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Chairperson: Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your invitation of 27th May 2020, addressed to myself as the Executive Mayor for the city for Cape Town to brief the Public Accounts Committee on a number of allegations made by a member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Following your invitation, I have made enquiries of the City officials to establish whether the City of Cape Town purchased the land in question together with the HDA.

It should be noted that I was not the Executive Mayor at the time these decisions were made but that Mr Herron was a member of the former Executive Mayor Patricia de Lille's Mayoral Committee of the City of Cape Town and political head of the Directorate for the Transport and Urban Development Authority (TDA) responsible for acquiring land on behalf of the City.

I am informed that an assessment was done on the feasibility of the City acquiring land in the Killarney area. The TDA Commissioner at the time, Melissa Whitehead, signed off a recommendation on 6 June 2017 stating: "...Erf 35162-35176 & 38368: re Killarney Gardens is found to have significant TOD potential and should therefore be acquired and packaged by TDA for the development of integrated housing...".

A TDA official instructed Property Management to proceed with the acquisition of the land.

However, the City later decided to put this acquisition on hold because it did not have the required funding for this purchase.

Therefore, the City of Cape Town did not purchase the land which is the subject of your enquiry and I am, consequently, unable to assist your committee in its enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

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