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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE TO “I WAS FRAMED-MALEBYE” ARTICLE THAT APPEARED ON PAGE 1 AND 2 OF THE MAIL OF 21 JULY 2006

Although the North West Department of Public Works respects the independence of the Judiciary, we have noted with concern nonetheless comments attributed to the presiding officer in the matter between the State and Malebye as published in “The Mail” of 21 July 2006.

At this stage, the department has not as yet studied the judgement therefore it is unable to comment on the findings.

For the record we wish to state that the decision to prosecute Mr Nchauphe Solomon Malebye was solely the discretion of the Provincial Director of Public Prosecution based on evidence presented before him.

The Public Financial Management Act obliges organs of state to report any allegation and or suspicion of financial irregularity to the South African Police Service. In this matter, the Management of the Department acted in compliance with obligatory provisions of the Public Finance Management Act and not because of any vendetta against Mr Malebye.

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