

# Deloitte finds no Bosasa donation was made to SABC8 fund

The South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef) received the final forensic report of a review performed by Deloitte into allegations that Bosasa paid R100,000 to a crowdfunding campaign for the SABC8 journalists.



Sanef chairperson Mahlatse Mahlase. © [Primedia Broadcasting](#).

Sanef requested Deloitte to perform a forensic review after the publication of such allegations in *TimesLive* on 22 January 2019 that corruption-accused Bosasa made a donation to the cause, which Sanef supported.



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Based on the information obtained and corroborated from a variety of sources and procedures, Deloitte found no evidence that any payment was made by Bosasa or entity or persons related to Bosasa to the SABC8 campaign in 2016.

This confirms Sanef's initial response that Bosasa did not donate to the cause.



## Bosasa did not donate to SABC 8

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## Report puts the question to rest

Sanef chairperson Mahlatse Mahlase said she was satisfied that the Deloitte report puts to rest the question whether Bosasa contributed to the SABC8 crowdfunding campaign. "We never had any doubt that the fund did not receive money from Bosasa but wanted an independent forensic auditor to confirm this since the allegations published by *TimesLive* cast aspersions on Sanef, the SABC8 and Sanef treasurer Adriaan Basson, who started the fund."

The Sanef council resolved at its meeting in Cape Town last month that a meeting is sought with the editors of *TimesLive* in the wake of the Deloitte report being published. We will now set-up such a meeting to convey our displeasure about the way in which this false story was handled.

Deloitte performed a number of procedures to assess whether funds had actually been received from Bosasa to support the SABC8 journalists, who were sacked by former COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng for standing up for media freedom.

## Procedures followed

Deloitte performed the following procedures:

- Validating the information contained in the detailed spreadsheet of the crowdfunding campaign donors provided by Basson;
- Reviewing the donors to identify any specific association with Bosasa;
- Determining the electronic flow of funds to confirm the use of the funds, and
- Making direct requests to the then Bosasa's representatives mentioned in the email referred to by *TimesLive*, to confirm whether such payments were made at the time.

To further assess the allegations, Deloitte was given access to the bank accounts of Sanef, Willem de Klerk Attorneys and Basson for the period in 2016 during which the campaign was active.

Deloitte was further provided with written statements by seven of the SABC8 journalists (Suna Venter passed away in 2017) and Basson, and independently confirmed that the only contribution surpassing R100,000 had no links to Bosasa.

Please see a copy of the full report published [here](#).

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