



Dear Mr Motsepe

Despite your persistent refusal to furnish my office with a copy of your audit directly as requested, I have seen your media statement online, with a link to your website. On examining the documents posted I noticed that you have published data relating to school safety issues at different schools.

I notice that there was still no detail regarding specific incidents of corporal punishment and assault.

However, I do note that you have disclosed details of schools, which are named, and highly sensitive security information about them, such as whether they have alarms, whether they are working, whether they have security guards, and whether they have broken fences.

The following is placed on record:

1. You have used information that the WCED gave you as part of your PAIA application at the beginning of this year.
2. Our information officer initially refused to give you this information as we never disclose details of the safety issues at schools which could make them vulnerable.
3. Notwithstanding this, you appealed to me. I granted your appeal on the express condition that you may not disclose this information publicly.
4. It is quite clear from some of the detail on your website that you have in fact disclosed information that you were given by us, subject to that condition.

This action, apart from being a direct contravention of the condition on which I granted the appeal, is placing the schools in serious jeopardy. All criminals need to do is to look at your website and see which schools are easiest to target.

This is precisely why our information officer did not want to give you information in the first place. Even if some of it is information that you have obtained yourself, it is completely irresponsible and severely prejudicial to publish information of this nature.

We accordingly hereby demand that you remove this information from your website within 24 hours of receipt of this letter.

Our schools are even more vulnerable during the school holidays, and by doing this, you are providing criminals with a ready shopping list of potentially vulnerable schools.

If one of these schools fall victim to further vandalism from now on, it could be as a direct result of your irresponsible actions.

I reiterate that this information has never been sent to my office, despite repeated requests. I cannot understand why, if you require a response from me directly, you have not sent them to my office. If you can publish this on your website, why not simply email it to me? This speaks volumes about your agenda.

Every request you have sent to my office, has been responded to.

Please also note that your breach of trust will be taken into account in any future engagements with us.

The department has been investigating the issues that they can. I met yesterday with my HOD, who advised that you will receive a response next week.

Yours faithfully



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Provincial Minister of Education

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