

# Fight for 'Nkandlagate' debate

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THE Democratic Alliance (DA) has vowed to continue to fight for a debate on President Jacob Zuma's Nkandla home.

Yesterday, a DA motion for a debate on the R206 million upgrade on Zuma's Nkandla home was referred back to the Chief Whips' Forum.

This followed the National Assembly programming committee meeting yesterday, where no agreement could be reached.

## DA: Motion referred back to Chief Whips' Forum

National Assembly Speaker Max Sisulu opted to refer the matter back.

DA parliamentary leader Lindiwe Mazibuko said the DA will stand firm on this matter.

"We have been allocated the space in the parliamentary schedule to have a DA motion debated, and it cannot be up to the ANC to decide

on our behalf what to debate.

"If the ANC continues to block my motion in its ongoing effort to protect President Zuma from being held to account, then the Speaker must reconsider the decision not to allow a debate of public importance on 'Nkandlagate' in terms of rule 103 in the Rules of the National Assembly," she said.

Mazibuko said it is clear that the ANC is prepared to go to any lengths to prevent members of Parliament from doing the job they were elected to do.

"They are running scared because they know that spending R206 million on one man cannot be defended in Parliament.

"The DA will continue to fight for

this debate. President Zuma must answer for this scandal and Parliament must do everything possible to ensure that he does so," Mazibuko said.

On Wednesday, ANC Chief Whip Mathole Motshekga said allowing a debate on state spending on Zuma's Nkandla home would be like putting the cart before the horse.

"This is because the matter is under formal investigation and the findings have not yet been made available." — [ngwakom@citizen.co.za](mailto:ngwakom@citizen.co.za)