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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY TO BE TABLED BY MEMBER M. SUN OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA).

**5. ECD 068 Can the MEC confirm that the SkX Proviti furnished the Office of the Premier with a forensic investigation report on 28 September 2020 in respect of an allegation of impropriety at the Gauteng Gambling Board relating to an alleged instruction by the CEO, Mr Steven Ngubeni, to a Licensee to pay its fine to a charitable organization instead of the GGB;**

Madam Speaker

I refer to the above and enclose hereunder my response(s) thereto:

**QUESTION 1: In terms of the findings, were there findings of unlawful actions and money laundering;**

**ANSWER:** Yes.

**QUESTION 2: Can you detail these findings;**

**ANSWER:** The Accounting Authority (GGB Board), must, in terms of Section 51(1)(e)(ii) -(iii) and Section 51(1)(h) of the PFMA, institute a disciplinary action against the CEO, Mr Steven Ngubeni, in order for him to answer to the following charges:

- Financial misconduct in terms of Section 81 of the PFMA for orchestrating that revenue or levy or fine due to GGB be diverted to be paid to a Charitable Organisation (Intsika Yo Sizo), in breach of Section 38 (1)(c) of the PFMA and Section 61(2)(b)(i) of the Gauteng Gambling Act; and
- Gross misrepresentation, corruption and money laundering as contemplated in Section 4 and 5 of the Prevention of Organized Crime Act 121 of 1998, relating to the repayment of

the loan he took from the CFO which was paid on his behalf by Intsika Yo Sizo utilising GGB funds.

**QUESTION 3: What disciplinary actions were taken against the then CEO, Mr Steven Ngubeni;**

**ANSWER:** Mr. Steven Ngubeni was placed on precautionary suspension and was formally charged on 20 July 2021. Mr. Steven Ngubeni then approached the Administrator at the time, Adv. Fana Joe Nalane SC, just before the commencement of the hearing to discuss possible settlement. The settlement proposal was considered and approved. The settlement offer by the Administrator was well calculated as the formal disciplinary hearing was going to be lengthy and costly.

**QUESTION 4: What criminal actions were taken against Mr Ngubeni;**

**ANSWER:** The current Board cannot establish whether there was criminal action was taken against Mr Ngubeni, as there was no formal handover to the current Board.

**QUESTION 5: What criminal actions were taken against the directors of Pink Toast;**

**ANSWER:** The current Board cannot establish whether there was criminal action was taken against Directors of Pink Toast, as there was no formal handover to the current Board.

**QUESTION 6: What criminal actions were taken against the directors of Intsika Yo Sizo;**

**ANSWER:** The current Board cannot establish whether there was criminal action was taken against Directors of Intsika Yo Sizo, as there was no formal handover to the current Board.

**QUESTION 7: In terms of other recommendations from SkX Proviti, has there been a further detailed investigation of grant funding going back 5 years be undertaken to determine if there are no further irregular, improper, unlawful, and/or corrupt payments made;**

**ANSWER:** Yes.

**QUESTION 8: Has there been any outcome of such a detailed investigation;**

**ANSWER** The previous Board appointed Nexus to undertake a forensic investigation into the grant funding process. However, the contract with Nexus expired while the matter was still under consideration by the MEC, and the investigation was consequently not finalised.

In light of the lapsed contract and the absence of a formal handover, the current Board, upon its appointment, resolved to initiate its own investigation to finalise the matter. As a result, the Board adopted the following key recommendations in 2023, including those carried over from previous processes:

- a) The Board should give due consideration to the recommendations of the Sekela Xabiso report, particularly in relation to strengthening internal policies, recognising that the Accounting Authority holds ultimate responsibility.
- b) Delegations of authority from the Accounting Authority to the Accounting Officer must be formalised in writing.
- c) Such delegations must be clear, unambiguous, and structured in a manner that prevents misinterpretation or abuse.
- d) Socio-Economic Development (SED) funding policies should be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
- e) All SED funding decisions should be subjected to periodic audits, reviews, and ongoing compliance monitoring.

**QUESTION 9: Have any monies been recovered in respect of this matter?**

**ANSWER** No monies has been recovered.

Yours sincerely

  

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