



AUDITOR - GENERAL
SOUTH AFRICA

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Speaker
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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Dear Speaker

Withdrawal of audit reports in response to Supreme Court of appeal judgement

The judgement handed down on 4 October 2021 by the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) in favour of the Western Cape MEC for economic opportunities has reference. In adherence to the SCA's order, the Auditor-General of South Africa hereby advises the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to retract the audit reports previously tabled for the Western Cape Department of Agriculture for the following financial years due to the incorrect qualification paragraphs regarding transfer payments and irregular expenditure included therein:

- Audit report for the 2016-17 financial year
- Audit report for the 2017-18 financial year
- Audit report for the 2018-19 financial year
- Audit report for the 2019-20 financial year
- Audit report for the 2020-21 financial year

The amended audit reports have been attached as annexures to this letter. This notification serves as a retraction of the stated audit reports and a formal submission for tabling of the amended audit reports.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely


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