**Second Report of Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry on Request by Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to recommend suitable candidates for appointment as the Chairperson of the Board of the National Lotteries Commission, dated 24 May 2022**

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition submitted a request to the National Assembly (NA) in November 2020, requesting a recommendation on suitable candidates for appointment as the Chairperson of the National Lotteries Commission (NLC).

In terms of section 3(3) of the Lotteries Act, “The member contemplated in section 3(1)(a) of the Act, shall be appointed only after the Minister has by notice in the Gazette and in not less than two newspapers circulating in every province invited interested parties to nominate persons suitable for appointment as chairperson and the relevant committee of the National Assembly has made recommendations to the Minister in relation thereto after a transparent and open process of considering persons so nominated, having due regard to the functions of the board”.

The Committee published its initial report on this Request and made recommendations on suitable candidates for the position of the Chairperson of the Board of the NLC (see Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 17 March 2021, p 12).

The Committee empowered by NA Rule 166(1)(b), resolved to report on the matter to the Assembly given the process it undertook to ensure an open and transparent process, as required by the Act. However, in terms of the NA Rule 351(1), the report lapsed on the last sitting day of the NA for the 2021 annual session.

The Committee was also subsequently informed that one of the recommended candidates, Dr M Madzivhandila had passed away.

On 22 March 2022, the NA revived the report of the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry on the Request by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to make recommendations on the suitability of candidates for the position of the Chairperson of the Board of the NLC (Minutes of Proceeding of the National Assembly, 22 March 2022, p 1), and referred it back to the Committee for further consideration.

In light of the developments since the initial report was published, and drawing from the same open and transparent process undertaken by the Committee, it resolved that the names of Rev F Chikane and Mr T Dlamini be added to the list.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the House consider the following candidates for recommendation to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, for the position of the Chairperson of the Board of the National Lotteries Commission: Rev F Chikane, Mr T Dlamini; Dr N Pityana; Mr T Tselane.

The Democratic Alliance and the Freedom Front Plus voted against adopting the report with the Economic Freedom Fighters abstaining.

Report to be considered