



Highlights of 2018 for Corruption Watch

- In October, we submitted damning new evidence to the High Court, exposing flawed processes followed by the Seriti Commission that led to key information being ignored and the conclusion reached that there was no evidence of corruption in the arms deal. The evidence shows that the commission not only failed in its investigation – but it misled the public.
<https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/cw-and-r2k-unearth-damning-new-evidence-of-failure-by-arms-commission/>
- In September, Corruption Watch made submissions to the Nugent Commission of Inquiry into Sars. This is just one example of our ongoing efforts to achieve accountability for alleged acts of corruption and other unlawful conduct on the part of the suspended Sars commissioner Tom Moyane and two senior Sars employees. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/cw-makes-submission-nugent-commission-inquiry-sars/>
- In September, Corruption Watch exposed governance failure at Mnquma Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/mnquma-local-municipality-failure-governance/>
- In September, we wrote to Parliament’s Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs in respect of the rampant corruption and maladministration that continues unabated at the Desmond Tutu Refugee Reception Centre in Marabastad, Pretoria. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/cw-raises-concerns-unchecked-corruption-desmond-tutu-refugee-centre/>
- In August, the ConCourt handed down a judgment that invalidated former president Jacob Zuma’s appointment of Shaun Abrahams as the national director of public prosecutions. The ruling arose after an application by Corruption Watch, Freedom Under Law and the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution to review and set aside the R17.3-million settlement agreement between former NDPP Adv Mxolisi Nxasana, the president, and the minister of justice, and declare his removal from office invalid.
<https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/cw-celebrates-todays-concourt-ruling-abrahams-appointment/>
- In August, Corruption Watch put forward its submission on the National Anti-Corruption Strategy to the Anti-Corruption Inter-Ministerial Committee.
<https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/cw-gathers-input-submissions-nacs/>
- In July, Corruption Watch brought to light procurement irregularities at University of Zululand.
<https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/unizulu-midst-procurement-controversy/>

- Corruption Watch exposed impunity at Walter Sisulu Primary School in Olivenhoutbosch, Centurion. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/whistle-blower-ousted-accused-principal-remains/>
- Corruption Watch hosted a series of activities at various community locations in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape, including schools, clinics, taxi ranks, town halls and shopping centres. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/media-advisory-cw-takes-anti-corruption-eastern-cape/>
<https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/bribery-reported-prevalent-corruption-western-cape/>
- Corruption Watch emerged victorious in March when the South Gauteng High Court ruled in favour of the organisation, setting aside a payment of R316-million by the South African Social Services Agency to social grant distributor Cash Paymaster Services (CPS). CPS was also ordered to pay back the full amount, with interest, to the state. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/cps-must-repay-sassas-r316m-judgment-win-civil-society/>
- In April, Corruption Watch made submissions to the parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Police, to highlight the extent of corruption in the police services, and the impunity that allows it to flourish, not only in the provision of policing services, but across society as a whole. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/police-corruption-rife-says-cw-parly-submissions/>
- In March, we submitted amendments to the Standing Committee on the Auditor-General, as part of the public hearings to address the draft Public Audit Amendment Bill. We recommended that undesirable audit outcomes be referred to relevant bodies for investigations, and that the Auditor-General be kept informed of the progress and outcome of such investigations. Recovery of losses resulting from unauthorised irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure from the accounting authority of audited institutions. <https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/cw-weighs-draft-public-audit-amendment-bill/>