

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA rejects Government's plan on comprehensive social security and retirement reforms**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), which represents more than 235 000 public servants, rejects government's plan for comprehensive social security and retirement reforms with the contempt it deserves.

The Department of Social Development has gazetted a green paper on Comprehensive Social Security and Retirement Reform, which proposes a new government-managed fund. In terms of the proposal, all South Africans earning above a certain income level will have to pay a percentage of their hard-earned money into these funds.

The PSA regards this proposal as another attempt by government to get its hands on over-taxed workers' hard-earned money. Government could not even honour the 2018-Public Service wage agreement and yet expects its employees to buy into these plans that will erode their income even more.

Given the ongoing corruption and embezzlement of money in South Africa, the PSA will leave no stone unturned to stop this ludicrous plan of government to establish another entity that politicians will loot without shame. The PSA further holds the view that the matter related to retirement reforms are the responsibility of National Treasury and is not part of the mandate of the Department of Social Development, of which the focus should be on social grants.

The PSA will utilise legal processes to persuade this plan to the benefit of its members.

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