



## DG MDAKANE OUTRAGED AND VOW TO IMPLEMENT CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT ON DELINQUENT OFFICIALS WITH INTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS



The Director-General for the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr Sifiso Mdakane is outraged and appalled by what appear to be deliberate undermining of internal audit findings by senior officials within the department. The DG believes that this conduct undermines our governance systems, weakens public trust, and compromises the integrity of the department.

The DG today, led the administration executive committee of the department as it appeared before the Independent Audit Committee, to account on its service delivery mandate and audit response plans. The DG is dismayed by frivolous disagreements advanced by some of the management executives to the internal audit committee only for the unit heads to make a somersault before the independent Audit Committee. This has not only delayed the implementation of the internal audit turnaround plans but has put the department into disrepute.

Internal audits are a critical function that identifies risk, strengthens controls, and safeguards resources entrusted to us. When these findings are dismissed or obstructed, the entire organization pays the price in inefficiency, corruption, and diminished public confidence. "I want to be crystal clear, there will be no tolerance for actions that undermine, ignore, or attempt to sabotage internal audit conclusions. This conduct is not only unethical but also unlawful, and it will be dealt with decisively" said DG Mdakane.

"Officials found to have undermined internal audit findings will face swift disciplinary actions"

"I call on all staff to uphold the highest standards of integrity, cooperate with audit processes, and act in the public interest. Our commitment to transparency, accountability, and good governance remains unwavering. Any attempt to undermine the credibility of internal audits will be met with decisive action from now henceforth". "We should all recognize that the role of Audit Committees is not to police the administration, but to assist in improving service delivery"

I wish to re-emphasise and rein enforce that the culture of accountability is the norm, not the exception for the department

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### AUDIT REPORT



Internal Audit reported in the Audit Committee various non-compliance to Supply Chain Management Process such as appointment of bidders without declaration of interest or incorrect declarations during the procurement of Internal Fittings for the Dome situated in Parliament Cape Town.

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Internal Audit further noted possible fruitless and wasteful expenditure due to insufficient due diligence conducted on some items that were over-charged by the service providers and excessive use of Emergency procurement when providing services to Parliament.

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Internal Audit recommended that supervisory controls should be strengthened to detect and prevent the non-compliance and the fruitless and wastefully expenditure should be reported and be treated accordingly.

Furthermore, the department should urgently consider establishing a panel of service providers or term contract with pre-determined reasonable prices for all the items that are required by parliament for their calendar events.

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Management in the Cape Town Region was directed to ensure that consequence management is implemented. Furthermore,

The Director-General has asked for the full implementation report on all matters that are affecting the Cape Town Region and will table these before the Audit Committee (These will include recommendations previously issued by AGSA and Internal Audit).

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