

Report on SIU investigations

SUBMISSION TO THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The Auditor General South Africa's (AGSA) report dated September 2009, identified a number of items that impacted the SABC negatively. In order to continue the investigation of allegations made in the AGSA report, the Board appointed the Special Investigating Unit (SIU).

The SIU's contract came to an end on 31 March 2012, and the reports delivered in June 2012, aims to bring finality to the investigations.

In summary, the following has been identified and/or recommended by the SIU:

- R9.6m Fruitless and wasteful expenditure
- R428.6m Irregular expenditure
- Disciplinary action against more than 300 employees
- Financial misconduct in terms of PFMA
- 9 ongoing criminal investigations and prosecution

The purpose of this document is to provide the SABC Board with an overview of the SIU findings and recommendations. Some concerns have also been identified from their recommendations.

Based on the findings, recommendations and concerns identified, the Board should make decisions in order to bring these matters to conclusion in the interests of good corporate governance.

REVIEW OF APPOINTMENT OF 118 CONSULTANTS

Background

The AGSA report on an investigation at the SABC dated September 2009, highlighted payments to 118 consultants amounting to R 279,8m. These payments were not investigated by AGSA.

The SIU was mandated to investigate whether the appointment of the identified consultants were carried out in accordance with SABC policies and procedures.

SIU investigated 16 of the companies identified in the AGSA report to which payments greater than R2m were made. The total amount of payments investigated were R249.2m, representing 89% of the payments identified in the AGSA report.

| | | | AGSA | Total payments | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | AGSA 2009 | AGSA | Amount | October | |
| Nature of Service / | Report | Overstatem | (verified by | | Irregular |
| Project | Amount | ent | SIU) | August 2011 | • |
| Marketing | 2 210 576 | 1 105 288 | 1 105 288 | 1 304 297 | 1 304 297 |
| Travel consulting | 2 857 466 | 1 419 178 | 1 438 288 | 2 581 213 | 2 581 213 |
| Accounting services | 2 867 322 | 1 433 661 | 1 433 661 | 1 433 661 | 1 433 661 |
| Content Production | 3 046 055 | 1 523 027 | 1 523 027 | 1 523 027 | 1 523 027 |
| Software Training | 3 304 965 | 1 715 954 | 1 589 011 | 2 708 080 | 2 708 080 |
| Risk Management | 3 559 494 | 2 486 181 | 1 073 313 | 1 073 313 | 1 073 313 |
| Content marketing and | | | | | |
| production | 4 575 088 | 2 287 544 | 2 287 544 | 2 481 695 | 2 481 695 |
| Technical Equipment | | | | | |
| hire | 4 832 546 | 2 791 820 | 2 040 726 | 2 976 470 | 2 976 470 |
| Education content | | | | | |
| development | 7 049 988 | 3 586 383 | 3 463 605 | 3 882 783 | 3 882 783 |
| Content acquisition | 8 101 311 | 4 050 655 | 4 050 655 | 4 471 850 | 4 471 850 |
| Project management | 10 147 422 | 5 073 711 | 5 073 711 | 5 073 711 | 5 073 711 |
| CSS/MAM project | 12 379 373 | 6 189 687 | 6 189 687 | 6 189 687 | 6 189 687 |
| TVBMS Project | 13 936 548 | 9 395 184 | 4 541 364 | 17 916 225 | 17 916 225 |
| Consulting | 18 998 787 | 9 780 463 | 9 218 325 | 29 646 385 | 29 646 385 |
| SAP Project consultants | 20 212 866 | 11 471 618 | 8 741 248 | 23 310 867 | 3 573 319 |
| Strategy Consulting | 131 157 246 | 65 578 623 | 65 578 623 | 66 146 343 | 66 146 343 |
| | 249 237 053 | 129 888 978 | 119 348 076 | 172 719 607 | 152 982 060 |

From the table above, it is evident that the AGSA report was overstated by R129.8m.

Non compliance with the DAF, policy and procedures

Non compliance with the procurement policy was identified on all 16 (sixteen) matters investigated.

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Non compliance with Appointment of External Consultants policy was identified in 9 matters.

Criminal action was recommended in all 16 matters.

