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Our Ref: Mr Hood/md/S1099

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**THE ACTING MINISTER OF POLICE
ATTENTION: PROFESSOR FIROZ CACHALIA**

**THE INFORMATION OFFICER
CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE
PRETORIA**

Dear Mr President,

**RE: OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

1. I represent the South African Arms and Ammunition Dealers Association, a non-profit organisation that represents legitimate firearm importers, wholesalers, retailers, manufacturers, gunsmiths and trainers in South Africa.
2. On the 4th of December 2025, I on behalf of a number of role-players, including the above, attended a meeting at Nedlac with Mr Milton Ntwana of the Civilian Secretariat for Police Services.
3. We were there to discuss the Firearms Control Amendment Bill. This is a substantial document, that has taken a long time to draft (since 2021) and which is vehemently opposed by legal firearm owners.

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4. Mr Ntwana told all present that a Socio-Economic Impact Assessment on the consequences of the Amendment Bill had been completed by the Secretariat and submitted to your office on the 24th of November 2025.
 5. I have written confirmation of this from your office.
 6. It begs the question how the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment could have been done after the amendment bill was drafted, but that is a different issue.
 7. I submitted a request for access to information to the Secretariat for a copy of this document, which is a prerequisite in terms of Presidency guidelines, for the drafting of legislation of a substantial nature such as the Firearms Control Act Amendment Bill.
 8. My request was acknowledged by the Secretariat on the 17th of December 2025.
 9. On the 19th of February 2026 the Secretariat of Police, Mr Sibuyi, sent a letter to me saying that the SEIAS report was attached. It was not. He indicated that a final report would be completed once the bill had been through the Nedlac process.
 10. Strangely it took from the 19th of February 2026 until the 23rd of March 2026 for that response to be sent to me.
 11. On the 31st of March 2026 a communication was sent to the Secretariat indicating that the report had not been attached and that a copy was required.
 12. Because this was not responded to a follow up communication was sent on the 22nd of April 2026, likewise a further follow up was sent on the 18th of May 2026, requesting a copy of the report.
 13. Because the Secretariat could not produce a document that it said it created, and because I have a document from your office confirming that it had been submitted on the 24th of November 2025 to your office, I submitted a request for access for information to your office on the 16th of July 2026, asking for the study.

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14. This was only acknowledged on the 17th of September 2026 by your office, well outside of the 30 day time period within which a response and the appropriate documentation should have been provided.
 15. Thereafter, on the 16th of September 2026, the requested fee was paid for the documentation to be produced by your office.
 16. Your office then requested an extension of time on the 12th of October 2026 to find the document. This is strange because asking to pay for a copy clearly implies your office has the document.
 17. On the 28th of October 2026 your office advised me that they had referred the matter back to the Secretariat of Police, because it fell within their remit.
 18. Mr President, your office has not complied with Presidential guidelines on a SEIAS and your office does not apparently keep documentation where I have written confirmation that your office approved it. This is reckless public administration.
 19. Your Secretariat of Police is dysfunctional and dishonest because it says it has documents, but cannot or will not produce them through appropriate and proper legal channels.
 20. Mr President, this is not a proper way to govern. If you set guidelines, then the Presidency must comply with them and so too must all government departments. The public needs to trust you and your officials.
 21. It is a prerequisite of governance (and I would refer you to Section 195 of the Constitution) that government be transparent and honest in its dealing with members of the public.
 22. All we have done is ask for a document that shows the impact of proposed legislation on a particular constituency where such proposal emanating from the Minister and Secretariat of Police intends to effectively shut down and destroy that sector of the economy.

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23. You and your responsible officials are unable to provide any substantive justification for the Firearms Control Amendment Bill, and its impact on those directly affected by it, even though an impact assessment is legally required.
 24. Your government's conduct is dishonest towards firearm owners.
 25. Your citizens are unhappy Mr President, because you do not comply with what the law and what the Constitution requires when you and your office should be setting the example.
 26. Do not be surprised at the level of discontent and pushback the government will receive from legal firearms owners.
 27. Firearm owners will no longer be the low hanging fruit for you and your government to blame for your government's failings in combating crime nor will we allow our licenced firearms to be taken away. You will have to come and take them from us because your government cannot protect us from criminality and it seems we now need to protect ourselves from you and your officials unlawful and unconstitutional conduct.

Yours faithfully,



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