



The Vanguard of Educators' interests

18 June 2020

To : The President - Mr Cyril Ramaphosa

Re : ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COVID-19 COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE EMBEZZLEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO FIGHT PANDEMIC IN SA SCHOOLS

Good Day, Mr President

EDUCATORS' UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA (EUSA), is a non-politically aligned teachers' union that is representing more than 27 000 teachers and support staff within the education sector. Our main task, is to protect the interests of both our members and learners, at all costs and further root out any element of criminality and corruption whenever it raises its ugly head within the department of education.

In your ticket to the presidency, you promised the nation and pledged that you would tackle corruption at all levels of the public institutions. You went on and reaffirmed your posture in fighting against corruption when you delivered your first state of the nation address in the National Assembly, on the 15th of February 2018, when you say, " This is the year in which we will turn the tide of corruption in our public institutions, we must fight corruption, fraud and collusion in the private sector with the same purpose and intensity". Mr President, we believe that, now is the time to walk the talk. Hence, herein we request the establishment of the Covid-19 Commission of inquiry into the embezzlement of funds that were directed into the fight against the pandemic, in both Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal Schools.

We would like the proposed Commission of Inquiry to start with the two following cases:

1. A report that the National Basic Education Department, procured 3500 Water tanks (Jojo Tanks) for R600 Million. As EUSA we suspect the element of fraud in this huge amount, as one 2000-litre of Jojo Tank costs R1995, 00 at the local market.
2. The report of the KZN Department of Education, dated the 18th of June 2020, where the department says, it spent R28 000, 00 per 5000-litre water tank and R6 500 per hand washing station. EUSA believes that the abovementioned exorbitant prizes are way to high , since the local markets sell the same unit for +/- R5000,00.

We respectfully request that the commission is appointed by the 2nd of July 2020 or any earliest date. Its commissioners and terms of reference being announced by you. As to the terms of

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reference, the widest possible investigation into impropriety and corruption is appropriate. The commissioners should be required to indicate who, if anyone, should face prosecution and on what charges.

The urgency of the matter is self evident. The country is confronted by an invisible enemy, learners and teachers are losing their lives and more have been infected with the virus, which is the reason EUSA is calling for the establishment of the COVID-19 Commission of inquiry into funds allocated for the Department of Basic Education. Should the President decline this petition, we respectfully request that you furnish the reasons for your decision.

Sincerely Yours

---by email---

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The President

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