

## **SUMMARY OF FORMER MINISTER RONALD KASRILS**

- 1.1 Ronald Kasrils is the former Minister of Intelligence for the period (2004-2008).
- 1.2 He also served as a Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry for the period (1999-2004).
- 1.3 The relevancy of his testimony before the Commission underpins:
  - 1.3.1 When he served as the Deputy Minister of Defence under the Ministry of the late, Mr. Joe Modise during the years 1994 – 1999;
  - 1.3.2 The role he played as a member of the Council of Defence **“CoD”** which was chaired by the later former Minister Modise;
  - 1.3.3 The role he played as a member of the Armaments Acquisitions Council **“AAC”** which was also chaired by the late former Minister Modise;
  - 1.3.4 The role played by the CoD and the AAC in the context of the strategic defence procurement packages, particularly in instances where he presided over meetings of, for instance, in the late former Minister Modise’s absence.
- 1.4 He will talk to the processes and discussions that ensued leading to the choice of aircraft preferred on behalf of the South African Air Force **“SAAF”**.
  - 1.4.1 He will testify about the considerations that were made in comparing:
    - 1.4.1.1 The Hawk 120 Jet Fighter / Training Aircraft from British Aerospace;
    - 1.4.1.2 Gripen JAS39 Jet Fighter Aircraft from SAAB (Sweden);
    - 1.4.2.3 Aeromacchi the Italian arms manufacturer of the MB339 FD Jet.
- 1.5 He will talk to the visits he made to various countries in the context of possible acquisition of the key Defence products that formed the basis of the SDPP.