

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA laments failures at Department of Human Settlements as budget speech reveals deepening housing crisis
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned following the budget vote by the Minister of Human Settlements, which laid bare ongoing failures in the Department of Human Settlements.

The budget presentation confirmed what many South Africans already experience daily - a housing system struggling to meet demand and deliver on promises. The PSA noted with disappointment the persistent housing backlog, expansion of informal settlements, and the slow pace of delivering adequate and serviced housing. These challenges point to systemic inefficiencies, poor planning, and weak accountability mechanisms in the Department.

Whilst government continues to acknowledge these issues, the PSA believes that acknowledgment alone is insufficient. The lack of tangible progress raises concerns about whether allocated resources are being effectively utilised to improve the lives of citizens. Equally worrying is the strain placed on public servants, who are expected to deliver under conditions marked by inadequate capacity, limited resources, and operational constraints.

The PSA emphasises that failure in housing delivery is not merely administrative. It has serious social and economic consequences, undermining dignity and exacerbating inequality. The PSA calls for urgent intervention to strengthen institutional capacity, improve oversight, and ensure that budgets translate into measurable outcomes.

The PSA urges government to engage stakeholders, including organised labour, to develop practical and sustainable solutions to the housing crisis. South Africans deserve more than plans, they deserve action, accountability, and results.

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