Irregular Expenditure

SIU identified irregular expenditure amounting to R 152,9m with reference to 16 matters.

Corporate Governance

The SIU identified that previous SABC Boards had not practiced sound corporate governance in the execution of its responsibilities, and is guilty of financial misconduct on the basis that:

- In terms of section 51(1)(b)(ii) of the PFMA the Board, at the time, as the accounting authority must take effective and appropriate steps to prevent fruitless and wasteful and irregular expenditure resulting from not complying with the operational policies of SABC;
- The Board at the time contravened section 51(1)(b)(ii) of the PFMA in that it failed to prevent irregular expenditure amounting to R152,9m.
- In terms of section 86(2) of the PFMA the members of SABC Board, as the accounting authority, were liable to be criminally prosecuted if the Board willfully or in a grossly negligent way failed to comply with a provision of section 50, 51 or 55.

In terms of the SIU Act, the SIU referred the matter to the SCCU for further investigation, as evidence exists which points to the commission of a criminal offence in terms of section 86(2) of the PFMA.

SIU has identified financial misconduct by 22 individual Board members that served on 3 separate Boards during the period 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2009.

In terms of section 83(3), the former Head of Procurement was also found to commit acts of financial misconduct in that he willfully or negligently failed to exercise a duty assigned to him in terms of the PFMA.

No other former or current employee of the SABC is identified in the SIU report as being implicated in any criminal matter relating to the appointment of consultants.

In terms of the SIU Act, the SIU has referred the matter to the Special Commercial Crimes Unit (SCCU) for further investigation.

The majority of the non compliance identified in the SIU report is due to lack of compliance to the Supply Chain Management (SCM) policy. This non compliance in turn resulted in the lack of compliance with the Delegation of authority Framework (DAF).

The SCM policy stipulates:

Paragraph 21 - The Procurement Department is responsible for contract negotiations, renewals, extensions, terminations and holding of a copy of the contract;

Paragraph 23 – information gathering, recording and reporting of the same, related to supply chain activities to promote good governance is the responsibility of the Head of Procurement, or delegate; and

Paragraph 14.16 – a minimum of 3 written quotes must be obtained from the prospective supplier database for the procurement between R100,000 and R2m. If it is not possible to obtain 3 quotes, the reasons should be recorded and approved by the Head of Procurement, or delegate.

Further non compliance with the DAF was due to contracts not being found for the consultants identified.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATING TO 698 EMPLOYEES AND 32 BOARD MEMBERS

The analysis of CIPC database as at 30 April 2010 against the SABC employee database for the period 1 October 2007 to 30 November 2010 showed that 698 employees and 32 Board members held interests in 1105 and 177 companies respectively.

SIU conducted further analysis to determine whether the above employees and Board members had a duty to disclose their interests. Based on the analysis:

Employees:

687 employees had a duty to disclose 1052 business interests in 1013 corporate entities

Of the 687 employees, 89 declared their business interests. Only 30 of these employees obtained the approval of the Group Executive or GM of their business unit.

SIU has recommended disciplinary action against these employees who have transgressed the SABC Personnel Regulations by failing to disclose their interests. SIU has prepared disciplinary files for 369 employees. As at 02 July 2012, 304 were still employed at SABC.

Board Members:

26 Board members had a duty to disclose 103 business interests in 102 business entities

Of the 26 Board members, 17 declared their directorships in other companies. The remaining 19 Board members did not declare directorships in 73 business entities. Of these 19 Board members, 3 were still Board members as at 20 November 2010.

According to the Companies Act 61 of 1973, section 216, failure to disclose directorships by Board members constituted a criminal offence.

SIU has sent letters to the Board members concerned requesting explanation for apparent nondeclaration. These responses will be submitted to SAPS in accordance with the SIU Act.

In previous reports, SIU made recommendations to strengthen the control environment for the declarations process. The Acting Company Secretary's responses to these recommendations are included in the SIU report.

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST: EMPLOYEES

SIU was mandated to further investigate 16 employees and 5 entities to establish if a conflict of interest existed.

SIU compared the CIPC database against the SABC employee and vendor database for payments made during the period 1 October 2007 to 30 November 2010.

