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MINISTER PRAVIN GORDHAN CONDEMNS SCURRILOUS CLAIMS ABOUT HIS INABILITY TO TRAVEL TO CAPE TOWN

PRETORIA, 31 August 2023 – The Minister of Public Enterprises, Mr Pravin Gordhan has condemned the scurrilous and vacuous claims that he is running away from accountability.

Minister Gordhan clearly communicated to the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises that due to ill-health he had been advised by a medical specialist not to fly to Cape Town until certain tests have been performed. Because of this advice, the Minister duly requested the Committee to provide him with an alternative date to appear before it.

“It is unsurprising that the South African public is once again being hoodwinked by political opportunists who know no bounds of decency and are intent on twisting every fact, and use every means to mask their political bankruptcy,” Minister Gordhan said.

“We are an accountable government, and any suggestion that my inability to travel is in any way a disguised attempt to avoid accountability is patently false,” said Minister Gordhan.

The Minister was initially confirmed to appear before the Committee on 7 August 2023, but the Committee postponed the meeting at the last minute on Friday, 4 August 2023.

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