

CORRUPTION

SIU reveals contracts to be set aside

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THE SPECIAL Investigating Unit (SIU) has finalised its investigation into 34 contracts valued at R184 million in the Western Cape for the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Standing committee on the premier and constitutional affairs chairperson, Ricardo Mackenzie, said: "The SIU's important work in holding governments accountable and highlighting gaps within procurement process is key to ensure transparent governance."

In its investigations into the provincial education department, where the SIU probed an allegation relating to the allocation of tenders awarded to a service provider to the value of R54.5m, it was found that the supply chain management process did not comply with the Constitution.

The State attorney has been requested to brief counsel to review and set aside the contract.

Investigations into allegations against the Department of Transport and Public Works as well as local municipalities in Laingsburg, Mossel Bay, Hessequa, Saldanha and Langeberg found no irregularities. However, the Matzikama Municipality, run by the ANC, was made to set aside a contract worth more than R650 000 after the bidding process was found to have been manipulated and information leaked to a service provider.

Meanwhile, ANC finance and economic opportunities spokesperson Nomi Nkondlo said the provincial government was still spending too much money on non-BBEE compliant companies.

The party would table a question asking why, as well as about details of the companies that benefited and the contracts they were awarded.