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Mr. Duma Nkosi Chairperson for the Portfolio Committee of Trade and Industry 120 Plein Street Parliament Cape Town 8000

REQUEST FOR URGENT COMMITTEE MEETING

With respect to the ongoing allegations of corruption against the COO of the National Lotteries Commission as detailed by GroundUp and which can be found on their website, the most recent detailing a R4.8 million grant which his wife has received, requires urgent intervention by the committee.

To date, the COO continues to remain in his position seemingly without concern by the NLC Board or its Chairperson.

You will also recall that the committee in 2019 requested the beneficiary list from the NLC for the previous financial year which we have still not been provided with.

There is a clear and present crisis playing out in the NLC which will affect those deserving charities as money is stolen to fund the lifestyles of friends and families of senior executives.

It is incumbent on the committee to play its oversight role in the crisis and get to the bottom of what is going on.

I would therefore like to request that the committee summons the NLC Board, its Chairperson and COO to a meeting with the committee during our oversight to Gauteng starting on 4 February 2020, preferably at the NLC offices which is ground zero for this potential crime scene so that we may question them on this ongoing crisis.

As we are in Gauteng, this will allow us to act with speed and also not have to wait for the NLC to come to Parliament which will be costly.

I trust you will agree with me on my request and look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Mr Dean Macpherson

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