

Nkandla scandal: DA demands answer from NPA

JOHANNESBURG — The DA yesterday said it wanted a conclusive answer from the NPA as to whether it would prosecute President Jacob Zuma in relation to the Nkandla scandal.

“Last week, I instructed our legal team to engage the NDPP one final time to give them an opportunity to make a decision,” DA leader Mmusi Maimane said in a statement.

He said the deadline given to the NPA was today, “failing which we will take legal action”.

Yesterday, NPA spokesperson Luvuyo Mfaku confirmed to News24 that a letter had been received from the DA’s lawyers. “We will respond tomorrow [today],” he said.

In 2014, Maimane laid eight charges against Zuma in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.

In May last year, then-Police minister Nathi Nhleko said, in a written reply to a parliamentary question, that the NPA was still deciding whether to charge the president.

Earlier this month, Nhleko, now deployed as the minister of Public Works, replied to a parliamentary question by Maimane, saying that the NPA had declined to prosecute three Public Works officials.

An inquiry against a contractor was apparently still pending, he said at the time. — News24.