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Dear Secretary,

FN009: Regarding the processing of applications for condonation of Irregular And Fruitless And Wasteful Expenditures For The 2021/22 Financial Year, can the MEC please:

#### **Question 1**

Provide a complete list of all departments and entities who submitted applications for condonement of Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure for the 2021/22 financial year.

## **Answer**

Provincial Supply Chain Management (PSCM) is responsible for condondation of irregular expenditure only. See attached excel spreadsheet listing names of departments and entities who submitted applications for condondation during the 2021/2022 financial year.

## Question 2

Can the MEC please confirm if all applications for condonement have been assessed by GPT, and if all required documentation was provided to GPT to consider the applications made.

## **Answer**

Yes, all applications for condonation received by GPT were assessed to ascertain whether the applications complied with the provisions/requirements of the Irregular Expenditure Framework issued

by National Treasury (NT) in May 2019, however, not all institutions provided required supporting documentation to qualify the application for further consideration by the Irregular Expenditure Condonation Committee.

# **Question 3**

Please confirm if the applications were assessed by the Irregular Expenditure Condonation (IEC) Committee.

#### Answer:

Yes, all applications for condonation were assessed by the Irregular Expenditure Condonation (IEC) based on information and supporting documenation provided by the requesting institution.

#### Question 4

If answer to 3 is yes, please indicate the composition of the IEC committee with details of officials serving on this committee.

## Answer:

The composition of the IEC committee constituted the following members:

- 1. Ms. A Jass CD: Accounting Services (Chairperson)
- 2. Ms. Samantha Ruiters CD: PSCM member
- 3. Mr. Donald Onyango CD: SFRM member
- 4. Japtha Mhlongo CD: ERM member
- 5. Ms. May Naidoo Legal representative: member

## Question 5

Please indicate how many cases/applications were returned to departments and entities where documentation was outstanding to enable the committee to make an informed decision on approving the application or not.

#### Answer:

A total of 21 applications / cases were returned to departments and entities. See a list of returned applications attached for ease of reference.

## Question 6

Please indicate per application received the R-value of the application with a breakdown of how much was approved and how much was not approved to date.

**Answer:** 

A total of 29 applications to the value of R9 121 548 326,61 for departments and entities

were received, a total of 08 applications to the value of R4 313 681 209,23 applications were

approved for condonation. All applications were approved during the 2021/2022 financial

year. See attached list for ease of reference.

**Question 7** 

Please confirm if there is a set deadline for departments and entities to respond with the

outstanding documentation for their applications to be assessed and finalized; and

Answer:

Timelines set varied due to the complexity and nature of information or supporting

documentation outstanding, however, a standard timeline for departments and entities to

respond within 30 days has been set, informed by the revised 2022 PFMA Guideline on

Quarterly Reports for Irregular Expenditure.

**Question 8** 

Please indicate if any guidelines / training is done by GPT to assist departments and

entities to submit complete applications and not to delay the process for condonement.

Answer:

NT Frequently Asked Questions portal is accessible by all institutions. Engagement

sessions, CFO and SCM forums were conducted by GPT to address delays in the

submission of complete applications, and to present, share lessons learnt and clarify

common challenges experienced by departments and entities.

Yours sincerely,

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**Member of Executive Council for Finance** 

Date: