



**THE PRESIDENCY: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
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Dear Sir

**Re: Your request to the President to institute an enquiry into the fitness for office of three Deputy National Directors of Public Prosecution in order to ascertain whether or not they should be removed from office(*sic*)**

I have been directed by the President of the Republic of South Africa ("the President") to respond to your letter dated 22 July 2015, as follows.

I do not propose to deal with all the matters raised therein *seriatim* and in adopting such approach I am neither accepting of their correctness nor lacking in my appreciation of the content.

I am advised that the General Council of the Bar of South Africa (GCB), of which you are apparently not a member, has brought an application in the North Gauteng High Court wherein it seeks certain relief relating to the conduct of Messrs Jiba, Mzinyathi and Mrwebi. In the President's judgement, the GCB is the appropriate body charged with the conduct of advocates in general and accordingly better placed to ventilate its concerns and to have these matters determined.

Equally, through the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, the President has requested the National Director of Public Prosecutions to urgently appraise him of the facts and circumstances relating to these members of the institution which he leads in order that the President may consider whether any action is warranted.

Lastly, I find the tone of your correspondence and your threat to seek an order for costs *de bonis propriis* disconcerting and not befitting a senior member of your profession, particularly where you are clearly not apprised of all the facts.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Cassius Lubisi'.

**R. Cassius Lubisi, PhD**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND SECRETARY OF THE CABINET**  
**DATE: 3/08/2015**