

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**PSA welcomes SIU investigation for Limpopo Departments**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the decision by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), to investigate the Limpopo Department of Health, Department of Education, and Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs amid allegations of corruption and maladministration in these departments. Both these departments were entangled in the allegations of corrupt activities ranging from inflated prices, favouritism, abuse of power, fraud, and maladministration. The PSA would have preferred that the implicated officials be put on precautionary suspension to allow unhindered investigation however the Premier had taken a decision not to place anyone on special leave on the basis that he has nothing tangible.

The investigation would bring this matter of corruption to finality, where those who are found to have misconducted themselves or unduly benefited from fraudulent activities, would face the wrath of law. Corruption robs the people of Limpopo in that there is no value for money due to the inflated prices thus leading to a failure to develop social infrastructure such as water and electricity. The PSA previously called on the Premier to demonstrate seriousness in dealing with corruption without success. Lack of consequence management perpetuates corruption and maladministration hence the PSA hopes that the SIU investigation will be a deterrent to those practicing such.

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