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LODGING OF COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION: ALLEGATIONS OF THE BREACH OF THE EXECUTIVE CODE OF ETHICS BY MRS MAQUEEN LETSOHA-MATHAE.

We hereby complain of the breach of the Executive Members's Ethics Act, 82 of 1998, by Mrs Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae and request an investigation into her conduct in terms of Sections 3 and 4 of the Act read with the powers of the Public Protector in terms of the relevant provisions of the Public Protector Act, 23 of 1994.

Since Friday, 11 October 2024, screenshots in social media and media publications have reported on allegations of serious impropriety by Mrs Letsoha Mathae while she was MEC for the Department of Roads and Transport in the Free State province.

The information revealed by a CEO of New Beginnings Projects, who allegedly received tenders from the Department of Public Service and Administration, in turn, financed her family and her political party. It is also alleged that Tau-Pele Construction paid a substantial amount to take over a project from the complainant.

We view these allegations with the utmost seriousness and believe they fall squarely within the mandate of the Public Protector to investigate as a matter of urgency. Corruption is a significant issue in the Free State, and the public's trust in state institutions is rapidly diminishing, which is negatively impacting service delivery.

We are fully committed to cooperating with your office and are prepared to meet with you to provide any further information or clarification you may require in relation to this complaint.

Kind regards.

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