously, I find it hard to believe that you would forget about that communication. This is not mundane communication. It is communication that contains a formal document, a Rule 3 notice, that requires of you to do certain things. Formal communication, and you respond to it. It is just difficult for me to understand how you could ever forget about such communication.

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, I understand the inference that you are drawing. I would probably draw the same if I
10 was sitting on that side. So, once again, please allow me to apologise for that.

CHAIRPERSON: But how could you forget? There is only one Madlanga Commission and there was just this one Rule 3 notice to which you responded. Underline the fact that you responded. How can you tell us that you only got communication three months ago? How could you forget something like that?

MR ADAMS MP: If you would allow me to just take 30 seconds of your time, Chairperson.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: Remember, I am the leader of a political party which deals with systemic problems across the Cape Flats daily. I leave my house at about 05:15 in the morning and I am lucky to come back at 11:00 every day. Saturdays and Sundays included. Once every three weeks I will take a

day off.

I am very busy entertaining people, listening to people, stopping gang fights, stopping bullets, bearing children. Those are the things I do daily, Chairperson. Emails in the beginning is not even my strongest point. I genuinely forgot about this correspondence. I did. I have forgotten about other correspondence. I have forgotten my child's birthday. These things happen due to the hours and the pressure that we work under. I genuinely forgot this,
10 Chairperson. I am not lying to you.

CHAIRPERSON: Let us delineate two things. It is one thing to forget to respond to correspondence. It is quite another to say you do not remember ever receiving such communication. Do you see the difference?

MR ADAMS MP: I understand, Chairperson, and ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: The point I am making, so perhaps, not that I necessarily agree with you, perhaps I would understand you better if you said I forgot to respond to the
20 email correspondence. That is something else altogether. But for you to say you only became aware of it three months ago, that is what I have a difficulty with. Not if you took the communication when you received it the first time seriously.

And I repeat, you, there is only one Madlanga Commission, and it sent you formal communication, a Rule

3 notice which required a response from you. And, again, I say underline, you responded to it. I will, subject to whatever else you say, not believe you when you say it was only in April of this year that you became aware of the communication. That is something that has nothing to do with you being very busy. You being busy may affect you not remembering to respond. Do you see the distinction I am drawing?

MR ADAMS MP: I am not arguing with you, Chairperson.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** You see that the ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: 100%, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, do you accept it when I say to you it is hard for me to believe that in your mind you only became aware of this communication three months ago?

MR ADAMS MP: I accepted that 10 minutes ago, Chair. I do. I do.

CHAIRPERSON: So does it mean you lied to us?

MR ADAMS MP: No, Judge, I did not lie to you. I did not lie to you. I accept that you may find it hard to believe what
20 I said, but I did not lie to you.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, Parliament issued a statement once you said that from October last year until whatever time you saw the email communications, your emails were malfunctioning. Parliament issued a media statement. You are aware of that because you even responded to it.

Correct? Now, in what Parliament was basically saying, you lied. I am paraphrasing again. Correct?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, in what it said, it added that each member of Parliament is provided with three devices to avert the very problem you are referring to, problems of malfunction with the members' devices. So it said each member is provided with three devices. Is that factually correct?

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** That is 100% correct, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, when you said that you had problems with your emails and as a result only became aware of the October 2025 communications only three months ago, were you suggesting, that is on the 11th of August this year, were you suggesting that all three devices were malfunctioning?

MR ADAMS MP: No, Chairperson. Not at all.

CHAIRPERSON: What were you suggesting?

MR ADAMS MP: I can hand you my phone right now,
20 Chairperson, my Parliamentary phone. You will not find an email account or a WhatsApp on here because I do not use it for that because these things get hacked. I have never used it. Furthermore, Chairperson, Parliament has just received a letter from my attorney demanding that they retract because Parliament told other lies. They said I have

never emailed the Speaker regarding the PKTT and there was another email they denied and we produced both emails, Chairperson. So we are saying to Parliament that it is not my fault that your techies are not logging the work they do on my laptop.

I have said it a little bit earlier, Chairperson and Commissioners, that you can summons, I will not even tell you which technician to summons, you can summons any one of them, they have all worked on my laptop. All of
10 them.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, in your – there is a video clip, the response that I have just referred to, which perhaps for completeness will be played right at the end of my engagement with you. In that response, as part of your support, support for the allegation or averment by you that your laptop was malfunctioning, you say that you have given evidentiary material in that regard to, you say, the media. Is it correct?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson, it is.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** What media houses did you give this information to?

MR ADAMS MP: There is a gentleman at Parliament called Kevin Brandt from ENCA. I sent him the screenshots of the emails that we sent. The rest of it, Chairperson, I am again inviting the Commission to send someone to ask any one of

the technicians at Parliament. It is actually a running joke when I come in here with my laptop because it happens all the time.

CHAIRPERSON: Can you please share that with us?

MR ADAMS MP: The emails?

CHAIRPERSON: Those emails that you shared with the gentleman you are referring to.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, definitely, I have it here. Do I share it now? Because I do not know how to share it now.

10 **CHAIRPERSON**: During the tea break, perhaps, and ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, what I will do, Chairperson, during the tea break ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: [Indistinct] ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Excuse me, excuse me, is I will call my office and ask them to email it to the Commission. Is that okay?

CHAIRPERSON: And what do those emails demonstrate exactly? Just in summary, by you.

20 **MR ADAMS MP**: The one email, I am just forgetting. I do not know why I am forgetting what the other one is, but we have both the one email that relates to my arrest and the PKTT invading Parliament because they arrested me in the Parliamentary Village. That is an email we sent to the Speaker. It is something that Parliament has denied, and

then we produce it.

CHAIRPERSON: You say that email relates to your arrest ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, sir. The second email ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, sorry, sorry. That is quite recent, and it would not affect the question of you not having seen communications from October 2025 ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: The second email ...[intervenes].

10 **CHAIRPERSON**: The email about your ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, the second email is a lot older. It relates to the Secretary of Parliament and the 100% increase he received, which we sent to the Speaker, and that must have been 18 months or more, and they did not respond to that either and they denied receiving that email ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Just a minute. You say the second email does what?

20 **MR ADAMS MP**: It relates to the 100% increase the Speaker of Parliament is awarded. And we asked the correspondents, and I am going to speak loosely to the Speaker, is we have been advised to take this to the cops, but we feel Parliament is better equipped to deal with this because it is a Parliamentary issue, and that is another email ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: I do not see how that is related to you receiving or not receiving emails, Mr Adams.

MR ADAMS MP: No, no. Then I am misunderstanding you, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: I am asking you about – you say you have proof that you had problems with your emails. Your laptop was malfunctioning. So I have asked you for that proof ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Yes and ...[intervenes].

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** And I have said in your own words, please summarise what that proof is. You referred to an email that concerns your arrest, and you have accepted that that has nothing to do with what I am engaging you on.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, when I ask you to go on, you then refer to an email about salary increases, and I am saying to you, yet again, I do not see the relevance of that email to the question whether your emails or your laptop was malfunctioning.

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** I now understand your question, Judge.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: So the evidence that I have that I did not make up the laptop story for Madlanga is at the Ad Hoc Committee, I am asked by, I think it was Honourable Nqola, why I used the laptop of Honourable Sakiena Frenchman to

email the Minister. And my response, and it is in the transcripts, is that I actually have a screenshot of it, is that my laptop was freezing. So I walked to the office next door, and I asked her, can I please send an urgent email to the Minister from your laptop?

CHAIRPERSON: When was this?

MR ADAMS MP: This was at the Ad Hoc Committee. What date was that? I could not tell you the date, but I can find it for you.

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** This year or last year?

MR ADAMS MP: It would have been earlier this year. Earlier this year. Much earlier this year.

CHAIRPERSON: So October up to early this year, no similar communication, or do you have any other proof besides that one email ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, that is the one thing ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Or rather, that one event where you used someone else's ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, that is the one event that I can show
20 you to, Chairperson. The rest of it, if the Commission, I will never dream of telling the Commission what to do, but if it pleases the Commission, rather, is to speak to the technicians at Parliament, and they can confirm how many times I have been there with my laptop.

CHAIRPERSON: But, Mr Adams, you say in the video clip,

and as I say, we are going to play it, you say in the video clip I have provided proof to the media that I have been raising the issue of my laptop. Do you not say so in that video clip?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson, I do.

CHAIRPERSON: You do say so.

MR ADAMS MP: And that one paragraph, Chairperson, in my view, is evidence of the fact that I have been having problems with my laptop. And that is not the only email I
10 have ever asked Sakiena if I can use her laptop. I have done it before, and not necessarily to the Minister.

CHAIRPERSON: So this proof is just this one incident.

MR ADAMS MP: That is the one incident.

CHAIRPERSON: Just the one incident?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: I have provided proof to the media that I have been having this problem, and you refer to the one incident where you are asked by Mr Nqola why you are using someone else's laptop, and you give this explanation.
20 That is proof that from October until three months ago, you have been having problems with your laptop.

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: I have been experiencing problems with that thing since it was given to me. It is not since October,

Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: No, no, no, no, no. You do not get my question. I am asking you a slightly different question. You have said you have given the media proof, and all you are able to point to is one instance where you used another member's laptop for, I think you said, sending an email, you said. You say you have provided proof. I am saying the context that we are dealing with here to which you were responding when you responded to Parliament concerns you
10 not receiving email from October 2025 until only three months ago. Do you accept that ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Do you understand that context?

MR ADAMS MP: I understand the context.

CHAIRPERSON: Now, it is in that context that I say you say I have given proof to the media. For that entire period, October until three months ago, the proof, as you call it, relates to one incident when you used another member's ...[intervenes].

20 **MR ADAMS MP**: Chairperson, I get you.

CHAIRPERSON: Laptop ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I do, and ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: That is the proof ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: And the issue at hand, Chairperson, is the laptop. So, if I may, I can do nothing further until the

technicians perhaps confirm to you or refute that I have been having issues ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: No, no, no. Please, please, please. I am not asking whether somewhere else you do have the proof. I am asking you about what you said in response to Parliament. You said you have proof and you have given it to the media. So, the proof that you said you had given to the media was just this one instance of you using some other member's laptop ...[intervenes].

10 **MR ADAMS MP**: I ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: That is this great, great proof that you said you have in the video clip.

MR ADAMS MP: Commissioner?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes?

MR ADAMS MP: Commissioner, I say it in the Ad Hoc Committee, my laptop was freezing ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: That ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I understand your frustration ...[intervenes].

20 **CHAIRPERSON**: We are not the ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, I ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: We are not the Ad Hoc Committee ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: And I am not engaging you about things

that happened at the Ad Hoc Committee. I am asking you about what you said after your appearance here ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: And I am referring to that simple statement ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: After your appearance on the 11th of August.

MR ADAMS MP: And I am referring, Chairperson, if I may, if it is my turn to speak, to that simple statement that my
10 laptop was freezing even then. So, if that is not proof, Chairperson, then, unfortunately, the only people that can confirm anything wrong with my laptop or if I am even lying to this Commission are the people that work on it.

CHAIRPERSON: Maybe you do not get me. I am engaging you on a fact that comes out of your mouth when you are being interviewed on TV after your appearance here. I am not asking you about whether you, in fact, do have proof lying somewhere. For example, what you may have said at the Ad Hoc Committee. For example, what technicians may
20 say if they were to be called. I am not saying they will be.

I am asking you about what you said after your appearance here. So, this proof, and you made the statement quite forcefully and with a lot of confidence, I have proof, I have provided that proof to the media. Proof of what? Proof of your allegation that from October 2025

until only about three months ago, your laptop was malfunctioning. So, the proof that you alleged to have provided to the media was this one instance of you using another member's laptop. That is all the so-called proof that you provided to the media.

MR ADAMS MP: If I may, Chairperson?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: The allegation as I understood it was I had made up the excuse that my laptop malfunctions. The
10 proof I put forward was it is not the first time that I said it. It is not the first time I have said it publicly. This is not something I made up for Madlanga. That is the context of it, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: I am talking about providing. Were you not talking about providing something physical to the media? When you are speaking there on that video clip and you say I have provided proof, surely you mean you have given something physical to the media.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** And I am going back to my question. So, that physical thing that you gave to the media was this one instance ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: This one, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Of you having used another member's laptop.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: That is all, and that is this proof that you have.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: And how does that prove that from October of 2025 until three months ago your laptop was malfunctioning?

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, my laptop has been malfunctioning. There is nothing I personally can do about
10 it, and I think that is all, that I cannot elaborate any further.

CHAIRPERSON: Unfortunately, that is not my question. That is not my question. My question is how does that one instance of you using someone else's laptop prove that from October 2025 until only three months ago in 2026 your laptop was malfunctioning ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I am afraid it does not ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: How does ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I am afraid it does not judge you.

CHAIRPERSON: It does not.

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** It does not.

CHAIRPERSON: So what should we make of what you said then? You lied, basically, when you said you have proof in the context of October 2025 until three months ago. In that interview, you basically told a lie when you said you had proof.

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, it was in the context of I have been lying that there is something wrong with my laptop. That is the context that I provided. The little bit of proof that I had that it was not the first time and it was not the last time either. That is the context, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: You already accepted that it was not proof. That one instance was not proof of the malfunction of your laptop from October 2025 until three months ago. You accepted that. It is on that basis that I suggest to you
10 that when you told the nation that you actually have proof in the context of what was at issue which is October 2025 until three months ago, when you told the nation that you actually had proof of the malfunction over that period this being the context, you were untruthful.

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, I was not. I was not. I cannot accept that.

CHAIRPERSON: Where is the truth in this ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Where is the truth ...[intervenes].

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Chairperson, the truth would be found with the people that work on the laptops. Unfortunately, I do not have the resources to bring them here ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: [Indistinct] ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON: Please continue.

MR ADAMS MP: I am telling you, Chairperson, that the statement that I made to the media was in the context that I came to Madlanga and I lied to the Commission about my laptop malfunctioning at any given time. It is in that context that I produce the transcripts from the Ad Hoc and say here, I said it, I think, seven or eight months ago. There is something wrong with my laptop. It is not for me to sit here and say that, no, I am unable to access anything because, no, Chairperson, I am here to tell you that the laptop locks
10 me out of my emails. Sometimes it does not accept my password. Sometimes the thing freezes and I have no control over it.

CHAIRPERSON: I am afraid I may end up sounding like a scratchy record. You go far and wide and leave what I am dealing with. What I am dealing with is quite simple and I have told you a good few times that it is about what you said was your proof. Not any proof, but proof that you had provided to the media. So anything else that you say about the actual malfunction of your laptop has nothing to do with
20 that so-called proof.

That is my focus. And it is in that context, the context of your so-called proof, which happens to be this one instance, in the broader context of you having said you had this malfunction from October 2025 until only three months ago. So I am saying, and you have accepted, bear

in mind, that that one instance does not provide you with proof of the malfunction of your laptop from October 2025 until only three months ago.

You have accepted that. So it is in that context that I say, I suggest to you then, Mr Adams, and please bear in mind the context, please, please. It is about the one instance and it is about the period October 2025 until three months ago. So I am saying, when you said you had provided the media with proof, which you have accepted
 10 was not proof, so you were being untruthful. That is the simple suggestion I am making to you.

MR ADAMS MP: The whole story, Commissioner, is that I provided the media with the evidence that I had that it was not the first time, that I did not make this up for this Commission. That is what I provided the media. If, in the opinion of Justice Madlanga, that is not proof, I can only concede it. I cannot win a legal argument with a man like you. I am saying to you, Judge ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: [Indistinct] ...[intervenes].

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** No, no, and I am not being patronising. I am saying to you, Judge, that I was accused of lying to you that there was nothing wrong with my laptop. I said, here you go. This thing has been doing it before. I did not make this up for Madlanga. That is the context in which I am saying it to you. The way your question is framed, I

understand, but I am asking that you understand what I was trying to say. That is all.

CHAIRPERSON: You say that you did say you had evidence, but I asked you here and now to give us that evidence, and the only thing you are able to tell us about is just the one instance when you use someone else's laptop. So whatever other evidence you may have which you keep referring to, that is not what you said in the context of the TV interview.

10 That interview referred to just this one instance. So in that context, anything else you may have is not relevant to the debate that you and I are having, and it is in the context of our debate or our engagement that I am suggesting to you that you told an untruth.

MR ADAMS MP: No, Chairperson, I will not accept that. I also know it is going to be hard for me to win a debate against you, but I will not accept that. That laptop, as in the time period you mentioned, malfunctioned many times. The only people that can confirm this are the people that
20 work at Parliament.

 The reason for that press conference was Parliament, excuse me, and I am just going to step off the topic a little bit, Parliament also inferred that I never emailed the Speaker about the Secretary's increase, and I never emailed about the PKTT, and that is why I called that

and I said Parliament is lying. It is in that context because we have the proof of the lies. It is in that context that I spoke, Chairperson, and those emails you will get at tea time.

CHAIRPERSON: None of what you are saying was part of the proof that you say you provided to Parliament. I am sorry, I am sorry, to the media. None of what you say, none of this detail was part of what you say, you said you had given to the media. Do you accept that?

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** I do accept that in the context that you frame it, Judge.

CHAIRPERSON: I have to frame it ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, no, Judge, like I said, if I want to put up a disclaimer, I am not fighting with any three of you. I am not going to win. So, in the context that you frame it, I have to accept it.

CHAIRPERSON: All right. May I ask that we play that video clip, please?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: We are playing it now, Chair.

20 [VIDEO CLIP PLAYED BACK]

MR ADAMS MP: Like Parliament said themselves, they do not normally issue statements like this, but you know what, in my case they will. However, Parliament has found itself wrong

because we sent those emails, we have the proof of the emails, we have sent them to your editors. Perhaps Parliament will now apologise to me because what they have in actual fact done is they have accused me of lying. Parliament has defamed me. So, all we are saying is we have got the proof, we forwarded the proof to the media, we hope the media will publish the proof the same way that they published our Parliament's lies and let us see how it ends. Ultimately, we have never said anything we cannot back up. Whatever we are going to say at Madlanga, we are going to back it up with hardcopy. So, this is a good time for certain people to start getting worried. Parliament will hear from our attorneys in the course of next week because this is unheard of. You know, when that institution starts defaming people for whatever political reason they want to, I do not understand. We must also remember this is the same Parliament that allowed the PKTT to

trample on its sovereignty. So, we are stumped. We do not know what is going on here. You know what, I am not ...[indistinct], but what is going on here is that it is a mess. Parliament is a mess. The country is a mess. The South African Police Service is a mess, and we all know why. So, I am going to leave it at that before I get into more trouble.”

10 **CHAIRPERSON**: Now, Mr Adams, your discussion with Mr Nqola during which you explained to him why you were using another member's laptop, was that an oral engagement?

MR ADAMS MP: It was an oral engagement during my interview process with Ad Hoc. I just also want to, I think it is Honourable Nqola, Chairperson, do not hold me to that. It was one of the ANC's members. I think it was him ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: No, it does not matter much. The identity
20 does not matter much. So, the important thing is that you say that was an oral engagement. Now, and you suggest that that is the only thing thus far that supports you in your view that your emails were malfunctioning.

MR ADAMS MP: Laptop, Chairperson, not only emails. Laptop.

CHAIRPERSON: Laptop, yes, it is fine. Okay, I guess I am focussing on emails because that is what we, from where I am sitting, I am concerned with, but I will accept it ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I just want ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: I will accept it ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I just want, Chairperson, I just want the country to note that one day I will be able to tell my grandchildren that I corrected Justice Madlanga.

10 **CHAIRPERSON**: Mr Adams, now, so that is oral. That engagement with an ANC member of Parliament is oral. In that clip, you referred to, open quote, emails, close quote. It is the emails that are the proof which you have provided to the media. I took you step by step to tell us what each one of those emails that constitute your proof says. What does each one of them say?

You gave one example, I told you it had nothing to do with the malfunction of your laptop. You gave another one, I have forgotten what the first one was about. You
20 gave another example, I remember the second example related to salary increases. And you and I again agreed that that too had nothing to do with proving that your laptop was malfunctioning. Now, you referred to emails in the plural.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: Where you landed eventually was just this one incident of you using another member's laptop. So where are the emails, plural ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: That are proof provided to the media ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry, sorry.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: It is when you pause, I think you have
10 finished. If I give you context, sorry, Chairperson, I do not mean to interrupt your speech. As you pause, I think you have finished. Maybe to assist me, if you can switch your mic off so I can see the light go off, and then I will know when to speak, before you pain me in front of the entire country again.

CHAIRPERSON: I am a very obedient person. I will take the instructions.

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, Chairperson, it is a suggestion. So, just to clear up the confusion between you and I about
20 the emails, that interview you just played, prior to that, the Parliamentary Spokesperson was telling the country that I was lying when I spoke about the Secretary's increase and the email I sent to the PKTT. He said it is highly unlikely, and I quote, that we sent those emails.

Those are the emails I am referring to,

Chairperson. Those emails have nothing to do with my laptop. That was me, excuse me, that was me – I need to stop waving. That was me responding to Parliament that I was lying when I said we had sent emails to Parliament, we cannot even get a response, but Parliament can respond to my laptop apparently not being defective. That was the context of the emails, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: So the short point then is basically that there is no proof, at least in accordance with that clip, I am
 10 not talking about what you may have said elsewhere and whatever engagements you may have had with the technicians and so on. So that clip is by no means suggesting that there is proof provided to the media that your laptop was malfunctioning. Yes?

MR ADAMS MP: Except for the transcript that I took from Madlanga, Chairperson, which in my layman's view constituted evidence, until your juristic mind gave me another viewpoint.

CHAIRPERSON: What transcript are you referring to?

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** The transcript from the Ad Hoc where Honourable Nqola and I were engaging regarding the malfunction of my laptop on that said day.

CHAIRPERSON: No, no, no, I am referring to the interview, the interview. So during the interview and the clip that was played, so there we should not take any

reference to proof, to be proof that between October 2025 until three months ago your laptop was malfunctioning. So the proof referred to by you, which proof you said you had given to the media, had nothing to do with proving that from October 2025 until three months ago your laptop was malfunctioning.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON: All right. Thank you, Mr Adams.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair. Chair, there is,
10 now that you have addressed those issues, Mr Adams has submitted two statements. One is the main statement, which is in File 1, and then there is another statement, which is a one-pager, it is called a supplementary statement, which was probably not necessary but it was submitted nonetheless, and that would be in File 4, Chair.

Now, Chair, insofar as the first statement is concerned, there are annexures to that. We are still trying to figure out what the correct annexures are. You would have seen that there has been a back and forth regarding
20 the annexures, and the statement also does not speak to the annexure. So where Mr Adams refers to FAA1, it does not correspond with the annexures that he has provided, but we will address that with him again during the tea adjournment. Chair, you will forgive me if I do not recall if you had sworn Mr Adams in.

CHAIRPERSON: I did. Thank you. I did.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair. So, Mr Adams, if I could just ask you in File 1, if you have File 1, it should be your witness statement, and that is page 1 to 64.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And if you can confirm that that is your signature on page 64.

MR ADAMS MP: 64 ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Which becomes a very important
10 aspect of your evidence today, of course, is your signature.
Can you confirm that?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Advocate, it is mine.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: That is your signature. And you confirm the correctness of the statement?

MR ADAMS MP: I do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, and the truthfulness thereof?

