

an affidavit of the lead investigator in this particular tranche of evidence, Mr Frank Dutton, and if I may refer to that affidavit and in brief summary put before you what Mr Dutton says. On page 1 Mr Dutton sets out his considerable experience as an investigator. On page 2 of that affidavit he says that:

10 "Since September 2018 I have met and interviewed Mr Agrizzi on numerous occasions. He has openly disclosed his personal involvement in the corruption and criminality which he has revealed. He implicates about 38 people, many of whom are persons of stature and influence, in alleged corrupt practices, money laundering and tax evasion. This includes bribery of public officials and politicians."

He says in paragraph 11 of the affidavit on page 2:

"Investigative steps that our investigation team has taken has independently confirmed the accuracy of several aspects of his allegations."

He summarises the evidence to be given, with your leave Chair, as follows:

20 "Agrizzi alleges that the senior management of a group of companies known as Bosasa, senior Government employees, politicians and others are and were involved in criminal activities centred on tender fraud and corruption for the past 20 years. The amount of money involved in these illegal activities probably amounts to billions of South African Rands. All those involved in these corrupt practices received substantial cash and other gratuities."