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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Public Works & Infrastructure DG denies any role in alleged fraud in state funerals**

**Pretoria-** The Director-General of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Adv. Sam Vukela has noted with concern the media statement issued by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts(SCOPA) following the appearance of the Department before the committee today.

The DG would like to put it on record that he knows nothing about the report that was presented to SCOPA today. He has not seen the report that was presented today but only got to hear about it at SCOPA. He is also mostly shocked to learn that the matter has been reported to the President.

Adv. Vukela finds it very concerning that the statement of the committee project him as one of the officials implicated in a forensic investigation report by Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) on the fraudulent contract management and payment irregularities for the state funerals of Ms Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Dr Zola Skweyiya and Ambassador Billy Modise.

The DG has put it on record before SCOPA today that as the person who initiated the investigations on the above matter following the request by the officials for him to approve certain payments, he has not been given the report nor was he interviewed by the Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) investigators so that they could hear his side of the story as it is required by the law.

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