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**Minister Ebrahim Patel**  
**Trade & Industry**

### **RE: National Lottery Commission (NLC)**

As you will be aware, there have been a number of serious allegations made against the COO of the NLC relating to payments made to NGO's involving members of his family and building contracts for projects funded by the NLC.

As the Minister that politically oversees the NLC, you made the correct decision in September 2019 to pursue criminal charges related to one of the first issues that arose with respect to the COO. To date, it is not known what action has been taken in this regard.

Further to this, the investigation into the conduct of the NLC by the entity itself and the DTI which began in December 2018 has still not been finalised, seemingly with each passing month, another allegation of corruption emerges, more shocking than the one preceding it.

What is most striking about this matter is the abject failure of the Board to show any leadership during this time. It has also chosen not place the COO on suspension pending the outcome of the investigation which puts the investigation itself at risk.

Therefore, to save the NLC from further reputational harm and to protect those charities that actually deserve to be funded, I believe it would prudent for you to relieve the Board of its duty, place the NLC under administration and seek for the COO to be placed on suspension pending the outcome of the two investigations.

I look forward to your response.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DM', is positioned below the text 'With kind regards,'.

Mr Dean Macpherson

Member of Parliament (DA)  
Shadow Minister: Trade and Industry

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