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To: Chairperson

Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises
Ms Dipuo Bertha Letsatsi-Duba

Electronic message to: dmocumi@parliament.gov.za; dletsatsi-duba@parliament.gov.za

RE: Nuclear

Dear Ms Letsatsi-Duba

Media reports this weekend that the nuclear deal is going full-steam ahead is extremely concerning and will essentially guarantee that South Africa will be downgraded by further ratings agencies, and will make recovering from this status even more difficult.

According to a confidential document, in June Eskom will issue a formal request for proposals for the R1 trillion contract for the nuclear build programme. The winning bidder will be confirmed in March next year and the contract signed and sealed between December 2018 and March 2019.

I would like to request an urgent meeting of the committee and Eskom in order to ensure that Parliament, as a key oversight body, will fully interrogate all aspects related to the nuclear deal.

The undeniable fact is that South Africa cannot afford, and does not need, the nuclear deal. Indeed, international ratings agencies agree and this deal has been repeatedly cited as a cause for great concern and a key factor in downgrades not only for Eskom, but the country as a whole.

I await your timeous response.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Mazzone".

Natasha Mazzone

Shadow Minister Public Enterprises