

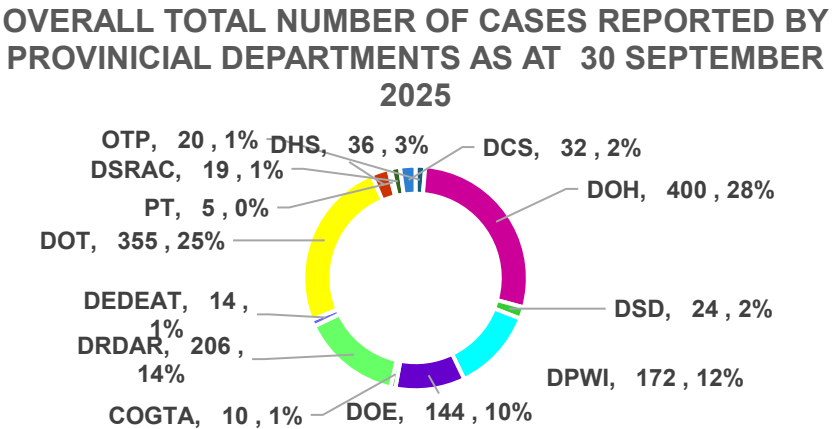
1710. Dr V Knoetze to ask the Premier:

With reference to procurement-related disciplinary cases arising from irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure across provincial departments during the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years, as recorded or monitored by the Office of the Premier:

Response:

In terms of Treasury Instruction 5 of 2010/11, departments submit financial misconduct registers to Provincial Treasury for monitoring and oversight purposes. The following reflects the oversight processes undertaken by Provincial Treasury:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1) Whether he can kindly confirm if his Office maintains a centralised register or database of procurement-related disciplinary cases; if so, can he kindly describe the (a) categories of cases recorded, (b) stage of proceedings tracked; and (c) reporting obligations imposed on departments;</p>	<p>In terms of Provincial Treasury Instruction no. 5 of 2010/11, departments are required to submit a register of financial misconduct cases on a quarterly basis. PT analyses these registers for the new incurrence of financial misconduct and also looks for progress on previously reported cases. Quarterly feedback letters to the Accounting Officers are done with recommendations on how the cases can be fast-tracked.</p> <p>The provincial administration has reported a cumulative 1 437 cases as at 30 September 2025. Out of these cases, 1182 cases have taken a total average time of 387 days to <i>finalize</i> as at 30 September 2025. 255 cases were <i>pending</i> for a total average time of 875 days by the provincial administration as at 30 September 2025.</p>
<p>2) Whether he can kindly provide a consolidated, year-by-year breakdown from this register indicating the (a) number of procurement-related disciplinary cases recorded, (b) departments involved and (c) value of irregular, fruitless or wasteful expenditure linked to each case;</p>	<p>Figure A represents a <i>cumulative total</i> of all cases reported by provincial departments (combined total of pending and finalized cases) as at the end of 30 September 2025. The graph depicts the top 5 departments that have the highest number of financial misconduct cases reported are DOH (28% or 400 cases); DOT (25% or 355 cases); DOA (14% or 206 cases), DPWI (12% or 172 cases) and DOE (10% or 144 cases) in descending order). However, it is worth noting that DRDAR has finalised 204 or</p>

