

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA calls for insourcing of work by government departments to curb expenditure and corruption
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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 245 000 public sector employees, calls on all national and provincial government departments to insource non-specialist services including cleaning, security, school nutrition programmes, and stationery procurement.

Considering recent findings by the Gauteng Ethics Advisory Council (GEAC), the PSA reiterates the Union's calls for the insourcing of services. The GEAC's latest report revealed that 37% of 19 senior executives assessed by the Special Investigating Unit were classified as high-risk owing to their involvement in business dealings with the state. Despite this deep-rooted problem, government departments have largely failed to take decisive action.

The insourcing these services will assist in curbing widespread corruption, bring much-needed job security to workers, and eliminate the exploitation perpetrated by private companies that profit at the expense of public funds and vulnerable workers.

Whilst the PSA commends the GEAC for its important work, it is concerned that the Gauteng Provincial Government lacks a clear and effective strategy to eradicate corruption in the public service. The PSA is further alarmed by the lack of protection for whistleblowers, who are often left vulnerable to threats or even life-threatening consequences after reporting wrongdoing. Failure to safeguard these persons undermines the broader battle against corruption and deters potential whistleblowers from coming forward.

The PSA is committed to advocating for safe working conditions, ethical governance, and the protection of all public servants.

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