

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 4577

Mr B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

With reference to the Special Investigating Unit report Proclamation R32 of 2020 detailing R1,4 billion in misappropriated National Lotteries Commission (NLC) funds, what (a) total amount was recovered from implicated individuals and/or organisations as of quarter 1 of the 2024-25 financial year, (b) is the breakdown of (i) all entities and/or individuals criminally charged since 2020 and (ii) the status of their cases, (c) are the (i) names of NLC board members who served during the investigated period of 2014 to 2022 and (ii) relevant details of the steps taken to recover losses from their bonds and (d) specific measures have been implemented to prevent future maladministration in grant adjudication?NW5123E

REPLY:

The National Lotteries Commission has advised me as follows:

- (a) The SIU is responsible for the recovery of all funds under investigation and R6 million has been transferred into the NLC's bank account to date as a result of the SIU's recovery processes.
- (b) (i) & (ii) The SIU is responsible for this information and the NLC does not have formal reports from the SIU with names of implicated individuals. It is respectfully suggested that this information be requested from the SIU.
- (c) (i)

Name of Directors per FY	2025/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Ms A Brown			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ms Doris Dundor		✓	√	✓	√	✓	✓				
Dr Muthuadini		✓	√	✓	✓	✓	√				
Madzivhandila											
Prof Yaswant Godhan		✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Prof Alfred Nevhutanda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Adv Willi Huma		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ms Thabang Kekana	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Appointed 13 Sept											
Ms Zandile Nkonyane		✓									
Ms Portia N Loyilane	✓										
Prof Govindasamy Reddy	✓										
Ms Mathukana Mokoka	✓										
Ms Z Ntuli	✓										
Adv Johannes Weapond	✓										
Prof Barney Pityana								✓	✓	✓	✓
Ms Irene Ramafola									✓	✓	√
Mr Lionel October									✓	✓	✓
Mr Tembinkosi Bonakele									✓	✓	✓
Ms Precious Mvulane								✓	✓	✓	✓
Ms Beryl Ferguson								√	✓	✓	✓
Dr Cassius Lubisi								✓			
Mr Willie Hofmeyr			1					✓			

- (ii) This information can be requested from the SIU as the NLC does not have this information.
- (d) In terms of the Annual Performance Plan, the department has set a target of developing the regulations on research-based funding in the current financial. The regulations will broadly address ambiguity in the provisions that were misinterpreted. Currently, to prevent future maladministration in grant adjudication measures introduced by the NLC include:
 - Pre-Adjudication Site Visit conducted for all projects to confirm existence of the project and organization, as well as to verify submitted information.
 - Introduction of the adjudication matrix.
 - Distributing Agencies requested to motivate and justify their decisions when adjudicating.
 - Improved Governance and Declaration processes.
 - Automated and Real time adjudication start and conclusion. All the adjudications will be automated and concluded in a session.
 - Usage of Application Programming Interfaces to verify applicant and director identification and all done automatically.

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