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**Openbare Beskermer: CDP reageer**
“Die CDP vind die tydsberekening van bewerings van korrupsie teen die Openbare Beskermer, adv. Thuli Madonsela, baie verdag,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party.

“Ons vind dit ook vreemd dat sy in die eerste plek in die pos aangestel is, as die bewerings so oud is. Sulke bewerings moes mos voor aanstelling behoorlik ondersoek gewees het.”

“Nietemin, al is ons tot dusver baie beïndruk met Madonsela, vertrou ons dat, sou daar waarheid in die bewerings steek, dit behoorlik ondersoek sal word en ooreenkomstig die bevindings opgetree sal word. Die Openbare Beskermer moet bo verdenking wees.”

**Public Protector: CDP reacts**
“The CDP finds the timing of the allegations of corruption against the Public Protector, adv. Thuli Madomsela, highly questionable,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party.

“We also find it strange that she was appointed in the first place, given how long ago the alleged crime took place. Such allegations should have been properly investigated before appointing her.”

“Irrespective of how impressed we are with Madonsela’s performance so far, we believe that should there be any truth in the allegation, it needs to be properly investigated and action taken according to the findings. The Public Protector must be above suspicion.”