

Plot twist: Zuma to #PayBackTheMoney

[NEWSWATCH] After more than six years since the Nkandla scandal began and South African tax payers asked Zuma to pay back the money, the president has finally decided to do so and Twitter has lit up with comments.

According to the [Mail & Guardian](#), Zuma will "reimburse the state for improvements done to his rural home." The proposed settlement has been met with many questions regarding the timing of the announcement.

With SONA 2016 just around the corner and elections approaching, citizens are wondering if this is all just an electoral campaign to win over the country once again. But opposing parties aren't having it. The DA have rejected his settlement offer, calling it "laughable".

Public protector, Thuli Madonsela, is consulting with her legal team over Zuma's proposal. Madonsela released a report in 2014 titled, Secure in Comfort, which called on Zuma to pay back a "reasonable amount of the cost", according to [enca](#).

Coincidentally (but probably not) the settlement proposal comes a week before Zuma was set to appear before court over the matter. Both the EFF and the DA both laid charges against him for Nkandla.

The news has been trending on Twitter and has seen comebacks from Nando's and the general public:

“ [#PayBackTheMoney #HowMuchThough pic.twitter.com/b1OnargA1Y](#)- NandosSA (@NandosSA) [February 3, 2016](#) ”

“ [#PayBackTheMoney](#) it's done already what more do they want ?????????? [pic.twitter.com/zUctiBzxPM](#)- Nkululeko Mntungwa™ (@TheeNkukza) [February 3, 2016](#) ”

“ Time to rethink what leadership is about? [#PayBackTheMoney https://t.co/2QaxRizvMo](#)- Craig Lee Adams (@CapeTownPulse) [February 3, 2016](#) ”

“ [#PayBackTheMoney](#) I'm sorry it's my mistake I take full responsibility.. It's written here, the Winner is the Thuli [pic.twitter.com/nLsqrQmNXh](#)- Badfellaz (@Dr_Luzz) [February 3, 2016](#) ”

“ Thuli Madonsela right now.... Bosso ke mang [#PayBackTheMoney pic.twitter.com/yk60QgHrw0](#)- Eddie Molaudi (@Laudy_B) [February 3, 2016](#) ”

“ I don't mind Zuma being weird and suddenly wanting to [#PayBackTheMoney](#). What worries me is howhe can

suddenly afford to pay it back.- Tom Eaton (@TomEatonSA) [February 3, 2016](#) ”

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