

To: Dr. Leon Schreiber MP – Minister, Department of Home Affairs (DHA)
CC: Mr Makhode – Director General, DHA; Adv Gaum – Parliamentary Officer, DHA
Date: 01 September 2024
Subject: Urgent Inquiry: How Did Chidimma Adetshina’s Mother Travel to Nigeria Despite Ongoing Fraud Investigation?

Dear Minister Schreiber,

I am writing to urgently seek clarification on how Chidimma Adetshina’s mother was permitted to leave South Africa and travel to Nigeria despite the ongoing fraud and corruption investigation.

As reported to the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs on the 20th of August, the Department indicated that the investigation into the case, which includes involvement by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks), is at an advanced stage. It is therefore alarming that the principal subject of this investigation was seen in Nigeria this past weekend during a televised broadcast of Miss Universe Nigeria.

Given the nature of the investigation, which involves circumventing immigration controls, it is reasonable to expect that travel would be restricted, especially to Nigeria. You would appreciate the fact that in the June 2022 report by the Ministerial Committee on the Issuance of Permits and Visas, which revealed that 12,177 of the 36,647 fraudulent applications detected originated from Nigerians, underscoring the scale of the problem and the need for stringent controls.

There is little doubt that these figures highlight a significant threat to South Africa’s immigration regime and sovereignty, which demands that the government adopt a rigorous approach to enforcing our laws, particularly in cases of fraud such as that involving Chidimma Adetshina’s mother.

We look forward to your prompt response and a detailed explanation regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Lerato Ngobeni, MP

Parliamentary Chief Whip, ActionSA

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