

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PC ON COMMUNICATION ON INQUIRY INTO THE SABC BOARD

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The SABC is an entity to deliver services to all South Africans. It is not an organ to serve interests of one party while frustrating the rest.

The financial challenges the SABC has, spell out many things.

- The appointment of staff in the SABC financial management unit. Are these only warm bodies who are not qualified to do their work – if not how could a mess like this been created?
- The internal controls of the entity could have picked up the financial problems before they grew to this extend.
- The SABC board has a monitoring mandate in the running of affairs in this entity. How could they leave things to arrive at this stage?
- The Department that transfers funds to the SABC also has an obligation to monitor the funds transformed, to make the SABC management accountable. It is not enough for the Hon Minister to say, “We are not the SABC, they should answer for themselves”. It is the department that is given the budget, and this alone, makes the department accountable.
- There are laws that guide departments and entities on how to run their finances. To quote but one PFMA. Parliament that has an oversight mandate could have followed the running of financial affairs, through quarterly reports.

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- Could have advised on this matter, by checking if the SABC knows about PFMA let alone implementing it. The Portfolio Committee also has a stake in this matter, what did it do?

The SABC Board should be responsible enough, not to run away when things are not doing well; their resignation from the Board, as well as the manners in which they have been running the entity, questions their eligibility into the Board. Were they the relevant persons to serve? “n Man moet sy man staan”.

The UCDP moves that: the SABC Board be desolved and:

- a new board be appointed.
- the financial management unit of the SABC be reviewed,
- the budget be allocated, but to be run by Treasury until the entity can effectively and efficiently run its financial affairs – Judicial Management.
- Forensic investigations be done in the SABC.

The UCDP supports the budget.