MR ADAMS MP: I do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Then you have another
20 statement, but we will get to that later because I am not sure that it is a statement that you said we necessarily have to address. It is just you adding annexures to it. Okay. Now, Chair, Mr Adams had advised me just before we commenced proceedings that he had received documentation which he says he received them late, and as

a result of that, he had a conversation with his attorney and his attorney had advised him that he should seek a postponement of his evidence in order for him to consult with his attorney regarding those documents.

We did have a discussion with him regarding the documentation that he is referring to, which we say is not our documents from the Commission, it is his own documents which he provided to us late, and we therefore collated and submitted to him, which he received late. I do
 10 not think that we are necessarily on the same page on that, and I would want him to address you, Chair, and then we will address you in answer to what may be a postponement application, which we will oppose as the Evidence Leaders.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms Segeels-Ncube. Mr Adams?

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Chairperson. And again, I apologise for the late submission. Chairperson, there is a little bit, not a whole lot of evidence that came through in the bundle, and as I have indicated to the Commission,
 20 because of the time that I left Cape Town to be here, to be here timeously and well-prepared, I only received that information late yesterday. Well, not late yesterday, it was late morning rather.

My entire network is in Cape Town. My attorney is there, my researcher is there, my documentation is there,

and I am not trying to slow down the process, Chairperson. As you know, I am here as a willing witness, but my attorney has advised me to rather speak to him and ask if we can make a late submission on that, rather than respond to that right here, right now, if that pleases the Commission.

CHAIRPERSON: I think the antecedent question is this, is it correct, as Ms Segeels-Ncube says, that these documents are your own documents and that all that the Evidence Leaders did was just to collate the documents and to send
10 them back to you?

MR ADAMS MP: If I can just clear that confusion, Chairperson?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: You remember the first batch of documents came in at 12 p.m. on Monday, and then the second, 12 a.m. on Monday, sorry. The second batch of documents came in at half past one. So as they were all sent to me at more or less the same time, so the first document I opened was from the Commission. So I
20 assumed that everything was from the Commission, and I sent it off to my attorney and he said to me we need to consult before you talk on this.

So that is why I am saying, Chairperson, just because of – it is not a lot. I have actually gone through it, but there are certain aspects that I would, if the

Commission allows, prefer to consult with my attorney first.

CHAIRPERSON: I want to understand, what is at issue now? Is it your own documents or not?

MR ADAMS MP: I am not concerned about my documents, Chairperson. Those are mine. I am talking about the few other additions that came from the Commission.

CHAIRPERSON: And you say those came when?

MR ADAMS MP: Well, I received them all at about, somewhere between 12 and half past one, because they
10 were coming in bit by bit because of the size of the files.

CHAIRPERSON: When was this?

MR ADAMS MP: Yesterday.

CHAIRPERSON: Yesterday? How many pages?

MR ADAMS MP: Well, in all, if you take my documents out, I would not be able to tell you off the top of my head. What are they, Advocate? It is not a very lot, but like I say, my attorney has advised that we should speak first. So I do not know. I am not a lawyer, Judge. I am asking for guidance here.

20 **CHAIRPERSON**: But I would imagine your lawyer must understand that with something like this, there are certain pressures, and the lawyer cannot just relax and say, ask for a postponement and I want to consult with you, the upshot of which is that we should then postpone. That cannot be had merely for the asking.

MR ADAMS MP: There is no argument from my side, Justice ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: [Indistinct] ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I am asking, this is a request ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: [Indistinct] ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: That is all ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Let me finish. Especially if, as you say, the documents are not much at all. So the attorney could
10 not just relax and say just ask for a postponement, I want to consult with you, but let me hear. Are you finished with your submissions in this regard?

MR ADAMS MP: I am.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes. Yes, Ms ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Chair, may I just address you on the documents that the Commission submitted to Mr Adams on Monday, so that you can see that what we have given Mr Adams are extracts from the nine, what we call IDAC exhibit bundles.

20 **CHAIRPERSON:** Yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And we did that because we do not need to deal with all nine files with Mr Adams. His evidence is limited to his involvement in these IDAC matters. And maybe it would be best if I do that with reference to the index, the consolidated index, just to

demonstrate to the Commissioners that what we have provided Mr Adams is really nothing new. And to the extent that there is anything new, it is something that he can deal with because it relates to his A1 statements that he prepared in the various criminal complaints that he lodged regarding these IDAC matters.

So, Chair, what we did was we created a core bundle. Most of it is contained in what you now have as File 9B. And the additional documents, I want to start with
10 the index. At item 33 of the index, the consolidated index, which we will flight the index as well. If somebody can assist him with the index?

CHAIRPERSON: Mr Adamas have ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I am trying to ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Chair, the index should also be again in File 9B. It should be a consolidated index in the front of File 9B. Do you have File 9B?

MR ADAMS MP: I do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, so the first page on File 9B
20 should be an index. Index to Exhibit Bundle.

MR ADAMS MP: Okay. Ja, I am with you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do the Commissioners have the consolidated index? So Chair, on page 2 is item 33, which we have added to the core bundle. That is Mr Adams' section 27 affidavit, which has been prominent in these

proceedings. That is what we included in the core bundle. Then item 37 and 38, but only pages 681 to 684 of item 37, which is Mr Adams' A1 statement in that docket. And you will see that 37 is quite voluminous, but we have only extracted from that his statements, 681 to 684. Item 38, which is also just his statement ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Sorry, the limit in the page number 681 to 68 what?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: To 684.

10 **CHAIRPERSON**: 684.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So it is four pages, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Was there a way in which Mr Adams would have been aware of the cutoff point for 684?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: It was just the A1 statement, so we just provided him with the A1 statements, which are relevant to his evidence.

CHAIRPERSON: All right. Okay.

ADV BALOYI SC: Ms Ncube, does it mean the rest of, and that applies to everything that you are referring to, does it
20 mean the rest of that item 37 came from him?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 37 is our IDAC original exhibit bundles that we have been utilising throughout the IDAC stream. All that we did was we extracted pages 681 to 684, because it is his A1 statement in that exhibit, and we wanted to address that statement with him only, not the

remainder of the docket, and that is what we extracted for purposes of him knowing what it is that we are going to deal with.

Rather than give him 4 000 pages, most of which are irrelevant for his evidence, we only gave him what would be necessary for his evidence, and that is, so page 681 to 684 is his A1 statement in that case number, and 38 the same. It is 2611 to 2614 of that bundle. And then on page, item 71 to 78, those are also all A1 statements, 71,
10 72, and 73 are Mr Adams' A1 statements, which were given to him.

Then 74, 75, 76, 77, and 78, those up to 77 are the supplementary affidavits you will recall that was commissioned in Cape Town on the 6th of January 2025. Those were included there. And then item 78, which is the Langlaagte case docket.

CHAIRPERSON: Each one of which is a very short, very short ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Very short, Chair. You can see
20 from the page numbers, it is two pages each. I think there is one that is three pages. And then item 78 is Langlaagte documents relating to the Langlaagte matter, which is the forklift matter, which also Mr Adams would be aware of that. That is what we included in the bundle.

Then item 80. Item 80 would be a new document,

but it is the section 28(6) or (7), (6) and (7) summons that was issued by under Advocate Johnson's name, although she was not the signatory of that document. I think it was Advocate Manilall, where you will recall, Chair, it was a summons that was served on the Acting National Commissioner in May 2026, asking for the details of the members of the PKTT that had executed Mr Adams' arrest.

So that was included, because Mr Adams takes umbrage regarding his arrest, and this document would then
10 be relevant as to his arrest and whether information was requested regarding the arresting members, the members that arrested him, so that would be a new document for him. But you will see, Chair, it is not a lengthy document, and it really is only to find out to what extent he knows or has any knowledge regarding that process.

Then item 84, Chair, it is again, it is SAPS report. This relates to Mr Adams' dockets. You will recall that he had indicated he had lodged complaints when it appeared to him that his dockets had been intercepted. So those
20 reports, although it may be a new document for him, although I do not think that it is a new document that he would have seen, but it is certainly something that we provided to him, not that he provided it to us, but it relates to his cases and the reports that were submitted by various SAPS entities regarding his criminal complaints.

ADV BALOYI SC: And how many pages? On the index, it looks like a lot.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: It is. It contains, Commissioner Baloyi, it also ...[intervenes].

ADV BALOYI SC: The ...[indistinct] is 66 pages.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, but it contains his affidavits as well, his A1 statements. So the report itself is about 12 pages, and from there we have his A1 statements as well because you cannot read the report without the A1
10 statements. We will flight it so that you can see that the majority of that document is actually his A1 statements. And importantly, what is also contained in there is the A1 statements that were signed on the 6th of January 2025, which we want to ask Mr Adams about, which Mr Perumal had, the Perumal affidavits versus the Mr Raphesu affidavits that we want to ask him about.

And then in File 10(2), there are just, it is one document, which is the letter from the Inspector General to Minister Mchunu that we had dealt with, with Advocate
20 Ramsamy. It was the letter where the IGI was submitting the report to the then Minister of Police. And that is really just a document that we want to ask Mr Adams if he is aware of that report, because he does make certain allegations about him requesting the report and not receiving a response.

And then in file 10(1), Chair, it is item 12, which is a docket summary report by Advocate Ramsamy. She did take us through that report where she had taken the Orlando dockets that Mr Adams had opened and given her assessment of those documents. That becomes relevant because Mr Adams suggests that Ms Ramsamy did not have the same view about the merits of his case.

In his statement, he says she had a different view about the merits of his case. So we have added that
10 summary, that report there. And those are, and then it is what is contained in file 9B, Chair, which, if I could just take you back to the main index, it is number 85 on the main index.

It is an extract of the statement of Witness G and you will see it only, there is only one aspect that relates to Mr Adams, and it is the opening of his case, his cases in Orlando. It is one paragraph of that statement, which we have submitted. Then there is CJC399D, email correspondence. This just, again, relates to Witness G and
20 the relationship between Witness G and General Khan.

And then item 87 is a document that Mr Adams referred to, which we have sourced and attached, which is a national instruction on media communication within SAPS. Mr Adams questions General Mkhwanazi's authority to have called the press conference of 6 July 2025, and he

references this national instruction as being, I think what he is suggesting is that General Mkhwanazi did not comply with this national instruction.

So he will have to tell us what aspect of the national instruction he wants to refer us to. We have just provided the document. Then finally, 80, not finally, the next item, which is also 87, that must be corrected, is MK15 and MK16, which is really a repeat of what is contained at item 84, which is again just reports about the statements of
10 Mr Adams, his cases, and what SAPS did to investigate his cases. You would be familiar with that.

And then finally, 88 is just his transcript from the Ad Hoc Committee, his evidence that he, or his testimony at the Ad Hoc Committee, which we have attached, and that is about 64 pages. But again, there will be limited usage of it when necessary. So that is what was provided to him on Monday, and as you will see, Chair, the majority of it are his A1 statements, affidavits that he submitted.

And we say that on that basis, there would be no
20 need for him to consult with his attorneys on that. He is well aware of the statements that he is made. But insofar as there are documents that, for example, the information note that deals with investigations or reports that were made, he may want to consider that.

I do not think that we will necessarily get to that

today. He can certainly take the afternoon to go through that. It does not really involve him, because it is SAPS reporting to SAPS about what was done on, to investigate the claims that was made by Mr Adams.

CHAIRPERSON: So you referred to this afternoon, did you mean overnight?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Overnight, Chair, yes.

CHAIRPERSON: Overnight.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: When we adjourn for the day, yes.

10 **CHAIRPERSON**: All right. Is that not fair enough, Mr Adams?

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, it would be if my attorney was here. Unfortunately, I cannot afford to fly and house him here. So it puts me at a slight prejudice, but let me see what I can do, because I want this thing to get over with.

CHAIRPERSON: Ja. You see, what I understand from Ms Segeels-Ncube is that what happens today, we will not get to the documents which are not your documents, and that overnight, that should afford you ample opportunity to then
20 consult with your attorney. The other documents are, as Ms Segeels-Ncube says, your own documents, A1 statements and so on and so on.

MR ADAMS MP: I would just ask the Commission just to understand that these are documents I have not seen in over 18 months. So it is not as if I wrote it down this

morning. But the point is taken, Chairperson. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. Let us start.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I agree with Commissioner Baloyi, Chair.

CHAIRPERSON: Let us take the adjournment then and resume at 11:30. Let us adjourn.

HEARING ADJOURNS

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CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Ms Segeels-Ncube?

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Thank you, Chair. Chair, we will
now begin with Mr Adams' statement. What I propose,
Chair, you will see that it is a 64-page document, and if we
were to go through the entire document, I do not think we
will finish in this week to finish on the 64 pages. I had a
discussion with Mr Adams as to how we will deal with it, and
he does not put anything in any particular sequence. So I
suggested to him that I would go to the relevant topics,
because I think everything from page 1 to page 131 is
probably irrelevant, most of it irrelevant for purposes of our
20 terms of reference.

The remaining 30 pages may have some relevance,
and we will obviously seek a lot of clarity from Mr Adams
there, because he is very thin on dates and detail, insofar
as his involvement is concerned on these topics, but there
are topics that are relevant. I have said to Mr Adams I do

not want to restrict him from what he wants to say, but it must be within our terms of reference, it must be relevant to what we are dealing with, and to the extent that he makes allegations, where he does not have the evidence to back it up in these proceedings, then we really should not deal with it unless he invites us to then interrogate him on the merits of whether he does have the evidence or not.

He has agreed that he will be guided by me insofar as the flow is concerned, so chronologically, but he will give
10 his evidence, rather than read the statement, he will give his evidence in his own words. I think that will go quicker, Chair, insofar as that is concerned. If it is not, then we will ask him to read, but trust me, I have engaged with him. If he reads, he is still going to elaborate, so I am trying to take the lesser of the two evils.

CHAIRPERSON: Maybe let us start and see how it goes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So, Chair, you will see that his personal background appears on page 10, and I think that is the place where he should probably start. So if he chooses
20 to read, he may do so, but from my engagement with him, it seems like it is easier if he just summarises. But we will be guided by Mr Adams for the time being, and then if we feel that it is not working out, we can then give some guidance. So it is on page 10 of your statement, Mr Adams. It is personal background. Do you have it?

MR ADAMS MP: [No answer]

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do you have it?

MR ADAMS MP: I have it.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. You may proceed.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate, Commissioners.

My personal background.

10 “I was born and raised in the Cape Flats
in the Western Cape, where I spent the
overwhelming majority of my life living,
working, and engaging with the
communities that formed the subject of
much of the evidence before this
Commission. I am by occupation a
construction worker and a small business
owner. Before entering public life, I
operated a business that employed
members from my local community. My
involvement in community affairs
developed through my day-to-day
20 interaction with residents who were
affected by poverty, violent crime, gang
activity, and what I perceived to be
failures by public institutions to respond
effectively to those challenges.
My early life was not without hardship.

Like many young people growing up on the Cape Flats during the period, I experienced circumstances that exposed me to criminality, gangsterism, and substance abuse. Through the support of my family and my own determination, I was able to overcome those challenges, establish a lawful livelihood, and devote my efforts to community service. I

10 mention these matters not to seek sympathy, but because they explain my understanding of the social conditions that continue to affect many communities on the Cape Flats, and that is why I became actively involved in public affairs. My involvement in civic activities arose from concerns regarding the socioeconomic conditions experienced by communities on the Cape Flats,

20 particularly the impact of violent crime, gang activity, and corruption, and what I perceived to be failures of public administration. Those concerns ultimately led to my participation in various community initiatives aimed at promoting

accountability within government and law enforcement institutions.

I was one of the founding members of the civic movement known as Gatvol Cape Town. The movement was established to advocate on behalf of communities that believed themselves to be disadvantaged in matters relating to public administration, service delivery, employment, and policing. Through that work, I became involved in engaging with government departments, oversight institutions, law enforcement agencies, and elected representatives concerning matters of public accountability.

My subsequent election to public office, first as a councillor, and later as a Member of Parliament, substantially expanded my responsibilities and access to information concerning the functioning of state institutions. Those offices also imposed upon me statutory and constitutional responsibility to exercise oversight over the executive and organs of state, to raise matters of public

concern and to report allegations of maladministration, corruption, and unlawful conduct where appropriate.

Over time, my public responsibility brought me into contact with numerous complaints relating to policing, organised crime, firearms control, procurement, intelligence structures, and alleged political interference in law enforcement.

10 In many instances, I considered it my duty to refer to such matters to the appropriate investigate or oversight authorities rather than attempting to investigate them personally. These referrals, together with my interactions with relevant institutions, form an important part of the evidence that follows.

20 It is important to emphasise that this statement is not an attempt to recount every matter with which I have been involved during my public life. I have confined myself to those matters that are relevant to the Commission's terms of reference or which provide the necessary factual context for understanding my

subsequent interactions with SAPS, the PKTT, Crime Intelligence, oversight bodies, other institutions referred to in the statement, and my efforts to expose fraud and corruption within government structures.

10 My evidence should therefore be understood against the background of an individual who has, over many years, consistently engaged with public institutions concerning allegations of corruption, maladministration, and failure of accountability. Whether those allegations are ultimately established is a matter for this Commission and other competent authorities to understand.”

It should end with ‘to decide’, excuse me.

20 “My purpose is to explain what I personally observed, what I reported, what responses I received, and how those events culminated in the matters now before this Commission.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Mr Adams. Then the next one, topic on page 13, public offices and anti-corruption workflows from there.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:

Thank you, Advocate,

Commissioners.

10 “My election as a councillor in the City of Cape Town significantly expanded my responsibilities. In that capacity, I was required to exercise oversight over municipal administration, scrutinise procurement processes, consider complaints received from members of the public, and raise concerns regarding finance, governance, financial management, and compliance with the law. During my ten years as councillor, I became involved in a number of matters concerning alleged procurement irregularities, public contracting, firearms management, municipal administration, and the conduct of public officials.

20 In many instances, I did not seek to investigate those matters personally. Rather, I referred these complaints to SAPS, specialised investigative units, or other competent oversight bodies for investigation and determination. I subsequently became a Member of

Parliament. In that capacity, my constitutional responsibility included the oversight of ex-executives and organs of state, participation in parliamentary committees, engagement with law enforcement institutions, and consideration of matters affecting public administration and national governance.

10 My parliamentary responsibilities serving on the Police Portfolio Committee brought me into regular contact with senior officials within the SAPS, the Civilian Secretariat for Police Services, the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, the Inspector General of Intelligence, and the National Prosecuting Authority, and other institutions responsible for policing, intelligence, and accountability.

20 As part of my parliamentary functions, I received complaints, documentation, and information from members of the public, whistle-blowers, public officials, and other interested persons.”

I just wish to pause, Commissioners. It should say, ‘as part

of my parliamentary functions and my duties as a councillor at the time'. Sorry for that.

10 "I regarded it as my responsibility to distinguish, as far as reasonably possible, between allegations capable of immediate verification and allegations requiring investigation by the competent authorities. Where I considered there to have been sufficient basis for concern, I referred the matters to the relevant investigating body or oversight body, rather than to seek to determine the merits myself.

Over time, a number of complaints that I have referred related directly or indirectly to matters concerning organised crime, policing, intelligence structures, the PKTT, Crime Intelligence, alleged political interference in law enforcement, and the
20 integrity of criminal investigations. It is those interactions and responses I have received from relevant institutions that are principally relevant to the work of this Commission.

I emphasise that my evidence before this

Commission is not founded upon political affiliation or ideological disagreement with any person or institution. Nor do I ask the Commission to accept allegations merely because I have reported them. My evidence is founded upon personal involvement in making complaints, engaging with state institutions, receiving official responses, obtaining documentation, and participating in oversight processes over a number of years.

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Throughout my public career, I have consistently adopted the approach that allegations of corruption or unlawful conduct should, wherever possible, be referred to the institutions established by law to investigate them. The matters described in the following sections of this statement should therefore be understood against the background of my longstanding engagement with the issues of public accountability and my official interactions with institutions whose conduct now falls in all part within this

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Commission's mandate.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And then, Mr Adams, if you can go to page 3 of your statement, where the heading is Statement to the Commission Regarding My Activism.

MR ADAMS MP: I now understand what you say about the...

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: The flow.

MR ADAMS MP: The flow. Sorry, sorry, Advocate.

10 “My statement to the Commission
regarding my activism

I respectfully submit that this Commission is one of the most consequential Commissions in the history of this country. Its recommendations may reverberate long after we are no longer here and may have significant consequences for law enforcement and the matter in which South Africans engage with law enforcement institutions. I was
20 extremely fearful and concerned about the possible effect of this Commission on future whistle-blowers and their willingness to report maladministration, corruption and malfeasance.

I now believe that some of those concerns

have been misplaced. I recognise how necessary this Commission has been for this country and how important it is that individuals who were previously regarded as untouchable are now being held to account. Commissioners, we are in trouble. South Africa is in trouble and our communities are in trouble with the absence of effective and properly functioning law enforcement institutions. To illustrate the nature of the challenge, I wish to provide what I understand to be the prevailing perceptions and criminal challenges in each province.

- KZN is associated with hitmen, protection rackets, political killings and related organised criminal activity.
- The Eastern Cape is associated with extortion, kidnapping, political patronage, taxi violence and related criminality.
- Limpopo is associated with vehicle theft, illegal migration, illegal mining and related criminal activity.
- The Free State is associated with

cross-border livestock theft and tender related criminality.

- The Western Cape is associated with gangsterism and violent crime.
- Gauteng is associated with various forms of organised criminal activity including construction, mining, water, taxi, cash-in-transit and tender related crime.

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- The Northern Cape is associated with more sophisticated forms of criminal activity including political gangsterism, tender related criminality and political patronage.
- Mpumalanga is associated with coal mining related criminal activity and tender related criminal activity.

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- The Northwest is associated with tender related criminality and political patronage.

A common denominator across these provinces is the political patronage system upon which in my view criminal networks rely. This remains a leading hand in certain tender processes and may

be connected to the killing and intimidation of whistle-blowers. South Africa experiences thousands of violent protests every year by people demanding basic services. These protests have become increasingly violent.

I was once asked by a foreigner...”

It was a white foreigner just for the record;

10 “...why people in South Africa burn libraries, schools and universities when those are the very institutions needed to prepare communities for the future. My response to him was that many people are losing hope and they do not foresee a future for themselves. Protest action has become for many the only time when they feel that they are seen and heard. In another country, the scale of these protests might be described as

20 revolutionary. However, our government has in my view desensitised the public to the situation by referring to such incidents as service delivery protests, therefore making them appear normal.

When certain Latin American countries,

including El Salvador, Colombia, Nicaragua and Panama were described as narco states, drug dealers and gangsters exercised significant influence over the state. Politicians were allegedly brought to influence to pursue the interests of cartels, including protecting them from prosecution and imprisonment.

10 Haiti today is regarded as a failed state by many observers because the government has lost significant control over parts of the country and criminal gangs have taken control of territory and institutions.

Commissioners, the elements that could render South Africa a criminal state are in my view increasingly documented through daily incidents and publicly reported activity. The remaining institutions, 20 including the judiciary, business organisations and committed men and women within law enforcement, will constitute an important bulwark against criminal elements overrunning the country.

Every day we read reports concerning drug seizures, criminals allegedly controlling government institutions, retentive politicians accused of bribery and corruption and the weakening of the institutions that are supposed to constitute the last line of defence. I believe that the chaos currently experienced in this country is in some instances calculated and driven by various forces seeking to make the country ungovernable through an unmitigated wave of criminality.

