

MEDIA RELEASE	Home Affairs R409 million tender: PSA welcomes investigation and calls for swift actions
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the decisive action by the Minister of Home Affairs, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, against those involved in alleged serious irregularities related to the tender process for the migration of data at the Department of Home Affairs.

In a project intended to improve the information technology system to improve service delivery to the public, the tender was allocated to migrate data on the Home Affairs National Identification System (HANIS) to a new Automated Biometric Information System (ABIS). In the process, R409 million was paid to the technology services company, EOH, without any tangible results in this regard.

The PSA, representing more than 240 000 public servants, urges the Minister to act swiftly with the intended forensic investigation to ensure that every person found guilty faces the full might of the law. The Department must also refer the matter to the SA Police Service to pursue criminal charges against perpetrators and all monies gained through such illegal means must be recovered by law enforcement agencies.

The PSA further calls on the Minister to ensure that the statement he issued does not decay into a political public relations exercise. Actions should follow to underline a genuine condemnation of acts of criminality and corruption. Those involved in corruption and maladministration, irrespective of their positions, must account for their misconduct. The PSA will continue to advocate for zero-tolerance of corruption in the Public Service and encourages public servants to continue to report any form of corruption through the anti-corruption hotline.

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