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RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REVIEW PANEL

The Acting National Director of Public Prosecutions, Adv Mokotedi Mpshe today released the names of people who will constitute a panel to review the case against National Police Commissioner, Jackie Selebi. The panel consists of Mr. Frank Dutton, Adv Mbuyiseli Madlanga SC, Mr. Peter Goss and Adv Shamila Batohi.

Mbuyiseli Madlanga, a practising advocate and member of the Pretoria Bar, is a former Judge President of the Eastern Cape Division. Peter Goss is director of forensic services in Gauteng. He was previously with PricewaterhouseCoopers (Gauteng) as well as the South African Police Service. Frank Dutton, currently involved in doing regular investigation work on an international consultancy basis, was instrumental for setting up the Directorate of Special Operations (DSO) in 2000. Shamila Batohi is currently the Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN and previously headed the DSO in the province.

"The panel was chosen on the basis of the expertise they will bring to the process. They bring a balanced mix of investigative, prosecutorial and judicial skills. Their broad experience in the criminal justice system and their ability to make independent and well-considered decisions are key to the integrity of this process", Mpshe said.

MANDATE OF THE PANEL



Justice in our society, so that people can live in freedom and security

The mandate of the panel will be to advise the Acting National Director of Public Prosecutions as to the sufficiency of evidence to pursue or institute a criminal prosecution in the matter of the National Commissioner of Police.

In order to enable the panel to carry out the mandate, the following will be taken into consideration:

- i. The panel members will be placed in possession of all the documents and other evidence pertaining to the investigation against Commissioner Selebi;
- ii. They will be requested to deal with all the allegations against Commissioner Selebi and any other matter incidental thereto;
- iii. The panel will conduct the reviewing process as they deem fit;
- iv. The DSO team will be available for any clarification needed by the panel;
- v. Documents required by the panel will be provided to them, in particular, material documents envisaged to be obtained by the search warrant already secured by the DSO team.

The panel has been given a month to complete the process, but Adv Mpshe will consider an extension should the panel find it necessary.

"I urge the media and the public to exercise patience and wait for the panel to make its findings available. To respect this process the NPA will not be making any comments until the review is completed", Mpshe said.

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