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The community that I represent a few weeks ago experienced approximately 170 killings, which is worse than the situation in most war zones, yet many of these people remain voiceless. The community I represent happens to be predominantly coloured and in my view has been marginalised and disenfranchised by a failing law enforcement system.

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Commissioners, I was branded a racist and a coloured nationalist when I formed the National Coloured Congress. I reject

that characterisation. I come from an ANC family and have taken up many causes affecting vulnerable communities. I have amongst other matters taken up the case regarding the Sandisa Makaka matter because I believe that his mother and brother deserve answers concerning those responsible for his killing. There are many other cases from the Eastern
10 Cape, Northern Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal in respect of which I have been approached for assistance because communities believe that law enforcement agencies are not doing their jobs or have closed cases prematurely.

When I enquire such matters I am often told that an investigation is ongoing and that I cannot interfere with it. Commissioners, I make no apology for
20 trying to be a voice for my community. I make no apology for listening to my community and I make no apology for exposing those who I believe are hiding behind the wall of silence. South Africa previously had a functioning criminal

intelligence capability. In many communities one can reasonably expect that somebody knows who committed which crime. I cannot say that with the same confidence today.

10 In my view, Crime Intelligence deteriorated significantly during the period associated with the former National Commissioner Jackie Selebi and I believe that this deterioration was not accidental. I further believe that successive leadership structures within the SAPS have in some instances been compromised, suspended or incompetent. Therefore serving political interests rather than the interests of effective law enforcement.

20 Crime Intelligence funds became, in my view, another slush fund or source of patronage and employment for friends and family particularly during the period associated with Richard Mdluli, the former Head of Crime Intelligence. The Anti-Gang Unit in the Western Cape was allocated a budget of R7 million to fight

gangsterism whereas Crime Intelligence has a budget of R600 million.

Commissioners, if one wishes to destroy a country's law enforcement capability one only needs to destroy its ability to detect crime. This was evident during the unrest and looting in 2021 when Crime Intelligence, in my view, failed this country. This was also reflected by various reports concerning KwaZulu-Natal which was headed at the time by Brigadier Khumalo, the current Head of Crime Intelligence.

Commissioners, I have paid a heavy personal price for my outspokenness and activism. The toll on my family has been immense and the emotional trauma experienced by my children has affected their social and their school lives. My mother is elderly and sickly and had to witness some of the events, particularly my arrest. My salary and my privileges as a Member of Parliament have on occasions been withdrawn affecting my responsibilities towards my family. I have

regularly been threatened with arrest even before appearing before this Commission. I was warned that I would be arrested after my appearance.”

To be frank, Commissioners, if that indeed is true, I do not care.

10 “My most recent arrest was, in my view, not merely intended to embarrass me, but also to silence me. I regarded it as a final warning to shut up and to know my place. But, Commissioners, I can assure you that every time a mother, a child, a sister or aunt dies in my community I will attempt to be their voice.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Then, Mr Adams, the next topic, history of my interaction with the various matters discussed at the Madlanga Commission, page 7.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Advocate. Thank you, Commissioners.

20 “This statement is not intended to constitute political commentary, argument or submissions on the ultimate issues that the Commission is required to determine. Those determinations fall exclusively within the Commission's mandate. My

purpose is to place before this Commission the factual basis for my knowledge, my actions and the concerns that I have reported to various state institutions over a matter of years. For many years, I have, in different capacities, reported allegations of corruption, maladministration, abuse of public office and irregular conduct of organs of state, law enforcement agencies and oversight bodies. Some of those complaints concerned matters that overlap with the work of this Commission. Others provide necessary context to explain how I came to possess certain information, why I engaged with particular officials and institutions, and why I subsequently became involved in matters concerning the political task team, the PKTT, Crime Intelligence and related investigations.

I recognise that many of the matters referred to in this statement remain the subject of ongoing investigations or pending legal proceedings. Nothing in

this statement should be understood as expressing a concluded finding or criminal or civil liability against any individual. Where I refer to allegations, complaints or investigations, I do so because they form part of the factual chronology of evidence relevant to my evidence. I identify the status of those matters wherever I am able to do so.

10 Where reference is made to Annexures, those Annexures are intended to corroborate or contextualise the facts set out in this statement. They include correspondence, official records, complaints, court documents, transcripts, recordings and other contemporary material generated before or during the events described herein. Before
20 addressing the factual matters that form the subject of this evidence, I consider it important to explain the approach I have adopted in presenting my evidence.

Over a number of years, I have been an activist, a community leader, elected public representative and a Member of

Parliament. In those capacities, I have frequently spoken publicly on matters of corruption, organised crime, policing, governance and public accountability. Those engagements have necessarily involved political debate, public advocacy and expression of opinions concerning the matters of public importance. I appreciate that my role before this

10 Commission is fundamentally different. I appear before the Commission as a witness, not as an advocate, commentator or politician. I fully recognise that the Commission's function is to make findings based upon reliable evidence rather than rhetoric, opinion or political persuasion.

I have therefore sought to present my evidence in a manner that assists the Commission in discharging its mandate.

20 Throughout this statement, I have endeavoured to distinguish carefully between the facts that I personally witnessed, the actions that I took, the information communicated to me by identifiable individuals which I identify as

such, and opinions or concerns that are relevant at the time where those opinions are necessary to explain my conduct or my actions.

10 I do not ask the Commission to accept any allegation merely because I have made it. Where documentary or other corroborating evidence exists, I have identified. Where investigations remain pending, I have attempted to indicate the fact. Where I rely upon information obtained by others, I identify the source wherever I am able to do so. I also recognise that some of the matters referred to in this statement are or have been the subject of criminal investigation, civil litigation or other processes.

20 Where I express concerns, suspicions or inferences, I do so because they explain why I have acted as I did, why I referred matters to the relevant authorities. I respectfully leave the determination of the facts and the drawing of ultimate conclusions to this Commission. I understand that my evidence, like that of

every witness, must withstand scrutiny. I welcome that scrutiny. It is in that spirit and with due regard to the solemnity of these proceedings that I place the following evidence before this Commission.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Then the next topic is on page 15. But I propose that we not go through this topic. It is a duplication of what you deal with on page 18 onwards. So it
 10 is really a summary of the allegations. It is called Nature of Complaints Made over the Years, and then you deal with it in detail from page 18. I would suggest that you just read paragraph 125 on page 18 into the record.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Advocate, Commissioners.

“I respectfully submit that it is not any single complaint that is significant. Rather, it is the cumulative pattern of interactions within state institutions, the
 20 responses that were provided to me, the investigations that followed and the events that ultimately culminated in my own interactions with the PKTT, Crime Intelligence and the matters now before this Commission.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Then the next topic, Engagement with Law Enforcement Agencies and Oversight Institutions.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Advocate. Thank you, Commissioners.

10 “Throughout my public life, I have consistently adopted the view that allegations of criminal misconduct, corruption or abuse of public office should be reported to the institutions established by law to investigate such matters. I have therefore sought, wherever reasonably possible, to utilise official reporting mechanisms rather than attempting to investigate or determine such matters myself. In the ordinary course of my work as a community activist councillor and later a Member of Parliament, I engaged with numerous law enforcement and oversight institutions. Those

20 engagements arose from complaints made by members of the public, information that came into my possession, matters uncovered during oversight work and documentary material that appeared to disclose possible criminal or unlawful

conduct.

On many occasions in the Parliamentary Committee, I sought to hold SAPS management accountable for various issues. The records of Parliament will reflect those engagements. For the purpose of this statement, and in having regard to the limited time available to me, I will concentrate on issues that have subsequently come to the attention of the Commission.

It has been deeply frustrating because, in my experience, the Portfolio Committee on which I serve sometimes fails to hold SAPS management adequately accountable and instead permitted SAPS management to obfuscate, avoid questions, or rely upon standard answers such as, we cannot answer the question because it is under investigation, or we cannot answer the question because of security-related matters.

On a previous occasion, I asked the National Commissioner how many members of his family worked in his office

and whether those persons had gone through the proper appointed process. On the 18th of September 2024, I asked the National Commissioner General Fannie Masemola to explain why Lieutenant General Dumisani Khumalo had been permitted to purchase a redundant cell phone grabber. No satisfactory response was provided.

10 Please see Annexure FAA1, page 8.

In my view, the National Commissioner was permitted to avoid accounting to the Portfolio Committee concerning this matter. However, Brigadier Tiyani Hlungwani has subsequently articulated reasons why, in his view, public funds have been wasted. This does not excuse what I believe to be a failure to account to the Portfolio Committee.”

20 Just for noting purposes, Brigadier Tiyani Hlungwani was the CFO for the Crime Intelligence, what is called the slush fund.

“On 12 March 2025, I asked the National Commissioner about the top-level security clearances of senior SAPS officials. This

included the issue of Lieutenant General Khumalo, whose first security clearance was allegedly fraudulently obtained. Please see Annexure FAA2.

On 19 February 2025, I asked the National Commissioner to please provide to the Portfolio Committee the names of Generals, including provincial heads, who lacked appropriate security clearance. Despite the National Commissioner's assurance that the information would be provided to the committee, to my knowledge, it never was. Please see Annexure FAA3.

At the same meeting, on 19 February 2025, I asked the National Commissioner about the lack of media attention concerning case number 1/11/2024 relating to an incident in which more than R100 million lands worth of Mandrax was allegedly found and no media statement was issued. Please see Annexure FAA3. General Libiya responded that the Clandestine Laboratory was under investigation. The last known status of

this case reflected firearms and made no mention of drugs.”

If I may just expand on this issue just a little bit, and why I took this kind of personally. In KZN, on 19 February 2025, a Cape Town-based drug team uncovered a laboratory in KZN. They confiscated R100 million worth of drugs. Mandrax. Now, in my view, the South African Police Services needs all the positive publicity it can get. This should have been a cause for celebration. They never
10 reported it to the media, and certain people are saying that they were told not to speak about it.

When I asked this question, I was told it was under investigation. The current status of that docket now, right now, speaks of firearms, no mention of drugs. Why I take this personally, Commissioners, it is a known fact that Mandrax, it was the tablet that was used to enslave the Cape Flats. To this day, I would say 80 percent of Mandrax sold in this country is sold right here where I live. Those drugs disappeared to be sold to our children. That is why I
20 took that personally.

“I have also raised the issue of property purchase in Musgrave, KwaZulu-Natal. My concern was that Crime Intelligence did not have a mandate to procure properties outside the prescribed process,

and that, to my knowledge, there had been no deviation or approval. I further raised concerns that the property price appeared to be significantly inflated.

On 15 September 2025, I emailed the Inspector General (IGI) concerning the matter. A complaint had been lodged, and the IGI subsequently confirmed to me that he had completed his investigation and the final report had been provided to the Minister of Police. Please see Annexure FAA4. I requested of the IGI a copy of the report.”

I think I was stupid with that, but anyway;

“The IGI informed me that it was not possible or lawful to provide such a copy to me. I accepted that. I subsequently contacted Minister Mchunu, but did not receive a response. At that stage, I became concerned that there might be a cover-up of this report. Please see Annexure FAA5.

Depending upon the nature of the complaint, I referred matters to SAPS, Specialised Investigative Units within

SAPS, the Hawks, the NPA, IPID, the IGI, Parliamentary Committees, and other competent oversight parties. My purpose in referring these matters is never to determine guilt or innocence. Rather, it is to ensure that allegations which appear to disclose possible criminality or serious administration were investigated by the authorities entrusted by law with those responsibilities.

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In many instances, my involvement concluded once a complaint had been submitted together with the documentation that was available to me. In other matters, I was requested to provide further information, clarify aspects of the complaint, produce documents, identify witnesses, or cooperate with investigators.”

20 Commissioners, in some cases, I am unable to receive the further information. For instance, the source may say to me, I will get you that, and then he is unable to. Or the source may turn around and say, please do not mention my name. So in some cases, I do lay charges, and unfortunately nothing is able to happen.

“My level of involvement, therefore, varied depending upon the nature of the complaint and the responsibility of the investigating authority. During these engagements, I became familiar with the manner in which different investigative and oversight institutions responded to complaints of corruption and organised crime. Some complaints are investigated promptly. Others were referred between institutions, and some appeared to progress slowly or not at all. I do not suggest that every delay or outcome was improper. I merely record my observations because they form part of the factual background against which the matters now before this Commission have developed.

As the number of complaints increased over time, I observed that certain investigations began to overlap. Matters involving organised crime, firearms, procurement irregularities, intelligence structures, and policing increasingly involved recurring institutions, officials, or

investigative structures. It was through these recurring interactions that I became aware of issues relating to Crime Intelligence, the PKTT, and allegations of interference with criminal investigations.

I wish to make it clear that I did not ask the Commission to infer wrongdoing merely because I lodged complaints or because investigations were initiated.

10 The existence of a complaint is not proof that it is true. My evidence concerns the fact that complaints were made, the information upon which they are based, the responses I received from the relevant institutions, and the events that follows.

In several instances, I retained copies of correspondence, acknowledgements of receipt, emails, affidavits, recordings, and other contemporary documents generated
20 during my engagement with the relevant authorities. Some of those documents have been preserved, were available, and annexed to this statement or will be made available to the Commission as we have it. They provide an objective record of

many of the interactions described in the chapters that will follow. I again apologise for documents that I may have omitted. Such omissions were not deliberate but have resulted from circumstances sometimes beyond my control.

My engagement with these institutions was not confined to reporting complaints.

10 In my capacity as a Member of Parliament, I have also exercised parliamentary oversight by posing questions, participating in committee proceedings, scrutinising reports, and engaging directly with senior officials concerning matters falling within their respective mandates, including in terms of sections 55.2 and 56 of the Constitution. These engagements frequently provide
20 additional context for complaints that have already been referred through formal law enforcement channels.

As a source of further information, I also conducted parliamentary oversight visits in accordance with National Assembly

Rule 201.6 where I received complaints regarding further investigation or oversight. In the chapters that follow, I deal with each of the principal engagements separately, identifying the chronology of events, the institutions involved, the documents relied upon, the responses received, and where applicable the significance of those events to the Commission's term of reference.”

ACCUSED: Then still on page 23, the next topic, Complaints Concerning Crime Intelligence. There are some complaints that are historic that do not really relate to the issues that you were asked to address, so at some point I am going to ask you to skip some paragraphs. But you can start with 169.

MR ADAMS MP: With respect, Advocate, if I may ask on this paragraph if I may be allowed to read everything into the record.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you very much.

“My concerns concerning Crime Intelligence

Crime Intelligence is at the heart of the fight against crime, and this is, in my

view, the pulse of policing in relation to crime prevention and detection. A malfunctioning Crime Intelligence unit has extremely far-reaching consequences for the fight against crime, as is evident from the current situation. In my view, Crime Intelligence in South Africa, particularly since 2000, has been used for various purposes, including political battles, patronage, and the maladministration of slush funds. I believe this was perfected during the period associated with Richard Mdluli.

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In my view, Crime Intelligence operated on a nepotistic basis, involving jobs for friends and family, and at times functioned more like a glorified employment agency. I have attached an example of nepotism in Annexure FAA26.

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Numerous reports have previously been commissioned concerning Crime Intelligence and its weaknesses, but in my view, insufficient action was taken to eradicate the problems that I have developed. Crime Intelligence, in my

view, requires a complete overhaul, together with a structured approach to the execution of its mandate.

Unfortunately, it appears to me that Lieutenant General Khumalo has followed in the footsteps of his former leadership within Crime Intelligence. This chapter deals with my interactions with and concerns relating to Crime Intelligence and the associated intelligence structures within the SAPS.

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The matters described herein do not arise from a single event. Rather, they develop progressively over a period of time through complaints received by me, documentation that came into my possession, my engagement with oversight institutions, and my interactions with members of law enforcement. My interest in matters relating to Crime Intelligence arose in the course of performing my duties as a councillor and later as a Member of Parliament.

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During that period, I increasingly encountered allegations suggesting that

intelligence structures were becoming relevant to complaints involving organised crime, policing, political interference, and the administration of criminal investigations. I regard Crime Intelligence as having been a festering open wound that has continued to attract undesirable and in some cases criminal activities since approximately the year 2000, although similar problems may have existed to a lesser extent even before then. In my view, successive Heads of Crime Intelligence were selected in circumstances that gave rise to concerns regarding political influence and accountability.

During this period, the Crime Intelligence budget also increased disproportionately compared with other internal policing units and divisions. In my view, Crime Intelligence was not always utilised primarily for intelligence gathering, but at times was used for personal gratification, patronage, and employment of friends and associates. At the outset, I did not

possess sufficient information to determine whether all of these allegations were well-founded. My approach was therefore not to make public findings or conclusions, but to seek further information, preserve relevant documentation, and refer matters to the authorities responsible for investigating them.

10 As additional information became available, I observed recurring references to officials within Crime Intelligence, the administration of intelligence resources, security clearances, intelligence oversight, and the interaction between intelligence structures and criminal investigations. It was these recurring themes, rather than any preconceived belief, that caused me to examine the
20 matters more closely.

Where I received documentary material that appeared to disclose possible irregularities, I sought to preserve that material in its original form and, where appropriate, refer it to the competent

authorities. Where information was communicated to me by third parties, I attempted, wherever possible, to identify the source of that information and distinguish between verified facts, allegations, allegations requiring investigation, and matters that could not be independently confirmed.

10 During the course of my parliamentary duties, I also engaged with senior officials and oversight institutions concerning matters relating to policing and intelligence. Those engagements, together with official correspondence and responses received from the relevant institutions, assisted me in understanding the statutory framework governing intelligence structures and the mechanisms established to ensure their
20 accountability.

Certain concerns that I raised were subsequently referred to or considered by oversight institutions, including the IGI, and other competent authorities. I do not suggest that the existence of such

referrals established the correctness of these allegations. I refer to them because they demonstrate that these matters were considered sufficiently serious to warrant investigation by institutions responsible for intelligence oversight.

10 As my engagement with these matters continues, they increasingly intersected with issues concerning the PKTT, allegations of political interference in policing, the appointment and deployment of senior officials, security clearances processes, and the integrity of investigations falling within the Commission's terms of reference. The purpose of this chapter is not to invite the Commission to draw conclusions concerning Crime Intelligence as an
20 institution or any individual official. Rather, it is to explain how my interactions with intelligence-related matters developed, the steps that I took to report my concerns through official channels, and the factual background

against which the subsequent events described in this statement occurred.

In the chapters that follow, I deal individually with the principal matters that inform my concerns regarding Crime Intelligence, including the information that came into my possession, the referrals that I made, the responses that I received, and the extent to which these matters are relevant to this Commission's inquiry. Where I express concerns or draw inferences, I identify the factual material upon which those concerns were based and distinguish them from matters falling within my direct or my personal knowledge. I respectfully emphasise that this Commission is not being asked to accept my concerns at face value, my evidence is directed at establishing the chronology of events, the information available to me, and the relevant times. The steps that I took in response to that information and the documentary record that supports those actions, the ultimate findings in relation to Crime Intelligence,

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its officials or any related institution remain matters exclusively for this Commission.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: The next one is Complaints Concerning the Political Killings Task Team, and I am sure you are going to tell me you want to read all of this as well.

MR ADAMS MP: I thought we agreed to play nice this morning, Advocate. [Laughter]

ACCUSED: I am, believe me.

10 **MR ADAMS MP:**

“My complaints regarding the Political Killings Task Team

My engagement with matters concerning the PKTT did not arise from any personal animosity towards members or any political disagreement concerning its continued existence. My concern was the financial support the unit investigating a few dozen murders was receiving.”

20 There is just a correction that needs to be made here.

“The PKTT has a R100 million a year budget that does not include overtime.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So not 1 million?

MR ADAMS MP: Not 1 million, that is my mistake. This happened in haste. Please excuse me. So the PKTT has a

R100 million a year budget that does not include overtime.

10 “It is actively investigating 130 murder
dockets over the last 36 months. This
translates into a total spend of about R2.3
million per murder docket. In contrast,
the AGU that operates in my community in
that same period, would have been
combating approximately 8,000 murders
on the Cape Flats, of which the majority
of them are coloured children. The Cape
Flats is an area that is roughly 10 percent
the size of KZN. In comparison to the
PKTT, the AGU receives R2,600 per
murder docket. It makes no sense.

20 I was also under the impression that when
the President announced the
establishment of the unit, it would have
had an end date because the mandate of
a task team in General is specific and that
this unit, the PKTT, was not intended to
become one of the more permanent
structures of the SAPS. I therefore
became concerned when I subsequently
learned that the PKTT was operating in
the Western Cape, the Eastern Cape,

Gauteng and elsewhere, as it is supposedly a KZN structure, according to Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi.

During the course of my public duties, I became aware of allegations concerning the matter in which certain investigations involving the PKTT had been conducted, including allegations relating to investigative independence, the exercise
10 of police powers and the interaction between the PKTT and other components of SAPS.

I was approached by two persons who I understand to be labour lawyers from Century City in Cape Town. They indicated that they had been
Commissioned to act on behalf of a SAPS member in a labour dispute in which General Dumisani Khumalo was cited as a
20 respondent. A meeting was requested during which...”

This is between them and myself, excuse me;

“...during which they alleged that they had been abducted by members of the PKTT and unlawfully taken to the North West

province. They indicated that they had instituted a multi-million claim against the SAPS. They claimed that they had referred the matter to the Police Committee and that Ian Cameron wrote back to them in September in 2025 stating that this was within the mandate of IPID, but they have heard nothing since. I am able to provide further details concerning the persons that I met, but I have not included their identities in the statement in order to protect their anonymity. Please see Annexure FAA6.”

I am just thinking if you could not, at a later stage, flight that WhatsApp because I do not think I scratched out a telephone number.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: We will do so.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you.

“My concerns intensified when information came to the to my attention, suggesting that I myself had become the subject or interest of members of the PKTT. At that stage, I had not been informed of the precise nature of the investigation involving me, nor had I been furnished

with formal documentation explaining why the PKTT had become involved.

Upon receiving further information that the PKTT was allegedly seeking my arrest, I did not avoid law enforcement authorities or seek to frustrate any investigation. On the contrary, I instructed my legal representation to engage with relevant authorities and ascertain whether a warrant, in fact, had been issued, the nature of the allegations against me and the jurisdiction within which those allegations arose. My intention throughout was to cooperate with any lawful process while ensuring that my constitutional rights were respected.

Correspondence was according to the senior officials within the SAP seeking clarity concerning the reported warrant and requesting engagement with my legal representatives. I expressly indicated that should a lawful warrant exist, I was prepared to present myself through appropriate legal processes rather than

necessitating an operational arrest.

Please see Annexure FAA7.

The response that followed and the subsequent execution of the warrant are dealt with in greater detail later in the statement. My first concern was that when I am in Parliament or when I am participating in parliamentary oversight processes, I am protected by parliamentary privilege. My presence there recognises me as part of a constitutional institution. The events that subsequently unfolded, including the execution of my arrest, my transportation to KZN, the attempted seizure of my property and the manner in which the investigation was conducted, significantly heightened my concerns regarding the conduct of certain members of the PKTT.

Those matters are not advanced as proof of institutional misconduct, but they confirmed, in my view, the execution of threats that had previously been made against me. They are described because they form part of my direct personal

experience and are relevant to the issues that the Commission has been established to investigate.

