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Subject: The Funding of Freedom Therapy through Denzhe Primary Care.

Dear Commissioner Thabang,

My previous letter to you dated 21/3/2018 has significance as it was never addressed by anyone from your office.

I am appealing to you as a man of God who seeks answers from a person who is in power and an **overseer of public funds expenditure**.

The mess we find ourselves in would never have occurred if we were not approached by Lesley Ramulifho and Melanie du Plessis. Lesley presented himself as a previous legal advisor to the NLC and who after resigning that position was the chairman of Denzhe Primary Care.

He also told us that for some time he had been given a **mandate by the Lotto Board to fund a national expansion plan for substance abuse treatment and that R300 million has been allocated for this purpose**. This was in the last quarter of 2016.

I am not going to repeat the whole process we went through as it has been extensively written and spoken about by myself.

The point I am making is simply this; at the time of his initial discussions with us we had a flourishing ministry with a healthy cash flow, in excess of 90 students on the program and we were in the process of extending our program to a game farm we were purchasing.

We were definitely self-sufficient financially and able to support and pay our entire staff. We did not need to apply for funding and our PBO was not even on the DSD listing for possible funding from Lotto.

In fact, most of us were very sceptical about what we were hearing from Lesley and did not think anything would come from his discussions with us.

As the history is known and events put on record, although for a long time we were purposely kept in the dark, we now know enough of the truth to make the following truthful statements.

1. Although there is a record of Denzhe Primary Care on the NPO list at the Directorate of NPO, **it is non-compliant**. This fact was not only established by myself but also Mr. Anton van Zyl from the Limpopo Mirror newspaper. I attach the article for your perusal and suggest strongly that you take note of the contents.
2. I personally wrote to the NPO Directorate to also obtain the current status of Denzhe regarding its board of directors or officials. There has been no change since its inception and Lesley **Ramulifho certainly has no official status with it**.
3. There has also been no change in its constitution regarding substance abuse or primary health care.
4. It is very difficult to understand how the NLC can pay over R20 million to such an organization as Denzhe for a rehabilitation centre such as ours, which at the time and at present still functions as a Faith Based ministry.
5. So by the way in our present status, we are exempt from the Rehabilitation Act 70 of 2008 according to a letter I received some time ago from the Minister of Health. (letter attached) We were never breaking the Law!

6. I was accused that I made it public knowledge via FB that R18 million was awarded to Freedom Therapy by Lotto. Not true. I checked my entire timeline. Lesley is the one who said that R18 million was to be put into House Regeneration, not me! What happened to the other R2 million, so by the way?
7. I have proof from the NLC dashboard that R20 million was paid over to Denzhe in 2017 for a project in Gauteng. Therefore, the delays which occurred during the building project was not that he was waiting for funds from you, it was already paid into that account.
8. As far as the completion list is concerned, we were also being lied to. We were told on several occasions in September and [November 2017](#) that the board had to approve the release of funds of R1.4 million, which already was in the Denzhe account.
9. During my visit to your office [January 2018](#) when you, Tsieti and Philemon were present, a number of issues worried me:
 - a. You seemed to be under the impression that there was a good relationship between Lesley and myself, which had broken down in June of 2017 already and he refused every single attempt from my side to reconcile and finish the first phase.
 - b. I was asked when we had sold our property and there were obvious concerned looks exchanged between Tsieti and Philemon when I told them that we never sold it.
 - c. I was then already assured by yourself that our situation would receive your personal attention and it will be resolved.
10. On the 22/3/2018 you asked me (2 months later) in an email what I want you to do the bring this to closure.
11. Well it is almost another month later and it has further come to light that Denzhe has only put R4.8 million into the project. **Where is the remaining R15.2 million** to develop the skills department, add another top house and provide running expenses? All promises Lesley told us was approved by the Lotto Board.

If we had not experienced such a disruption of our cash flow, our loss of intakes of new students, the many that ran away due to the chaotic living conditions, the loss of staff members due to false promises concerning completion and operating expenses, we would certainly have just walked away from this stressful and unpleasant relationship tangle between **the NLC, Denzhe and House Regeneration**.

I put it to you as the Commissioner that due to your lack of diligence in scrutinizing the credentials of Denzhe, as well as giving him a mandate to act on your behalf, that you never made any effort to meet with us for proper planning and implementation of such an important cause, you are accountable for the mess we are in. Lesley Ramulifho by means of a letter from his lawyer made several serious and untrue statements about our legal status, which was brought under your attention. I also put it to you that delegating your responsibility to Tsieti Maselwa to deal with this matter was a fruitless waste of time, only compounding the loss of income and discomfort of our organization as a whole.

As a man of God, I do believe that all things turn out for the good for those who are called to fulfil God's will. I trust that this matter might just wake up our Government to change their views on the official recognition and participation of Christian in the war against drugs. Also that believers can extensively use the Bible as Therapy handbook.

As has been my practice in the past to rally support for such a sensitive and needy public cause regarding addiction treatment, I will now turn my attention and energy once more **to rally support**

from the public by means of the media for the predicament we are in. This is not going to sit well with your Minister at DTI nor with many thousands of families who are seeking help.

Simply ignoring this will not let it go away. I have been harassed by Government officials in the past regarding the matter of disregarding FBO's and has turned many of them into allies.

I am giving myself the rest of this week to regenerate my soul after which I will throw myself at the mercy of public opinion with the tenacity of a pit bull. If you cannot or will not resolve our situation sooner, so be it.

Kind regards,