

MEDIA RELEASE: PSA warns against SAA bail outs

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), which represents more 240 000 public servants, opposes any proposal by government to bail out the South African Airways (SAA).

The PSA has previously warned government that the continuous injection of funds into ailing state-owned entities (SOEs) is plunging the economy into a deepening crisis.

The PSA further warns government that assisting SOEs that are not economically viable and at the same time pleading poverty by not honouring an agreement to pay public servants' salary increase is hypocritical. To date, government has not honoured the salary agreement signed three years ago in terms of which public servants should have received salary increases in April 2020.

Public servants have been at the forefront of combatting the COVID-19 pandemic and their patience is wearing thin. Public servants, like all other citizens are feeling the effects of the pandemic and are struggling to make ends meet with the rising cost of food, transport and fuel costs. The PSA once again warns government to prioritise its funding and ensure that the public servants are paid what is due to them and not waste money on futile efforts to resuscitate doomed SOEs.

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