Upon receiving bail, I discussed my arrest with various police officers residing in the Western Cape. I was informed that the PKTT had allegedly not informed the Western Cape Provincial Commissioner at the time, Lieutenant General Patekile, or any of his subordinates of my impending arrest. Please see Annexure FAA8.

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It appeared to me that in terms of SAPS protocol, it would have been logical and cost-effective for an accused person to appear at the nearest lower court for the determination of bail. This was denied to me. Instead, I was transported in the back of a police van with no protective covering. They literally took off the side covering in a Schedule 6 storm that lasted approximately 8 hours.”

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Commissioners, just so you understand what I am saying. When I was arrested in Pelican Park, I was told that they would take me to Grassy Park police station, which is up the road. I asked if I could only pitch a pair of socks and

something to put on because I had a very thin sweater on. They escorted me to my parliamentary house. I took socks, I took shoes, and I put on a slight hoodie because the weather was very overcast, anticipating that they were going to take me to Grassy Park.

The medication that I take every day, I thought my wife would bring it to Grassy Park. I was taken to KZN. It was the worst storm Cape Town had experienced in probably 10 years. I was swimming in the back of that van,
10 and I am waiting for my lawyer who represented me at my first appearance to send the photo that they took of me in the police house so you can see how swollen my shoulder was. I just want to give you context of my arrest.

“The trip to Cape Town to KZN took approximately...”

I am saying 30 hours, but I think it was less. I think I am exaggerating there.

“The Brigadier Mathe told the media that I was transported this way because it was
20 cost effective.”

But I have parliamentary flights available to me that I could have made use of and Brigadier Mathe does not tell the media that four vehicles took me to KZN. In terms of diesel alone, I mean, I am not a drug dealer, I am not a shooter, it was unnecessary for that. It was excessive. It was literally

used to create a narrative.

“The events that occurred on 5 May 2026 are detailed in the criminal case that I intend to pursue and which is due to be addressed when I appear in the Pinetown Magistrate Court on August 2026. During this period I became aware of matters concerning the relationship between the PKTT, Crime Intelligence, Senior Police Management and other investigative structures.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Mr Adams, during which period?

You said during this period, what period?

MR ADAMS MP: From the time of my arrest to present.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry.

“Those matters reinforced my belief that concerns regarding accountability, oversight and the proper exercise of investigative powers warranted careful and independent examination by the competent authorities. In my view, independence within policing structures is being compromised by Lieutenant General Khumalo serving as both the Head of

Crime Intelligence and the Head of the PKTT. Likewise, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi is the Head of Organised Crime and the Provincial Commissioner of KwaZulu-Natal. In my view, the duality of these roles compromises investigative independence and creates an opportunity for abuse of process. I regard my own arrest as an example of what I believe may constitute such an abuse of power.

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It is my understanding that special task teams previously reported directly to the Provincial Commissioners. It is important that I make my position clear. I do not contend that every member of the PKTT has acted improperly or that every investigation undertaken by the unit was unlawful. Nor do I suggest that the mere fact that I became the subject of an investigation establishes an improper motive.

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My concerns relate to identifiable justification, action and events which, in my respectful view, justify scrutiny by independent oversight bodies that now fall

within the factual matrix before this Commission. I have, wherever possible, preserved the documentary record relating to my engagement with the PKTT. That record includes correspondence between my legal representatives and SAPS, Court documents, official communications, email and other material generated before, during or after my

10 arrest. These documents provide an objective chronology of which my oral evidence may be tested. The purpose of the chapters that follow is therefore not to invite the Commission to draw broad conclusions regarding the PKTT as an institution. Rather, I tend to deal sequentially with the principal events that inform my concerns, including the information that I received, the steps that

20 I took, the responses I followed, my arrest and detention and the subsequent developments that are relevant to the Commission's terms of reference.

I respectfully invite the Commission to assess these events, not in isolation, but

against the documentary record, the evidence of other witness and the objective chronology that emerges from the materials placed before it. My evidence is directed at assisting the Commission to establish that chronology and to understand the basis upon which I inform my concerns that I subsequently reported through lawful and official channels. I respectfully request that the Commission consider the validity and circumstances of my arrest having regard to the documentary evidence before it, including evidence which is objective rather than subjective.

I submit that such evidence may assist the Commission in determining whether there was operational bias or a predetermined intention to punish me by members of the PKTT in relation to my criminal case concerning alleged misconduct against persons associated with Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. The next topic, interaction with the Inspector General of Intelligence.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, advocate Commissioners.

“I was contacted by the office of the IGI in November of 2024. During my efforts to have my criminal case investigated by SAPS.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Can I just ask you who contacted you from the office?

MR ADAMS MP: It was a woman, but I do not remember her name. I sat with this, I actually cannot tell you what her
10 name is but it was a female.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Was it Govender?

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, it was not. I only met Advocate Govender at a later stage. It was not her. At least I do not think it was her, before she comes and says it was her. I doubt it was her.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, continue. It was just clarification.

MR ADAMS MP:

20 “An enquiry was made about the cases that I had lodged and asked whether I would attend their offices in Pretoria because the department had an interest in the cases that I had lodged with the SAPS. During the same week I visited the IGI's office where I spent some time

explaining the nature of my concerns.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Can I ask you who did you meet with at the IGI's office?

MR ADAMS MP: I was met at the gate by a young lady again whose name I do not remember. She took me to a room where the IGI was sitting having coffee. He told me that Advocate Govender would be there in a few minutes and asked me to sit down and he asked me a little bit of what I had and then Advocate Govender came. He handed
10 me over to Advocate Govender and he left.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So you met with Advocate Govender and the IGI?

MR ADAMS MP: And the IGI, Mr Fazel.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And that was during the same week, meaning the same week as the week when they contacted you?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP:

20 “The IGI referred me to Advocate Govender who I understood to be a member of his staff. I handed the relevant information to her and subsequently returned to Cape Town.
A few months later on 28 March, I emailed

the IGI regarding the status of the investigation as previously referred to in Annexure FAA4. The IGI advised me that his report had been completed and provided to the Minister of Police at the time, Minister Mchunu. Having regard to the nature of the allegation and the specialised oversight functions entrusted to the IGI, I considered it both appropriate and necessary to refer relevant information to that office rather than attempting to investigate related matters myself. My engagement with the IGI was undertaken in good faith and through lawful channels. My purpose was not to obtain political advantage or to influence any investigation. Rather, it was to place information before the statutory authority entrusted by Parliament with oversight of the intelligence services and to permit that office to determine whether further investigation was warranted.”

So just so you understand where I was at that time. I, at the time, did not know that the IGI had oversight over Crime Intelligence. I thought that was the mandate of SAPS. So

that was explained to me on the day.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And can I just ask you in that November 2024, did you engage with anyone else from the IGI?

MR ADAMS MP: No ma'am. It was Ms Govender and Mr Fazel I have never spoken to anyone else from the IGI.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, continue.

MR ADAMS MP:

10 “In support of my referral I provided such
information and documentation as was
then available to me. I regard the IGI as
the appropriate institution to assess
allegations relating to intelligence
structures because that office possesses
investigative powers, access to classified
information as authorised by law and
statutory responsibility that I, as a
Member of Parliament, do not possess.
My role was to report information
20 providing documentation where available
and cooperating with oversight processes.
During the course of my engagement with
the IGI, I became aware that aspects of
the matters referred to me were receiving
official consideration. I regarded that

development as confirmation that the issues I had raised warranted examination by a competent oversight authority. I do not, however, suggest that the existence of such engagement constitutes proof of the allegations that were subject to my referral. Those matters remain to be determined of the evidence available to the relevant authorities.

10 Certain developments concerning the work of the IGI subsequently became matters of public record, including litigation and official proceedings relating to the independence of the office and allegations of interference with its investigations. I refer to those matters only insofar as they provide context for my own interactions with the office of the IGI and the chronology of events

20 described in the statement. I do not rely upon those proceedings as proof of the allegations that I reported.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: In the next topic, Various Allegations Made About Me by Witnesses at the Madlanga Commission. The first is Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate. Thank you, Commissioners.

10 “Prior to the events described below and the press conference held by Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi, I have never had a personal or social or professional relationship with him. In fact, prior to these events, I admired him and held him in high regard. When I watched the press conference held by Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi on 6 July 2025, at which he made various claims to the South African public concerning alleged collusion and criminality within the SAPS, reference was made to a politician who he claimed was interfering in SAPS affairs.

20 Following the press conference, my phone was inundated with messages from people asking me whether this guy was planning a coup. The manner in which the press conference appeared to me was highly militaristic, including the presence of masked armed men standing behind him. It reminded me of the manner in which Captain Ibrahim Traoré of Burkina Faso

appeared during the period surrounding his coup. I was extremely concerned that a Provincial Commissioner had made allegations of this nature, rather than the National Commissioner, particularly having regard to the SAPS National Instruction and policy relating to the media, including SAPS National Instruction 5 of 2017, entitled Media Communication in the South African Police Services.

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At the Ad Hoc Committee, the National Commissioner confirmed that Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi had indeed approached him, and that he had given him permission to raise the issue at the press conference. The National Commissioner indicated, however, that Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi had exceeded the permission in respect of what he said, and that an enquiry was still intended. I am not aware of any enquiry to this day.

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My concern was extremely serious and my mind turned to the possibility of a

potential coup. I then considered which institution possessed the capability and the capacity to execute such an action. The police as a large and geographically distributed force present in all nine provinces stands out to me, particularly in services where the South African Defence Force appears comparatively weak.

10 I also considered the relationships between various Provincial Commissioners. In my view, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi stood out, except in Gauteng, where tensions appear to exist between the provinces. Lieutenant General Khumalo had, according to information that came to my attention, referred to Gauteng SAPS members as criminals.”

20 As a matter of fact, let me just clarify that. Lieutenant General Khumalo had said on TV that 90 percent of Gauteng SAPS is corrupt, which I find unbelievable.

“I also raised the issue of why General Mkhwanazi had been appointed for only three months by the late police minister, as well as various allegations concerning

the discipline of ANC-deployed cadres
within the police.”

If I may, Commissioner, I know I am sometimes hard to listen to. I was sitting in the Ad Hoc Committee when General Mkhwanazi makes the statement, and I found it rather... I am looking for the right word. I found it provocative, because the MK cadres who were referred to SAPS, to my knowledge, were people like General Jeremy Veary, General Andre Lincoln, General Tiyo. These were
10 men that sacrificed their prime to fight for me, and what I have is an Apartheid Commission police officer criticising them. I felt it was untasteful, it just did not sit well for me. Where am I now?

“All of these issues raised alarm bells for me concerning General Mkhwanazi and his reasons for calling the press conference. In subsequent interviews and during his appearances before both the Madlanga and the Ad Hoc Committee, he
20 clarified that I was one of the politicians to who he had been referring to, which Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi testified under oath at the Madlanga Commission and the Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee in late 2025 and early 2026, respectively.

He made various allegations against me, to which I respond below. I also wish to point out that General Mkhwanazi did not, to my knowledge, possess the required security clearance at the relevant time, yet he referred to various classified matters and individuals.”

May I proceed?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes. Sub-topic is Allegation is U
10 Access to Intelligence Information. These are allegations made by General Mkhwanazi against you.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate, and thank you, Commissioners. I have actually expanded a little bit here, and I do not know if that was proper, but if you will allow me to read it.

“Allegation unauthorised access to
intelligence of information
Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi alleged
that I had obtained access to intelligence
20 information and that I handled it
recklessly. This allegation is denied. I
have not obtained any documents
illegally. As a political party, we have
been approached by numerous whistle-
blowers who have provided information to

us, both in person and through other means, concerning SAPS and other state institutions. When I received the relevant information, I opened a case with SAPS, as I have done previously when information was brought to us as NCC.

Obviously after reviewing the information, I considered that if the documents were authentic, the allegations would warrant investigation. I therefore proceeded to open a criminal case with SAPS so the matter could be investigated. Out of all these concerns, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi appears unconcerned that my case docket were intercepted by Lieutenant General Peter Jacobs and hidden as safe in Pretoria. Lieutenant General Jacobs has never been called to account or charged by any law enforcement agency as far as I know. Please see Annexure F8824.”

If I may just expand on that one little paragraph. I did find it shocking, Commissioner, that SAPS Grand Central is right across the road from Parliament. It is literally a three-minute walk. So when I received these documents, I took it

to the nearest police station. I mean, this is me thinking I am doing the right thing. The General is upset with the fact that I went to the police station, but he did not once mention the fact that Peter Jacobs unlawfully took those documents and that it was found in his safe in Pretoria months later.

Now, I would not have known that until it came out here, but I am saying that the General to this day has not asked Peter Jacobs, why would you do that, General? You
 10 know, the problem we have in the Cape Flats, murder dockets get missing daily. This is a serious thing to me. Murder dockets, rape dockets, drug dealing dockets, they disappear because of police corruption. Now, if this is not the epitome of police corruption, then someone needs to tell me that so that I understand.

“The allegation classified Crime
 Intelligence information
 Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi alleged
 that I obtained classified Crime
 20 Intelligence information, despite not being
 a member of the Joint Standing
 Committee on Intelligence. This
 allegation is denied. During the last week
 of October, I found a document in my
 parliamentary office in Cape Town. I

presumed that the docket had been pushed under my door because I found it on the floor when I opened the door. Receiving documents in parliamentary offices while members are absent is not unusual. Parliamentary administration may place documents under the doors of members.

10 It is also common for members of the public to provide information to members of parliament concerning various matters, particularly when they are frustrated by government departments' failures to respond to allegations of fraud and corruption. Some persons and organisations have approached the NCC in person. Others provide information to us through third parties, while others have simply dropped documents at our offices.

20 After reading the document, I discussed the matter with my fellow NCC parliamentarian, Honourable Sakiena Frenchman. We considered that the information should be passed to SAPS for investigation. I did not meet the person

who provided the information and did not unlawfully obtain any information from the JSCI. The assertion by Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi that I should have passed the information to the JSCI is, in my view, misleading, because at that time there was no JSCI, that body was not constituted.

10 At the time I opened the criminal case with the SAPS, I did not understand the JSCI to have jurisdiction over the criminal complaint that I was reporting. Also, no JSCI was constituted at the time. I am also not the only Member of Parliament to have received documents in this manner. In the past, Members of Parliament, including Honourable Patricia de Lille, have publicly stated that documents related to significant matters were
20 delivered or placed under their office doors."

It has now become, and I do not know if it is true, but the media is now running a story that Honourable Darlene James also received information. I am not saying that she did, but I said from the word go, Commissioner, it would not

make sense that someone would only give this information to me. It just would not make sense.

“The allegation of State Capture 2.0

Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi alleged that I was involved in State Capture 2.0 whereby high-ranking officials and Members of Parliament were being used to dismantle effective police units. This allegation is categorically denied. I respectfully submit that this Commission should require evidence to substantiate such serious and potentially defamatory allegations.”

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I also just wish to add, I find it funny, Commissioners, that the man who was the National Commissioner at the time of State Capture and did not say a word about it, is now accusing me of being part of State Capture 2.0. It is hilarious.

“Allegations concerning Pollsmoor Prison

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Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi said I should go to Pollsmoor Prison and sit there for a while so that I can learn something. I regard such a statement by high-ranking police officers deeply concerning. In my view, allowing a senior

police officer to make statements of this nature is indicative of a failure by SAPS to hold its members to the required standards. I have made a statement that is deemed to be non-parliamentary and I get docked my salary. This man runs amok. He is a law unto himself. In my view, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi's conduct demonstrates an attitude that he is above the rule of law and that he may make statements without appropriate restraint or accountability. I further contend that such conduct is inconsistent with the standards of discipline expected from a senior police officer. Allegations concerning my complaint to SAPS. Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi advised the Commission that the complaints which I filed on SAPS were based on information that lacked substantive criminal elements and that I had encroached upon internal police procedures over which I had no jurisdiction. This allegation is denied.

Furthermore, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi, to comment upon the contents

of my complaints, he must have, in my view, had had case of my criminal case dockets. He is, after all, the Provincial Commissioner of KwaZulu-Natal. I therefore ask how he had sight of case dockets in Cape Town and Gauteng, particularly given the concern raised about his own security clearance. This, in my view, illustrates a broader problem within the SAPS where case information may be circulated with what I regard as an informal SAPS network or cabal with the effect of protecting those who are supposed, who themselves are accused of corruption."

I just want to, before I move on to the next state, the next heading, Commissioners, I just ask you to understand as someone who loses people daily, and when I tell you I lose people daily, I know dozens of families in every ward in the Cape Flats. When they post tonight that 15 people have been shot, I can guarantee you I will know two, three, or four of them. Sometimes in passing, sometimes personally. Sometimes they are related to people that I know.

So this type of behaviour is unacceptable to me. When I find out that my Provincial Commissioner at the

time, Lieutenant General Patekile, does not have a police clearance, it makes my blood boil because this man is sitting with intelligence information. He is using this information to sign off on budgets. He is giving operational instructions without the right recognised clearance. It is an actual fact as if Commissioner Khumalo, to use you as an example, not because you look the part, if you were a taxi driver and you did not have PDP, that is what they have reduced the South African Police Service to.

10 Now when you find out that out of the nine Provincial Commissioners, only two have clearance, we understand why our children are dying like flies. Where was I?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Saying Commissioner Khumalo looks like a taxi driver.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I was just teasing, Advocate.

20 “Allegations concerning classified reports and the Secret Service Account Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi alleges that I received and I shared classified reports concerning internal SAPS vetting and the Secret Service Account or slush fund, therefore compromising the KwaZulu-Natal Political Task Team by exposing its operational funding and

vehicle procurement. This allegation is denied.

10 The information available to me indicated an alleged contravention of the Public Finance Management Act. If Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi is aware that I possess classified documents and believes that I acted unlawfully, he should have laid a charge at the nearest police station rather than threaten me. Instead, he elects to make public statements against me in the South African media concerning my alleged exposure of corruption, which of his own version, he has known about for many years.”

This is a serious question to me. Everything is known about, Chairperson, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi never opened a single case.

20 “He indicated that I was being used. That may be his belief and it in fact may be true, but it does not make the information that I brought to the relevant authorities irrelevant.

Allegations that I am a conduit for a criminal cartel

Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi alleges that I am a conduit for criminal cartel seeking to weaken the South African Police Service. This allegation is denied and it is false. It has been made without substantiation, in my view, in the same manner, several other statements made by Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi, which have not been properly tested and I really
10 hope this Commission is going to.”

I thought the PKTT was coming again. [Laughter]

“On the contrary, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi publicly claimed that fellow Generals were innocent, as if he possessed authority equivalent to that of a judicial officer.”

You see, Judge, when I tell you my evidence is not a conviction, that is because it is not a conviction. It is an allegation. For a General to come on TV and say this one
20 is innocent, he has told the Courts that we no longer need them, the investigators will decide.

“I find this particularly concerning because a Magistrate, that statement of Mkhwanazi, that General Mkhwanazi, that they were innocent, it is concerning to me

because a sober Magistrate had, on the available evidence, found sufficient grounds to issue an arrest warrant.

General Mkhwanazi, instead of making allegations against me, should perhaps explain to this Commission if he is in actual fact a conduit for Mr Timmy Marimoto [?], a known criminal, who he is alleged to have a close relationship with.

10 There are in fact allegations that General Mkhwanazi has interfered in the arrest of Mr Marimoto and it is a fact that Mr Marimoto's wife has worked in Crime Intelligence as a police colonel, her first job in the province of KZN, where General Mkhwanazi is the Provincial Commissioner.”

Now, Chairperson, I assume that Mrs Marimoto worked in Crime Intelligence under the tutelage of General Dumisani
20 Khumalo. If Crime Intelligence cannot understand that a wife of a convicted criminal and alleged drug dealer is heading a department, then I am concerned, Chief.

“Response to paragraph 3, 1.3 of the Rules of Notice.”

Am I too wet? Am I jumping the gun? I am sorry, my

control issues are taking over here.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, that is fine. This is the response to the Rule 3 Notice. Do you want to proceed with it?

MR ADAMS MP: Ja, this is the part where I get in trouble, but ja. Just before I move on to this, Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi does allege that I am a conduit for a criminal cartel and that I am trying to weaken the SAPS. The SAPS has weakened the SAPS, Chief, not me. My response to
10 Paragraph 1.3 on the Rule 3 Notice:

“In paragraph 1.3 ...[intervenes]”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: It is really a repeat of what you have said.

MR ADAMS MP: Then I will not insist to read it, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Can you then go to the next topic on page 43, IDAC?

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate. Thank you, Commissioners. Just give me one second, please. My phones are off.

20 “I am extremely concerned and shocked about allegations of impropriety at the Independent Directorate against Corruption concerning the investigation and concerning the Investigating Director herself. If these allegations are proven

true, I submit that the person responsible should face the full force of the law. The performance and attitude of IDAC members during the testimony before the Commission was extremely disconcerting and leaves much to be desired for an organisation of such importance. The blame-shifting, the innuendo, backstabbing conduct that I regard as treacherous and personal grievances reveal, point to my view, to a seriously dysfunctional organisation.

In my view, the conduct disclosed during the testimony raises serious questions about whether some members of IDAC are capable of fulfilling their responsibilities. I respectfully hope that the Commission will make serious recommendations concerning those members whose conduct warrant such consideration.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: In Response to IDAC Witnesses on page 44.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate. Thank you, Commissioners.

“I am not able to comment fully on the

various statements made by Head of IDAC, Advocate Johnson, because the matter is under investigation and I do not wish to prejudice the criminal case that is being investigated.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Which case were you referring to?

MR ADAMS MP: I laid a criminal case against IDAC, Advocate. I have the case number on my phone. Can I
10 give it to you during the lunch break?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, that is fine. You say IDAC? IDAC itself, the institution?

MR ADAMS MP: I laid a case against the members of IDAC. Who?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Which members?

MR ADAMS MP: Dylan Perumal, Brian Padayachee, but I did request that the institution itself, but those are the two names, because at the time when I laid the case, I had not really heard Andrea Johnson say very much yet at the time,
20 but I did open a case against them for the way in which my case is being handled, for the fact that they came on national TV to discuss the merits of a case that was *sub judice*, which my attorney told me was totally wrong. So I have laid a case against them.

Amongst the things that happened is I was recorded

by an advocate. I do not recall giving her permission to do it, or maybe I did, but I do not recall it. The advocate comes here and discusses the content of that recording, which in my view is privileged. Not that I had a problem with what she said, but because I want the whole two-hour recording to be played here, Chief, because you must hear what she said. You must.

But like I say, there are certain issues where perhaps you must guide me, Commissioner. As you have
10 learned in our first session, I am not a lawyer. Perhaps you must guide me.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP:

“So based on the issues raised before the Commission, I respond as follows:

I relied upon the IDAC officials responsible for my Commissioning process. Any administrative regularities were outside my control and do not affect
20 the truthfulness of my evidence. I submitted my complaint when requested. Decisions concerning the registration of a docket were made by investigators, not me. My role was limited to reporting information that I believe warranted

investigation. Decisions to investigate an arrest relied entirely with IDAC and its prosecutors. Questions concerning document management or record keeping should be directed to the investigators responsible for maintaining the relevant files. I appeared before the authorities as a complainant because I believed that I possessed information concerning alleged wrongdoing. I provided information truthfully and in good faith. I did not direct the information, decide where a docket should be opened, whether a docket should be opened, determine how affidavits were processed, or decide whether an arrest should be made.

