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STATEMENT BY JUSTICE DIKGANG MOSENEKE ABOUT THE INQUIRY'S WEBSITE, PUBLICATION OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS, UPCOMING PROCESSES AND TIMELINES

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1. The website of the Inquiry into Ensuring Free and Fair Local Government Elections During COVID-19 (“**Inquiry**”) is live and may be accessed at <https://www.elections.org.za/freeandfair/>.
2. The Electoral Commission’s submissions were received on 4 June 2021 and are available on the website.
3. To date, the Inquiry has also received various submissions including from independent medical experts, the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Covid-19 for the Department of Health, electoral monitoring bodies, civil society and religious organisations. These submissions are also available on the Inquiry’s website. In addition, the Inquiry has received thousands of written submissions and voice notes from the general public.
4. The Inquiry expects to receive further submissions from political parties, the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), civil society organisations and the public by Friday, 18 June 2021. Written submissions must be sent to freeandfair@elections.org.za All additional submissions received will be published on the website as soon as possible after receipt.

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5. The public has also been invited to send voice notes to the Inquiry's Whatsapp number at 063 8634 623. The voice notes are to reach the Inquiry by Friday 18 June 2021.
6. The Inquiry will hear oral submissions from invited stakeholders in the week commencing Monday, 28 June 2021. Stakeholders have been asked to indicate whether, in addition to written submissions, they wish to make oral submissions to the Inquiry. If stakeholders are invited to make oral submissions, the Inquiry will in the course of next week send details about the date, time and place for oral submissions to be made.
7. The Inquiry looks forward to engaging with the public and key stakeholders as it values an inclusive process based on openness and transparency, in order to fulfil its mandate of national constitutional significance.

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