

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

MEDIA RELEASE

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All media

1. The Ministry of Justice regrets the publishing of inaccurate and misplaced information in the Namibian Newspaper of 18 February 2020.
2. The reporter, Ms. Sonja Smith was invited to the Ministry of Justice and attended a meeting chaired by the Executive Director on Thursday 13 February 2020 during which she was provided with the correct information pertaining to the allegations made in respect of the procurement processes under scrutiny by the NACC.
3. Despite the openness of the Ministry of Justice to share the correct information with the public, the information was twisted and reported incorrectly by the journalist. Proof of processes followed was provided to the journalist, which proof was clearly ignored as no reference is made thereto.
4. The Ministry of Justice stands ready to cooperate, as it has done before, with the NACC and any other law enforcement agencies to uncover and deal with any corrupt practices in the ministry and undertakes, as it has done before, to avail all documentary proof of any processes undertaken by the ministry.
5. In the interest of the Namibian Nation, a press release will be done by the Ministry of Justice once the investigations are completed. Findings of previous investigations are not yet made known to the Ministry of Justice by the law enforcement agencies, thus, it cannot be shared with the public. Once it is known, it the ministry will share it with the public.
6. The Ministry of Justice remains confident that we are able to serve the nation and execute our mandate with honesty and integrity and invite the nation to visit our offices countrywide and to source for information from us at any time.

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