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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1212

Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

(a) What is the total number of staff disciplinary inquiries that the National Lotteries Commission is dealing with currently, (b) what is the position of each staff member facing a disciplinary inquiry, (c) on what date did each disciplinary inquiry commence, (d) what total number of staff facing a disciplinary inquiry receives full remuneration, (e) what is the total cost of employment of each staff member facing a disciplinary inquiry, (f) what total number of staff members facing disciplinary inquiry have resigned while under investigation and (g) what total number of (i) disciplinary inquiries have been referred to law enforcement agencies and (ii) criminal cases have been opened as a result?
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REPLY:

I have been advised by the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) as follows.

Question (a): What is the total number of staff disciplinary inquiries that the National Lotteries Commission is dealing with currently?

Total (7)

The NLC has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption and officials are placed on precautionary suspension where implicated in SIU or other forensic audit reports. There were 14 cases emanating from SIU referrals. Of the 14 employees, 5 cases are continuing and the remainder have resigned before the DCs were concluded. The current 5 cases include three referrals received from the SIU in July 2024.

Questions (b), (c), (d) and (e): (b) what the position of each staff member is facing a disciplinary inquiry, (c) on what date did each disciplinary inquiry commence, (d) what total number of staff facing a disciplinary inquiry receives full remuneration, (e) what the total cost of employment of each staff member facing a disciplinary inquiry.

The table below responds to questions (b), (d) and (e). It includes both current SIU cases and other NLC disciplinary cases. Two dates are provided: the month the individual was placed on precautionary suspension and the date the hearings commenced.

In response to question (c): All employees placed on precautionary suspension receive full remuneration. This totals 6 employees. Where an individual is not placed on precautionary suspension, but there is a Disciplinary Matter underway, the table below would state N/A.

No	Position (b)	First placed on precautionary suspension (c)	DS Hearings commenced (c)	Total cost of employment since suspension (e)
1.	Company Secretary: HO	18 November 2022	27 March 2023	R4 997 002
2.	Legal Manager: HO	13 October 2023	05 February 2024	R1 570 500
3.	Client Liaison Officer: Limpopo	05 April 2024	24 May 2024	R348 522
4.	Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist: EC	N/A	17 September 2024	N/A
5.	Provincial Manager: FS	05 July 2024	24 October 2024	R649 258
6.	Assistant Manager: FS	16 July 2024	25 October 2024	R509 373
7.	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer: FS	05 July 2024	07 November 2024	R322 233

Question (f) and (g) (i) and (ii): Total Number of staff facing Disciplinary enquiry that resigned under investigation and referrals to law enforcement agencies and criminal cases opened:

Of the historic 34 employees cited for consequence management in forensic reports predating the new Board and Commissioner, 16 officials resigned and one official was medically boarded, this includes the SIU referrals. In instances where the officials are

part of the Presidential Proclamation and SIU investigations, officials will be prosecuted. In other cases of fraud and corruption, criminal cases will be opened and where applicable, funds recovered.

Two dismissals have been implemented, however, both are appealing their dismissal, 5 precautionary suspension cases are still in process and 7 individuals have resigned.

It is important to note that all SIU criminal referrals are submitted to the Regional Head of the Special Commercial Crimes Unit (SCCU), Advocate Marshall Mokgatlhe at their offices at number 228 Visagie Street, Pretoria.

The NLC has opened two cases at SAPS:

- Sunnyside CAS 644/08/2023 which relates to Motheo. The investigator is W/O Twala from the Commercial Crimes Investigations Unit (CCIU) – received by NPA 23 April 2024
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