

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned about "double salaries" for Limpopo Premier's spokesperson
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disturbed by information that the new spokesperson for the Limpopo Premier is earning two salaries.

It is alleged that the spokesperson, Willie Mosoma, is earning salaries as spokesperson for the Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality and as spokesperson for the Premier, Mr Stanley Mathabatha. It is alleged that the spokesperson did not resign from the Municipality when he joined the Premier's Office, resulting in the payment of two salaries.

The PSA is concerned that the Office of the Premier is failing to demonstrate leadership and commitment to eradicate corruption as there are continuous allegations surrounding this office, which do not promote confidence. The Premier is called upon to investigate the matter and, if found to be true, the spokesperson's indiscretion must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

The Office of the Premier, and especially the face of the Office, being the spokesperson, should uphold high morals. It cannot be acceptable that the spokesperson may be involved in fraud by receiving two salaries. The Limpopo Premier has unfortunately been unable to ensure that the Office is cleared of the scourge of corruption. The well-documented incidents include inflated travel claims, tender irregularities and abuse of power with no consequence management. The Premier, furthermore, recently unveiled a project of "very expensive" shacks, purported to be affordable houses. He transferred the previous spokesperson based on fraud only to make another questionable appointment.

The PSA views this matter in serious light and repeats its ongoing appeals to the Premier's Office to deal decisively with corruption that is setting a precedent for creating fertile ground for corruption in Limpopo.

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