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QUESTION 3404

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3404. Ms L Schickerling (DA) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

(1) Whether any discrepancies, undeclared interests and/or potential conflicts of interest have been identified through asset disclosure processes involving senior SAPS management in the past five years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total number of cases were identified, (b) were the findings and (c) consequence management measures followed;

(2) whether any asset declarations and/or financial disclosures processes involving senior managers within the SAPS have, in the past five financial years, resulted in any member (a) flagged for unexplained wealth, conflicts of interest and/or potential misconduct and (b)(i) subjected to further investigation, (ii) referred to another law enforcement and/or oversight body and/or (iii) subjected to disciplinary action; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what was the (aa) rank of the member involved, (bb) nature of the concern identified and (cc) outcome of the matter?

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REPLY:

(1) Yes. The South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Public Service Commission verify, analyse and compare disclosed information against various databases, including the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, Central Supplier Database, Deeds Registry and the eNatis system, to identify discrepancies. The Public Service Commission verifies the Financial Disclosure Forms of Senior Management Service (SMS) members in terms of the Public Service Regulations, 2016.

(1)(a) The total number of discrepancies identified in respect of SMS members over the past five financial years is as follows:

2021/2022 financial year

77 discrepancies identified out of 611 SMS members.

2022/2023 financial year

111 discrepancies identified out of 797 SMS members.

2023/2024 financial year

47 discrepancies identified out of 820 SMS members.

2024/2025 financial year

143 discrepancies identified out of 823 SMS members.

2025/2026 financial year

75 discrepancies identified out of 820 SMS members.

From 1 April 2026 to date

122 discrepancies identified out of 737 SMS members.

(1)(b) The most common discrepancies identified during lifestyle reviews relate to the non-disclosure of:

- Motor vehicles;
- Immovable properties;
- Directorships and partnerships;
- Approval for other remunerative work; and
- Gifts disclosed on the eDisclosure system but not recorded in the SAPS Gift Register.

Common reasons provided for these discrepancies include:

- Administrative oversight without any intention to deceive;
- Assets being utilised by spouses, children or other family members;

- Vehicles not deregistered after being written off, stolen or sold;
- Dormant or inactive companies;
- Joint ownership of assets; and
- Misunderstanding of disclosure requirements where assets were fully paid off.

(1)(c) In most instances, the discrepancies identified were resolved through consultation, verification and correction of records. The majority of cases did not result in adverse findings. Where concerns warranted further scrutiny, matters were referred for lifestyle investigations and further assessment.

(2)(a) Yes. Asset declaration and financial disclosure processes identified cases that warranted further scrutiny in relation to unexplained wealth indicators, potential conflicts of interest and financial discrepancies.

2021/2022 financial year

- Zero members were flagged for unexplained wealth.
- Twenty-six SMS members were identified with potential conflict-of-interest concerns arising from directorships and company involvement.
- All 26 members were cleared following consultation and verification that the companies were not conducting business with the State.
- Zero cases of potential misconduct were identified.

2022/2023 financial year

- Zero members were flagged for unexplained wealth.
- Fifty-five SMS members were identified with potential conflict-of-interest concerns.
- All 55 members were cleared following consultation and verification.
- Zero cases of potential misconduct were identified.

2023/2024 financial year

- Zero members were flagged for unexplained wealth.

- Sixty-three SMS members were identified with potential conflict-of-interest concerns.
- All 63 members were cleared following consultation and verification.
- Zero cases of potential misconduct were identified.

2024/2025 financial year

- Zero members were flagged for unexplained wealth.
- Thirty-two SMS members were identified with potential conflict-of-interest concerns.
- All 32 members were cleared following consultation and verification.
- Zero cases of potential misconduct were identified.

2025/2026 financial year - The following discrepancies were identified and subjected to further assessment:

- 23 employees with vehicle-related discrepancies;
- 3 employees with property ownership-related discrepancies;
- 15 employees with both vehicle and property ownership-related discrepancies;
- 1 employee with a questionable pattern of personal loans;
- 1 employee with both vehicle ownership discrepancies and a suspicious pattern of personal loans; and
- 1 employee with both vehicle ownership and company directorship discrepancies.

The concerns identified related to:

- The acquisition of assets without apparent financing arrangements;
- Property and vehicle purchases not readily commensurate with known income;
- Personal loan patterns requiring verification;
- Active company directorships requiring assessment; and
- The need to verify whether entities were conducting business with the State.

In addition, 23 SMS members were identified with potential conflict-of-interest concerns arising from company involvement. All 23 were subsequently cleared following consultation and verification that the entities were not conducting business with the State.

No cases of potential misconduct were identified.

(2)(b)(i) **2021/2022 to 2023/2024 financial years**

- No cases were referred for lifestyle investigation.

2024/2025 financial year

- Five cases were referred for lifestyle investigation.
- All five investigations were finalised and closed with no further action required.

2025/2026 financial year

- Seventy-two cases were referred for lifestyle investigation.
- Thirty-three investigations were finalised and closed with no further action required.
- Three members retired before the investigations were finalised.
- Six cases were referred for further investigation.
- Thirty investigations remain in progress.

(2)(b)(ii) No cases were referred to another law-enforcement agency or oversight body.

(2)(b)(iii) No members were subjected to disciplinary action arising from the financial disclosure and lifestyle review processes.

(2)(aa) The ranks involved were Senior Management Service members, ranging from Brigadier/Director level up to General level.

(2)(bb) The concerns identified primarily related to undeclared vehicles, undeclared immovable properties, company directorships, approval for other remunerative work, gift disclosures, unexplained asset acquisitions and financial patterns requiring further verification.

(2)(cc) The overwhelming majority of matters were resolved through consultation, verification and clarification. Cases referred for lifestyle investigation were either closed with no further action required, remain under investigation, or were referred for further investigation. No cases resulted in disciplinary action or referral to another law-enforcement or oversight body.