



**MEDIA RELEASE**                      **KwaZulu-Natal Department of Arts and Culture: PSA calls for SIU investigation into R2.2 million corruption**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disturbed by allegations as reported in a Departmental Portfolio Committee meeting on 30 June 2021 whereby the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Arts and Culture bought personal protective equipment at a cost of more than R2.2 million for personnel at a library that does not exist.

The PSA calls upon the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to investigate this serious allegation and take steps to ensure that perpetrators are brought to book. The SIU is empowered to probe allegations relating to the misuse of COVID-19 funds across all spheres of the State and institute civil proceedings to recover any damages or losses incurred by the State.

The PSA further calls upon the KZN Department of Arts and Culture to take action against those implicated in this matter and cooperate with the SIU in dealing with this serious matter as corruption is a crime that has robbed citizens of their right to basic services. The PSA will continue to hold the Department accountable and protect the rights of workers and citizens.

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