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The Public Servants Association (PSA) eagerly anticipates the Eastern Cape Premier's address at the opening of the 7th Legislature on 1 August 2024, in Tabankulu.

The PSA, representing the interests of thousands of public-sector employees in the Eastern Cape, looks forward to hearing a clear, actionable plan from the Premier regarding key issues affecting public servants. The PSA expects the Premier to address various dire areas with proposed interventions. These include constant attacks on health institutions and schools by criminals who are strike and rob phones, cars and other valuables from especially nurses and doctors. Educators and learners at schools are also targeted by criminals, with some schools being forced to pay protection fees.

In addition, concrete measures are required to enhance working conditions, including improved safety, resources, and support for public-sector employees, especially in challenging and high-stress environments. Initiatives to support public servants' continuous professional development and career advancement, including training programs and opportunities for upskilling are of critical importance. At the same time, assurance regarding job security and stability for public servants needs to be provided, with a clear stance on preventing job cuts and ensuring fair employment practices.

Plans to enhance service delivery in the Eastern Cape through effective management and support of public servants are essential to ensure a well-equipped public sector that is motivated to serve the community effectively.

The PSA remains committed to engaging constructively with the Premier and the provincial government to ensure that these expectations are met and that the interests of public servants are prioritised. A strong partnership between government and its employees is essential for achieving positive outcomes for the people of the Eastern Cape.

The PSA therefore urges the Premier to use this opportunity to provide a transparent and forward-thinking agenda that addresses critical issues and supports public servants' continued dedication.

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