**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2296**

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**Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

Whether any (a) internal and/or (b) external forensic reports pertaining to (i) his department and/or (ii) each entity reporting to him were completed from 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what is the (aa) name, (bb) subject matter and (cc) date of conclusion of each of the specified forensic reports?

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**REPLY:**

| 1. **/ (ii)**

**Department/Entity** | **(a)****Internal Forensic Report** | **(b)****External****Forensic Report** | **(aa)****Name** | **(bb)****Subject** | **(cc)****Date of Completion** |
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| The Department of Higher Education and Training (established on 1 April 2010, hence, no prior reports) | 2 |  | 1. Corruption at trade testing unit: Institute for the National Development of Learnerships, Employment Skills and Labour Assessments (INDLELA)
 | An investigation instituted by the Director-General on a dossier of allegations of corruption levelled against the management staff of INDLELA, the trade-testing unit of the Department. | 8 February 2011 |
| 1. Irregular payments to a service provider
 | An investigation instituted by the Director-General on irregular payments made to a service provider that has provided and installed security equipment at the Department.  | 7 August 2013 |
| Agriculture Sector Education and Training Authority | 17 |  | 1. Skills programme review
 | Processes followed regarding the approval of and payments to a service provider. | May 2009 |
| 1. Accuracy of cost of overseas trip
 | Verification of the accuracy of all costs incurred on the Education and Training Quality Assurance (ETQA) overseas trip on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). | February 2014 |
| 1. Validity of payments
 | Review of the validity of payments – Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET) grants. | March 2014 |
| 1. Recruitment of Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) Manager
 | Detailed report on allegations relating to the recruitment of a manager. | August 2011 |
| 1. Payments made to Kediematse HR Solutions cc
 | Investigation into payments made to a service provider for AgriSETA funded learnership programmes. | June 2012 |
| 1. Numeracy Academy linked ABET grants
 | Investigation into the Numeracy Academy linked ABET grants. | February 2013 |
| 1. Unethical behaviour
 | Investigation into allegations of unethical behaviour of a supplier and a manager within the SETA. | November 2013 |
| 1. Conflict of interest
 | Investigation into possible conflict of interest. | January 2014 |
| 1. Bursary payments
 | Bursary payments to the Project Manager Finance and Supply Chain Management (SCM). | October 2016 |
| 1. Recruitment of two Senior Managers and one Project Manager
 | Recruitment of Senior Manager: Human Resource and Payroll, Senior Manager: Skills Planning and Reporting, Project Manager Finance and SCM. | October 2016 |
| 1. The approved fee structure
 | Review of the approved fee structure for the 2014/ 2015 financial year. | May 2016 |
| 1. Payments made to the Board members for meetings
 | Scrutiny of Board meeting attendance supporting documentation to determine whether amounts claimed are valid and accurate. | May 2016 |
| 1. Fee escalations
 | Comparison of fees for the 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15 financial years in order to analyse fee escalations. | May 2016 |
| 1. Corruption and abuse of power
 | Allegations of corruption and abuse of power. | February 2015 |
| 1. Creditors Age Analysis
 | Reviewing of the Creditors Age Analysis and trends on payment of suppliers / service providers. | February 2015 |
| 1. Bribes be paid
 | Investigate the allegation that certain individuals require bribes to be paid to them to perform their duties. | February 2015 |
| 1. Failure of AgriSETA’s management to act on reported irregularities
 | Failure of AgriSETA’s management to act on reported irregularities. | February 2015 |
| Construction Sector Education and Training Authority | 1 |  | Funded Discretionary Grant Forensic Investigation | Funded Discretionary Grant. | 31 January 2014 |
| Council on Higher Education | 2 |  | 1. Purchase and maintenance of the CHE Building
 | Purchase and maintenance of the CHE Building. | 19 September 2011 |
| 1. Source of a leak to the media
 | Source of a leak to the media | June 2010 |
| Chemical Industries Education and Training Authority | 1 |  | Misconduct by the former CEO | Signing of a bank guarantee by the former CEO to secure an operating lease agreement without following due process. | February 2011 |
| Financial and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority  | 1 |  | Awarding of the Bridging Programme tender  | Awarding of the Bridging Programme tender. | December 2015 and follow-up investigation in progress |
| Food and Beverages Sector Education and Training Authority | 2 |  | 1. Transgression of supply chain processes
 | Transgression of supply chain processes  | January 2013 |
| 1. Investigation on Executives/Managers/ Staff
 | Investigation on Executives/Managers/Staff | January 2013 |
| Fibre, Processing and Manufacturing Sector Education and Training Authority | 1 |  | Fraud and corruption within the SETA | Fraud and corruption within the SETA. | 13 May 2014 |
| Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority | 1 |  | The procurement and use of services | The procurement and use of services. | 7 February 2013 |
| Insurance Sector Education and Training Authority | 1 |  | Corruption between ex-employee and Training Provider  | Corruption between ex-employee and Training Provider. | 30 January 2015 |
| Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Sector Education and Training Authority | 2 |  | 1. Embezzlement of Grant Funds and Monies
 | Embezzlement of Grant Funds and Monies. | February and July 2011 |
| 1. Leaking of the entity’s confidential documents
 | Leaking of the company's confidential documents. | April 2011 and February 2014 |
| Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority | 2 |  | 1. Irregular payments from the PSETA Discretionary Grants account and the National Skills Fund account
 | Irregular payments from the PSETA Discretionary Grants account and the National Skills Fund account**.** | 1 July 2010 |
| 1. Irregular payments made from the PSETA National Skills Fund account
 | Irregular payments made from the PSETA National Skills Fund account. | 1 July 2010 |
| Transport Education and Training Authority | 2 | 1 | 1. The SCM process
 | SCM process that was investigated by a private consulting firm | OMA Chartered Accountants report submitted directly to Board during 2011/12 financial year |
| 1. The SCM process
 | An investigation undertaken by the public protector into the SCM process that was investigated by a private consulting firm.  | The completion date on the Public Protector report cannot be confirmed as the report was provided to TETA on the matter. |
| 1. Bribe from stakeholder
 | Bribe from stakeholder. | 28 February 2014 |
| Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority  | 4 |  | 1. Irregularities involving a Project Specialist
 | Irregularities involving a Project Specialist. | April 2015 |
| 1. Procurement processes
 | Procurement processes. | The investigation is still in process. |
| 1. Selection process and contracting of bursaries
 | Selection process and contracting of bursaries. | The investigation is still in process. |
| 1. Determine progress on projects
 | Determine progress on projects. | The investigation is still in process. |

COMPILER/CONTACT PERSONS:

EXT:

DIRECTOR – GENERAL

STATUS:

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QUESTION 2296 APPROVED/NOT APPROVED/AMENDED

Dr BE NZIMANDE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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