

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 2305**

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**2305. Mr. T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

Whether any (a) internal and/or (b) external forensic reports pertaining to (i) her department and/or (ii) each entity reporting to her 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?

**Reply:**

It must be noted internal or external forensic investigations within the State-Owned Companies that report to me mainly relate to operational matters and therefore where relevant, may fall within the ambit of the Board and/or Executives of the SOC.

In this regard, it is crucial to note that the Honourable Member’s request has to be considered against provisions of Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 (PAIA). The Act has specific provisions that regulate disclosure of the nature of information requested hence the Honourable Member is implored to consider submitting specific PAIA application(s) with relevant authorities to access the information required.

With regard to my Department, I am aware of the following investigations that have been concluded:

| **No.** | **Details** | **Lodged with** | **Date reported** | **Status** |
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| 1. | **IT forensic investigation allegations of a possible fraudulent email** | DDG: CM | 29 August 2014 | Investigation concluded in October 2014. |
| 2. | **Allegations of maladministration, fraud and corruption** | Auditor General | 12 Feb 2015 | Investigation concluded in August 2015. |
| 3. | **Allegations of maladministration, fraud and corruption** | Public Service Commission | 23 Feb 2015 | Investigation concluded in August 2015. |
| 4. | **Allegation related to recruitment processes:**   * **Junior Technician in IT Unit** * **DD:IM** * **ASD:SPME** | DPE Whistle Blowing Box | 23 Oct 2015 | The investigation was concluded in November 2015. |
| 5. | **Allegations of possible irregular expenditure – Photo-copiers** | Acting Director-General | March 2015 | Investigation concluded in August 2015 |
| 6. | **Allegations of irregularities with regards to bursary awards** | Acting Director-General | March 2015 | Investigation concluded in August 2015 |
| 7. | **Allegations of possible irregular expenditure - Korwe** | Acting Director-General | March 2015 | Investigation concluded in August 2015 |
| 8. | **Allegations of irregularities with regard to petty cash replenishment** | Acting Director-General | March 2015 | Investigation concluded in August 2015 |