



### **COMMISSION REFUTES CLAIMS THAT WIDOWS AND FAMILIES FEND FOR THEMSELVES**

The Marikana Commission of Inquiry has noted with concern media reports alleging that widows and family members have been left to fend for themselves due to financial problems in the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

The Commission wishes to place it on record that the decision to provide sandwiches and soft drinks as lunch was taken during the December adjournment and family representatives were not available for consultation.

The Commission's Secretary, Advocate Phuti Setati, said "Upon the families' return, they expressed their unhappiness over the new catering arrangement and it was then decided that a full meal will be provided after the first two weeks from the re-opening of the Commission in January 2013. The family members have accepted this arrangement".

The arrangement means that the families will receive full lunch from Monday, 04 February 2013.

Since the Commission started on the 1st of October 2012, all widows and family representatives have been receiving lunch. Therefore, there have been no family members who have been left to fend for themselves as reported by the media.

The Marikana Commission of Inquiry remains committed to attain its main objective, and therefore calls on all parties concerned to co-operate.

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