

**MEDIA RELEASE**      The PSA welcomes the recruitment of over 300 Immigration Officers to strengthen enforcement capacity at Home Affairs

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the timely intervention by the Department of Home Affairs, to strengthen immigration enforcement and complement the on-going strategy to digitise its systems and processes. The Department took a significant step towards improving its capacity at the time when concerns about illegal immigration and border security have intensified. These appointments come at the time when communities have expressed concerns over the presence of undocumented foreign nationals and the perceived impact on the public services, employment opportunities and community safety.

The Department has the responsibility to implement and enforce immigration laws fairly, effectively and without discrimination. The PSA had consistently raised concerns about the shortage of Immigration Officers within the Department of Home Affairs. The limited number of enforcement personnel had compromised the inspections and compliance operations. The department continued to struggle to address immigration related offences, human trafficking, document fraud, and drug trafficking.

The PSA welcomes the appointments and emphasises that they should form part of a broader strategy to address staff shortages across the Department. The Department must ensure that the newly appointed Immigration Officers receive comprehensive training, adequate resources and necessary operational support to perform their duties safely and effectively. The proper equipment, transport, technology, and professional development are essential for a successful enforcement operation.

The PSA remains committed to working constructively with the Department and relevant stakeholders in the public service to improve service delivery.

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