

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA demands urgent action as billions in public servants' pension funds are lost by dubious investment decisions by PIC
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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 245 000 public-sector employees, is outraged by revelations that billions of rands have been lost from the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF) through questionable and high-risk investments managed by the Public Investment Corporation (PIC).

Recent reports indicate that over R33 billion has effectively been wiped out, with investments in *Daybreak Farms* and numerous projects under the *Isibaya Fund*, which is emblematic of systemic governance failures and poor decision-making at the PIC. These losses follow years of warnings against politically driven investment strategies and inadequate oversight, which have now materialised as severe financial impairments.

The PSA condemns the breach of fiduciary duty by those entrusted with safeguarding the pensions of public servants. The PIC manages approximately R2.3 trillion in pension assets. Its mandate is to ensure sustainable growth and security of these funds. Instead, reckless investments and governance lapses place the retirement security of hundreds of thousands of public servants at risk.

The PSA calls on the Minister of Finance to implement urgent consequence management measures against those responsible for these losses. The PIC Board must strengthen internal controls, enforce transparency, and adhere strictly to investment policies. The PSA urges the Parliamentary Committees to expedite oversight processes and ensure that recommendations from the Mpati Commission of Inquiry are fully implemented.

In addition, the former PIC Board must be called to account before Parliament regarding bad investments and write-offs. It has become a norm that PIC investments are used to cash-inject persons through thoughtless and unworkable projects that are ultimately liquidated whilst the beneficiaries' pockets are full. Public servants cannot be expected to bear the brunt of mismanagement and corruption.

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