**MINISTRY FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

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 **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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 **Mr C D Matsepe (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Why (a) did he request the President of the Republic, Mr Jacob G Zuma, to proclaim Special lnvestjgating Unit investigations into the finances of the (i) Sekhukhune District Municipality and (ii) Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality in Limpopo and (b) were the investigations subsequently withdrawn?

**Reply:

The response below was provided by the SIU:**

(a) The allegations as contemplated in section 2(2) of the Special Investigating Unit and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No. 74 of 1996) ('SIU Act') were made to the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) in respect of the affairs of the Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality and the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality ("the Municipalities"). The allegations pointed towards loss having been suffered by the two municipalities and as such had to be recovered. In order to recover the losses suffered by the municipalities, the SIU made an application to the President of the Republic of South Africa with the support of the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in order to apply for a proclamation. The SIU deemed it necessary that the said allegations should be investigated, and civil proceedings emanating from such investigations should be adjudicated upon.

(b) The investigation in respect of the Proclamation in the two municipalities were never withdrawn and they are still on going.