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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERS OVER 80% OF FUNDS CLAIMED FROM THE SERVICE PROVIDER OVER THE 22 LAPTOP TENDER INVESTIGATION.

The Provincial Government has successfully recovered over 80% of the funds claimed from the Service Provider in connection with the 22-laptop tender investigation, reaffirming its commitment to accountability and the protection of public resources.

The total amount claimed from the service provider is R855 712.70. So far, R685 712.70 has been recovered, with the remaining balance of R170 000.00 expected to be settled by the end of January 2026.

Premier Mandla Ndlovu has welcomed the recovery of the funds and emphasised the urgent need to finalise the ongoing disciplinary hearings.

The recovery of the money is a positive step, but we must ensure that the full amount is recovered. I am pleased that the service provider has assured the department that the remaining balance will be settled by the end of the month. I am also glad that the disciplinary hearing concerning the HOD has been concluded," said the Premier.

DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES INVOLVING OTHER DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS

Six employees have undergone disciplinary proceedings related to the matter. The current progress is as follows:

- **One employee** had charges withdrawn due to a lack of evidence.
- **One employee, Deputy Director ICT, resigned effective immediately after being served with charges.**
- **Three employees** are currently undergoing disciplinary hearings.
- **One employee's** disciplinary hearing has been suspended owing to litigation brought by the official against the department.

Furthermore, the department conducted lifestyle reviews of all implicated officials through an external service provider. The report submitted to the department did not identify any material findings.

CONCLUSION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS INVOLVING THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

The Provincial Government welcomes the conclusion of the disciplinary process involving the Head of Department (HOD), Ms Lucy Moyane.

Following concerns raised through a forensic investigation into the procurement of 22 laptops, the HOD was suspended. Five charges were laid against her, and a full disciplinary process was carried out.

The HOD was found guilty only on the first charge of negligence related to the approval of the BAC recommendation. Based on the outcomes of the disciplinary hearing, the chairperson decided that a written warning be issued as a sanction. Ms Moyane is expected to resume her duties from 19 January 2026, as the matter has now been fully concluded.

Premier Ndlovu stated that the conclusion of the process demonstrates Mpumalanga's ongoing commitment to ethical governance, institutional accountability, and transparency.

"We welcome the conclusion of this process because it affirms a principle of accountability that must remain non-negotiable in a constitutional democracy: accountability must always be pursued through due process and fairness," said Premier Ndlovu. We must act responsibly, investigate thoroughly, and allow the facts to lead us. That is what clean governance requires.

The Premier emphasised that consequence management remains a cornerstone of good governance in Mpumalanga and that all allegations of misconduct are taken seriously, while ensuring disciplinary processes are lawful, balanced, and respect the rights of all parties.

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