Compliance against procurement and declaration processes was reviewed.

Of the 16 employees:

- 3 employees / Board members had a duty to disclose their interests, and duly declared same.
- 2 employees did not have a duty to declare their interests.
- 11 employees did not declare their interests.
- As at 02 July 2012, 5 employees remain in the employ of the SABC.

Of the 5 entities investigated, SIU identified non compliance to the SABC Supply Chain Management Policy in the appointment of 2 service providers.

SIU Recommendations:

SABC should ensure that all invoices paid comply with the VAT Act, and claim vat on only valid tax invoices.

SABC should institute disciplinary action against employees who failed to comply with SABC policies.

SABC should lodge criminal complaints in terms of the Corrupt Activities Act of 2004, against three employees for failure to declare their interest in a supplier of the SABC, whilst employed by the SABC.

CRIMINAL MATTERS

The SIU report has identified a number of former employees that should have undergone disciplinary procedures. However, as it is not possible to discipline former employees, it is not included in their recommendations. Where former employees have carried out, or is suspected of carrying out criminal acts, it is included in their recommendations.

International Acquisitions

Findings:

- The role of content buyers became obsolete after the formation of Internal Acquisitions unit as the former GM: International Content played a significant role in the acquisition of content.
- The acquisition process became secretive and acquisitions were made without communication of channel's needs.
- As a result of acquisitions made by the former GM: International Content, SABC ended up with high volumes of redundant inventory and impairment losses of about R170m.
- SABC suffered revenue and reputational losses.

Investigation Status:

Allegations of kickbacks are still under investigation.

SIU is finalising the docket, however, the matter has been referred to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA). SIU criminal law practitioners drafted a charge sheet and made it available to the investigating officer.

Clover SA contract / OMD / Joe Public

Findings:

SABC signed two contracts with two different versions.

Joe Public used contract version 1 to bill Clover SA, therefore Clover SA did not reap the financial benefit of 48 value added spots.

Joe Public used contract version 2 to pay SABC, therefore reaped the benefit of the added value spots.

SABC suffered a revenue loss of R239,543.

Investigation Status:

Investigation has been completed and the matter handed over to the NPA.

The NPA has indicated that prosecution will be instituted.

SABC Employee / Mango Airlines / Nestle SA

Findings:

Discounts offered to Mango Airlines were irregular and excessive and could have resulted in a potential loss of R13,7m to the SABC.

Discounts offered to Nestle SA were irregular and excessive and could have resulted in a potential loss of R838,640 to the SABC.

Investigation Status:

Investigation has been completed and the matter handed over to the NPA. However, the prosecutor issued a nolle prosequi certificate.

Former Head of Legal

Findings:

Fraudulent invoicing – SIU identified 23 matters that were outsourced during the period of the former Head of Legal's employment at the SABC. Invoices paid by the SABC appeared to be grossly inflated or the work had not been performed.

Actual losses suffered by SABC for invoices paid to a law firm amounted to R 482,594.

The allegation that payments to a law firm, the former Head of Legal's personal attorney, to the value of R1,9m was not substantiated.

Outsourced services paid by the SABC to two law firms to the value of R 1,6m were found to be inflated or work was not performed.

A potentially corrupt relationship between the former Head of Legal and a law firm was found after payments were made to the former Head of Legal's soccer Club of R 330,000 in exchange for work awarded to the law firm to the value of R6,1m.

Investigation Status:

NPA prosecution is underway. The former Head of Legal and accomplice are out on bail.

Production company

Findings:

The Community Builder of the Year Awards was an annual nation building project sponsored by the SABC, Sowetan and Old Mutual.

In 2004, SABC entered into a standard TV production agreement with the production company to produce inserts of the 4 winners per region and the production of the Gala Event.

The production company submitted falsified invoices as supporting documentation for expenditure incurred. The production company defrauded the SABC of R 196,994.

Investigation Status:

NPA prosecution was undertaken.

The suspect has failed to appear in court and a warrant of arrest has been issued.

The suspect has been black listed by SAPS and details have been circulated to the media.

Music production company / SAMRO

Preliminary Findings:

The SABC, according to the contract with the music production company, should have received 5475 video tapes consisting of music content, but only received 970 music videos during the contract period.

