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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 306

Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What were the outcomes of the eight disciplinary referrals made by the Special Investigating Unit to the National Lottery Commission against their own employees? NW347E

REPLY:

The National Lotteries Commission has furnished me with the attached response to the question.

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REPLY:

The NLC can report on seven referrals that the SIU has made with the 8th one referring to a distributing agency member which the NLC has not received.

Three of the employees against whom the SIU made referrals have resigned. They resigned at different stages in the process, but all resigned before the respective disciplinary hearings could proceed. In respect of one of the three employees, the NLC has recovered funds owed to it by the employee through his leave payouts and pension provisions. We understand that the SIU is in the process of attaching the pensions of the other two employees who resigned.

A disciplinary process has been initiated against the other four employees. Each of the four employees has been placed on precautionary suspension, which has been extended until the finalisation of the respective disciplinary processes.

The one employee's disciplinary hearing was heard on 13 – 15 February 2024, and will continue in March 2024. The second employee's disciplinary hearing was set down for 27 – 29 February 2024 and will have to be rescheduled as the employee submitted a doctor's note. The third employee's disciplinary hearing is set down for the week of 5 March 2024. The fourth employee has raised several preliminary points which has delayed the setting down of the disciplinary hearing. In addition, this employee has launched a judicial review in the High Court challenging the SIU referral. It is anticipated that the preliminary points raised by the employee will be resolved in early March 2024, whereafter dates for the disciplinary hearing will be decided.



Jodi Scholtz
Commissioner: NLC

Date: 29/02/2024

CHANGING LIVES

Board Members: Prof NB Pitso (Chairperson), Mt B Ferguson, Dr C Lubisi, Ms P Mvulane, Adv W Hofmeyr, Adv N Nene (Company Secretary)

Established in terms of the Lotteries Act 87 of 1997, as amended

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