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Any administrative issues concerning the Commissioning, filing, or handling of any affidavit should fall within the responsibility of the investigating authority. I stand by the substance of the information I provided and will continue to cooperate with any lawful enquiry. I believe my legal right as a Member of Parliament as a citizen to report

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information that I believe warranted investigation. Whether to investigate or prosecute was a decision for IDAC and the prosecuting authorities.

I had no control when investigators opened a docket. My role ended with providing the information requested from me. Whether my complaint fell within IDAC's legal mandate was for IDAC to determine. I was entitled to submit information. I was not responsible for interpreting the law on behalf of IDAC. I expect investigators to independently verify everything that I report. The investigative decision was theirs alone. I supplied information that I believed to be accurate. It was never my role to determine whether sufficient evidence existed for arrest or prosecution.

Reporting suspected wrongdoing is not the same as directing arrest. Those decisions were made independently by investigators and prosecutors. Once I provided my statements, responsibility for safeguarding, managing, and presenting

those statements rested with IDAC. I humbly request that the Commission should perhaps request the chain of custody of my submitted affidavits from IDAC.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Here you may proceed, ‘Ms Ramsamy’.

MR ADAMS MP:

10 “Ms Drushanta Ramsamy, IDAC prosecutor

I confirm that Advocate Drushanta Ramsamy was a member of the IDAC personnel who I met on 6 January to sign my A1 statements. I wish to respond to comments made by Advocate Ramsamy in her testimony, which in my view may have no bearing on the criminal case that I opened with the SAPS. I stated up front that when I met Advocate Ramsamy, she

20 introduced herself to me as an advocate. It was a one-off meeting and I have not seen her since. I now understand from her own testimony before this Commission that she is not an advocate, she is in actual fact a lawyer.”

Now, Chairperson, if she is brave enough to hand that whole recording over, the first words to me are, I am Advocate Drew Ramsamy.

CHAIRPERSON: My understanding though is that within the NPA, they are given or assigned the proposition of advocate just as a position, not so much whether she is admitted as an advocate or as an attorney. That is my understanding.

MR ADAMS MP: Okay, Justice, if that is the answer then I
10 hundred percent accept it. Okay, I am just going to move on from the next point.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I think you must read it into the record.

MR ADAMS MP: Must I read it into the record?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, I regard the distinction as important because notwithstanding what the Chair said you regarded, she did give the same explanation that the Chair is giving.

MR ADAMS MP: No problem, Advocate. I just thought the
20 Chair was just correcting me.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP:

“I regarded the distinction as important because I was led to believe that she had the title of advocate. Insofar as she took

the time to explain her professional status to the Commission, I believe she did not exercise the same degree of circumspection when she interacted with me. I was extremely surprised to hear from a testimony before the Commission that our conversation had been recorded. I do not believe, Chairperson, she requested my permission as the whistle-
10 blower and person providing the information to record the conversation.”

I do not, I absolutely do not recall her asking that question. I do remember that there was a cell phone on that table which was untouched for that whole two hours if I think about it.

“What concerns me further is a recollection of the events of the day which I met with the IDAC staff. I deal below with my response to various statements
20 made by Advocate Ramsamy.”

Now, Chairperson, it is just here that I am a little bit afraid because this issue is under investigation, but I am going to try to assist the Commission as far as I can.

“The issues raised by Advocate Ramsamy include two different versions of my

statements, the authenticity of my S27, the inaccuracy of IDAC's recordkeeping, the integrity of evidence presented in Court and to the Commission, the handling of the interview process, the two-month delay allegedly involving opening a case before I came to IDAC, and my possession of the documents.”

Chairperson, I only gave one account in my interview.

10 Anything that happens after that, Chairperson, that is not my business.

“Any later differences between documents should be explained by those responsible for preparing and preserving the records. The accuracy and custody of investigation records are matters for IDAC. Once I presented my information, I had no control over how those documents were stored or preserved. I attended the
20 interview in good faith and answered every question from the investigators as honestly as I could. Any inconsistencies in the investigator's documents should be addressed to the investigators and not to me.

I opened criminal cases at Grand Central Police Station in Cape Town two days after receiving the documents. The case numbers are 1653/10/2024, 1651/10/2024, and 1650/10/2024. After not receiving ...[intervenes]”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Sorry. Sorry, Mr Adams. When you say after receiving the documents, which documents are you referring to?

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** I am referring to the documents that I picked up in my office that came...

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: On your office floor.

MR ADAMS MP:

“After not receiving a satisfactory response from the Western Cape Police and on the advice of the General Andre Lincoln, former Head of the Anti-Gang Unit, who I regularly consulted on police matters, I proceeded to Johannesburg to
20 open cases concerning the same matters in another province.”

Now, Chairperson, I just wish to draw your attention to this before I go to Jo’burg. If my dockets are not stolen, I have got no business in Jo’burg. And if I have no business in Jo’burg, I would never have heard of IDAC. And that, to

me, Chairperson, is the part that I... Trust me when I tell you, I know you do not miss anything, but I think South Africa is missing. That if those dockets were not stolen, which is what they were, I have got no business with IDAC.

10 “I opened criminal cases at two police stations, namely Orlando police station under CAS numbers 43/10/2024, 44/10/2024, 45/10/2025, and Langlaagte police station, under CAS number 87/11/2024.

 Upon my return to Cape Town, I reported what I regarded as possible impropriety concerning the handling of my criminal cases and the possibility that the investigations were being compromised or deliberately silenced. I emailed the Minister of Police as reflected in Annexure FAA11, in which I raised my concerns regarding the potential
20 compromise of the investigation.”

Now, Commissioners, you know when General Mkhwanazi came to the Ad Hoc Committee, he was the last one to speak. And what he said is, I submitted an email to the Minister at past six in the morning, which is not unusual for me because when I go to Parliament, I am there before six.

But within an hour, the Minister had responded. I regard that as service delivery.

However, the truth of the matter is that I sent the Minister the first email regarding my complaints 10 days earlier. The email the Minister responds to is the second one. And that is also what is not being told. Please see FAA11. The Minister did not wake up before we had breakfast and responded to my email. I had sent an email almost two weeks prior saying, Minister, something's
10 happening here. He did not respond to my email, which is why I initially thought the Minister is part of the cover-up as well and I apologise to the Minister now.

“I emailed the Minister of Police as reflected in Annexure FAA11, in which I raised my concerns regarding the potential compromise...”

I have read that already.

“The then Minister of Police's office directed my complaint to the IDAC on the
20 same day of the second email. Prior to this, I had not known what the mandate of IDAC was or know any person working at IDAC. Advocate Ramsamy also states under oath that she advised me that I am in possession of the documents, that me

being in possession of the documents was a criminal offence. She has admitted that she recorded the entire conversation of my meeting with IDAC and because I am confident in my truth, I implore this Commission to request that recording and play it before the nation.

Many things were said, including a claim from Advocate Ramsamy that she had to
10 flee KZN because of an investigation into SAPS and out of fear of Lieutenant General Khumalo.”

That chairperson is in the recording. I ask that you subpoena that recording because I have emailed IDAC, I have asked for the recording, they have not responded.

“We have attempted to obtain the recording made by Advocate Ramsamy to prove the lies she talks about me.

The strength of the cases I laid amongst
20 other things...”

Now, Chairperson, after we finished with my statements, my A1s, after commissioning it, after having handed the evidence that was given, that I had given to, I think I gave it to Raphesu because I think Perumal was busy on the phone. I think, I may be wrong. Mr Raphesu rather,

because Mr Perumal was on the phone, I think. I went down, I went to smoke. I came back up and she says to me, we have enough to move on two cases immediately.

That will be in the recording as well, Chairperson, so I am confused when she comes here, says to you she recorded the meeting, but says to you in the words of Mr Raphesu that I gave him *fokol*. And I am offended by that because the meeting went well.

10 “She further stated that it was very strange that there were no cameras in the corridor of my parliamentary office that could show who placed the documents under my door and that she found it highly improbable that this is how I received the documents.”

I again referred to the Commission, please Commissioners get that recording. I, Chairperson, did not apply for that office that I received. Parliament issued me with a key. The fact that that camera right there does not reach my
20 office as far as I can see, because when I look out the door, I cannot see the camera. She asked me, is there a camera above your door? I said, and it is on the recording, it does not cover my office. It is on the recording. Why she finds it suspicious, Chairperson, she must take it up with Public Works because I do not install cameras.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: But what would the recording help then? Because she said in her evidence before the Commission that she found it highly improbable that there was no camera near your office. So what is it that you say the recording will reveal?

MR ADAMS MP: The recording will prove that I did not give them *fokol*. She was ready to move on two cases, her own words. The recording will also prove that she said to me, and when I think about it, I do not know if she was
10 trying to bait me or to get me to say something, I had to flee KZN because of Khumalo. I had to pack up and come to the Western Cape. She says it, it is on the recording.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, I am asking about paragraph 3-9-4 where you say:

“She stated that it was very strange that there were no cameras in the corridor of my parliamentary office that should show who placed the documents under my door, and that she found it highly improbable
20 that this was how I received the documents.”

She said that in her evidence before the Commission.

MR ADAMS MP: Ja.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So why do you say I will again refer the Commission to the recording that must be played?

How will the recording help us?

MR ADAMS MP: I want the committee to hear my response to her when she asked about the cameras and her response back to me.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: I want the committee to hear that.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: That you said there are no cameras, and what did she say?

MR ADAMS MP: She said no, that is fine.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: Or something like that.

“I respectfully request that the Commission have the recording transcribed and placed on the record. The purpose would be to enable the Commission to identify what I believe are material inconsistencies in advocate Ramsamy's evidence concerning the events that took place on 6 April 2025.

20 Due to a current case I have opened concerning alleged impropriety by IDAC and its officials, I respectfully decline to respond further on certain aspects in order to avoid jeopardising the criminal case. I am able to provide a video to the

Commission which in my view demonstrates that Advocate Ramsamy's allegations regarding the probability of how I received the documents created an unnecessary and misleading impression. I take great offence at what I regard as a misleading narrative concerning the day at which we met. I respectfully request that the Commission consider whether
10 evidence warrants any appropriate finding or sanction."

Advocate, may I please approach you?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: Can I come to you?

CHAIRPERSON: No, perhaps let us take the lunch adjournment. During the lunch adjournment, you may then ...[intervenes]

MR ADAMS MP: Chairperson, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

20 **MR ADAMS MP**: Because the coloured community will tease you about anything. It is time for me to take my meds, man. So I was just going to ask if I can just stand outside the door and take my tablet. That is all I was going to ask. Thank you, Chairperson. We can do it during lunch.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chief.

INQUIRY ADJOURNS

INQUIRY RESUMES

CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Ms Segeels-Ncube.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair. Mr Adams, can you just switch on your microphones.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: We were on page 50 and the topic is Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi's claim that I am a
10 hired gun for cartels". You may proceed.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate. Thank you, Commissioners. Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi essentially claimed that I am a hired gun for cartels. You know, the City of Cape Town, the Manager, City Manager, Mr Lungelo Mbandazayo, he unlawfully cancelled a staircase upgrade tender in 2020, namely tender 357Q.

20 "The repair of these deteriorating staircases was urgently, is urgently required, because the City of Cape Town had itself acknowledged that the staircase infrastructure was ailing and critical. I could not find the engineer's report, but there exist such a report. I have attached a document signed by the City Manager, in which he acknowledges

in his own words that the tender was unlawfully cancelled, yet he did nothing to remedy the breach of the bid adjudication committee. The document is attached as Annexure FAA25. He further refused to explain what happened to the tender budget which exceeded R600 million over the term of the contract. We approached various officials at the City of Cape Town, including Mr Zakariya Hoosain, the Chief Audit Executive, Mr Basil Chinasamy who is now on suspension. He was the Supply Chain Management Director at the time. Mr Kevin Jacoby, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Cape Town, Mr Malusi Booi who was on the Mayoral Committee for Housing at the time, the Mayor of the City of Cape Town, Mr Geordin Lewis-Hill and the previous Mayor, Mr Dan Plato.”

This, Chairperson, is a six year fight with the City of Cape Town, because tons of concrete are threatening to fall. We are talking three storey staircases. People have fallen right through. People have fallen over the top as these things are collapsing.

“The budget was approved by Council.
 The City Manager cancelled it and people
 are getting hurt, legs, ribs and arms
 broken daily. No satisfactory answers
 were ever provided to us and I believe
 that our efforts to obtain information was
 repeatedly shut down. The Mayor
 publicly stated on radio and in Council
 that no political persons were ever
 10 involved in the fraud and the matter was
 merely one of maladministration and not
 criminal in nature. He states on the
 record in Council that I was dreaming or I
 had smoked something. I was insulted
 and I was ridiculed during the Council’s
 sitting and was removed from the Council
 meeting with the conduct being supported
 by the Speaker of the City of Cape Town,
 Mrs Felicity Purchase, Ms Felicity
 20 Purchase. A member of the NCC, Mr
 Hanif Loonat, one of the most renowned
 crime fighters in the country, opened a
 criminal case against Ilitha Painters and
 Decorators trading as the Construction
 Co. The company subsequently changed

its name to, or no, it was Ilitha Painters at the time, sorry, it changed its name to the Construction Co. This company is operated by Mr Asif Khan, Mr Abdul Karrim Khan and their brothers, Uwais and Irfaan Khan. The case number relating to Mr Loonat's complaint is 1999/01/2022 and 200/01/2022.”

This is the same company we had asked the Mayor
 10 of the City of Cape Town to take action on. Had it not been for what I regard as the sterling work from the Commercial Crimes Unit in Cape Town, we believe nothing would have happened to this company. They are before the court now.

“I have attached one tender amongst the many awarded to this particular company, namely tender 243Q/2017-18. Please see Annexure 27. Now, this tender was awarded as a 3GB tender. This meant, this as I understand it, means that the
 20 company qualifying for that grading should have a prescribed maximum turnover and an experience threshold. The tender was initially awarded at a paltry R60 million. The eventual payout on that tender was R503 million. We

sought an explanation from the officials identified above, but no satisfactory response was ever provided. We demanded that the City seek recovery of the funds from this company, which had previously been charged in the Commercial Crimes Court. The City has refused. The City of Cape Town has, to my knowledge, not acted upon our request to recover a single cent of unlawfully obtained funds. I understand SAPS' position that a minimum sentence of 15 years may apply, where funds exceeding R500,000.00 was stolen, and SAPS is inundated with fraud investigations. Nevertheless, in my view, this does not excuse the City from taking appropriate civil action to recover funds, where it believes that funds have been improperly obtained. I have attached Annexure FAA13, which provides a detailed background to the alleged fraud and corruption involving City of Cape Town officials and the municipality. We have opened a criminal case

concerning alleged contraventions of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, the PRECCA Act, against individuals at the City of Cape Town whom we approached for information that we believe should be available publicly. These individuals refused to provide any information concerning Tender 243Q.”

Now, I just want to just draw your attention to this
10 simple fact, Commissioner. The BAC documents on any tender is public knowledge in any municipality you go in the country. As corrupt as people may say the ANC is, or whoever is, only in the City of Cape Town does the Democratic Alliance, and I am not playing politics, hide BAC minutes which we requested, because that would point to the fraud because they are denying that our staircase budget was stolen, and our elderly people are walking up tons of concrete while it is doing that.

“Furthermore, the City Manager, Mr Mbandazayo,
20 reportedly ...”

No he did not reportedly.

“... undertook publicly to provide the forensic report prepared by the City of Cape Town's own forensic division to the media in January of 2021. That report

remains unavailable. Member of Parliament, Sakiena Frenchman, has made numerous requests to the Human Settlements to make this forensic report available to the Human Settlements Committee. That is more than a year ago. Evidence is still being denied.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Sorry, Mr Adams, this section is supposed to deal with allegations made by General
10 Mkhwanazi that you are part, I think, what does it say, of the cartel, that you are being used ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: This is only paginated here, ma'am. I am reading it in the order it is coming.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, no, no, I am saying it is paragraph, page 50, the heading is, Mkhwanazi's claim that I am a hired gun for cartels.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes. So, you do not deal with the nature of the claim. What is the claim? What does he say
20 why you are a hired gun? You just go right into a tender fraud matter.

MR ADAMS MP: No, we will get there, if you will allow me to just ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, but can you tell us what is the significance of mentioning the tender?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am. General Mkhwanazi has said at the *Ad Hoc* Committee that there are politicians that are working with cartels. He has only mentioned two politicians. It is myself and honourable Diane Kohler-Barnard. So, I do not know how honourable Kohler-Barnard feels about that, but it is clear that he is alluding that it is me. So, I am trying to explain to this Commission here that the charges I laid were not my first rodeo.

I am going to give you numerous cases of fraud and
10 corruption in the City of Cape Town while I was a sitting Councillor, that I laid. And I also wanted to, I want, please, Commissioners, I want you to see how the NPA itself has held us back. It is in here, if you will just allow me to read it. I know it is a little bit long. Thank you. Sorry about that, Advocate. I do apologize.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: You may proceed then.

MR ADAMS MP: I am just looking for the page now. Sorry about this, ma'am.

ADV KHUMALO SC: You are not towards the end of 53?

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Oh, here I am. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Commissioner Khumalo.

"I have been advised by a whistleblower that the report in question, the one the City Manager is hiding, the forensic report, identifies approximately 343

million in irregular expenditure. I have not been provided with a lawful explanation as to why the report cannot be accessed. I have also opened a criminal case against Rodium Construction relating to allegations that the company attempted to circumvent restrictions imposed upon the construction code by the City of Cape Town. The directors of Rodium Construction, according to the information available to me, are the wives of Mr Asif Khan and Abdul Karrim Khan, the directors of the Construction Co. which is now before the court for fraud.”

Now, we have advised the City that this is fronting, that these are the wives of the people that are in court. The City has awarded them over R400 million worth of tenders. That case is currently under investigation.

“We have also brought the alleged irregularities to the attention of the Construction Industry Development Board. We wrote to the City Manager and the Mayor, but we have received no

response in over 12 months. The criminal cases concerning the Construction Co. have, in my view, been delayed and obstructed by the NPA. The Commercial Crimes Unit of SAPS has performed excellently, excellently in my view, in this investigation, but I believe that the NPA is attempting to derail this matter. The complainant in the case, Mr
10 Hanif Loonat, and I have attempted for more than four years to obtain a meeting with Advocate Esmeralda Johnson, who has steadfastly refused to meet with us.”

So I am just going to shorten this because it is lengthy. These people are accused, Chief. I mean, we have given SAPS hard information that these people have defrauded the City of Cape Town of hundreds of millions of rand. They are charged with 2,5 million. The NPA, in our view, is preparing these people for a slap on the wrist when
20 in actual fact 15 years is the prescribed sentence. Now, we have been asking for four years for the prosecutor to meet with us to make us understand how you have shrunk this case to R2,5 million. She refuses to meet. We have emailed Malini Govender, Nicolette Bell, to explain to us. They refuse to answer. And we take this seriously because

this is our staircase budget that has been stolen. We want these people convicted properly if they have indeed committed these crimes, but we want our money back so our communities can be developed. The NPA refuses to assist us.

“Advocate Nicolette Bell has not responded to our request for assistance for a period of approximately three years. Please see FAA14.”

10 We have emailed, not me, Hanif Loonat has emailed Advocate ...[indistinct]. I think that might have been four months ago. He is the new head of the NPA in our area. He has not responded either.

 “Mr Loonat and I have gone to the extent where we have laid criminal charges against the NPA for defeating the ends of justice because they are derailing these cases. I have attached the affidavit presented to SAPS by Mr Loonat. The
20 affidavit is attached as Annexure FAA15. The one point where I can agree with Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi is that political influence can play a role in criminal cases being set up to fail. Had it not been for the tenacity of Mr Loonat

and to a lesser degree myself, I believe that the Construction Co. and the persons involved in this conduct would have escaped accountability four years ago.”

Commissioner, they have been before the court for four years for fraud. They have not plead it. That is the game the NPA is playing with us in this case. We are at every court appearance for the last four years, every month.

10 They still have not plead. They have come, they have had to appear before the court on one day, I can get you the date, and what happened on the day is the accuser is not in front of the Judge, but the case gets, but they get given another date. We cannot understand what is happening here. I am going to move straight to the end of page 58 because we have laid charges against Fleet Management.

“It has also, according to the Democratic Alliance Councillor, Mrs Deirdre De Vos, and Mayoral Council Member for Housing

20 and Deputy Federal Executive Chairperson, Mr Carl Pophaim, that an attempt on my life was made by Alderman JP Smith, the Head of Safety and Security in the City of Cape Town.”

It is alleged by, let me just rather just give you the

back end of the story. I think it is going to be easier, Chairperson. I was coming from Mpumalanga. I think, I think it was in June of last year when I got a phone call from then-Councillor Pophaim, who would later become the Mayco member for Housing, and he said to me, Fadiel, wherever you are, stay indoors. And I asked him why. I said, I am a big boy. He said, no, JP is a P. He is, I cannot repeat what he said. I said, Carl, what is happening, because Mr Pophaim and I are cordial. He said
10 to me, JP try to have you killed.

I said, why? He said, no, Deirdre called me now. She, he said, Deirdre is a bit slow, so she did what JP told her to do and realized afterwards, and then she called me for advice. I said, what happened? He said, JP Smith, I think he is the Deputy Federal Chairperson of the DA, he sent a newly elected Councillor, Deirdre De Vos, to Mannenberg to go and speak to a former gang boss who does work for the City of Cape Town and tell him that Fadiel is meddling. We are going to have to cancel your contracts.

20 Being as dilly as Deirdre De Vos is, she went to the gang boss and I think his reaction, it sparked a little bit of intelligence in her because she called Carl Pophaim. I have a screenshot of the conversation which I only obtained this morning because it is, it was with Commercial Crimes. I did not know where else it was because that device is no longer

with me. And I called Councillor De Vos and I recorded the conversation.

I also called Mr Faik Moses, the former gang boss, and he said to me, they wanted me to kill you, but I will not be used. Because Chief, if you have a perception of me as a gangster, a violent man, a drug dealer, a killer, and you tell me that someone is threatening my money, you can assume which way I am going to react. And this is what Alderman JP Smith did according to his own Councillors. I, 10 sir, called Faik Moses. I lodged an enquiry. The enquiry number is 1/6/2025. The Commercial Crimes Unit took this case. They took the screenshot where Carl Pophaim and Deirdre De Vos are having a conversation where it is confirmed that they threat, they tried to have Fadiel killed.

They have got a statement from Mr Faik Moses saying, yes, I do get the impression that they wanted me to hurt this man. They have got a 3-minute or 4-minute recording of Deirdre De Vos speaking to me, not denying that this is what happened. In Cape Town, they cannot get 20 a warrant on that basis. I do not know what you, not a warrant, a search and seizure because our SAPS wanted their phones to see if the communication was real. They cannot get a warrant.

So fighting corruption in the City of Cape Town means that next time I walk into Mannenberg there is a

bullet waiting for me. And again, this is the NPA and the Magistrate saying we will not issue a warrant on the basis. And someone at Commercial Crimes told me we cannot understand this, we have gotten warrants with 10%, 10% of what you have given us.

