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Investigating unit stopped dodgy tenders worth R400m

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THE Special Investigating Unit has succeeded in getting R400-million worth of dodgy tenders set aside, said the unit's acting head, Nomvula Mokhatle.

Mokhatle was presenting the unit's strategic plan to parliament's portfolio committee on justice and constitutional development yesterday.

According to the report, the unit also aims to recover R1-billion in unauthorised and wasteful expenditure in the public service.

Acting projects director Paul Modiba told the committee that the unit would present 20 investigative reports to President Jacob Zuma at the end of this month and a further 16 at the end of May.

The reports are expected to include investigations into corrupt

activities at the SABC, and maladministration and tender irregularities in the municipal administrations of Oudtshoorn, Swellendam and George.

But the details of many other investigations were excluded from the report, prompting DA MP Debbie Schafer to comment that the presentation was "fluffy".

"It's not comprehensive at all. It's just little drawings on each page.

It's fluffy ... there's no detail Schafer said.

Investigations still under way include those into the R206-million "security upgrading" of Zuma Nkandla home and the alleged abuse of funds by officials of the Department of Public Works.

● The Special Investigating Unit was allocated R532-million to investigate corruption in the government and public service.