**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**POLICE COMMITTEE REQUESTS AN UPDATE REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF IPID RECOMMENDATIONS ON KINNEAR INVESTIGATION**

**Parliament, Tuesday, 2 November 2022 –**The Portfolio Committee on Police has requested the Minister of Police, National Commissioner of Police and the Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) to provide the committee with a comprehensive progress report on internal steps taken to implement recommendations contained in the Independent Police Investigative Directorate’s (IPID’s) report into the murder of Lieutenant-Colonel Charl Kinnear. The committee today received a detailed report on the process followed in classifying that report.

The committee was critical of the failure by the South African Police Service (SAPS) leadership to respond to IPID, as per Section 30 of the IPID Act. The committee considers disregarding the report’s recommendations as undermining the commitment made to the Kinnear family to find justice for his murder. The committee believes the tabling of the progress report next week in its meeting will reassure South Africans and the Kinnear family that work is being done to seek justice, as promised. In that meeting, the committee will receive a comprehensive report on the recommendations and progress in implementing them.

Meanwhile, the committee is seriously concerned by IPID’s revelation that due process in terms of minimum information security standards was not followed in classifying the IPID report. This implies that due process was not followed and renders the classification moot. This might impact on the investigation and prosecutions going forward. The committee has instructed the IPID executive director to prevent such lapses in future and to remedy the current defect in adherence to process.

Regarding the Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities Amendment Bill [B15-2022], the committee resolved to study the updated submissions, which will be subjected to full consideration in its next meeting. The committee remains committed to concluding the process in reasonable time and inclusive of views from the public consultation process.

**ISSUED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON POLICE, MS TINA JOEMAT-PETTERSSON**

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