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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes Premier Mandla Ndlovu's State of the Province Address at the opening of the 7th Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature.

The Premier pledged to address previously unfulfilled commitments by his predecessors, emphasizing efforts to combat the high levels of crime in Mpumalanga, engaging the Special Investigating Unit and other Chapter-9 Institutions in anti-corruption and crime prevention.

Premier Ndlovu additionally committed to job creation, supporting entrepreneurs for an inclusive economy, increased infrastructure investments, improved public transport, enhanced access to education and healthcare services, and prioritised infrastructure upgrades. The Premier further announced the completion and imminent operation of the Mpumalanga Fresh Produce Market. The Premier also pledged to upgrade the water supply in the province.

The PSA appreciates these commitments and urges the Premier to also take leadership on critical issues such as scholar-transport safety. Recent incidents, such as learners' involvement in accidents and attacks on schools, highlight the urgent need for government intervention to ensure learners' safety whilst also enhancing security measures at all public institutions. The PSA has confidence in the Premier's ability to fulfil these promises and appeals for these commitments to be turned into reality.

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