

**THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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Mrs Sheila Camerer, MP  
Member of Joint CRC  
**PARLIAMENT**

Dear Mrs Camerer

**DA: MEDIA STATEMENT 10 MARCH 2006**

Your letter of 23 March 2006 in the abovementioned regard is acknowledged.

Although I accept your apology regarding the incorrect and premature conclusion that the ANC had taken a specific position regarding the issue you seem to have missed or ignored the main thrust of the committees displeasure.

The principle at stake is the ethics of initiating a public debate in the media while the committee has tabled a matter for discussion at a later date.

My view is that you are subverting the integrity of the committee by:

1. Stating a subjective deduction as a statement of fact.
2. Subjecting other members of the committee to media scrutiny and public pressure prior to the matter having been debated.
3. Attempting to force members to declare their points of view prior to any political party having had an opportunity to consider their position.

As a senior and seasoned politician this action can only be interpreted as a fragrant disregard to one of the instruments of parliament viz. The Joint Constitutional Review Committee.

Accordingly it is my contention and insistence that the committee is entitled to a far more encompassing and unconditional apology.

I would appreciate it if this matter can be settled in an amicable manner respecting the dignity of the institution in which we serve.

Yours sincerely,

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**DR MANIE SCHOEMAN,MP**  
**CHAIR CRC**