

Summary – Dr Rustomjee’s statement

Dr Zavareh Rustomjee will give evidence from January 2013 before the Arms Procurement Commission. He was appointed as the Director General at the Department of Trade and Industry in November 1994 and was highly instrumental in the establishment of National Industrial Participation. He was also involved in the Strategic Defence Procurement in this capacity. Dr Rustomjee’s tenure as Director General at the DTI came to an end on 31 October 1999, a little over a month prior to the signature of the SDP contracts. In his evidence Dr Rustomjee will deal with the processes that led to and the rationale for National Industrial Participation; and the difficulties encountered in the initial phases thereof, both locally as well as internationally. He will also explain the National Industrial Participation Policy and Guidelines that were endorsed by Cabinet, as well as dealing with the concept of offsets and counter-trade. Dr Rustomjee will also elaborate on the role of the DTI in the SDP process, including the the anticipated offsets as announced by the late Minister Modise in the 1999 budget speech. He will also be asked to deal with the concept of multipliers and the crediting methodology that was applicable to the NIP projects that were part of the SDP, as opposed to that which applied to other NIP.