

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

The Commission is aware of the confusion that seems to be reigning regarding the departure of some of our staff members, with some reports falsely alleging that people are being dismissed because they do not subscribe to the so-called second agenda that the Commission or its Chairperson are alleged to be pursuing. This media statement seeks to put the record straight.

All our personnel are on contract and most of the contracts are due to expire at the end of either November or December 2013. Two main reasons have compelled the Commission to reduce its staff complement and the best way of doing this is by not extending the contracts of some of our staff members, especially the legal professionals. Firstly, the bulk of the work has been to work through the massive documentation received from the various state departments that were involved in the Strategic Defence Procurement Package (SDPP). This entailed inter-alia extracting relevant information from the documents, making summaries thereof and compiling reports. This part of the work has been completed. The work of the Commission has now shifted to the public hearings and only a few legal professionals are required to assist the evidence leaders in this process. Secondly, there is a need to save costs in view of the budgetary constraints that the Commission has to contend with.

The affected staff members were given early notice that their contracts may not be extended and they will be paid in full up to the end of their contracts, even though they may be released earlier. The process has not been concluded but about six employees will be affected.

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