



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **SCOPA PROBES G-FLEET**

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature last week held in-camera hearings with the Department of Roads and Transport looking into corrupt and fraudulent activities at its entity, G-Fleet. The Committee was briefed by the head of department in the absence of the MEC, Mr Ismail Vadi. The committee expressed its disappointment at the MEC's absence as it regards the Executive Authority as accountable to the committee and the Gauteng Legislature and expected the MEC to prioritise the closed door meeting as requested by the Department.

The Committee was informed about the on-going investigations been conducted internally by the Department itself and others by the law enforcement agency, The Hawks. According to the Department the corrupt and fraudulent activities

are estimated at R38million at G-Fleet, a transportation entity of the Gauteng Transport Department which manages state cars on behalf of the provincial government.

At the centre of the investigations are allegations of theft of government's motor vehicles and parts including fuel cards abuse. Corruption being investigated also involved a scam whereby government vehicles were rented out for personal gains.

During the height of corruption involving the abuse of government cars, state vehicles were rented out to private functions and proceeds pocketed by officials.

The department said that several officials have been suspended and others have already been dismissed from employment as a result of this on-going investigations against corruption.

Chairperson of SCOPA Mbongeni Radebe raised concerns on the lack of proper systems which should have ordinarily prevented these corrupt activities by detecting malpractices on time.

Chairperson Radebe told department's officials to act decisively against those implicated in the corruption and told senior officials that they should "recoup the money from officials by involving the Asset Forfeiture Unit and attach ill-gotten assets as a remedial action".

The Committee also pointed out a lack of internal controls by the management of G-Fleet through non application of checks and balances as required by regulations and policy. The Committee gave the department just ten (10) days to respond adequately to some of the questions and concerns raised by the Committee and to submit a plan of how the Department will prevent such corrupt activities from happening in future.

**Issued by: Hon. Mbongeni Radebe**

**Chairperson of SCOPA**

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