

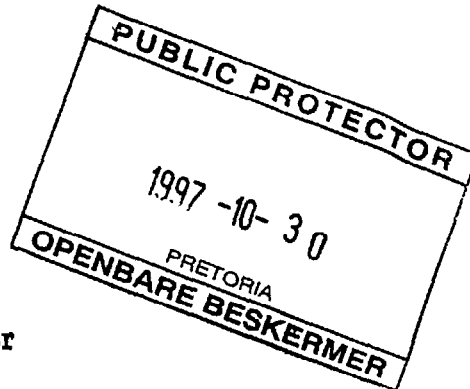


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Mr S Baqwa
Public Protector

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REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF "ANC NEPOTISM"

I enclose herewith for your information and urgent further attention and consideration, a copy of a motion tabled in Parliament recently (21 October 1997) in the above connection as well as related media-releases.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely

RS Schoeman

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Motion

Nepotism in Government

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- The House taking note of the increasing occurrence of nepotism in the Government;
- further noting that the moral problem of nepotism seems to rear its head at central, provincial and local government levels in South Africa;
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**MEDIA RELEASE BY DARYL SWANEPOEL, MP
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POLITICAL NEPOTISM AT LAND AFFAIRS

Land Affairs Department one big happy family and circle of friends

The row which has developed between Agriculture Minister Derek Hanekom and Public Services Minister Zola Skweyiya over a senior appointment in the agriculture department is, in the light of the recent political nepotism exposures by the NP, very serious. From reports in the media (Business Day 27/10/97) Skweyiya's friendship with a potential incumbent is cited as a possible influencing factor as well as the department's "Africanist caucus' influence". The National Party has warned of the dangers that arise when a ***frenzy exists to accommodate friends and family*** in senior positions of Government: accountability and merit is thrown out of the window and government performance is crippled, further undermining delivery.

This incident is however only the tip of the iceberg in the department. Information at our disposal suggests that the Land Affairs Department is sick to the core with regard to nepotism. We have unconfirmed leads as to friends being appointed to senior positions in the department and the Ministry, but accept that rumours cannot serve as the basis for condemnation. We know however for certain that Mr Geoff Budlender, **a friend of the Minister, has been appointed Director General and that the Director General's wife has in turn been appointed as special advisor to the Minister.** This is outrageous and certainly creates conflict of interest positions.

The National Party will today formally forward its request to the Public Protector to have political nepotism investigated in Government and will forward this new information as well. The response from the public after our exposing of the extent of nepotism in Government has led to the uncovering of a number of new incidents. We call on all who have knowledge of such cases to inform us or the Public Protector directly.

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MOTION ON NEPOTISM IN GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY

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STATEMENT ISSUED BY DARYL SWANEPOEL, MP MEDIA DIRECTOR

ANC NEPOTISM IN GOVERNMENT IS RIFE Mpumalanga exposure is only tip of iceberg

The extent of nepotism in Mpumalanga Government is only the tip of the iceberg. Many other instances of family connections can be cited that give rise to valid questions as to whether the ***ANC is turning Government into a family business***. The harsh ANC treatment in Mpumalanga is a smokescreen to divert attention from the many other nepotism appointments countrywide.

We know that this moral problem of nepotism has reared its head at central, provincial and local government levels:

Senior Cabinet members' wives are in top Government jobs, MEC's family members are appointed to senior positions, MPL's brothers and other family get top executive positions, undue local government family appointments are made, MP's relatives become ambassadors, commissioners, and so the list expands.

Examples per attached schedule.

The National Party is by no means unreasonable and does not suggest that all family members of public representatives must be excluded from careers in the civil service. The point is that the number of ANC family members successfully being appointed to new senior positions creates the perception that it is only they who are qualified. No longer is it the exception to the rule, it appears to have become the norm.

New affirmative action is being applied and merit is thrown out of the window. The qualifying criteria appears to be: what was your service to the ANC, who are your connections, are you a pal that we need to organise a job for? It looks very much like the ANC old boys', club feathering their own nests.

It is a question of ethics, and good and sound moral values. Oversight and accountability by Parliament becomes murky when family has to oversee family and friends. The much published ANC code of conduct will surely have to be taken out of the dustbin and revisited to include regulating this state of affairs.

The National Party *calls on the Minister of Public Administration, Mr Zola Skweyiya, to investigate across the civil service*, at all three levels of Government, the extent of new senior appointments since May 1994 that have family or friend connections in political parties, Parliament and/or the cabinet. All indications are that a full investigation across the three levels of government is going to reveal a **massive problem**. In the interest of transparency it is important for the public to know the full extent of the nepotism in Government and the educational and experience qualifications that gave rise to the appointments.

DATE **19 OCTOBER 1997**

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