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Pravin Gordhan meets Financial and Fiscal Commission about probe

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FINANCE Minister Pravin Gordhan held a meeting with the commissioners and staff of the Financial and Fiscal Commission on Friday, to address allegations of "impropriety", Treasury said on Monday.

The commission is a statutory body that advises government — including Parliament, provincial and local governments, and other organs of state — on financial and fiscal matters. Its independence is guaranteed by the Constitution, and its functions include mandatory consultation on the division of revenue among the three spheres of government.

Treasury said on Monday that there had been anonymous allegations of impropriety involving commission staff members, and an external investigator will be appointed to investigate whether they are true. Treasury would assist the commission to appoint the external investigator.

Treasury also said in statement on Monday that deputy chairman and CEO Bongani Khumalo's term had ended on August 31. Khumalo was also acting chairman.

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