So when General Mkhwanazi makes the assertion that I am a hired gun because I laid charges, I need you to understand, Chief, ag, Chief, Commissioner, that this is something I have been doing for years, that where I see
 10 possible corruption, I will report the crime and step off. And on my phone, I actually saw now the other day one of my cases I got a response from SAPS there is no merit to the case, I am sorry, we have got a *nolle prosequi*. I am okay with it. I am not here to make the decision. I am saying please look into this, that is all I am asking.

“So fighting corruption in my view is not safe. I ask the Commission to listen to Annexure FAA16.”

It is in support of my allegation that Carl Popein
 20 and Deirdre De Vos alleged that JP Smith tried to have me killed.

So when Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi claims that Fadiel Adams or the NCC are hired guns for criminal cartels, the criminal cases that I have opened, at great risk to myself, because I know who I am dealing with, because

you have to remember the City of Cape Town is the municipality that is notorious for giving big tenders to gang bosses. That is who you are fighting when you report these things. This is the risk we take. So for me to be labelled a hired gun or a conduit for cartels or whatever it is that is going on in General Mkhwanazi's head, I take offense to it, because I, I as a nothing, in my view, have done more than he has about crime that he is known about.

He is happy to come and sit here and talk about it,
10 but not once has he followed procedure, which is what both the MISS document and the Constitution require of any civic-minded citizen of this country.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do you want to then go to 485 on page 59.

MR ADAMS MP: 485.

ADV KHUMALO SC: I thought that is what we had just covered.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Yes.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** So then “I will continue to fight for justice” ...[indistinct].

MR ADAMS MP: I think I am just being a little bit dramatic with 487, Advocate, so if you will excuse me with that. I think I am done with that.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I think you have said it already,

yes. 60.

MR ADAMS MP: Page 60.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: “Events leading to my arrest”.

MR ADAMS MP: -:

10 The events leading to my arrest and the
 institution of criminal proceedings. This
 chapter deals with the sequence of
 events that culminated in my arrest and
 the institution of criminal proceedings
 against me. I include these matters
 because they form part of the factual
 chronology relevant to the Commission's
 term of reference and my interactions
 with the PKTT and not for the purpose of
 inviting the Commission to determine my
 criminal liability or innocence. At the
 outset, I want to emphasize that the
 criminal proceedings instituted against
 me remain pending before the competent
20 court and therefore I can only say so
 much. I fully respect the authority of the
 court to determine the charges in
 accordance with the law. Nothing
 contained in this statement should be
 understood as asking to litigate those

proceedings before this Commission or to prejudice the administration of justice. Prior to my arrest, I became aware of information suggesting that members of the PKTT were considering criminal action against me. The precise source of that information is dealt with later in the statement. Upon receiving that information, I did not seek to evade law enforcement authorities or frustrate any lawful investigation. Rather, I instructed my legal representatives to engage with the relative authorities in order to establish whether a warrant had in fact been issued, the nature of the allegations, and the legal process that would be followed. So on or about the 9th of April 2026, correspondence was addressed on my behalf to Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi, the Acting National Commissioner ...”

No, no. No, I think it was Masemole, sorry.

“... of the SAPS, and the Acting Minister of Police, Minister Cachalia. Please see Annexure FAA7. So, in that

correspondence, it was recorded that I had become aware of reports suggesting that a warrant of arrest either existing or was being sought against me.”

I just want to expand on that just a little bit. I got a phone call from a gentleman claiming to be a friend of the hitman of Sindisa Mgaqa. He told me that the PKTT had been there to see his friend and they wanted incriminating evidence against me. My response was, I have done
10 nothing. He said, I have been told to call you. I asked him, where did you get this number? He refused to say, because it was a new number, he refused to say. I then, what I did then, as explain after this, I expressly indicated that should, I indicated to General Mkhwanazi, General Masemola, and the Minister of Police, that should a lawful warrant be issued, I was willing to cooperate with the authorities and present myself through the appropriate legal channels.

“The purpose of that correspondence was quite straightforward. My legal
20 representatives sought clarity concerning the legal basis for any contemplated arrest, the jurisdiction in which this manner arose, and the identity of the investigating authority. We also sought to avoid the unnecessary deployment of

operational resources where my cooperation had already been offered. Despite these attempts taken, no substantive response was received before operational steps were taken.”

So what I am trying to say here, Chairperson and Commissioners, is that I am sending an email to what I regard as three of the top people in law enforcement in the country. I am saying to them, it has come to my attention
10 that there may be an attempt to arrest me. So all I want to say to you is please do not send men with guns to my house. I am putting it on record that if there is a warrant, I will present myself to the nearest police station and here is my attorney on record. That is the email that I sent, that is the annexure, that is FAA7. The first response that I get to that email is after the PKTT hit the wrong house when they are trying to arrest me.

“It is common cause, insofar as I understand the events, that members of
20 the PKTT subsequently arrived at my previous residential address in an effort to execute the warrant. By that stage, my willingness to cooperate had been communicated to the relevant authorities. Following those events, further

communication took place between my legal representatives and members of the SAPS. The communication did not resolve the concerns that had been raised regarding the execution of the warrant, the jurisdictional issues involved, or the procedural steps that would be followed. These concerns are dealt with more fully in subsequent chapters in the statement, please see Annexure FAA18.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: So, just so that you know, Commissioners, on the morning that it hits the news that the PKTT had hit the wrong house, this is using the best Crime Intelligence we have, General Mkhwanazi responds to my email, dated, I can give you the date, and General Mkhwanazi says, as you know, I almost know it by heart, I have now been given a national task, so I am not all that clued up with the PKTT. So, when I asked the prosecutor earlier, he told me that there was no warrant. It has since come to my attention that there is a warrant.

So, I am giving you this email in order to interact with Mr Adams' legal counsel. That is the gist of the email. My lawyer contacts the head of the PKTT, the Operational

Head at the time, Lieutenant Colonel, I think it is Majitila, and is unable to receive any information. Not what is the charges, what is the jurisdiction, where are you taking him? No, he must hand himself over. I say to my lawyer, Shahid, is this procedure? He said, this is not normal. I said, what do we do? He said, well, we have the option of going to court to force the warrant out of them, because they will not give us any information. We do so. The High Court grants me relief. The High Court says, hand Mr Adams the warrant
 10 and the supporting documents that you used to obtain it.

They ignore the High Court order. They proceed with the arrest. When they eventually comply, this is after we go back to court, they give us the supporting document and it is, we will get there, I am just jumping the gun. The supporting document cannot be read. That is how the PKTT operates. But we will get there and I am sure I will be questioned on this.

“An example of collusion between
 General Mkhwanazi and Lieutenant
 20 General Khumalo.”

It should say alleged collusion.

“Before this Commission, Lieutenant
 General Khumalo swore under oath that
 Mr Stuart Sharnick is a serial hijacker
 with 17 convictions.”

He said it right here.

“A press conference was later called by Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi where a statement is made by General Gopal that someone had broken into the offices of SAPS and deleted Mr Sharnick's criminal record. Mr Sharnick has proven to me that his record was lawfully expunged and we invite this Commission to call the
10 Head of Forensics to explain the facts.”

Mr Sharnick in fact had never been convicted or accused of a single hijacking. So I want to explain the gravity of the situation to this Commission in my view and I may be wrong. The Head of Intelligence, with files on all of us if he wants to, comes here and he says about a man that the man has been convicted of 17 hijackings. He is a serial hijacker, when it is an actual fact, a lie.

Mr Sharnick calls a press conference to tell the media go check my record. Please, I am giving you
20 permission. General Mkhwanazi calls a press conference where it is said that someone broke into the offices of SAPS and deleted the record. Mr Sharnick shows me an expungement certificate. And according to General Mkhwanazi from what I heard at the *Ad Hoc*, he and General Khumalo do not speak much. They only know each other

from years back. But we leave it there.

Chief, Commissioners, there is something that I feel I must put, I am sorry, you have that regal mannerism, Commissioner Khumalo, so when I see you I almost want to say King. There is something that I feel I must read into the record.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Mr Adams, just to place it on record, the Commissioners will decide whether you should read it into the record because it is not part of our terms of
10 reference which is the next topic, Chair. “The discrimination against coloured people in all spheres of government.”

MR ADAMS MP: If I may, Advocate, I feel that part of this Commission's scope of reference is to look into criminality within the SAPS and I can challenge anyone in this room to come with me now to any coloured community, into a police station and help me find the coloureds working at the police station. The South African Police Service has been used as a tool to beat the coloured people and therefore I feel this is part of your terms of reference. In fact, for the last two
20 years, not a single coloured person has been given a promotion within the SAPS in the Western Cape where coloured people are in the majority. So I implore you, Commissioner, that if you want to understand your witness, allow me to read this into the record. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: Please go ahead and ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIRPERSON: Read this out. We will decide later whether it does indeed fall within our terms of reference.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, thank you.

10 “The discrimination against coloured people in all spheres of government. In the financial year 24-25, not a single coloured within the Western Cape was promoted within the SAPS. Please see Annexure FAA9.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I was just going to ask you whether you wanted to make the correction that it is within the Western Cape.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, within the Western Cape. I am sorry.

20 “In May 2019, the Human Rights Commission made a finding that over 1,000 coloured people's CV's were disposed of by the Department of Labour. I refer to Annexure FAA20.”

And I want to give you just a little bit of context. There were 48 client services advisors available in the Department of Labour which is the custodian of the Employment Equity Act, and I was at the Department of Labour on that day, on one day, where the boxes of CV's,

where the CV's were laying on the ground because there were no more places. And when the Department announced who was receiving the jobs, not a single coloured person in all of the Western Cape received a single job. We protested against this. Malema Mutambo I mean Mawela, sorry Julius, Mawela Mutambo refused to meet with us because we wanted clarity, why are our children not good enough? I had to go on hunger strike in front of the doors of the Department of Labour. It is the only weapon that I
 10 had. I closed that place, Commissioner, I closed that place physically with a chain and a lock and I said you can go and lay charges if you want to. If we do not work nobody works.

I went on a hunger strike for four days and then Reverend Chris Nissen from the Human Rights Department Commission got involved and he issued that report which confirms that our children's CV's were thrown away. Every colour that applied, his CV was thrown away.

“Now I refer to the 2016 Human Rights
 Commission made a determination that
 20 coloured people had suffered the brunt of
 skewed BEE and affirmative action
 policies.”

That is not me saying it. It is the Human Rights Commission. So I want to explain to you, Commissioner, if you give me a minute that all those shooters on the Cape

Flats and all those kids that are dying and all those young drug peddlers, they were once children with dreams, children with CV's and they have given up, because they have seen their uncles and their fathers walk, beg for jobs and not getting it just because they are coloured. And if you cannot have the conversation about gang violence without having the conversation of a lack of opportunity and those opportunities are denied to our children. And I have lost friends and nephews and family and loved ones

10 because of this discrimination and I feel that this Commission must look into that. And even if I have to threaten Justice Madlanga today I will, but we need to look into, it was not, we need to look into this justice, because it is the only way we are going to stop the killing.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Page 63.

MR ADAMS MP: -:

“The Sindiso Mgaqa matter.”

You know, the killer of Sindiso Mgaqa lies in prison. He is been begging for more than two years to make a full

20 confession. I have attached his affidavit. The killer is a Mr Ncengwa and he asked that the Commission notes that the weapon and the vehicles used to assassinate a crime fighter was supplied by Crime Intelligence.

“The killer also confirms under oath that he was escorted to and from the scene of

the murder of one of our finest by police.

According to our hero Generals, this matter is still under investigation.”

I wish to remind this Commission that Sindiso was killed in 2017. It is now 2026.

10 “I ask that this Commission remembers that Sindiso Mgaqa was killed in 2017 and the implicated policemen are still working at Crime Intelligence. I have also asked that the Commission note that both the arresting officer and the prosecutor in my arrest, and in my own arrest, are mentioned in negative terms in the sworn affidavit of the killer, Mr Ncengwa. Please see Annexure FAA23.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: The conclusion and recommendations.

MR ADAMS MP: -:

20 “Finally, Commissioners, I have great hope and confidence in this Commission and in the outcomes it may achieve.”

Whatever hiding I may get here today.

“I believe I speak for my community when I say this Commission can influence

those in power to take meaningful steps
to reduce the slaughter of my people on
the Cape Flats.”

And that is what it is, Commissioners, it is a
slaughter. Three thousand people are here.

“I also believe that if its
recommendations are accepted, the
Commission's work will strengthen the
South African Police Service in fulfilling
10 its mandate to protect and to serve.”

Commissioners, too many people have died, too
many lives have been lost and too many families have been
shattered and my plea today is that you recommend the
restructuring and tighter mechanisms for Crime Intelligence.
That we ask for better pay and better trained prosecutors.
And if I may, and if there are any prosecutors that work for
the state, please do not hate me for what I am about to say,
the problem we have, Commissioner, and I sit in court many
a times to watch murder cases, sometimes of people that I
20 know, is that once these kids have been robbed out of varsity
and I am a school leaver, I do not speak with authority, but
this is my opinion, the best get absorbed into the Buchanan
Boys, the Bowmans, those are where the best goes, the
advocate sellers of this world, if you will. And the next best
go to the next level of law firms and ultimately the

prosecuting authority sits with what the rest of the world, what the rest of the country does not want.

We need to offer better packages, better salaries, better money at the bottom so we can capture the best within the system, because right now you are sending Fadiel Adams to go argue with Commissioner Khumalo, that no matter how strong the case is, the better lawyer is going to win. We need to equip the Prosecuting Authority with the best lawyers, and I am not taking a slight at anyone that
10 works at the NPA, because I have seen William Booth win impossible cases in Cape Town. Impossible. He wins those cases and that is something I feel that when you consider the recommendations, perhaps you will send something like that to the President to put more money into the NPA.

“Appointments and promotion of police officers need to follow public administration guidelines and not the whim of the Police Commissioner.”

Because right now we sit with situations with
20 criminals having their wives and children brought into senior positions within the SAPS. To what end? I do not want to make accusations.

“Employment practices need to be tightened to avoid nepotism and incompetent, unqualified and

inexperienced people being appointed to positions of seniority. For example, not one coloured policeman in the Western Cape was promoted in the last two years.

I am sorry, that just needs to be fixed over there.

10 “We are being told that our skills as coloured people does not warrant promotion throughout the only province we live in. Re-vetting of all senior personnel from the rank of Colonels all the way up to the National Commissioners.”

We cannot, Commissioner Madlanga, be in a situation where provincial Commissioners do not have security clearance. How then do we justify them reading classified documents, the type of classified documents that certain Generals, without security clearance, want to put me in prison for. It cannot be. How they can dispense budgets, reading documents they are not supposed to be
20 reading is a criminal offence, in my view, and I may be wrong, and perhaps you must guide me on that.

“The reduction of the senior members of Generals which exceed 200 people currently.”

I wish to use an example, and this is from someone

that is not a great fan of anything American. In America, they have one General, four Lieutenant Generals, eight Major Generals, 32 Brigadiers, 64 Colonels, and it follows the logical mathematics afterwards. Here we have got 200 Generals. No wonder we have got Captains stuck in ranks for 20, 25 years. No wonder the rank of Warrant Officer is known as the graveyard in the SAPS, because all the monies are being spent on top. These Generals do not come cheap.

10 We cannot have a situation where a General is a Station Commander. It belittles the rank, and it is an unnecessary waste of resources. A Station Commander must be no more than a Colonel, in my view, Commissioner, but you will make that finding. I am just offering you my uninformed opinion.

 “My wish and my hope that this Commission will be extended to oversee the implementation of its recommendations. I respectfully wish I
20 may place a statement before the Commission in the spirit of assisting it to establish the facts and to discharge its mandate. I recognize that the Commission must independently evaluate my evidence, together with the evidence

of other witnesses and the documentary material placed before it. I do not ask the Commission to accept my allegations merely because I am making them. I ask only that they be assessed fairly against the documentary record and the circumstances in which the information came into my possession.”

I have jumped something, Advocate.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE**: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: We have not mentioned my arrest at all. I have just realized ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Your arrest? When?

MR ADAMS MP: I have submitted it.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: You did mention your arrest when you referred ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, that, no, no, no, that was the things that lead me to believe that there was interference in the process. My arrest is not in here, and I do believe that
20 must be read into the record, because what comes out there might shock someone.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: We did deal with it on page 60, but are you saying that there is more?

MR ADAMS MP: There is more. There is a lot more.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: You have not submitted that to

us.

MR ADAMS MP: No, man, but we did. But I will clarify that with my office, but I know we submitted that.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Another affidavit or ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, it is just a supplementary, but I know we submitted that.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: The only supplementary we have is a one-page supplementary which ...[intervenes].

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** No, not the one that was sent yesterday. Sorry to interrupt. Not the one that was sent yesterday. That was sent along with this, but I will sort it out now.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: -:

20 “So, where I have relied upon information relieved from others, I have sorted to identify that from that fact. Where I have personal knowledge, I have sought to distinguish it from opinion or inference. Where investigations or criminal proceedings remain pending, I respectfully acknowledge the jurisdiction of the relevant authorities and the courts.

I remain willing to provide the Commission with additional documents, recordings, correspondence, and other material in my possession, and to answer questions concerning the content of the statement. I respectfully request that the Commission take into account the circumstances in which the statement was prepared, including the limited period afforded to me to respond to the evidence of other witnesses, my parliamentary responsibilities ...”

Which do not count right now.

“... my pending court proceedings, and the loss or theft of electronic devices containing potentially relevant information. I sincerely regret any omission or errors arising from these circumstances, and respectfully reserve the right, subject to the Commission's directions, to supplement the statement where further information or documentation becomes available. I remain committed to assisting the Commission in establishing the truth and

strengthening accountability, the rule of law, and public confidence in South Africa's criminal justice system.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you. Shall we then go to your supplementary, what we do have on record. It is in file 4.

MR ADAMS MP: File?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: File 4.

MR ADAMS MP: Okay, I have it. Thank you. Thank you.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE**: Page 1.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you. Thank you, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And it is dated 18 August 2026 and you can start with “Additional information regarding alleged rogue hit squad”.

MR ADAMS MP: -:

20 “I offer my humble apologies to the Commission and make this late submission as further information that may assist you in your work. I suggest that contact is made with Sergeant Samkeliso Mlotswa, another alleged victim of the same police officers accused of acting like a hit squad. Because this matter is *sub judice*, I will not speak of what I know, but I do offer

Annexure FAA28 for perusal.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And what is that Annexure? What is it?

MR ADAMS MP: FAA28.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, what is it?

MR ADAMS MP: That is the sworn affidavit and other information of Sergeant Mlotswa.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: Number 2:

10 “The use of a cellphone interception
device by the PKTT in the execution of
my arrest in May of 2026. It is now
confirmed that the PKTT used a
cellphone interception device in my
arrest for a schedule 1 accusation. This
is confirmed during the state prosecutor
during my bail when she says, and I am
going to quote, that he switched his
cellphone off every time he left the
20 Parliamentary precinct. The only way
that she would have known that is if they
were using a cellphone interceptor.”

Unless the Commissioners can perhaps tell me that I am wrong, but that is my view of it.

“But this is a transgression of the law. A

cellphone grabber may only be used in the event of a threat of loss of life and limb. The video footage is listed as Annexure FAA29.”

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: We do not have the video footage. What is it?

MR ADAMS MP: It is the prosecutor speaking in court.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: Because when I emailed the Acting
10 Commissioner Dimpane and asked her if a cellphone grabber was used in the execution of my arrest, the response was quite puzzling because the Acting National Commissioner writes back and says this matter is *sub judice* and I cannot respond. It cannot be *sub judice* because the warrant has been executed. We only want to know what means were used, because when we get into my actual arrest, because, if I may have just a five minute interjection, I just want to call my office, because when we get into that, Commissioner, it is actually weird that this type of thing still
20 happens in 2026 and I really thought that Steve Biko and the like were the last of the people who suffered this type of treatment. So if, with your permission, Advocate, if I may have 5 minutes just to call my office, because I am just a little bit confused.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: You want us to stand down for

you to establish ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Just 5 minutes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Where the further affidavit is?

MR ADAMS MP: Just 5 minutes if I may. If the Commissioners feel it is not necessary then we can move on, but I am just requesting 5 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON: No, we will come back when it is indicated to us too. Let us adjourn.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Chief.

10 **INQUIRY ADJOURNS**

INQUIRY RESUMES

CHAIRPERSON: Did you come right, Mr Adams?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, Chair. Chair, it is actually an annexure to the statement, which is FAA18, on page 93 of file 2. File 2 is the annexures to Mr Adams' main statement.

CHAIRPERSON: Is that page one eight?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Page 93, nine three.

CHAIRPERSON: 93.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** FAA 18. Do you have it, Mr Adams?

MR ADAMS MP: I do, thank you, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: You may proceed then. This is an annexure to your statement.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Which is in the form of an affidavit.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And when did you prepare this, and for what purpose?

MR ADAMS MP: This is, I prepared this because I am going to lay a criminal charge, or criminal charges, against various members of the PKTT, with regard to what happened here and I am asking the Commission just to
10 please, just indulge me as I read through it. I need the Commission to understand what is going on here.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, it was done on the 14th of July, on page 100.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 14 July 2026. Okay, you may go ahead.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Advocate, thank you, Commissioners, and thank you for indulging me. I could not understand how this could not be in the bundle. Thank you.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** You can just start on page 93, paragraph 4. You do not need to read your details into the record.

MR ADAMS MP: I need to read my details into the record?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, do not. You just start on paragraph 4, "I have been informed by a police official".

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, thank you, Advocate.

10 “I have been informed by a police official
that has signed this statement, in terms
of section 9 of the Justice of Peace
Commissioner of Oath Act, 16 of 1963,
any person who, in an affidavit,
affirmation, or solemn or tested
declaration, made before a competent
person to administer an oath or
affirmation, or take it knowingly it to be
false, commits an offence, and according
to the same section I will be liable to the
penalties prescribed by the law for the
offence of perjury.”

May I continue?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, please ja.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you.

20 “I was arrested on 5 May 2026 by the
Political Killings Task Team at my
Parliamentary residence where I reside,
namely Pelican Park Parliamentary
Village in Cape Town. The reason for my
arrest is related to charges of fraud and
defeating or obstructing the course of
justice. This charge is related to my visit

to a KwaZulu-Natal prison, namely the Westville prison, where I visited an incarcerated inmate, Mr Bongi Nkosi Anthony Dlamini. My alleged criminal case is before the Pinetown Magistrate Court and is ongoing. My attorney on record at the time, Mr Schreuder, requested clarity from the KZN police officer that contacted him, namely Lieutenant Colonel Majila. The request was to clarify the charges I was to be charged for, and most importantly how they managed to obtain, for a matter unknown to myself and my attorney. My attorney, Mr Schreuder, was not provided with any further details regarding this arrest of myself, and he advised me that he would approach the Western Cape High Court to address this cloak and dagger approach being conducted by the PKTT. The Western Cape High Court ruled in my favour and ordered the PKTT to hand over the warrant and the supporting documents used to obtain such a warrant. The PKTT ignored the

High Court order issued on 4 May 2026,
case number 2026-099922. They
proceeded to arrest me on 5 May 2026.
We have since received the statement of
the investigating officer, Sergeant
Sandile Henwel Mavuka, a member of the
Political Killings Task Team. The
following observations were made upon
analysing the statement of Sergeant
10 Mavuka. I have attached two affidavits
from Sergeant Mavuka that were deposed
to on 29 April and 30 April hereto
attached as FP1 and FP2 respectively,
which were both in aid of obtaining a J50
warrant for my arrest. These affidavits
have some serious misstatements
contained in them, and it is clear that
information that was falsified created the
impression that I am evading, and will
20 probably evade being arrested. The
request for my approach was duly signed
off by the respective Magistrate that
Sergeant Mavuka approached. Sergeant
Mavuka claims in his affidavit, FP1, that
he is an experienced officer of the law

with 21 years of policing experience and
15 years in the investigative
environment. I find the errors made by
Sergeant Mavuka in order to obtain my
arrest warrant to be deliberate and
malicious. I have listed some of the
falsified statements of Sergeant Mavuka
that is contained in two affidavits, namely
FP1 and FP2. The affidavit for this
10 application ...”

