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| MEDIA RELEASE | PSA welcomes clean audit for Mpumalanga Office of the Premier and challenges other departments to follow |
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the clean audit outcome achieved by Mpumalanga's Office of the Premier for the 2024/25-financial year, as confirmed by the Auditor-General of South Africa.

This achievement reflects discipline, accountability, and the dedication of employees in the Premier's Office who continue to uphold principles of good governance. The PSA recognises the contribution of public servants who, despite limited resources, pressure, and systemic challenges, remain committed to ethical administration. Their collective effort proves that when governance structures are respected and audit recommendations are implemented, clean and transparent administration is possible.

The PSA, however, raises concern that this milestone by the Premier's Office is s an exception rather than standard across departments in the province. Year after year, several departments continue to receive negative audit outcomes, reflecting wasteful expenditure, poor internal controls, and disregard for accountability. These failures erode public trust and deny communities the quality services they deserve.

The PSA calls on all provincial departments to emulate the Office of the Premier by strengthening internal controls, respecting oversight structures, and ensuring accountability in the use of public funds. There is no excuse for irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure when clear governance models exist.

The PSA is committed to holding government accountable whilst defending the interests of public servants who are often unfairly blamed for failures rooted in weak leadership and poor financial discipline. Clean audits are not an abstract achievement, but proof that good governance is possible when leadership and workers share a commitment to accountability.

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