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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: UNAVAILABILITY OF ADV VARNEY

1. We refer to your letter of 29 May 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto for ease of reference.
2. As Evidence Leaders we are forwarding your letter to all parties before the Commission for their input, which input must be made by no later than 10 June 2026. With the benefit of inputs of parties who hold a different view, the Evidence Leaders will publish the timetable for the further conduct of the Commission's hearings.
3. The Commission will hear other witnesses beyond the four witnesses identified (Adv Brink Ferreira, Adv Paul Fick, Adv Prior and Mr. Mxolisi Nxasana) during Adv Varney's absence. We reiterate that any of those witnesses including the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development for the hearing of her evidence on 9 June 2026 will be done with the proviso that



should any of those witnesses become necessary for a cross examination, an accommodation will be made for their recall as witnesses later.

Kind Regards,

Evidence Leaders