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**Agribusiness body rapped for inadequate support documents**

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THE Agribusiness Development Agency (ADA) has been rapped on the knuckles for failing to provide Auditor-General Kimi Makwetu with adequate documents when he audited the institution's finances for the 2015-16 financial year.

ADA, an entity attached to Agriculture and Rural Development Department, obtained an unqualified audit opinion with matters of emphasis.

In his report, Makwetu found that ADA had irregular expenditure totalling R563 006.

He also found that some information was not adequately supported for performance agreements of senior managers, among others.

Speaking at the standing committee on public accounts (Scopa) on Wednesday, ANC MPL Siphon Nkosi took the agency to task for repeat findings on irregular expenditure

and for not providing support documentation to the AG.

"I want to know why you are not addressing this thing, year in and year out?" Nkosi asked.

He also said by failing to keep records, the agency was flouting Treasury regulations.

"Why, when the matter was raised and came as a transversal resolution, were you caught napping once again?" Nkosi asked.

He also said both the department and the agency still incurred fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

ADA's Thulasizwe Mkhabela said the entity had over the two years made corrective measures, but these were found insufficient by the AG.

He also said the unfilled vacancies in senior positions created problems when performance agreements of those acting positions were required for audit.