

PROCLAMATION

by the

President of the Republic of South Africa

No. R. 6, 2014

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNITS AND SPECIAL TRIBUNALS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 74 OF 1996): REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO EXISTING SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT AND SPECIAL TRIBUNAL

WHEREAS allegations as contemplated in section 2(2) of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No. 74 of 1996) (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), have been made in respect of the affairs of the National Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the Department");

AND WHEREAS the Department suffered losses that may be recovered;

AND WHEREAS I deem it necessary that the said allegations should be investigated and civil proceedings emanating from such investigation should be adjudicated upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby, under section 2(1) of the Act, refer the matters mentioned in the Schedule, in respect of the Department, for investigation to the Special Investigating Unit established by Proclamation No. R. 118 of 31 July 2001 and determine that, for the purposes of the investigation of the matters, the terms of reference of the Special Investigating Unit are to investigate as contemplated in the Act, any -

- (a) serious maladministration in connection with the affairs of the Department;
- (b) improper or unlawful conduct by officials or employees of the Department;
- (c) unlawful appropriation or expenditure of public money or property;
- (d) unlawful, irregular or unapproved acquisitive act, transaction, measure or practice having a bearing upon State property;
- (e) intentional or negligent loss of public money or damage to public property;

(f) offences referred to in Parts 1 to 4, or section 17, 20 or 21 (in so far as it relates to the aforementioned offences) of Chapter 2 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004, and which offences were committed in connection with the affairs of the Department; or

(g) unlawful or improper conduct by any person, which has caused or may cause serious harm to the interests of the public or any category thereof,

which have taken place between 26 November 2010 and the date of publication of this Proclamation or which took place prior to 26 November 2010 or after the date of publication of this Proclamation, but is relevant to, connected with, incidental or ancillary to the matters mentioned in the Schedule or involve the same persons, entities or contracts investigated under authority of this proclamation, and to exercise or perform all the functions and powers assigned to or conferred upon the said Special Investigating Unit by the Act, including recovery of any losses suffered by the Department, in relation to the said matters in the Schedule.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Twenty-first day of January Two thousand and fourteen.

J G Zuma

President

By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:

J T Radebe

Minister of the Cabinet

SCHEDULE

1. The appointment of the South African National Apex Tertiary Co-operative Limited by the Department to manage and to provide technical support and administration services in respect of the Ward Based Co-operatives Programme of the Department.
2. Payments which were made by the Department in respect of the Ward Based Co-operatives Programme of the Department in a manner that was –
 - (a) not fair, competitive, transparent, equitable or cost-effective;
 - (b) contrary to applicable –
 - (i) legislation;
 - (ii) manuals, guidelines, practice notes or instructions issued by the National Treasury; or
 - (iii) manuals, policies, procedures, prescripts, instructions or practices of or applicable to the Department; or
 - (c) conducted or facilitated by or through the improper intervention of officials or employees of the Department,and related unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure or loss of the Department's funds.