



Press Statement

RE: Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs - Pornography Hearing

e.tv has expressed disappointment at the comments made by the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs today. Yesterday at 1pm, e.tv's CEO Marcel Golding was notified to appear before the committee at 9am today to address the committee on pornography. The channel notified the Portfolio Committee that the notice given was less than 24 hours and that the appropriate representatives were unavailable to attend.

e.tv rejects claims by the Portfolio Committee that it does not respect parliamentary procedure. During the past few months e.tv has cooperated with the Portfolio Committee on Communications on various legislative changes. If e.tv was given appropriate notice it would have no difficulty in appearing before any parliamentary committee.

e.tv emphatically denies that it broadcasts pornography. Its late night erotica slot on Saturday nights is intended for adults only and complies with the Code of Conduct applicable to broadcasters in South Africa.

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