

MEDIA STATEMENT

We refer to the statement made in Parliament by Mr Pieter Groenewald (MP) accusing advocate Lebala of committing perjury. It is not correct that the attorney who briefed advocate Lebala and who attested to the supporting affidavit has been convicted of perjury. Although a complaint was indeed lodged against him with the Law Society of the Northern Provinces, it related not to perjury but to other ancillary issues relating to the matter. Advocate Lebala was not a witness in the matter but Counsel for the respondent. He neither attested to the affidavit nor gave any evidence and could therefore not have committed perjury.

Advocate Lebala denies that he accepted responsibility for drafting the affidavit and for its contents. All he acknowledged was that he had acquainted himself with the affidavit as indeed had to as Counsel who argued the matter for the respondent. It is noteworthy that neither the presiding judge nor anybody for that matter has lodged a complaint against him with the Bar Counsel.

Mr Groenewald's statement is based on a misrepresentation of facts and is false.

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