



THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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Attention of Me Valerie Carelse

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INFORMATION AS REQUESTED ON 16 MAY 2018 FROM DR HERMAN EDELING

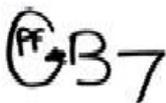
1. On 16 May 2018, Dr Herman Edeling (Neurosurgeon) presented comment and input to the Portfolio Committee, as part of the DSC Attorney delegation. During the discussions he referred to “solutions related work” he was involved in and that he will avail a draft report in this regard to the Portfolio Committee.
2. Attached hereto, please find the said report, sent to you via the Office of Dr Herman Edeling.
3. Dr Herman Edeling is the Chairperson of an APRAV Medical Committee, who has a mandate to find practical and cost saving solutions to the treatment and resulting administration of road accident crashes. The report attached had already been completed in 2016 and had a focus to simplify emergency treatment, primary medical care and then further treatment required and rehabilitation.

4. Just, again, a short introduction to APRAV.
 - a. The Association for the Protection of Road Accident Victims ("APRAV") was established in June 2014 by concerned parties responding to the Road Accident Benefit Scheme Bill ("RABS"), published by the Department of Transport on 9 May 2014 (see www.aprav.co.za).
 - b. From the outset, we would like to refer to the RAF Commission's (RAFCOM) key mandate requirements of "...a **reasonable, equitable, affordable and sustainable system...**"
 - c. We have created various Provincial Task Teams to solely focus on immediate solutions (to 'stop the bleeding') and longer-term solutions (to fundamentally improve this industry).
 - d. We will involve all stakeholders who are interested in constructively contributing to this process, and we will openly share all our research, findings, recommendations, etc. with the Portfolio Committee on Transport.
 - e. APRAV is here to assist you in any sensible way possible, to ensure meaningful and sustainable changes to the current RAF system.

5. The report also refers to "general damages". However, for purposes of possible solutions, ignore this issue and focus on the recommendations from a general point of view. Dr Edeling and his other Committee Members are highly qualified, very experienced and have a common goal with the Committee – to protect the rights and wellbeing of road accident crash victims.

6. I sincerely hope the Committee will invite Dr Edeling and his team to present the report to the Committee, since much explanation and practical examples will facilitate a common understanding.

Yours sincerely

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Pieter de Bruyn

Chairperson