<p>3) Whether he can kindly indicate how many procurement-related disciplinary cases (a) were finalised within reasonable time-frames and (b) remain outstanding and (c) in respect of outstanding cases, can he kindly specify the (i) the length of the delay and (ii) stage at which the matter has stalled;</p>	<p>99% of its cumulative cases with 152 cases finalised by last quarter of 2022-23 and became one of the few departments that start on a new slate, however, the department is advised to tighten its preventative controls to avoid regression and incurring new financial misconduct. Moreover, it is commended that four (4) departments have finalised 100% of their cases in the quarter under review (DSD, COGTA, DEDEAT, PT). DCS has indicated to have written off all its pending cases in its response to the Q1 FMAF escalation letter, therefore will not be escalated for this area.</p>																																										
<p>4) Whether he can kindly set out the outcomes of all finalised procurement-related disciplinary cases, indicating (a) dismissals, (b) sanctions short of dismissal, (c) resignations or transfers before finalisation and (d) cases where officials were exonerated;</p>	<p>Figure A</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>OVERALL TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED BY PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Department</th> <th>Cases</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>DOH</td><td>400</td><td>28%</td></tr> <tr><td>DOT</td><td>355</td><td>25%</td></tr> <tr><td>DPWI</td><td>172</td><td>12%</td></tr> <tr><td>DOE</td><td>144</td><td>10%</td></tr> <tr><td>DRDAR</td><td>206</td><td>14%</td></tr> <tr><td>DEDEAT</td><td>14</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr><td>DCS</td><td>32</td><td>2%</td></tr> <tr><td>DSD</td><td>24</td><td>2%</td></tr> <tr><td>DHS</td><td>36</td><td>3%</td></tr> <tr><td>COGTA</td><td>10</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr><td>DSRAC</td><td>19</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr><td>PT</td><td>5</td><td>0%</td></tr> <tr><td>OTP</td><td>20</td><td>1%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Department	Cases	Percentage	DOH	400	28%	DOT	355	25%	DPWI	172	12%	DOE	144	10%	DRDAR	206	14%	DEDEAT	14	1%	DCS	32	2%	DSD	24	2%	DHS	36	3%	COGTA	10	1%	DSRAC	19	1%	PT	5	0%	OTP	20	1%
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<p>and (c) consequences imposed for non-compliance;</p>	<p>An analysis is done to identify the provincial outlook on outcome of finalized cases and based on the reported 1182 finalised cases during this period for the province, it has been observed that majority of the sanctions issued were written warnings (22% or 240 cases); condoned (108 or 10%) recoveries or pay part/all of the money (124 or 11%) and write-off/derecognition (12% or 136 cases) for the affected employees. 345 or 31% of the cases are dismissed.</p>																	
<p>6) What measures has his Office implemented towards preventing procurement-related disciplinary cases from lapsing without consequence, including cases where implicated officials exit the public service before finalisation?</p>	<p>An additional analysis was performed to measure the consistency of sanctions issued against the form of financial misconduct reported by the provincial departments. A summary of the data is shown in the table below:</p> <p><u>Table 1: Consistency of Sanctions Issued against Form of Financial misconduct reported by Provincial Departments</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="882 874 2051 1377"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="882 874 1240 1066">FORMS OF FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT</th> <th data-bbox="1247 874 1599 1066">SANCTION ISSUED (MAJORITY)</th> <th data-bbox="1606 874 1787 1066">NO. OF CASES</th> <th data-bbox="1794 874 2051 1066">MONETARY AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1070 1240 1377" rowspan="4">Irregular Expenditure</td> <td data-bbox="1247 1070 1599 1145">Warning letters</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1070 1787 1145">187</td> <td data-bbox="1794 1070 2051 1145">R908 907 529</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1247 1150 1599 1225">Condonement</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1150 1787 1225">52</td> <td data-bbox="1794 1150 2051 1225">R3 266 390 480</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1247 1230 1599 1305">Case dismissed</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1230 1787 1305">119</td> <td data-bbox="1794 1230 2051 1305">R330 670 555</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1247 1310 1599 1377">Resignations</td> <td data-bbox="1606 1310 1787 1377">30</td> <td data-bbox="1794 1310 2051 1377">R168 650 673</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	FORMS OF FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT	SANCTION ISSUED (MAJORITY)	NO. OF CASES	MONETARY AMOUNT	Irregular Expenditure	Warning letters	187	R908 907 529	Condonement	52	R3 266 390 480	Case dismissed	119	R330 670 555	Resignations	30	R168 650 673
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		Case dismissed	138	R195 778 474
		Write off/ derecognized	71	R13 251 379
		Resignations	2	R4 820 538
Misuse/damage to government property		Suspension without pay	18	R118 408
		Warning letters	11	R119 683
		Dismissal	8	R373 461
		Case Dismissed	58	R1 958 693
		Repayment	7	R326 210
		Resignations	1	R211 588
Loss of assets		Repayment	28	R478 991
		Write off/ derecognized	39	R1 335 937
		Case Dismissed	6	R87 842

	Fraud/ insubordination/ dishonesty	Dismissal	19	R25 486 594
		Resignations	18	R3 449 745
		Suspension without pay	24	R9 858 232
		Warning letters	18	R6 349 125
		Demotion	9	R7 188 781
	Financial non- disclosure	Warning letters	9	R491 689
		Suspension without pay	4	R606 600

PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT REGISTER AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

- The top sanctions issued by provincial departments as at 30 September 2025 are:

- Cases Dismissed = 345 cases amounting to R573.902 million
- Warning letters = 240 cases amounting to R915.970 million;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repayments of part or all of debt = 124 cases amounting to R3.645 million;• Condonements = 108 cases amounting to R3. 285 billion;• Written off/derecognized = 136 cases amounting to R172. 789 million;• Suspension without pay = 57 cases amounting to R36.254 million.• Employee resignations = 51 cases amounting to R177.132 million; and• Dismissals = 41 cases amounting to R38.596 million.
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