

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	PSA supports SIU call for increased capacity to decisively combat corruption
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The Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA) expresses the Union's firm support for the Special Investigating Unit's (SIU) to be sufficiently capacitated to strengthen the battle against corruption, maladministration, and the illicit accumulation of wealth in the public sector.

The PSA has consistently maintained that corruption is not a victimless crime. It directly undermines service delivery, erodes public trust in the state, and deprives millions of South Africans of essential services. Public servants and citizens bear the cost whilst a small, unscrupulous minority enriches itself through unlawful means and ostentatious "luxury lifestyles".

The SIU's work has revealed systemic corruption that often involves complex networks, senior officials, and politically connected people. In this context, enhanced capacity is critical to enable the SIU to act swiftly, independently, and without fear, favour, or interference. Investigative bodies tasked with safeguarding public resources must be adequately empowered to follow evidence wherever it leads.

The PSA believes that strengthening the SIU's capacity will improve the speed and effectiveness of investigations into serious corruption. It will close loopholes exploited to delay or frustrate accountability and support recovery of stolen public funds. It will further reinforce the constitutional principle that no one is above the law. The PSA wishes emphasises that the majority of public-sector employees are honest, committed, and dedicated to serving communities. Corruption tarnishes the reputation of the public sector and demoralises ethical employees who strive to uphold professional standards under increasingly difficult conditions.

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