



MEDIA STATEMENT: TRC Cases Inquiry audit of correspondences reveal that some people may not have received notices

Thursday, 30 October 2025 – Following a recent media statement in which the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations Regarding Efforts or Attempts to Stop the Investigation or Prosecution of Truth and Reconciliation Commission Cases (TRC Cases Inquiry) decried lack of cooperation from various government departments and entities as well as several former and current government leaders, the South African Police Services and the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Mmamoloko Kubayi indicated that they have not yet received the Requests for Information or Rule 3.3-notices.

An audit of all 211 letters sent to current and former presidents, ministers of police, ministers of justice, national and provincial directors of public prosecution, provincial and national police commissioners and directors of special investigations between 12 September and 12 October 2025, 192 (91%) were responded to or acknowledged by the recipients and eight (3.8%) returned undelivered (wrong email address or email address no longer existing).

Of the 192 that responded or acknowledged receipt, 186 requested an extension and only six made a submission before the 10 October-deadline, including former President Kgalema Motlanthe, current National Director of Public Prosecutions, Adv Shamila Batohi and the former Director General in the Presidency, Dr Frank Chikane.

Of those that were undelivered, all were resent, this time to different or alternative email address. Of that, two were acknowledged or responded to, five returned undelivered, including letters sent to the former Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele, and the acting Minister of Police, Professor Firoz Cachalia.

Between 17 and 19 September 2025, the TRC Cases Inquiry migrated from IMAP to Microsoft 365, and the audit also revealed that a small percentage of letters (3%) were “lost” and presumably undelivered. Amongst those were the correspondence sent to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Mmamoloko Kubayi, the Minister of Police, Senzo Mchunu and the former National Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Shaun Abrahams.

Since the results of the audit were known yesterday afternoon (Wednesday, 29 October 2025), we have resent “lost” and undelivered letters and have given the recipients until 26 November 2025 to respond.

The TRC Cases Inquiry expresses its deepest regret to those wrongfully accused of being non-compliant and extends its sincerest apologies to Minister Kubayi, Minister Mchunu, Minister Cachalia, Adv Abrahams and former Minister Cele who, according to the audit, have not received any correspondence.

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