

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA condemns Gauteng government's wasteful expenditure on office rentals
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is outraged by recent revelations regarding the Gauteng Provincial Government's exorbitant expenditure on renting office space. It has come to light that the government has spent a staggering R34 million on office rentals, despite owning 41 buildings across the province that remain vacant and in a state of disrepair.

This wasteful expenditure is unacceptable, especially when these funds could be better utilised to improve public services and infrastructure. The Gauteng government has admitted that the vacant buildings are not being used due to non-compliance with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) standards. However, the PSA believes that government should prioritise the refurbishment and maintenance of these buildings to ensure they meet the required standards, rather than wasting millions on renting private office space. The millions spent on the rentals could have been correctly used to fix the non-complying buildings.

The PSA calls on the Gauteng Provincial Government to immediately conduct a comprehensive audit of all government owned buildings and develop a maintenance plan to bring them up to OHS standards. Furthermore, they need to implement a sustainable solution to prevent future wasteful expenditure, including the proper maintenance and utilisation of government owned buildings. The PSA stands firm in its commitment to ensuring that public funds are used responsibly and effectively for the benefit of all citizens. The Union urges the Provincial Government to take swift and decisive action to rectify this situation and prevent further misuse of taxpayer money. The PSA condemns this gross mismanagement of public resources and calls for immediate action to address this issue.

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