



**ENQUIRY INTO THE  
SOUTH GAUTENG  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
PROSECUTIONS'  
FITNESS TO HOLD OFFICE**

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**TO: ALL MEDIA / EDITORS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**15 December 2025**

**NKABINDE ENQUIRY ADJOURNS UNTIL 26 JANUARY 2026**

The Nkabinde Enquiry, established in terms of section 12(6) of the National Prosecuting Authority Act 32 of 1998 to inquire into the fitness of Advocate Andrew Chauke to hold the office of Director of Public Prosecutions: South Gauteng (“the Enquiry”), advises media and stakeholders that proceedings were adjourned on 15 December 2025 and are scheduled to resume on 26 January 2026 at 09h00.

The Enquiry notes with regret that the National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP), Advocate Shamila Batohi, excused herself from the ongoing cross-examination without submitting a formal application for excusal to the Panel. This affected the planned schedule and sequence of witnesses.

At the time of the adjournment, the legal representatives for Advocate Chauke, led by Advocate Tembeka Ngcukaitobi SC, were due to continue with the cross-examination of Advocate Batohi.

Following these developments, the Evidence Leaders, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) Legal Team, and the Legal Team representing Advocate Andrew Chauke met to discuss a way forward. The parties agreed that revised schedule of the remaining witnesses will be submitted to the Panel by 17h00 on Tuesday, 16 December 2025.

Once the revised schedule has been received, the Panel will assess the time required to hear the remaining witnesses. The Panel will then consider approaching the President, through the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, to request an extension of the original four-month timeframe for the Enquiry, which is due to end in January 2026.

The Parties further agreed that the interlocutory application brought by the NPA through the evidence leaders for the amendment of the Terms of Reference will be dealt with by the Panel without a need for oral argument.



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