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Gender imbalance 'getting worse'

THE Financial and Fiscal Commission has complained to the Presidency about its new appointments, saying they have "regressed" its gender balance.

Recently parliament's Home Affairs portfolio committee rejected a shortlist of candidates saying it was not sufficiently diverse. All commissioners at the Independent Electoral Commission are black men and the new shortlist of seven has only one woman on it.

Bongani Khumalo, the commission's acting CEO, this week told the finance committee that the "gains" in gender equity had been "reversed" when three women commissioners left and were replaced by two men and a woman.

The Presidency did not respond to a request for comment. — Bianca Capazorio