



EFF STATEMENT ON THE BRIEFING BY THE AUDITOR-GENERAL OF SA (AGSA) AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ON THE LEGAL OPINION REPORT IN RESPECT OF THE ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST THE AUDITOR-GENERAL.

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is encouraged by the report tabled yesterday in the Standing Committee on Auditor General by Auditor-General Ms. Tsakani Maluleka. The AG's handling of the incident of the 27th of June 2022, wherein the Auditor General of South Africa's Chief People Officer threatened her with baseless accusations and attempted to extort the institution, is commendable and should serve as an example to all heads of institutions. The CPO was confronted with a list of allegations and threatened to make the allegations public when he was confronted with issues of non-performance on a number of occasions.

We are shocked that a senior executive entrusted with such serious responsibility in a constitutional institution saw it fit to respond to engagement about his non-performance with threats and extortion. What is even more shocking is that the allegations pertain to the late Auditor General, who many knew as a public servant of high ethics and dedication to the people of South Africa and cannot answer for himself, and the current AG is alleged to have committed these transgressions in her capacity as Deputy Auditor General. He unashamedly sought to use threats to coerce the AG to cower into a mutual separation in the form of a financial settlement in exchange for not publishing the allegations.

The EFF commends the AG for her bravery to withstand such cowardice behaviour. We further commend the AG for instructing the Deputy Auditor General, who is the accounting officer, to commission an independent assessment of all allegations and make this public. The AG's actions and willingness to be open should show all civil servants with political power that when they are accused, they should be open and follow the rules instead of giving in to threats.

The EFF calls on the law enforcement agencies to pay particular attention to the safety and security of the AG and ensure that she is protected at all material times. It is only when the AG and the institution are protected that they can stand against those who are corrupt and will attempt to threaten and coerce AGSA to work with fear that the institution must be independent to work without fear or favour.

Lastly, the EFF is saddened by how the name of former AG, Mr. Kimi Makwetu, is dragged in the mud for selfish and nefarious reasons when he served the people of South Africa with diligence and care.

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