SABC possibly overpaid the music production company by R 5.9m as the content was not received.

Investigation Status:

The criminal case was opened by SAMRO.

The matter is still being investigated by SIU and Special Commercial Crimes Unit of SAPS.

Clothing company

Findings:

Payments from the clothing company to and from the personal assistant of the former Group Executive: Sale and Marketing were identified.

Goods were ordered at inflated prices and paid by the SABC.

In some instances, goods were never delivered.

Additional payments between the personal assistant and the former Group Executive: Sale and Marketing involving other SABC suppliers were also identified. These transactions were referred to SAPS.

Investigation Status:

The matter was referred to the NPA, prosecution is underway.

Two suspects were already arrested and appeared in court.

Photography company

Finding:

A former employee of the SABC failed to declare his interest in a photography company. Through the declaration of interest investigation, SIU discovered that the company invoiced the SABC for an amount of R42,750 inclusive of VAT, even though it was not registered for VAT.

Due to the contravention of the VAT Act, the matter was reported to the SCCU of SAPS.

Investigation Status:

This case was opened during March 2012, no further status as yet.

Gun amnesty Campaign / Media Agency

Finding:

SABC provided airtime to the value of R2m to the SAPS. For the latter, SABC billed the media agency an amount of R575,355. SAPS was not aware of the discounts and the discounts were not passed on to SAPS. A revenue loss was also suffered by SABC due to the excessive discount granted.

Investigation Status:

The matter is still being investigated by SIU and Special Commercial Crimes Unit of SAPS.

REVIEW OF 20 REVENUE MATTERS

SIU undertook an investigation of 20 revenue matters referred by the SABC Board.

The review comprised of the following:

- Review of compliance with SABC policies and procedures
- Financial analysis of the revenue contract
- Investigation into the specific allegations received on the contract

Non compliance to DAF and/or SABC sales policy was identified on all 20 revenue matters.

For 4 of the matters investigated, SABC did not ensure that the advertisers spend their total commitment values, thus resulting in revenue losses.

SIU identified revenue losses to the value of R209m due to advertisers spending less than their commitment values for the period 1 October 2007 to 16 July 2009.

The members of the Board during this period contravened section 51 (1) (c) of the PFMA in that they failed manage revenue. SIU recommends that action be instituted against the Board members at the time for financial misconduct committed in terms of PFMA section 83.

Criminal cases mentioned above have been opened with the Special Commercial Crimes Unit of SAPS for the following matters:

Disciplinary action was recommended against employees in 5 other matters.

Disciplinary action against 8 employees for transgressions against DAF and/or sales policy was recommended.

For 5 revenue matters, there is a reasonable suspicion of possible fraud and/or corruption.

SIU recommends further investigation be undertaken by the SABC, and if necessary, institute criminal proceedings.

SIU has made the following control environment recommendations:

- Updating of sales policies to incorporate Sports and Sponsorship elements.
- Policy relating to Public Service Announcements to be drafted and approved by Board.
- All policies applicable to sales environment should be properly approved by Board.
- Where policies and/or procedures are no longer applicable, theses should be removed from the SABC Intranet.
- SABC should implement proper records management procedures within Group Sales & Marketing.
- Maintenance of accurate and complete attendance registers and meeting minutes must be kept.
- The preservation of SABC's electronic information to be addressed by means of an approved operating procedure which requires regular backup of data on laptops and desktops.
- In depth market research required to determine whether the discount structure results in excessive discounts and subsequent loss of revenue.
- Re-evaluation of discount provisions as per sales policies against corporate strategy in relation to revenue.
- Monitoring of advertisers actual spend against commitment value should be done on an ongoing basis.
- Where advertisers do not perform against commitments, the discount granted should be renegotiated.
- Discounts granted to advertisers should be monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that it is within the thresholds contained in the commitment agreement.
- Billings per Landmark should be reconciled to SAP on a monthly basis. The differences should be followed up and reconciled.
- Where new market offerings are made, proper consultative procedures should be undertaken to determine whether resources are available. This would prevent financial and reputational loss arising from an inability to deliver on what was promised.

