



**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 2910.**

**Dr W G James (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

- (1) Whether the Public Service Commission is currently investigating a certain person (name furnished); if so, for each investigation (a) on what basis was the investigation launched and (b) on whose request was the investigation launched;
- (2) what are the allegations that form the basis of each investigation into the said person;
- (3) for each investigation, on what date (a) did the investigation commence and (b) was the said person informed of the investigation;
- (4) in respect of each investigation, (a) what is the current status of the investigation and (b) when will it be completed;
- (5) whether the Public Service Commission has ever completed any investigations against the said person; if so, for each completed investigation (a) what were the findings and (b) what were the recommendations?

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## REPLY

- (1) The Public Service Commission (PSC) is currently finalising an investigation
- (a)(b) The investigation was launched as a result of a request from the former Minister for Public Service and Administration, subsequent to a meeting that was held between the Minister, the Minister for Basic Education and the former Minister for Home Affairs.
- (2) The allegations that formed the basis for the investigation were the following:
  - (i) The person irregularly awarded a R243m tender for the printing, packaging and distribution of learner books to a company that was linked to his fiancée's mother; and
  - (ii) The person irregularly entered the Department of Basic Education into a collective agreement with the South African Democratic Teacher's Union without the requisite mandate, thus violating the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999.
- (3)
  - (a) The investigation commenced on 22 April 2013.
  - (b) The person is aware of the investigation, since the Public Service Commission sent questions that sought clarity to the person.
- (4)
  - (a) The investigation is at the advance stage.
  - (b) The investigation is at its finalisation stage.
- (5) Pursuant to the findings of the report of the Presidential Task Team established to investigate the non-delivery and/or delays in the delivery of Learner, and Teacher Support Material (LTSM) to schools in Limpopo province in the 2012 school year, the PSC was requested to investigate the alleged indecisive response of person to correspondence received from the publishers in December 2011 regarding the procurement of LTSM and his failure to provide the necessary support for the intervention.

- 5 (a) Yes. The PSC –
- did not find any proof to substantiate the finding of the PTT that the person acted “indecisive (in his) response to correspondence received from the publishers in December 2011 regarding the procurement of LTSM for the 2012 academic year.”
  - found that the evidence presented confirms the statement that “The DBE provided limited support...” in that limited full time capacity was assigned to the intervention, albeit that support was provided within the capacity of the DBE.
- (b) No recommendations were made