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NLC notes SIU briefing to Parliament

The National Lotteries Commission (NLC/the Commission) has noted the presentation given by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) to Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition regarding their ongoing investigation into allegations of maladministration, fraud, and corruption.

The NLC reiterates its continuous cooperation with the investigation since its inception in 2020. The Commission is confident of its internal processes to ensure fair and equitable funding, and this has been evidenced by the outcomes of external audits conducted in recent years.

The Commission has also noted with concern several inconsistencies in the SIU presentation and the tone of their social media reporting, which unfortunately serves to frame adverse conclusions in the minds of the public while investigations are yet to be concluded, and a final report is yet to be presented to the President in terms of the proclamation.

The Commission will however not be engaging these publicly but will raise them in the course of engagement and cooperation with this process as the SIU has not completed investigations on any of the profiled projects.

The National Lotteries Commission continues to fulfil its mandate and ensure that the Commission performs its functions efficiently and effectively as well as manage staff, its financial, administrative, and clerical functions in compliance with the Lotteries Act 57 of 1997, as amended and any other applicable law.

The Commission remains committed to applying the principles of openness and transparency in the exercise of its mandate and functions.

The NLC respects all processes of institutions of state as welcome checks and balances in the process of regulating lotteries and changing the lives of the disadvantaged South Africans.

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