REVIEW OF 14 PROCUREMENT MATTERS

The AGSA report on an investigation at the SABC dated September 2009, highlighted non compliance with the SABC Procurement policy. The SIU was mandated to investigate the allegations on the following 7 agreements:

- NSA Security Services (Pty)Ltd
- Norman Bisset and Associates Group (Pty) Ltd
- New Integrated Credit Solutions (Pty) Ltd
- Munnik Basson Dagama Inc Attorneys
- Van de Venter Mojapelo Attorneys
- Bid Information Exchange (Pty) Ltd
- Broadcast and Installation Engineering (Pty) Ltd

SABC Board requested SIU to investigate additional allegations received by the AGSA but not investigated at the time of the report. The allegations relate to the following agreements:

- Blue Dust Six (Pty) Ltd trading as AFStereo
- La Liga Entertainment Highway Limited of Lagos
- SAP Blue Pencil Consulting (Pty) Ltd and Accenture (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd
- Young and Rubicam (Pty) Ltd
- Siemens Business Solutions (Pty) Ltd
- IMMIX Solutions (Pty) Ltd
- SABC supplier names "Essential"

Key Findings and Recommendations:

Non compliance with DAF and/or procurement policy was identified on 9 matters investigated.

Disciplinary action was recommended against 2 SABC Employees.

Criminal action recommended in the Siemens matter.

Civil action recommended against:

- Former GE: Content Enterprises in the La Liga matter,
- The former GCEO and former Head of Legal in the Siemens matter

From the 14 agreements, for the period September 2006 and March 2008, SIU identified:

R 9.6m fruitless and wasteful expenditure

R 275.7m irregular expenditure

SIU identified that 2 previous SABC Boards had not practiced sound corporate governance in the execution of its responsibilities, and is guilty of financial misconduct on the basis that:

- In terms of section 51(1)(b)(ii) of the PFMA the Board, at the time, as the accounting authority must take effective and appropriate steps to prevent fruitless and wasteful and irregular expenditure resulting from not complying with the operational policies of SABC;
- The Board at the time contravened section 51(1) (b) (ii) of the PFMA in that it failed to prevent fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R9.6m and irregular expenditure amounting to R275.7m.
- In terms of section 86(2) of the PFMA the members of SABC Board, as the accounting authority, were liable to be criminally prosecuted if the Board willfully or in a grossly negligent way failed to comply with a provision of section 50, 51 or 55.

In terms of the SIU Act, the SIU referred the matter to the SCCU for further investigation, as evidence exists which points to the commission of a criminal offence in terms of section 86(2) of the PFMA.

ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED BY AGSA BUT NOT INVESTIGATED IN SEPTEMBER 2009

ALLEGATION:

External lawyers are used in respect of the Multi-term Agreement 2009/10. The SABC use external lawyers for labour cases, while the SABC has lawyers employed for exactly that purpose.

STATUS TO DATE:

The analysis below has been done to compare external legal costs to the SABC against inhouse Legal, Company Secretariat and ER Departments

| | FY 2011 | FY 2011 | FY 2011 | |
|------------------|-----------|----------|------------|--|
| | | Internal | External | |
| | Number of | Employee | Legal Fees | |
| | Employees | Costs Rm | Rm | |
| Business Unit | | | | |
| Legal Department | 32 | 16.730 | 9.400 | |
| Employee | | | | |
| Relations | 6 | 4.653 | 3.500 | |
| Company | | | | |
| Secretariat | 13 | 4.516 | 3.200 | |
| | | | | |
| Internal Audit | 34 | 18.849 | NIL* | |
| Total Cost | | 25.899 | 16.100 | |

External Legal Fees as % of internal Employee

Costs

62%

*Group Internal Audit external legal fees to Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyer for the fiscal years 2008 – R2,073m, 2009 – R4,949m, 2010 – R5.574m

MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING ACTION:

• The Board should review and decide on the use of consultants within Group Finance, Group Internal Audit, Group Employee Relations and Legal Services, taking into account the personnel capacity, i.e.: skills and qualifications.

ALLEGATION:

• Some tender documents go directly to Board without going through the sub-committee of the SABC Board, some directly to the sub-committee without going through the bid adjudication committee.

MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING ACTION:

• The appointment of the BAC for the current fiscal is still outstanding.

ALLEGATION:

• Payments are made to service providers that do business without being registered on the database.

STATUS UPDATE:

• The Group Supply Chain Policy allows for emergency and special payments to vendors who are not registered on the SABC database.

ALLEGATION:

• Lack of price targeting, the bill of material in a tender are way above the market rate which often makes the bidder to be above the SABC budget. Sometimes the recommended bidder is R80 million more than the other bidder that could render exactly the same services.

If the SABC Board awards the tender to another bidder (not the one recommended by management), the SABC suggests out of court settlement by paying money to the losing bidder instead of challenging them in court

Alleged outside interference with the tender process specifically related to the procurement of outside broadcast vans

STATUS UPDATE

• Matter is *sub judice* and its status will be verified with Legal. Further control measures to be implemented with the introduction of the new procurement legislation by National Treasury effected on 07 December 2011.

ALLEGATION

Various payments to Clothing and promotional material company for gift sets;

STATUS UPDATE

Brixton CAS 519/08/2010: Clothing Company. Fictitious invoices. 2 suspects arrested.

ALLEGATION

Allegations were made that the following sports rights were acquired although it has not yielded any return on investment: La Liga; Euro 2008; ICC 20/20 (incurring a loss of R1.350 million); and A1 Formula

The SABC lost the soccer rights, boxing rights and cricket rights. The Executive Manager is not being held responsible for causing this significant financial loss to the SABC

STATUS UPDATE

The SABC has instituted legal proceedings against the rights agents. Matter is still waiting adjudication in the Nigerian courts.

ALLEGATION

Management and staff structures have changed severely since December 2006. An alarming number of managers have been appointed since (increase of 50% in Senior and Middle Management) whilst staff at lower levels only increased with 3%

STATUS UPDATE

Non-renewal of contracts and separation agreements have been entered into to address the issue. Headcount management is also being monitored as a deliverable of the Government Guarantee.

NEW ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED BY SIU BUT NOT INVESTIGATED IN JUNE 2012

In October 2011, certain employees came forward with allegations of wrongdoing at the SABC. These allegations have not been investigated by SIU as the allegations fell outside of the proclamation period which was from 1 January 2005 to 29 October 2010.

Based on the supporting documentation attached as annexures for the allegations, it is clear that the majority of the 31 allegations were made by one employee in Finance.

| Allegation | Details of allegation |
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| - Supplier of financial services to the SABC | A service provider was rendering financial services to the SABC when a Chief Financial Controller and Chief Financial Officer were appointed to perform these same tasks. Payment made was R2,5 million from 3 May to 1 October 2011. They used reports generated by SABC employees to supplement their reporting which means they did not perform the work themselves. They allegedly received a large payment for reimbursements although they were working from the SABC premises. |
| Staff did not know or refused to adhere to SABC policies | Senior managers were unable to resolve queries with reference to SABC policies |

| Non-compliance with the SABC's Delegation of Authority Framework requirement for the submission of business plans | The allegation was that the SABC's DAF were not adhered to, specifically for the completion and submission of a formal Business Plans for the approval of expenditure. |
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| Former Head of Strategy | Services rendered were allegedly not procured in terms of SCM Policy and the DAF. The former acting CFO and Former acting GCEO were involved in the negotiations. Payments to the former Head of Strategy were not requested through normal payment process and were instead requested as freelance payments through payroll department. Costs incurred for the training course that the former Head of Strategy attended in UK are allegedly constituted fruitless and wasteful expenditure. |
| SABC Sports department | Members of senior management questioned a loss of approximately R500 million when they were themselves responsible for the negotiations of the deals. Another loss incurred in the Sports Department was a contract negotiated with the rights holder by the Minister of Sport and Chairman of the SABC. SABC owed the SAFA approximately R 12 million which is outstanding since 15 February 2011. SABC owed the SAFA approximately R 22 million, the account of SAFA has since been blocked at the SABC. |
| Contracts with payment terms outside the DAF framework | Certain contracts with SABC vendors were being negotiated outside of the DAF framework. |
| Employees unable to perform daily duties to a lack of knowledge | SABC staff did not at the time know the basics of performing their daily duties. |
| Partiality to vendors | Junior Financial Officers allegedly instructed the Treasury to make payments in disregard of financial processes. Incessant requests were made for payment to be made to supplier, Spencer Stuart. |
| Senior managers did not act on issues that were raised | Senior management did not act to rectify and resolve issues that were brought to their attention. |
| Payments without a contract | Requests were constantly made for payments to be made to suppliers with no contract in place and no official recordkeeping was done of these payments without contracts. |

