



EFF STATEMENT ON PROVISION OF STATE PROTECTION SERVICES TO THE FORMER SPEAKER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BALEKA MBETE

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The EFF is shocked to learn that former Speaker of Parliament and former Deputy President Baleka Mbete is receiving State protection services similar to what is legally reserved for former Presidents or former Deputy President. After her tenure as Deputy President, Ms Baleka Mbete became Speaker of Parliament, thereby forfeiting all benefits of former Deputy President.

The EFF maintains that the rhetoric about cost-saving measures underpinned South Africa austerity fiscal policy only targets workers and the poor. Politicians and big businesses continue to enjoy state-sponsored privileges when police, health and education budgets continue to decrease, causing irreparable damage to the lives of South Africans. In addition, millions of women and children suffer gender-based violence without any protection from the police services.

The EFF has written an urgent letter to the Minister of Police to demand answers why the former Speaker of Parliament and former Deputy President Baleka Mbete is receiving State protection services when she is not entitled to receive such benefits.

The EFF will follow up on the matter to ensure no wasteful and irregular expenditure to provide unnecessary state protection services to Baleka Mbete when she is not entitled to such privileges.

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