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The Public Servants Association (PSA) congratulates the Department of Transport on achieving a clean audit outcome for the 2024/25-financial year, as confirmed by the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA), for the first time in 31 years.

This outcome reflects a significant momentous in public-sector governance and accountability. The PSA commends the Department's leadership and employees for their commitment to ethical governance, financial discipline, and proactive engagement with assurance providers. The AGSA's findings revealed, amongst others, timely submission of annual financial statements with no material misstatements, strong internal controls and financial management processes, and complete and reliable performance indicators for planning and reporting. This achievement is particularly noteworthy given the historical challenges faced by the Department, including irregular expenditure and weaknesses in supply-chain management. The PSA views this clean audit as a benchmark for other public-sector departments and entities to emulate.

Whilst the PSA commends the Department for this feat, the Union believes that the Department can improve further, particularly in the area of health and safety, as its building remains suspect. Identifying alternative and safe accommodation for employees should be prioritised. Filling of vacancies will ensure that the attainment of a clean audit will become a norm for the Department.

The PSA encourages continued vigilance and transparency to ensure that this progress is sustained and translated into improved service delivery, especially in areas such as infrastructure development and public transport.

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