

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	National Lotteries Commission: Alleged financial mismanagement and corruption - PSA demands investigation
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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 245 000 public-sector employees, is extremely concerned about the apparent failure by the National Lotteries Commission to take swift and decisive action against employees implicated in the abuse of public funds.

The resignation of the suspended NLC Company Secretary, after facing 145 disciplinary charges, highlights serious governance failures in the institution. The PSA demands an immediate and thorough forensic investigation into alleged financial mismanagement and corruption at the NLC. The slow response in addressing alleged misconduct involving public funds raises serious questions about accountability and governance. It is unacceptable that an official who faced multiple allegations of financial irregularities and misconduct was able to earn nearly R6 million on full pay since her suspension in November 2022, without facing proper disciplinary consequences.

The PSA further calls for the strengthening of governance and oversight at the NLC. Good governance principles must be implemented and upheld to ensure transparency and accountability in managing public funds. A detailed forensic investigation should be conducted to uncover the full extent of alleged financial mismanagement and ensure those responsible are held accountable. The NLC must introduce robust financial and procurement control mechanisms to detect and prevent corruption and financial mismanagement. Officials implicated in corrupt activities must not be allowed to simply resign and evade justice. The PSA urges law enforcement agencies to take decisive action, including criminal investigations and prosecutions where necessary.

The NLC, as custodian of funds meant for public benefit, has a duty to ensure that lottery funds are safeguarded from abuse and corruption. The lack of decisive action undermines public trust and deprives deserving beneficiaries of much-needed support. The PSA will closely monitor developments in this matter and engage relevant authorities to ensure that those responsible for financial mismanagement at the NLC are held accountable. The PSA is committed to combatting corruption and promoting ethical governance in all public institutions.

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