

Dear General Holomisa

Accounting Authority and minister not interested in safeguarding the interest of merSETA

The CEO, Mr Wayne Adams, was suspended in December 2022 for serious misconduct. An investigation was conducted, and serious corruption findings were established. The report was issued on 2 May 2023. The Accounting Authority led by Ms Kate Moloto and the minister Blade Nzimande have had this report for almost 6 months and have done nothing. One of the findings is about the R 148 000 000,00 which the COO Ms Sebolelo Nomvete has been found to have aided this entity to apply, she chaired management committee to approve the grant award to this entity, she signed the contract of this entity when she doesn't have the authority to enter into contractual agreement on behalf of merSETA. She is currently undergoing disciplinary hearing and represented by a senior advocate. This Accounting Authority led by Ms Kate Moloto hasn't asked itself how a person in her position could afford a Snr Advocate if she is not bank rolled by Social Enterprise Trust the entity she helped to get R 148 000 000,00 in grant funding. The findings against the CEO (Mr Wayne Adams) clearly show his role in the cover-up to protect Ms Nomvete. The Accounting Authority led by Ms Kate Moloto and the minister Nzimande have seen this and have done nothing. The Accounting Authority hasn't tried to get SIU to recover the over R38 million already paid to Social Enterprise Trust. The findings against the CEO also include an entity called JET, which received R 144 million. They have already been paid millions in this contract. The minister and the Accounting Authority are aware of this, and they did nothing in almost 6 months. The findings against the CEO include shares worth R 6 million, where Mr Adams claimed he bought through "cash payments" in over 20 companies. The minister Nzimande and the Accounting Authority led by Ms Kate Moloto are aware of this, and in almost 6 months, they have done nothing to establish the source of this cash this CEO claimed he used to buy shares through "cash payment". The CEO in the report also stated that 12 Accounting Authority members have a conflict of interest as they come from the industry and some coming from companies currently receiving grant funding from merSETA. The minister has done nothing to investigate this finding. It is a serious matter to have 12 Accounting Authority members with a conflict of interest. The minister is, however, only interested in changing an acting CEO than to deal with these serious matters.