

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA reiterates call for abolition of Deputy Minister position following revelations at Madlanga Commission
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) feels vindicated following recent revelations during questioning at the Madlanga Commission whereby the Deputy Police Minister disclosed that he and the fellow Deputy Minister have had no official duties for over a year since their appointments in June 2024.

Despite this, both continue to receive annual salaries exceeding R2.2 million, funded by South African taxpayers. This blatant misuse of public funds is unacceptable in a country facing severe economic challenges, service-delivery backlogs, rising unemployment and high crime rates. The PSA strongly condemns the continued existence of Deputy Minister positions that serve no functional purpose and calls for their complete abolition.

The PSA has previously called for abolition of this position that has proven to add no value to service delivery and has been used to accommodate comrades who could not get ministerial positions. Many Deputy Ministers have very little or no role to play as they are in the same position as Police Deputy Ministers. The country is bleeding approximately R300 million annually, paying 43 Deputy Ministers. Even political parties that previously complained that the public service was bloated, went quiet when they got opportunity to get positions for their comrades in the Government of National Unity.

The PSA calls on the President to immediately initiate legislative reforms to eliminate the Deputy Minister's role from the executive structure and subsequently redirect funds currently allocated to such positions towards critical public services such as education, healthcare, and policing. Government must lead by example in promoting fiscal discipline and efficiency. Maintaining redundant executive positions undermines public trust and diverts resources from essential services with a direct negative impact on citizens.

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