



**THE PRESIDENCY: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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Dear Mr Sekhu,

**REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORD OF PUBLIC BODY**

1. I refer to your request for access to records in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 2000 (PAIA). The records to which you seek access to are the following.
  - 1.1 Total number of commissions of inquiry initiated from 2000 to 2012;
  - 1.2 Total number of commissions of inquiries concluded from 2000 to 2012;
  - 1.3 Total number of commissions of inquiries still underway from 2000 to 2012;
  - 1.4 All reports including interim reports stemming from the various commissions of inquiries from 2000 to 2012;
  - 1.5 Summary of total amounts spent on all the commissions of inquiries from 2000 to 2012;
  - 1.6 Total number of cases / reports where recommendations from the commissions of inquiries have been given and implemented from 2000 to 2012;
2. I have considered your request for access to records and respond as set out below.
3. The commissions of inquiry established by the President since 2000 to date are the following:
  - 3.1 Commission of Inquiry into cricket match fixing (**05 May 2000**).

- 3.2 Commission of Inquiry into the 11 April 2001 Ellis Park soccer disaster (**18 April 2001**).
- 3.3 Commission of inquiry into alleged incidents of corruption, maladministration, violence or intimidation in the Department of Correctional Services. (**08 August 2001**)
- 3.4 Commission of Inquiry into the fire at the Pretoriuskop area in the Kruger National Park that broke out on 4 September 2001 (**11 December 2001**).
- 3.5 Commission of Inquiry into the rapid depreciation of the exchange rate of the rand and related matters (**30 January 2002**).
- 3.6 Commission of Inquiry into allegations of spying against the National Director of Public Prosecutions. Mr BT Ngcuka (**18 September 2003**).
- 3.7 Commission of Inquiry into the Mandate and Location of the Directorate of Special Operations (**22 May 2005**).
- 3.8 Commission of Inquiry to conduct an investigation into the alleged Illicit Activities of certain South African Companies or Individuals relating to the United Nations Oil-For-Food Programme in Iraq (**03 February 2006**).
- 3.9 Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Fraud, Corruption, Impropriety or Irregularity in the Strategic Defence Procurement Package (**02 December 2011**).
- 3.10 Commission of Inquiry into the tragic Incident at or near the Area Commonly known as the Marikana Mine in Rustenburg, North West Province, South Africa (**26 August 2012**).
4. Eight (8) out of the ten (10) commissions of Inquiry have been finalized, and only two (2) are currently pending. The pending commissions of inquiry are the following:
  - 4.1 Commission of Inquiry into the tragic Incident at or near the Area Commonly known as the Marikana Mine in Rustenburg, North West Province, South Africa.
  - 4.2 Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Fraud, Corruption, Impropriety or Irregularity in the Strategic Defence Procurement Package.
5. The final reports of the eight (8) concluded commissions of inquiry have been made publicly available and can be accessed on the internet.
6. With regard to the two current commissions of inquiry, the Presidency refuse access to any interim reports and relies on section 44 (2) (c) of PAIA.
7. As stated in the section relied on, any interim reports are preliminary and serve as an update to the President, they are not final in nature. The contents of the interim reports may differ with the final reports.
8. Lastly, as indicated above, eight (8) of the Commissions of Inquiry have been finalized and reports submitted to the President.

9. The Presidency is not responsible for the administrative and logistical arrangements; as such I suggest that you contact the relevant departments for information on the amount spent in respect of each commission. I also suggest that you enquire from the relevant departments on how the opinions or recommendations contained in the reports of the various commissions were dealt with.
10. I would like to draw your attention to the provisions of section 23(3) and sections 74(1) and 75 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000, the latter regarding the right of the requester to lodge an internal appeal against the decision(s) of an Information Officer of public body. Take notice further that an internal appeal, if lodged, must be lodged on the prescribed form to the Relevant Authority within 60 days of this notice.

Yours faithfully



**Dr Batandwa Siswana**  
**Deputy Information Officer**

Date: 11/04/2013

