



PRESENTATION OF COMMENTS TO SCOPA ON DHET MATTERS

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MEETING DISCUSSION WITH DHET

- Following the meeting of SCOPA with Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) on the 25th of August 2021, the SIU met with the Department on the 7th of September 2021.
- The meeting discussed the following:
 - Discussion of National Student Financial Aid Scheme investigation
 - Discussion of National Skills Fund (NSF) investigation
 - Need for Secondment of SIU members to the DHET.

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The outcome of the meeting was as follow:

- The department will support the NSFAS investigation by the SIU. DoJ is currently processing the Proclamation
- The Department will appoint service provider to investigation the NSF and the outcome of the investigation will be made available to the SIU.
- There is no need for the secondment of SIU members to DHET due to the appointment of the service provider as it would result in duplication.

Existing proclamation on NSFAS

The SIU authorized by proclamation R 13 of 2021 in relation to Central Johannesburg College (TVET) in order to investigate the following:

- Maladministration in relation to the disbursement of bursary and allowance funding received from NSFAS and Retail Sector Education Sector Education and Training Authority.
- The investigation is focusing on eight campuses.
- The investigation is ongoing and it is expected to be finalized in May 2022.

High-level findings

To date, the investigation revealed found the following:

- NSFAS allocating money to Central Johannesburg College for students who attend at different colleges.
- Collusion between landlords and students in relation to the following:
 - Students claiming for accommodation while staying at home.
 - Landlords fraudulently amending the contracts in order to claim for more days.



POTENTIAL OUTCOME

- Consequence management for Maladministration
- Recovery of funds
- Referrals of evidence to NPA against 50 individuals



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