I will not read paragraph 10, Commissioner, just to
save time, but I am sure that you will peruse this.

“All of the statements made by Sergeant
Mavuka in his affidavit, namely FP2, was
false and resulted in obtaining a J50
warrant for my incarceration for an 11-
day period from the 5th of May to the 15th
of May when I received bail at the
Pinetown Magistrate Court. In the
20 affidavit hereto attached as FP1,
Sergeant Mavuka states that Mr Ncengwa
deposed a statement to me which has
resulted in impeding on the criminal case
of Mr Sindiso Mgaqa. This is a false
statement as I did not commission or

write any statement from Mr Ncengwa.”

I think, Commissioners, because some of these aspects are still ongoing in court, I am just going to skip certain things, but you are free to read it. But what I want to say is if you go to the FP1 and FP2, or rather as I should put it, if you give me one second, to page 128, 127, where is the other one? I say we start at page 121, where Sergeant Mavuka says in paragraph 5 on the 29th of April that:

10 “I am investigating a Member of
Parliament, Mr Fadiel Adams.”

This is in his submission to the prosecutor, he is investigating a Member of Parliament, Mr Fadiel Adams. However, when Sergeant Mavuka approaches the Magistrate, and I ask that you just assist me for the last line and I can give you a clearer picture on my phone, this is the way we have it, on the 30th, the very next day, to the Magistrate in chambers, he says he is not sure if the suspect is still a Member of Parliament.

20 And also, Sergeant Mavuka says that his investigation, just further up, and I know it is terrible, but this is what they gave us. This is the copy they gave us, but we have a clearer copy taken on the phone.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: What page are you on?

MR ADAMS MP: 128 still.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: He tells the magistrate that his investigation has revealed that the suspect has multiple addresses in multiple provinces. And I do feel, Commissioner, that he must come here and prove that because I have never lived outside of Cape Town, and for the last 20 years I have never lived out of Mitchell's Plain, and the longest I have ever been out of the Western Cape was maybe five or six days when I am busy with my work. I
10 have never lived outside of the province. So for a detective with 15 years of experience to go before a Magistrate in order to obtain a warrant of arrest for a schedule 1 accusation which asks for no more than a warning statement, he says that this man has multiple addresses across the country, number one. And number two, despite the fact that yesterday I admitted he is a Member of Parliament, today I am telling you I am unsure if he is a Member of Parliament. A simple Google search could have fixed that for him. And on this basis, a warrant of arrest
20 was granted and this is what I feel I must draw to your attention.

Now if you look at 127, this is how they comply to a court order compelling them to hand over the documents. That is what they think of the High Court. This is what the PKTT does. So what I am saying to you, Commissioners, is

that after I have been alerted that the PKTT were going to trump up a case against me, now I understand this is before the court, I do not want to talk too much. I emailed General Mkhwanazi and the National Commissioner, Mr Masemola, and the Minister of Police, and I said, if you have a valid warrant, do not send the PKTT to me, and it says so in my, it is in my annexures here, I will come to you. What do they do? They do not respond. They send the PKTT like two weeks later.

10 A family is assaulted and traumatized because they go to the wrong house. But they refuse to give names. They did not clock in at the local police station, which is a requirement and it is for this reason that I ask, is this a hit squad? Are these people coming to kill or to arrest? And it is on this basis that we go to the High Court asking to see the warrant. The High Court says, yes, we feel that you are entitled to this. What does the PKTT do? They ignore the High Court. They arrest me anyway.

 What do they do then? They lie to my family. They
20 say they are taking him to Grassy Park. But you must remember, this is in the middle of a storm. They put me in the back of a van. They drove me 8 hours. It stopped raining when we got to PE. Commissioner, have you ever been relieved to be inside of a police cell? I was, because it was dry. I was not afforded clean clothing, my

medication, everything, and they did not even tell my family where I was.

The next day they continued the drive to Durban. They still did not tell my family where I was. Now remember, I am under the impression that the PKTT is a hit squad, parts of it. What is my family to think? What are my children to think after observing the behaviour of these people. They came onto the precinct of Parliament. Even when I told them, just wait, I am just going to get a jacket
10 and a pair of socks, I will come to you, they invaded Parliament. Parliament did not take action. And all of this, because I opened criminal charges.

The head of the PKTT, Dumisani Khumalo, the man who was on trial for cases that I laid. His bail conditions forbid him from tampering with witnesses. This went ahead. I get to court. My bail is contested as if I am a serial rapist. The prosecutor tells the court that I was divorced. In my bail application, the prosecutor is named in the affidavit that they claim I took, or in an affidavit they claim I took, in
20 a negative way. At the very least, he should have recused himself.

I also ask you, just to look at the statement of Sergeant Carlton Thomas. If I can, I saw it now, and I hope to find it.

CHAIRPERSON: Can you please try to summarize it?

MR ADAMS MP: I am finishing, Chief, Justice ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: I am not Chief, please.

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry, sorry, sorry, Boet, that is how we address an elder in Cape Town.

CHAIRPERSON: I am not ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry, Commissioner. So, Carlton Thomas, he alleges, Sergeant Carlton Thomas, a man that I have never met, he alleges that Sergeant Mavuka and
10 Sergeant Sikona, who happened to be my arresting officer and my investigating officer, months before my arrest, held him in General Mkhwanazi's boardroom, demanding that he make a statement implicating me in my trip from the airport to Westville Prison, which he refused to do.

Now, what I am trying to get at, Commissioner, is Sergeant Carlton Thomas could have no way of knowing that this is the man who is investigating me, and this is the man who will eventually arrest me, but he puts it on paper months in advance. And I am going to end it there,
20 because, like I say, the matter is before the courts, and I should not talk about it. But I think that essentially concludes what I came to say. Thank you. Thank you very much for listening.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair. So, Mr Adams,

then those are the only statements that you want to refer to, correct?

MR ADAMS MP: There is something else that I think I forgot, but we can even do that ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, in terms of the statements ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: [Indistinct]... [cross-talking].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, no, I mean the statements. There is no other statements that bears your name, that you
10 submitted to the Commission, that you say should be part of ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Can we then go back to your main statement, which is in file 1.

ADV BALOYI SC: Can we put away 2 in the meantime?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 2, yes. You can put away 2 and 4. I think that is the supplementary. So you can put away 2 and 4 and if you could perhaps keep with you file 9B.

MR ADAMS MP: Just give me one second, please. 2 and
20 4. I have got 9B. Thank you, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So file 1 is your statement that you read into the record earlier, and I want to start on page 38.

MR ADAMS MP: I found it, thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, because the reason why you

are here is because of the section 27 referral to IDAC. You do know that, correct?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And the aspects that we want to address with you really, I think, starts on page 38, which the genesis of all of this is the documents that you say you received under, on the floor of your parliamentary office in October 2024. Now, in your affidavit on page 38, at paragraph 293, you say that you presumed that the
10 documents had been pushed under your door because you found it on the floor when you opened the door.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Correct. And you say that this was in the last week of October 2024. That was, that is what you say in here.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Now, can you just describe to us whether it was in an envelope, how thick were the documents, how many pages, just so we can get a
20 sense of what it is that you had received?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am, thank you. Thank you, Commissioners. It was in an envelope, ma'am. It was a brown envelope. It looked official, like the normal official documents come in. It was not very thick. There might have been at a maximum 10, maybe 11 pages. Some pages

were duplicated, some were not.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And there was no writing on the envelope or anything?

MR ADAMS MP: None.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. And A4 ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: A4 sizes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. And you say this was in the last week of October 2024.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE**: Can we then just briefly deal with the contents of the envelope? What was contained in the envelope?

MR ADAMS MP: So, I have not seen this evidence in 18 months, but yes, what was in the envelope was there was confirmation of payment for a heister. There was a letter of loss, and there were documents pertaining, I mean, a document pertaining to the polygraph, the polygraph of General Madondo. Those were essentially what was in that document, ma'am.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE**: So, that was in relation to the forklift procurement issues?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am. What we call a heister in Cape Town, a forklift.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And when you say the polygraph in respect of General Madondo, what was it?

MR ADAMS MP: It was, you know, I would struggle to be able to explain it to you now, but essentially the document was marked top secret. And the document also, it basically explained that she had failed the polygraph. I know there was other information on there. I think it was pertaining to family that I did not want to look at, because that is not where I, that is not water I swim in and for me it was just a case of top secret, okay, this looks dangerous. And not knowing what to do with the document at the time, I read it
10 again to understand what is going on here, and thought to myself, I need to do something about this.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And can I just understand when you say stuff about her family, what was it?

MR ADAMS MP: I almost think that family members' names were on the document, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do you recall if it was vetting documents, so personal information of General Madondo?

MR ADAMS MP: There was some personal information. I cannot tell you if it was a vetting document.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Okay. And that was all that was contained in the document?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: For example, the letter of loss, there was one copy. The forklift, there was one copy. But of her

particular details, there was two copies of that.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And when you then look at these documents, you immediately think that you are not supposed to be in possession of these documents?

MR ADAMS MP: The one document.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Which was, which is that?

MR ADAMS MP: The one which refers to her polygraph and things. That one was marked. I am not sure if it was classified as top secret, but it was something in that order.

10 I think it was top secret, actually.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And insofar as the forklift documents are concerned, what gave you an indication that this was related to Crime Intelligence?

MR ADAMS MP: Well, after I read the document, it essentially said that we have paid X amount for a forklift and then when I read the letter of loss, it essentially said that the forklift has never been delivered. Now, what I do know about Crime Intelligence, without knowing who the people are, is I knew who the 2IC from Crime Intelligence
20 was and I quickly found out that General Lushaba was in actual fact the CFO of Crime Intelligence.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. And so, with those documents, what did you do next?

MR ADAMS MP: Ma'am, the first thing that I did was I walked to the – no, no, not the first thing. I sat down. I

first tried to make head or tail of it. I tried to call my good friend, Andre Lincoln. He did not answer his phone. I think it was too early. I then heard Sakina's door and I walked next door and I said to her, I think we have just uncovered, we have walked into a massive thing. I did not show her the documents, but I did give her an explanation of what was in there. Then I went about my day, because I did not know what I should do with these documents, other than take it to SAPS. The evening I went to General Andre
10 Lincoln's house and he told me the best thing to do with this is to go and lay a charge.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: That would have been the evening of what?

MR ADAMS MP: That same evening.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Now, in your statement, you say it was the last week of October 2024. When you meet with IDAC in 2025, 6 January 2025, with Advocate Ramsamy, Mr Raphesu, and Mr Perumal, you told them it was in early October 2024. Do you recall that?

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** I do not recall that, but it is not beyond me to make a mistake like that. I do not recall that. I might have. I am not saying I did not, but I honestly, if I think about it, in my mind's eye, it was the last week of October.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. There is, if you go to 9B.

MR ADAMS MP: 9B?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Ja, the file 9B that I asked you to look at. In fact, if I could ask you, you should also have in front of you file 9. File 9.

MR ADAMS MP: Let me just check if I have the witness bundle 9B. Okay, the file ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, and file 9.

MR ADAMS MP: Where must I go? Where would you like me to go, Advocate?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do you have file 9?

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** I have file 9.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Page 3489.

MR ADAMS MP: 3489.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, 3489 in file 9.

MR ADAMS MP: I have it now.

ADV BALOYI SC: [Indistinct]... [microphone off].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I will get to 9B, thank you, Commissioner.

MR ADAMS MP: I have it.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Okay. Now, before we deal with this document, it is a supplementary affidavit. Do you see that?

MR ADAMS MP: I do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And can we, before we deal with the contents, go to page 3490.

MR ADAMS MP: 3490.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: The next page, yes.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Is that your signature?

MR ADAMS MP: That is my signature.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And do you remember that this affidavit was commissioned by Mr Raphesu in Cape Town on the 6th of January 2025?

MR ADAMS MP: This was commissioned in Cape Town.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** I am just mindful and careful of the fact that I have laid a criminal charge against the IDAC, so I do not know how deep I want to go into this, but you can ask your question.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes. When you get to that point where you feel you cannot answer a question, we will then assess whether or not it is a question that you should answer nonetheless. But for now, I just want to establish that you confirm that these are your supplementary affidavits that were commissioned by Mr Raphesu on the 6th
20 of January 2025 in Cape Town during that consultation.

MR ADAMS MP: That is my signature.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, the next one is at page 3491, and the signature on page 3492. Sorry, not 3492. It is on page, there is one that has a missing, so 3494, and the affidavit starts on 3493. I will deal with the one that I

dealt with previously, because there is a page with your signature that is not there. 3493.

MR ADAMS MP: That too is my signature.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And you confirm 3494 is your signature?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Now, if you look at the first one that we had looked at, if I can also ask you to go to 3487.

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** I am there.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And then there is a signature on page 3488, Fadiel Adams. Is that your signature?

MR ADAMS MP: That is my signature.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. And then 3485, and there is a signature on 3486.

MR ADAMS MP: I can confirm.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Now, can we go back to 3485. It is a supplementary affidavit.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** And in paragraph 2 of the affidavit, it says:

“On or about early October 2024, I received information anonymously surrounding alleged crimes emanating from the division Crime Intelligence of

the South African Police Service.”

So here you say early October 2024. In your statement now, you say at page 38, at paragraph 293, you say last week of October. And I think you will agree with me last week of October is not early October.

MR ADAMS MP: They are far apart.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: I am convinced it was the last week of October, and I think this is just a mistake over here. I
10 mean, I understand I signed for it, but I am convinced it was the last week of October.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, so we must accept then that you received the information in the last week of October.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, please, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And can you give us an estimation of when in the last week of October, because we know, before you answer, and to be fair to you, on page 48 of your statement, at paragraph 385, do you have it?

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Paragraph 385?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: Page 48?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 48 of your statement.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: You say:

“I opened criminal cases at Grand Central Police Station in Cape Town two days after receiving the documents.”

So you opened those cases on the 29th of October, is that correct?

MR ADAMS MP: I am trying to figure out what is here before me, ma'am. 165/10/2024.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do you have page 48?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, I have page 48.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Paragraph 385?

MR ADAMS MP: I opened criminal cases two days after receiving the documents. That seems right.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And you say the cases are, and then you name the cases.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Ja. So if you go to page, and I think this is now also file 9, 3877, or is it file 9B?

MR ADAMS MP: 38?

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** 3877. My apologies. I am working from the electronic bundle. So 3877 would be 9B.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am, I have it. 9B?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: Oh, I have got ...[indistinct] sorry, sorry, my mistake. Thank you. Yes, ma'am. I have it.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And you will see the first page is

the page of a docket. Do you have that?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am, I do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 3877. You would have to look carefully at it, but it is Cape Town, and the CAS number, you will see it is that CAS number, one of your CAS number, 1653/10/2024.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, now, if you go to the next page, 3878, at the bottom of that page, you will see 2024-
10 10-29.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So that is the 29th of October.

MR ADAMS MP: Confirm.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 2024. Which means that you would have received the documents on the 27th of October, 2024.

MR ADAMS MP: I will think that could be roundabout right, yes,

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Now, you say when you
20 received these documents, you went to go and speak to, who was it, Ms?

MR ADAMS MP: Sakiena.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes. But did you not also tell the IDAC officials that you also took the documents to Mr Ian Cameron?

MR ADAMS MP: No, I mentioned it to Ian Cameron.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: I did not take it to him.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And what was his attitude towards it?

MR ADAMS MP: He seemed genuinely worried.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, and when would you have done that?

MR ADAMS MP: If it was not the same day, it would have
10 been the next day, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, so you take it to Mr Adams, and what is the reason for taking it to ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Cameron.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: To Cameron. And what is the reason for taking it to him?

MR ADAMS MP: He is my portfolio Chairperson. I did not take it to him, I mentioned it to him. I said, I have got these documents, they look pretty serious. I did not take it to him. I did not hand it to him.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Okay, and you described it to him?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And you say he was serious about it?

MR ADAMS MP: He looked genuinely concerned. I told

him I was going to lay a case.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Oh, you did tell him?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, and what did he say to that?

MR ADAMS MP: He said that is the right thing to do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

ADV BALOYI SC: So you mentioned the contents.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

10 **ADV BALOYI SC:** You told him what these documents were about.

MR ADAMS MP: I did. I am just, I am just, sorry, ma'am, just because it is 18 months ago I am just thinking, did I call him or did I go to him, but I know I spoke to him. I know that. But he seemed genuinely worried. And when I said I am going to lay a criminal charge, he said, it is the right thing to do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, so we know now you received it two days before, according to you and you
20 discussed it with him either that same day or the next day. And you know that you have a duty to report and that is why you are reporting it to him?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Does he say that there must, something must be done about it in addition to the

criminal investigation?

MR ADAMS MP: He did not, ma'am. He did not. Actually, if I think about it, he did not.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Did you not tell the IDAC team that he did not seem interested in the information that you had?

MR ADAMS MP: No, I would not have said that.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. So I am just trying to understand why you are opening up a criminal case if you
10 have reported to the Head of the Portfolio Committee. He seems to take it seriously. Do you not follow that process?

MR ADAMS MP: The Head of the Portfolio Committee, just like me, just like the Minister, does not have investigative power.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, but why ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: We are essentially glorified administrators. We do not have investigative power. Handing it to Ian Cameron would have still meant it needed to go to the police station. As a matter of fact, handing it to
20 anyone would have been a criminal offense if indeed that document was top secret.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: But what gave you the impression that it needed a criminal investigation? They did not come with a note saying, please can you have this investigated for me? I am too scared to come forward.

MR ADAMS MP: Well, if we have paid what was it, close to a million rand, I am unsure, if I am wrong, please do not hold it against me, for a forklift and the forklift has never delivered it, that, in my mind, constitutes fraud or a loss to the SAPS. And also, if the 2IC of Crime Intelligence fails to pass a polygraph or has a criminal record, then she should not be the 2IC of Crime Intelligence and I felt that warranted investigation as well. And then thirdly, the other document was General Lushaba. If indeed he had staged a
10 break-in and had allegedly defeated the ends of justice, that, to my mind, constitutes something that is worthy of an investigation.

But I must add, Advocate, that all I am doing is I am laying a criminal charge. The onus to investigate or to make a finding is not mine.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, but I understood your evidence earlier to be that you would look at whether there was sufficient evidence or sufficient basis for you to go and lay those criminal charges. So that is what I am trying to
20 find out. You have reported it now to Mr Cameron. There is something in it that must say to you that it must be criminally investigated. So that is the route that you decide to take. That is what you say, within two days of receiving that information.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Or actually within a day, because you speak to General Lincoln that same evening.

MR ADAMS MP: I spoke to General Lincoln the same evening.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And General Lincoln is the General that has passed away?

MR ADAMS MP: He sadly passed away, yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: Ja, he is no longer here.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** So you then go and you open up three cases.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: At Grand Central?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, and those cases are opened on the 29th of October 2024.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, according to the records on the 29th.
If you had asked me the question without the docket in front of me, I would not be able to recall the date, but yes, on the
20 29th.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, and then you say at paragraph, still on page 48 of your statement, you say that at 387:

“After not receiving a satisfactory
response from the Western Cape Police,

and on the advice of late General Andre Lincoln, former Head of the Anti-Gang unit whom I regularly consulted on policing matters, I proceeded to Johannesburg to open cases concerning the same matters in another province.”

Now, after not receiving a satisfactory response, what was the response, firstly?

MR ADAMS MP: I called Lieutenant General Patekile, and
10 I also emailed then Minister ...[indistinct] and I told them my dockets have gone missing.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, no, no, you are jumping the gun in terms of the chronology. Do not you send the email to the Minister on the 1st of November only?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, but you opened up the Johannesburg cases at the end of October, the 31st of October 2024.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** So you could not have spoken to the Minister before ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I sent two emails to the Minister, ma'am, 10 days apart.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: If you will allow me just to check the

dates just to ...[intervenes].

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I can tell you the dates.

MR ADAMS MP: Okay, please.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: The 1st of November, that is the first one, so we do not even need to go to the second one yet.

MR ADAMS MP: So what was the question then?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: I asked you what was the response that you got at 387, so that we can find out why
10 you found it not to be satisfactory, such that you went then to get advice from General Lincoln, who says to you go open it up in another province.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So the response, so now remember we are on the 29th of October when you open the cases.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: You receive a response that you are not happy with.

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: When do you receive that response?

MR ADAMS MP: I would not be able to tell you if it was the 30th or if it was the morning of the 1st, but I called - no, no, I am just trying to explain to you. I did not date it. I

called General Patekile, and I think I may even have emailed him. If I can get my laptop up tonight, I will see. And I said that something is wrong, my dockets have gone missing, according to General Andre Lincoln.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: According to whom?

MR ADAMS MP: General Andre Lincoln.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: General Lincoln tells you that your dockets are gone?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE**: How would he know?

MR ADAMS MP: General Lincoln knew everything in the police, ma'am, that is why I always consulted with him.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, clear up the confusion for me. The docket is, the case is opened on the 29th of October. You say by the 30th or the 31st, correct, that you are unhappy because you have been told that the dockets are missing. Two days later, a day or two days later, you are told that the dockets are missing.

MR ADAMS MP: My recollection is that the dockets
20 disappeared on the same day. I remember the General calling me. I think it was the same day, and he said to me, they have intercepted your dockets. And I will tell you, from my mind's eye, I can tell you more or less what the conversation was. I said, General, is this regular? He said, no. I said, what does this mean? He says, they are trying

to stop this investigation. I think it was on the same day that the dockets disappeared that we knew about it.

ADV BALOYI SC: Can I just clarify what you are saying in relation to your statement. At paragraph 387, you say:

“After not receiving a satisfactory response from the Western Cape police and on the advice of the late General Lincoln, I proceeded to Johannesburg.”

So we know that you have laid the charge on the
10 29th.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

ADV BALOYI SC: In paragraph 387, you tell us that you spoke to General Lincoln after you did not receive a satisfactory response from the Western Cape police. So at which point do you not get that satisfactory response, because in the way that you have said it here, the order or the chronology is you laid a complaint, then you did not get satisfaction, and then you went and spoke to General Lincoln, and then you travelled to Johannesburg. So at
20 which point do you get feedback that makes you speak to General Lincoln?

MR ADAMS MP: I am not understanding the last, the question fully, but if I am giving you a wrong explanation, please just help me along. So on the 29th, if, yes, I think it is the 29th, General Lincoln called me and told me that my

dockets had been intercepted. I would have called General ...[intervenes].

ADV BALOYI SC: This is the same day ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Same day.

ADV BALOYI SC: That you laid a complaint.

MR ADAMS MP: As I laid the cases, the dockets were taken.

