



24 July 2023

For attention: National Commissioner, Lt Gen Sehlahle Fannie Masemola
Deputy National Commissioner, Lt Gen Bonang Mgwenya

Subject: Employment status and legal costs of accused VIP Protection members in the 'Blue Light Mafia' case

Lt Gen Masemola and Lt Gen Mgwenya,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Action Society. We are writing to express our profound concern about the recent developments surrounding the eight VIP members whose case is currently before the courts.

Given the substantial interest that the public has in this case, as well as the impact it could have on public trust in our law enforcement institutions, we believe it is vital that certain issues are clarified.

Termination of employment

Please confirm whether the contracts of the eight VIP members have indeed been terminated. We hold a firm conviction that the termination of these contracts is of utmost importance to signify the strong stance against corruption and lawbreaking. Confirmation of this will undoubtedly serve to fortify the faith of the citizenry in our systems of justice and governance.

Legal cost for defense

Please provide confirmation on who is footing the bill for the accused officers' defense. Taxpayers should not be burdened with the costs arising from misconduct by officials who were entrusted to safeguard our democracy.

We understand the busy nature of your office, yet we trust in your commitment to transparency and accountability, and we believe that providing clarity on these matters will greatly contribute to the public discourse on these critical issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We await your response to our inquiries and trust that the matters highlighted will be dealt with in the best interests of justice and our nation's citizens.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Cameron
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