



MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned about Gauteng Department of Health's ongoing "importing" of Cuban doctors
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted with concern the continued practice by the Gauteng Department of Health, specifically in Johannesburg, of hiring Cuban doctors at extremely high salaries without justification.

The Gauteng Department of Health has appointed doctors from Cuba at a rate of R14 million per annum. These monies could have been used to employ and pay South African doctors, especially in the country's current economic state and an unprecedented unemployment rate.

This continued practice of "importing" doctors in from Cuba owing to an alleged agreement between South Africa and Cuba cannot be allowed to continue, especially when considering that South Africa can hardly provide employment to its own citizens.

The PSA urges the Department to act responsibly towards South African citizens and focus its resources on providing employment opportunities to them. The country's resources should be channelled towards addressing its internal problems such as unemployment and poverty. Government should prioritise unemployed South African citizens, including many qualified youths, for employment opportunities in their own country.

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