

# Marikana inquiry later

**The** Farlam Commission of Inquiry into the Marikana shootings has been postponed, the commission said yesterday.

“A decision in respect of possible funding for the legal team representing the injured and the arrested miners has not been finally determined,” it said in a statement.

“This decision is now expected within the next few days.”

Hearings would resume on Wednesday.

The commission is investigating the deaths of 44 people during strike-related unrest in Marikana last year. Police shot dead 34 striking mine-workers on August 16. Ten people, including two police officers, were killed in the preceding week.

Dali Mpofu, representing the mineworkers of Marikana, wanted the funding for his legal team. He previously signalled his intention to file papers with the Constitutional Court for a ruling on whether the state should fund their work at the commission. He made a similar request in the High Court in Pretoria, but it was dismissed.

Commission chair, retired judge Ian Farlam, said: “Though it is regrettable that we have to once again postpone the commission’s sitting time by two more days, it is desirable that we continue with efforts to ensure a process as inclusive as possible.” – *Sapa*.