ADV BALOYI SC: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: The next day, I called, it would not have
10 been the same day because it was after hours, I called
General Patekile, and he told me that an investigation
would ensue. I was not happy with that answer because all
you need to do is find out who collected, that is why there is
a chain, there is a chain of custody. And then I called
General Lincoln back and said, what now? And he said go
and lay it in another province. But he also advised me, I
must tell you, to walk away. I said I will not.

ADV BALOYI SC: Okay, thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: So if I can just understand again
20 from what you say in 387, because I do not think it is still
clear, after not receiving a satisfactory response from the
Western Cape Police, so you inquired from the Western
Cape Police.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And what was your enquiry with

them? And Western Cape Police you distinguished from General Lincoln in your own statement. You say, after not receiving a satisfactory response from the Western Cape Police and on the advice of the late General Andre Lincoln, so he is not the one that you enquired about your dockets?

MR ADAMS MP: No, ma'am, he is the one that told me that the dockets had gone missing.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. So what does the person that you enquired with say to you that makes you not happy
10 with their response?

MR ADAMS MP: It was a very generic response. I expected a little bit more. It was, ja, we will look into the matter.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: But what was your query?

MR ADAMS MP: My query was my dockets have disappeared. It is a very serious matter.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, but how, you see, this is what is the missing link. How do you know your dockets have disappeared, because in 387, it seems that you engaged
20 General Lincoln after you received an unsatisfactory response to a query. It is not that he tells you that the dockets have gone missing, you then enquire with the Western Cape and then go back to him and he says to you, go to another province.

MR ADAMS MP: I think the sequence is has gone missing,

ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, fix it for us.

MR ADAMS MP: What happens is I have laid the cases. I have laid the cases in the morning. I am getting a call early evening or late afternoon to say they have intercepted your dockets. I asked, who is they? He said, I am going to find out. I said, is this procedural? He said, not a chance.

ADV BALOYI SC: Does this mean, on this explanation, that after you got the documents in the way that you say
10 you did, you spoke to General Lincoln, told him what is in those documents, and told him you are going to lay a police complaint?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Advocate Baloyi, Commissioner Baloyi, that is exactly what happened.

ADV BALOYI SC: And you told him which police station you are going to?

MR ADAMS MP: No, I did not.

ADV BALOYI SC: So how would he know that your dockets are missing?

20 **MR ADAMS MP**: He called me in the morning and he asked me, are you still laying the charges and that is the time when I told him where I was.

ADV BALOYI SC: Thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, so you spoke to him in the morning as well?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Can I ask you to go to 3877 again, which is in file 9B.

MR ADAMS MP: 3877, I am there.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: In file 9B.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do you have it?

MR ADAMS MP: 3877, sorry. Is it 3477 or 3877?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 3877. Just let me know when you
10 have it. It is in file 9B. Somebody will assist you.

MR ADAMS MP: Oh, this is file 9B. I am there, Advocate.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. So if I understand your evidence, then General Lincoln called you later that day, later on the 29th.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And says your dockets have been intercepted.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And so if you look at the time on
20 page 3877 where it has got date and time, 20 ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Where is that, ma'am?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: If you, so there is on the left-hand side, date and time. Do you see that?

MR ADAMS MP: I do not.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: It has, I cannot see what that is.
It says Cape Town ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: Is it top or bottom?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Do you see Cape Town written in manuscript?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, I do.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Then case docket, there is a cross. Then go one, two lines down, the next line, date and time.

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** I am still not seeing it, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, there is a time there that says 14:30.

MR ADAMS MP: So it was in the morning.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 14 ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I see that, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, 2024-10-20 ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I see that, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: At 14:30. So that is at half-past 2 in the afternoon.

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Now, your docket is processed at half-past 2 in the afternoon. So it was not in the morning, correct?

MR ADAMS MP: Correct.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. So at half-past 2 in the

afternoon, that is when you are at the police station, opening these cases, correct?

MR ADAMS MP: That is right.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: It is actually very unusual for me to still be in Cape Town at half-past two. I am normally there at 6 and I am gone by half past 1.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: But be that as it may.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** It was clearly an unusual day.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, definitely.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes. So by half past 2, that is when your dockets are processed. And later that same afternoon, you get told by General Lincoln that your dockets have disappeared.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay.

MR ADAMS MP: We must, I think the best, okay, I will keep that. Thank you.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Oh, you do not want to ...[intervenes].

ADV BALOYI SC: Was he based at this police station?

MR ADAMS MP: General Andre Lincoln was the Head of the AGU. He was the first Head of the AGU, ma'am. So in actual fact, he was, I would not say based at every police

station, but he was known at every police station.

ADV BALOYI SC: Ja, he was known, but where was he based?

MR ADAMS MP: I do not even know if the AGU does have a base, to be honest with you. I would not be able to tell you.

ADV BALOYI SC: So you are unable to say that on the day he was at this police station, therefore?

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, I do not know.

10 **ADV BALOYI SC:** It must follow. You do not know ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I do not know.

ADV BALOYI SC: That on the day he was at this police station.

MR ADAMS MP: I do not think he was at the police station.

ADV BALOYI SC: Thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Now, just look at page 3811, which is the investigation diary.

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** In which book is this now, ma'am?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: This is still 3881. We were now at, in that same file.

MR ADAMS MP: 38?

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: 3881.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: It is an investigation diary, station Cape Town.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: It has got there 2024-10-29, 29 October 2024 at 2:30.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: It speaks about the statement of the complainant, and then it says *modus operandi*, talks about your allegations. Then at 8 o'clock, 5 past 8:

10 “Charge of nepotism that is reflecting on the docket does not reflect on the ICDMS, which means that the docket cannot be registered. After telephonic conversation with Captain Savi ...”

I think investigating officer.

“... he suggested to change the charge to defeating the ends of justice for the docket to be registered.”

20 You see that? So that is at 8 o'clock in the evening.

MR ADAMS MP: I see that, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. Now, you are saying between half past 2 and 8 o'clock, you were told that the docket was missing.

MR ADAMS MP: It was definitely before 8 o'clock, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. But you can see here that the docket was still being registered. They were saying:

“After telephonic conversation, the investigating officer suggested to change the charge to defeating the ends of justice for the docket to be registered.”

MR ADAMS MP: I see that. I cannot explain this. I think the best person to explain when the docket went missing would be Peter Jacobs, General Peter Jacobs. I understand
10 what you are saying 100%, that at 5 past 8, they were still working on the docket. That is what this is and I mean, it is an official document. Fact of the matter is it was definitely before 8 o'clock. I am not going to tell you it was 9 o'clock. It was definitely before 8 o'clock.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: No, but General Jacobs cannot be the best person to explain that. It would have to be General Lincoln who told you that the dockets had gone missing. What would General Jacobs have to do with this?

MR ADAMS MP: General Jacobs is the one that they found
20 the dockets with in Pretoria. That is why I am saying General Lincoln is not here, so the next best person to speak on the issue would be General Jacobs. I certainly cannot speak on this because I was not here, if you understand what I am saying. I am telling you that my phone call with General Lincoln was late afternoon to early

evening. It was definitely before 8 o'clock. That I can tell you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And do you then call the police station to find out whether your docket is, in fact, missing?

MR ADAMS MP: I would not call the police station. I called the Provincial Commissioner, and that was the next day. I said to him General Patekile, I have been told my dockets have been taken, and I was told that we will look into it, which I, to me, the response just was not urgent
10 enough.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Can I just understand why you say it was not urgent enough? You opened this case the day before, the 29th. You get told that same day that your docket is missing from somebody who is not actually stationed at that station. You call the Provincial Commissioner the next day. You are not happy with what response. When was he supposed to come back to you? Where is the absence of urgency you are not happy with?

MR ADAMS MP: Considering the fact, Advocate, that we
20 are faced, the community I live in, that I serve in, we are faced with the sickness of dockets disappearing and it is generally just something you hear about. And now this is my own experience and the information that I had could implicate seniors in SAPS. I was expecting the General to say, come to my office or meet me at the police station, or

meet me at the police station tomorrow. That was the response I was half expecting or hoping for, rather. And then, I did not get that. Now, I do not know, people that know me say I should have rollerblades because I want everything done now, and sometimes unfairly. But in this instance, I did not think it was unfair to expect a swift response.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Can I just get clarity on something. Sorry. When you first found out that the dockets are
10 missing, did you go to the police station and verify that for yourself?

MR ADAMS MP: No, sir. I did not.

ADV KHUMALO SC: Did you ask the investigating officer, I am hearing rumours that my docket is missing.

MR ADAMS MP: No investigating officer had been assigned at the time, sir.

ADV KHUMALO SC: So, you were not given particulars of any policeman?

MR ADAMS MP: None, sir.

20 **ADV KHUMALO SC:** Including the one that you spoke to?

MR ADAMS MP: None, Commissioner.

ADV KHUMALO SC: So, but the long and short of it is, you never asked the police station whether your dockets are missing or not?

MR ADAMS MP: No, Commissioner. I did not.

ADV KHUMALO SC: You concluded that whoever told you that they have been intercepted is telling the truth?

MR ADAMS MP: I took the word of a really good man, sir.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Who is not here to tell us whether or not he told you that.

MR ADAMS MP: I see where you are going, Advocate, and if there is one thing that I am familiar with, it is death. Unfortunately, he is not here.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Well, let us just understand what
10 then happens. When you speak to General Patekile, do you tell him that General Lincoln told you that the dockets have gone missing?

MR ADAMS MP: May I? No.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Why not?

MR ADAMS MP: I do not want to compromise General Lincoln at the time because he is an important source of information for me, all the time. All the time.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: But if he is the source of information of what you consider later on, which you
20 describe as a cover-up, why not say to him, I got this information from General Lincoln? It is credible. It is not as if I am thumb-sucking this, because obviously, as a member of the public, you would not ordinarily know that. Somebody would have to tell you that your docket has gone missing.

MR ADAMS MP: No, you are 100% right in that regard, but the short answer is if I had to give people away, I mean if I had to give Andre Lincoln away, chances are we would never get information from within SAPS again. I was not going to take that chance.

ADV BALOYI SC: I am sorry, what do you say, you have not, you do not tell General Patekile that your source is someone as reliable as General Lincoln, so you do not tell him who is your source.

10 **MR ADAMS MP:** No, Commissioner, I did not.

ADV BALOYI SC: What is wrong with General Patekile saying to you, let me investigate, because that is the answer he gives you? Why is that not good enough?

MR ADAMS MP: If I can make you understand, Commissioner Baloyi, how few policemen we really trust, there is a reason why I was guarded about my approach to General Patekile, and also the source of that specific information.

20 **ADV BALOYI SC:** But if trust is an issue, why are you even speaking to him? Why do not you just get onto a flight, as you finally did, a day or two later, why do not you get onto a flight and go to Orlando to lay your charge, because you have trust issues. What is the point of speaking ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: He is the Provincial Commissioner.

ADV BALOYI SC: Exactly my question. What is wrong? You speak to the Provincial Commissioner, as I would expect. I do not fault you if that is what you did. I am not saying you did anything wrong. What I do not understand from, or I do not hear from what you have said so far, is on the very next day after you laid a complaint, he says to you, let me investigate, what is so fundamentally wrong in that response from a Provincial Commissioner who is not at the station, who has no idea who gave you this information. He
10 has absolutely, I am assuming you would accept that he does not have any knowledge of, you assume that.

MR ADAMS MP: I accept that.

ADV BALOYI SC: Yes, ja, he has no knowledge of this. So what is so fundamentally wrong when he says, let me investigate, that makes you say, I have trust issues, and therefore I went to a different province and police station?

MR ADAMS MP: There was actually nothing fundamentally wrong in what he said, Commissioner. Like I said, I just thought I would get more urgency out of it. If there was
20 something fundamentally wrong in what he said, I would have written him an email or the Minister an email. I would have complained because this to me was a serious issue. I just seriously expected just a little bit more urgency, considering all we are dealing with. Now, I understand 100% where this is going. I see the time on this thing, and

it actually makes me wonder what is going on here, 5 past 8. I knew before then. So I do not understand that part. But what I can confirm is the dockets were taken.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And General Lincoln at the time was not in active service, right?

MR ADAMS MP: No, ma'am, he had lost both his legs, and movement for him was a little bit restrictive.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: He had retired in 2021 already.

MR ADAMS MP: Was not it earlier than that perhaps?

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: I think it was earlier than 2021, I think.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. So you were getting this information from somebody who was not within the police force?

MR ADAMS MP: Most of our information about what is going on comes from outside of the police force. I will give you a very short example. You can actually make contact with Brigadier ...[indistinct] Goolam. I once called him on a Sunday morning. It was the most impressive police service
20 I ever received. He is also retired now. And I called him, I said, Brigadier, I have got news for you. I said, in Atlantis, at this address, in that yard, right on that spot, you are going to find 1,000 Mandrax tablets and a firearm.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: So, but that information came from

outside of the SAPS as well.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Yes, but this is different. You are relying on the information now of a retired cop who had been in retirement since 2021. We are now in 2024. You do not make any follow-up with the station itself to find out whether the information that you are receiving from somebody who is not in active service is, in fact, correct, because it is not an official, it is not an official position that he is communicating. He cannot. He is not a police officer
10 in service at the time.

MR ADAMS MP: Like I am trying to communicate to you, Advocate, most of our information comes from people who are not in the system. Andre Lincoln knew everyone. He knew every policeman. He knew every gangster. He was reliable. If Andre Lincoln had to tell me to ...[indistinct] the floor. I had that much faith in that man and I really wish he was here today.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Ja, but in this instance, he was wrong because the docket was not missing.

20 **MR ADAMS MP**: Before I admit that Andre Lincoln was wrong, I would question if these entries here are not made later. Ultimately, the docket went missing. Whatever you and I go back and forth here, those dockets were found in Pretoria in Peter Jacobs' safe. I do not want to, if I may, I do not want to accuse anyone of anything, but it would not

surprise me if these entries were made later to try and cover somebody.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: When were they found in General Jacobs' safe?

MR ADAMS MP: I heard that in the *Ad Hoc* Committee. I cannot tell you what date that was. Lieutenant General Senthumule confirmed that the dockets were in Lieutenant General Peter Jacobs' safe.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: But it was after the process
10 where there was a complaint that was lodged and it was investigated. That is why the dockets were assembled, because there was a complaint lodged by, well, either by you or on your behalf that the dockets had gone missing. Was that not the case? Is that not why he was in possession of the dockets at that point?

MR ADAMS MP: No, ma'am. No, ma'am, that is impossible. Peter Jacobs is the Head of the Service Directorate. I had laid a criminal complaint, not a service delivery one. These dockets, I understand your confusion,
20 maybe I am the one confused, these dockets, even if I had to lay a complaint and they were at the station, should have stayed at the station. They could not have moved. The first person that had to be assigned these dockets in the chain of custody was the Head of Detectives. He is supposed to assign it to an investigator. Peter Jacobs had

no business with these dockets.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: We will get to that, but my point is that when General Jacobs has the dockets, it is because there was an investigation and Colonel Phillips was the one that was tasked with investigating and Colonel Phillips reports to him. That was an official SAPS process and you knew that.

MR ADAMS MP: What I did not know when Colonel Phillips called me was that he reported to Peter Jacobs. I did not
10 know that. I found that out much later. And the reason I was suspicious of Colonel Phillips and the reason I did not meet him is because even I as a layman knows that in the SAPS, a Lieutenant Colonel does not investigate the General and that too was relayed to me by Andre Lincoln. He said it does not make sense. That is why I refused to meet that man and I was evasive towards him.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, we will get to that because I do not want to jump the chronology. We can then go to, we are now on the 30th, where you speak to General
20 Patekile.

ADV BALOYI SC: Can I, just so that we do not leave this place with misapprehensions of what might have happened, you seem to take issue, if you look at that 3881, you suggested in so many words that the second entry at 2005 is suspicious because you were not at the police station at

that time. Did I understand you correctly?

MR ADAMS MP: The second entry of 20:05, ma'am?

ADV BALOYI SC: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: If I may, Advocate, Commissioner Baloyi ...[intervenes].

ADV BALOYI SC: What were you saying about it? I just want to ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: No, what I am saying is, if the allegation is that Andre Lincoln might have lied to me about the
10 placement of the dockets, I am saying to the Commission, before I believe that Andre Lincoln lied, I would rather question the time, the manner in which this time was written in. That is what I am saying. And again, I do not have proof of it, I did not coadunate it, but I am saying to you that my faith in that man, it will not be shaken.

ADV BALOYI SC: Yes. Between you and Ms Ncube, you do not have to deal with it now, I think that note must be put properly to be what it is. It does not suggest, my reading of it, it does not suggest that you were at the police station at
20 20:05.

MR ADAMS MP: No, ma'am.

ADV BALOYI SC: What it is, is someone is making an entry at 20:05.

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am, I accept that.

ADV BALOYI SC: Do you accept that?

MR ADAMS MP: I accept that.

ADV BALOYI SC: Okay, thank you.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And what you are saying is that, are you saying the entries on 29-10-2024 at 20:05 and 31-10-2024 at 8:10, which says, “dockets received from Cape Town Central for perusal, explanation/complaint lodged does not have elements of crime, complainants could not be reached for further interview”, are you saying that is also, you doubt that entry, that it was a
10 contemporaneous entry?

MR ADAMS MP: Ma'am, unless that is Colonel Phillips writing it, that is not true. They never called me. SAPS never called me. The only communication I had regarding this was from Colonel Phillips, and I do not even think it was on the 31st. I could not give you a date, but I am almost sure it was a few days later. So if they are saying here that the complainant could not be reached, that is a lie.

ADV KHUMALO SC: [Indistinct]... the date, what happened
20 to the documents that were in the envelope, because you are now going to a police station to open a case on the basis of those documents. What happened to them?

MR ADAMS MP: I held the documents in my office.

ADV KHUMALO SC: So you kept them in your possession?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, Chief. Yes, Commissioner, for the

simple reason that I did not want to give it to anybody. I wanted to give it to the investigating officer, which is what I told the person who received my complaint. I said when the investigating officer contacts me, he can have these documents.

ADV KHUMALO SC: So we can leave it at you did not give them to the police on that day?

MR ADAMS MP: I did not give it to them. And just that too was on the advice of General Lincoln.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** But you did make copies of the documents?

MR ADAMS MP: Of the letter of loss and of the payment of the heister. I made copies of those. Yes, I did.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay. At the time when you handed them over?

MR ADAMS MP: Yes, ma'am.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, not when you opened these cases later on?

MR ADAMS MP: No, no, not on the same time.

20 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE:** Okay, when you engaged IDAC?

MR ADAMS MP: Actually, when I received the call from the IGI. I am just thinking, just throwing it back now, I realized that if I give this information to the IGI, I still have to speak to another investigating body. So there were two copies of the, I think it was two, it might even have been

three, of General Madondo's business, and only one copy of each of the Lushaba matter. So I made copies of the Lushaba matter.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, so then you say you spoke to General Patekile on the 30th.

MR ADAMS MP: I am sure it was the 30th, yes.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: And you are not happy with his response either?

MR ADAMS MP: I was not happy with his response, no.

10 **ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE**: Okay, which was what?

MR ADAMS MP: We are going to investigate this. It was just so bland. Look, I must also understand, this man deals with a lot. He cannot be as enthusiastic as I am all the time, but I just expected more.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Okay, and then what do you do?

MR ADAMS MP: I called up General Lincoln, and we decided that we should lay it in another province. And at first, he wanted us to do it in the Northern Cape. But then I said to him, look, I have got some business in
20 Johannesburg, I will do it in Johannesburg.

CHAIRPERSON: Just explain the more to me. You say you expected more. You approach him. Must my assumption be that he knew nothing about the dockets?

MR ADAMS MP: Commissioner Madlanga, I am convinced that he did not know about the dockets.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: I was just ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Exactly, exactly. Now, explain the more.
So ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: So, I will explain the more.

CHAIRPERSON: He says he knows nothing about the
dockets, he says I am going to investigate. You say you
expected more. Just explain the more.

MR ADAMS MP: I will explain the more. I think it is a me
10 problem. If I get a call at 6 o'clock from this gentleman
over here, and he needs assistance now, he has a problem
now, if at all possible, I will not put it off until tomorrow. I
will come now. That is just the way I operate, and
sometimes I expect everyone to do it.

CHAIRPERSON: Just explain, let us leave Mr Adams
aside. What did you expect General ...[intervenes].

MR ADAMS MP: I expected ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: Just please wait for me. What did you
expect General Patekile to do?

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** I expected General Patekile to tell me
something like, I will find out who takes the dockets now, or
come to my office, let us see what we can do, or I will meet
you at the station at 3 o'clock, or something like that, and I
just was not ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: No, remember, he is not at your beck and

call. I understand this was something important, but you cannot expect him to respond instantaneously. If he says, I am going to investigate, I just do not see what exactly you expected of him.

MR ADAMS MP: Well, within that ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: You say in so many words that he knew nothing about the dockets, so it is like you wanted him, despite the fact that he knew nothing about the dockets, to still give you a response there and then, and say, okay, now

10 I know.

MR ADAMS MP: No, you are 100% right, Chief, and ...[intervenes].

CHAIRPERSON: I said to you, I am not Chief, please. Please just try to drum that into your head, I am not Chief.

MR ADAMS MP: Sorry, Commissioner.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: No, you are 100% right, and in hindsight, I think I was, I think I got carried away in the moment, I do.

CHAIRPERSON: All right.

20 **MR ADAMS MP:** Commissioner, may I request, please man, if someone can do something about that light, because I literally cannot see when you are talking and when you are not talking, and this is causing me to interject.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: For them to just move the light a bit.

MR ADAMS MP: Ja, if they can just move the light a bit, because when you speak and you pause, I literally cannot see.

CHAIRPERSON: The one at the top?

MR ADAMS MP: That one, ja.

CHAIRPERSON: Can something be done, please?

MR ADAMS MP: I can see Commissioner Baloyi quite fine, but you and Commissioner Khumalo is ...[incomplete].

CHAIRPERSON: I am told a technician is coming, Mr
10 Adams.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

ADV BALOYI SC: Mr Adams, it is okay if you see me there.

MR ADAMS MP: No, you are easy to look at, Commissioner Baloyi. You are easy to look at. I cannot say the same of the other two. Can I add, Commissioner Madlanga? My disappointment in the response from the General, Patekile does not infer that he did anything wrong.
20 It does not. I was just, this is just something that I needed to, if you understand what I mean, I need to move on it now. And again, that is my failing, not his.

CHAIRPERSON: No, no, I am happy with the response you gave earlier, that you were the problem, not him. I am paraphrasing, but that is how I understood your response.

MR ADAMS MP: Understood that now.

CHAIRPERSON: You completely accepted that you were the problem, not him.

MR ADAMS MP: Understood.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair. Chair, I see that it is just two minutes after 4.

CHAIRPERSON: Let us continue to half past 4 perhaps.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: We can do so, Chair.

MR ADAMS MP: Commissioner, if I may?

10 **CHAIRPERSON:** Yes.

MR ADAMS MP: I still have hundreds of pages of documents to go through tonight. I am just advising the Chairperson that it is going to be a long night as it is, so, I do not know if I am within my rights to say this.

CHAIRPERSON: Okay, I will accept your plea, Mr Adams. Let us adjourn now and resume at 9:30 tomorrow.

MR ADAMS MP: Thank you, Chair.

ADV SEGEELS-NCUBE: Thank you, Chair.

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