| Risks identified for the 2010 Soccer World Cup was not addressed | Possible risks around the 2010 Soccer World Cup were identified in 2009 but the risks and concerns identified were ignored. |
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| Board members' expenses and requests to staff to incur expenses | Board members requested staff to incur expenses outside of the approved business plan. Board member's alleged instruction for more drinks to be served at the 2011 Durban July which resulted in the budget being exceeded by R32,000 was alleged to be fruitless and wasteful expenditure. |
| Issues with vendor creation | Procurement Department did not at that time understand issues around vendor creation relating to individuals, companies and close corporations. Banking details on the invoice from supplier differed from the recorded vendor registration documentation. Two invoices were submitted for the same service and same amount but different supplier names. |
| Procurement from vendors | Individual purchase orders were created every time a standing purchase was made instead of creating a single purchase order for the entire annual value. |
| Inconsistencies in "work back contracts" with SABC employees | There were inconsistencies in the "work back agreements" with SABC employees for whom studies and training were paid for by the SABC. |
| Inappropriate staff appointments | The News Department bypassed an SABC directive to reduce staff numbers and not employ new staff members by appointing maintenance staff and messengers through the freelance process. |
| Metro FM Christmas lunch | The radio station submitted a business plan of "One full day conference" for 50 people including breakfast and dinner which was in actual fact a means to fund the Christmas lunch, notwithstanding that Christmas functions were not permitted at the expense of the SABC. |
| Metro FM Awards 2010 | Invoice issued by SABC to Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency for R 10 Million sponsorship to finance the cost of the Metro FM Awards was generated outside the SAP system. Two invoices were submitted by service provider for R1 million commissions to secure the sponsorship for the SABC each of which had different banking details, business address and VAT numbers. Former Head of Metro FM did not return office equipment (Laptop and 3 G modem) when he left the SABC. This matter was brought to the attention of the CFO on 21 November 2010 with no response. |

| Penalty for non-payment of tax in respect of 2008 Olympic Games | SABC incurred additional tax expenses due to traveling expenses not being recorded as fringe benefits to employees. The GM: Finance in the Content Enterprises division was aware of the fact and failed to act accordingly. |
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| Financial reporting to Parliament | SABC employees were instructed not to present the financial quarterly forecasts. |
| Specific Human Resource matters | Requests for information on salary increases were ignored. Several staff appointments made by the SABC since January 2011 which was not in line with the Turnaround Strategy. Senior SABC employees were borrowing amounts from the Commemorative Fund in excess of the maximum prescribed threshold. Leave encashment ceased in the 2009 financial year but selected SABC employees still received leave encashments. |
| Leasing of fleet vehicles | SABC policies and procedures were not adhered to in the procurement of SABC fleet vehicles. |
| Payment to a supplier that did not deliver on the contract | A supplier contracted to enhance the Risk Management Strategy and Policy was paid by SABC, Deloitte referred to non-delivery by this supplier. |
| Reconciliation between business plans and actual expenditure | The reconciliations were not being performed between the approved Business Plans submitted and the actual expenditure incurred. |
| Possible irregularities in conduct of SABC employee | - SABC employee involved in tender processes signed the attendance register for a compulsory briefing session on behalf of a supplier. This enabled the supplier to submit a tender which was held on 19 September 2011. |
| | - The employee requested kickbacks and loans from various other suppliers on numerous occasions. |
| Possible irregularities in conduct of SABC employee | Allegation that Procurement Manager colluded with the owners or members of companies registered as suppliers on the SABC database. The employee would award business to these entities in exchange for kickbacks. |