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POLOKWANE - The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (DPWRI) says it is implementing recommendations from a Special Investigating Unit (SIU) probe into the lifestyles of its supply chain staff and chief financial officer.

According to the department, 42 officials have undergone lifestyle audits. Of these, 15 were flagged as high or medium risk, while 27 were assessed as low risk with no significant findings.

The move follows calls by the EFF in Limpopo for investigations into alleged corruption within the department. DPWRI spokesperson Emmanuel Mongwe said the audits are being conducted in line with Resolution 9 of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (Scopa), which raised concerns that some supply chain officials may be living beyond their means.

Mongwe explained that officials identified as high and medium risk have been redeployed from the finance directorate to other units within the department, in line with SIU recommendations. He emphasised that lifestyle audits are precautionary measures and do not amount to findings of misconduct.

Public works MEC Ernest Rachoene welcomed the SIU's findings, describing them as a step towards strengthening clean governance and accountability. He said the department is committed to implementing all recommendations arising from the investigations.

"This process forms part of our broader commitment to building a transparent, accountable and responsive institution. Where administrative shortcomings have been identified, we are strengthening internal controls and governance systems. Disciplinary processes will be pursued where necessary, in line with legislative and labour frameworks, while matters requiring law enforcement intervention will be handled through appropriate channels," Rachoene said.

The department further indicated that lifestyle audits will be extended to officials in other critical directorates, including senior management.



MEC Ernest Rachoene.

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