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| MEDIA RELEASE | <b>PSA condemns poor administration at Mpumalanga Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison</b> |
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disturbed by the shocking confirmation by the Mpumalanga MEC for the Department of Community Safety, Security, and Liaison that the Department has lost approximately R32 million to fraud and corruption over the past four days.

This alarming revelation raises serious concerns regarding the Department's lack of control and good governance in all spheres. It is evident that there is a vacuum in leadership and accountability. The PSA calls for stringent measures to deal with any form of fraud and corruption. Rampant fraud and corruption have plunged South Africa in a financial crisis, which has severely impacted public servants since government's reneging from the 2018 wage agreement whilst pleading poverty.

Whilst the MEC is calling for action against officials involved in these unlawful acts, the PSA demands that decisive action be taken against culprits and that no stone be left unturned in dealing with such acts of fraud and corruption. It is a matter of grave concern that R32 million can disappear within four days. This is a clear indication that there are no control measures in place for accountability.

The PSA calls for an urgent forensic audit to be conducted as it appears that there is much more behind this maladministration. Only a forensic audit will expose the mismanagement and poor governance of the Department. The PSA furthermore believes that stringent corrective measures should be implemented with immediate effect to prevent further misconduct. The PSA additionally calls for transparency during this investigation to expose all forms of corruption and maladministration in the Department.

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