



22 July 2019

Dear Mr Mmusi Maimane
Leader of the Democratic Alliance

Last night, South Africa watched President Cyril Ramaphosa respond to the Office of the Public Protector's "Report on an Investigation Into Allegations of a Violation of the Executive Ethics Code through an improper relationship between the President and African Global Operations (AGO), formerly known as Bosasa."

MVC acknowledges that whether the President will be compelled to disclose of private funds that were allocated to his CR17 campaign, will be determined as per the judicial review. Nonetheless, MVC feels that in the interest of the constitutional principles of transparency, accountability, transparency and openness, any candidate for any position in any political party, incumbent party officials and public officer holders and the political party as a whole should disclose private funding information.

This report on the President, came about as a result of your complaint issued to the Office of the Public Protector. Parliament is a key institution of the state where members of the National Assembly can hold one another accountable. However, MVC and the public at large cannot sincerely acknowledge the Democratic Alliance's (DA) efforts towards tackling corruption if your party and your leadership has failed to do what you have asked the President to do. MVC is aware that the 2018 Federal Congress election saw the position of the DA's Federal Leader go uncontested. In 2015, a similar matter in relation to the Executive Ethics Code arose when you failed to declare your donations for your own race to be the leader of the DA.

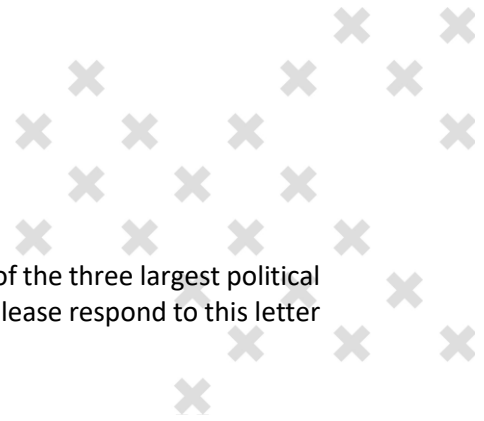
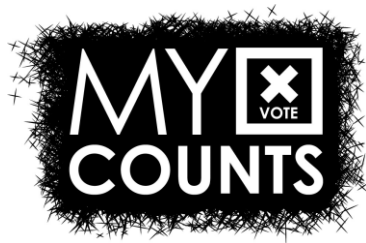
MVC would like to remind you of the June 2018 Constitutional Court judgement on the matter between *MVC vs Minister of Justice*, where the judgement referred to the following in Paragraph 3:

"The sources of a candidate's financial support also alert the voter to the interests to which a candidate is most likely to be responsive and thus facilitate predictions of future performance in office."

To uphold the constitutional principles of accountability, transparency, fairness, openness and the right to access information, MVC is requesting that you disclose the following:

1. The sources and amount of each source of private funding allocated to you for your 2015 campaign to be Federal Leader of DA; and
2. The amount of funds allocated to the DA's 2019 election campaign.

The danger of withholding information on political parties' private funding is that the wealthy elite has the privilege of having access to senior political party officials and public officials, at the expense of the largely poor and marginalised population in our country. It is therefore a constitutional obligation that political parties and especially senior party officials who hold public office positions to disclose of any received private funding.



Take note that MVC is requesting the above information from the leaders of the three largest political parties. For any questions of clarity, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please respond to this letter with the required information no later than 19 August 2019.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zd'.

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