

Summary – Mr Pillay’s statement

Mr Vanan Pillay will give evidence from January 2013 before the Arms Procurement Commission. He was employed at the Department of Trade and Industry in March 1997. In late 1998 he was appointed as the Deputy Director in the Industrial Participation Directorate, when the SDPP processes were already underway. He was appointed as Director in the same directorate in July 1999. Mr Pillay was involved in the evaluation of projects proposed by the bidders and was also a member of the International Offers Negotiating Team. In his evidence mr Pillay will deal with the role of the DTI in the SDP process. He will also deal with the NIP guidelines that applied to projects prior to the SDPP and the crediting methodology used there in. He will also explain the rationale for the departure from the guidelines in awarding credits for projects under the SDP contracts, and for giving credits only for investments, exports and local sales. Mr Pillay will also deal with the issue of "multipliers" in awarding credits and why the decision was taken, with the knowledge and agreement of the DTI, to exclude their application altogether when dealing with the SDP projects. Mr Pillay left the DTI in 2002.