



MEDIA STATEMENT: Update on submissions received to date

Monday, 13 October 2025 - Despite the call on all interested and affected parties to file witness statements, memoranda, reports and any other relevant documentation and evidence by Friday, 10 October 2025, and the letters issued 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 and chairpersons of the parliamentary standing committee on police, who have served in these positions since 2003, 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), the Inquiry has not received the response that would help it discharge its duties expeditiously.

Having known since the end of May 2025, when the TRC Cases Inquiry was promulgated, about their role and the information that they hold, it is of grave concern that government institutions and agencies such as the South African Police Services, the National Prosecuting Authority, the Presidency, and even the Department of Justice have not been forthcoming with information and when asked, were unprepared.

The TRC Cases Inquiry agreed to extensions in all cases where it was requested, including the applications made by former President Jacob Zuma, former President Thabo Mbeki and former Justice Minister, Bridgette Mabandla.

The TRC Cases Inquiry will continue to engage with all government institutions and former political and administrative leaders of relevant agencies in our earnest attempt to advance our Terms of Reference.

And while this has a direct impact on the work of the Inquiry, we remain confident that we will still be able to hear oral evidence from Monday, 10 November 2025.

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