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DA to sue after Gauteng ignores R50m overspend

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THE GAUTENG Department of Roads and Transport will not take legal action against Sibusiso Buthelezi for overspending on a security contract by more than R50 million.

This is despite a call from Public Protector Thuli Madonsela for an investigation by the Gauteng government and the National Treasury into the R71m contract awarded to a company with links to former communications minister

Siphiwe Nyanda.

In a written reply to questions by the DA, former MEC of roads and transport Eheké Nkosi said: "The department will not institute legal actions against Mr Buthelezi in order to recover the money."

A settlement was reached when Buthelezi resigned.

But the DA's Jack Bloom was today due to lay a charge of financial misconduct under the Public Finance Management Act against Buthelezi at the police's Commercial Crimes Unit.

The controversial contract, awarded to GNS Risk Advisory Services in October 2007 without an open tender process, was terminated in March this year.

Bloom estimated the department overpaid more than R50m on the contract before it was stopped.

It was a "giant rip-off", as the companies that replaced GNS, now known as Abalozi, were doing the same work for about R24m less a year.

In his reply, submitted

shortly before he was moved to the Department of Infrastructure and Development, Nkosi revealed that Abalozi was paid exorbitant monthly fees for work that could have been done at a fraction of the cost.

GNS was paid R848 160 a month for guarding the government's fleet in Bedfordview, Pothlako Security and Cleaning Services, which took over the contract, gets a quarter of this, with a monthly contract of R184 643.

GNS took R260 400 for

guarding work in Koedoespoort. A new company, Profile Business Solutions, is paid R35 394 a month.

A monthly budget of R1.2m was allocated for GNS to do risk assessment for the Department of Public Transport, Roads and Works. No work was ever done. The entire project will now cost R500 000.

GNS claimed R410 000 a month to guard the command centre. Freedom Fighters Security Services will get R49 773 a month for the same service.

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Tracy Sischy

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Let us look at the following dates

20th, 21st and 22nd July

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Dear Mr Buthelezi

Receive herewith e-mail from the Press Ombudsman.

He would like to meet with us. From dates suggested, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27 or 29 July 2011 will suit us .

I will invite GNS as well. Kindly advise what dates are suitable for you.

Yours faithfully
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From: Johan Retief
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Cc: Joe Thloloe ; Khanyi Mndaweni
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 10:32 AM
Subject: informal hearing

Dear all

Mr Sibusiso Buthelezi's complaint refers.

I have tried, but am not able to come to a finding based on papers. I also do not believe that a formal hearing is necessary, where two members of our panel assist me. Therefore, I propose that we hold an informal hearing – after which I should be able to come to a finding.

Our modus operandi will be to discuss the story paragraph by paragraph. The complainant will each time get a chance to motivate the complaint, after which the newspaper will get an opportunity to defend itself.

Each party can bring as many people as it wants to, but in my experience one/two/three people per party is best.

As the story in dispute is quite old, I propose that we meet asap.

We usually start at 10:00 (at my office) and finish by 12:00/13:00.

Please indicate to Zama (on Khany's email) all of the following dates that suit you:

July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27 or 29.

Kind regards

Johan

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