

MEDIA RELEASE COVID-19: PSA calls for publication of PPE contracts list in Limpopo

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about allegations of corruption in the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) in Limpopo, where certain contractors are alleged to have been appointed based on their proximity with individuals in political leadership.

Further allegations include inflated price, which amounts to financial misconduct and warrants disciplinary proceedings. Service providers who participated in such processes and illegally benefited should also be brought to book.

The PSA welcomes the call by the Minister of Finance for all the provincial Departments of Health to publish a list of companies that received PPE contracts, but believes that all departments and municipalities in Limpopo should be directed to do so. This will allow for public scrutiny and ensure accountability and lead to consequence management to ensure that the benefits of corruption are reversed. The Department of Health may be the main role player in the procurement of PPE, but other departments and municipalities are also procuring such items and including them to publish list of companies will serve to deter corrupt activities.

A commitment to eradicate corruption requires that no stone be left unturned. The PSA has written a letter to urge the Premier of Limpopo to provide leadership and demonstrate commitment to eradicate corruption by directing all Limpopo departments and municipalities to publish lists of companies that were awarded PPE contracts.

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