

**MEDIA RELEASE**      PSA calls for urgent investigation into serious allegations involving the Minister of Social Development

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has learnt with serious concern of media reports regarding allegations involving the Minister of Social Development. Reports indicate that a worker appointed and remunerated through the Department of Social Development was allegedly deployed to perform duties at a private residence and was further allegedly required to hand over a portion of her salary to a member of the Minister's family.

The PSA calls for an urgent, independent, and transparent investigation into these allegations. The allegations are extremely serious as they raise concerns relating to possible abuse of authority, labour exploitation, misuse of departmental staff, ethical misconduct, and the potential abuse of public funds. Such allegations, if proven true, would constitute a gross violation of the principles of accountability, fairness, and good governance expected from public office bearers.

The PSA is particularly concerned that matters of this nature undermine public trust and confidence in the Department of Social Development. Public institutions must at all times act in the best interests of citizens and ensure that state resources are used solely for lawful and official purposes. The PSA therefore urges the relevant authorities to conduct a thorough investigation without delay and to ensure that appropriate action is taken should any wrongdoing be established.

The PSA remains committed to promoting ethical leadership, accountability, and the protection of workers' rights within the public service.

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