

PSC TODAY

MEETING WITH THE TRANSPORT MINISTER

The Chairperson of the Public Service Commission (PSC), Professor Somadoda Fikeni together with Commissioner Mandla Makhanya met with the Minister of Transport, Ms Barbara Creecy in Pretoria on Thursday, 21 November 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the Minister on the performance of the Department of Transport against the Constitutional Values and Principles. The briefing focused on, amongst others, department's compliance with the financial disclosure framework, grievances referred to the PSC, precautionary suspensions, and misconduct cases.



The occasion was also used to brief the Minister on data access and integration for financial disclosure of SMS members. Professor Makhanya is Cluster Commissioner for the Department of Transport.

In other news, the Deputy Chairperson of the PSC, Ms Zukiswa Mqolomba participated at the 2024 State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Conference which was held from 14-15 November 2024, at the Premier Hotel in Sandton under the theme: ***Driving Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in Africa through aligning State-Owned Enterprises and Private Sector for Economic Development.***



The Deputy Chairperson was a panelist and her input at the Conference focused on "Reforming the Public Sector: the role of Professionalization and the Public Service Commission in addressing the Crisis and Shaping the future". The Conference was attended by amongst others, representatives from different SOEs, officials from various Government departments, Civil Society groups, political leaders, and political analysts, economists, accountants and lawyers.



MILITARY OMBUD SYMPOSIUM

The Director-General of the PSC, Adv Dinkie Dube represented the PSC at the Military Ombud Symposium held on Friday, 22 November 2024 at The Maslow, Pretoria. The theme for the Symposium was: **"Affirming and Promoting the Military Ombud's Oversight Responsibility: 30 Years into Democracy."** The Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Mr Richard Mkhungo delivered a keynote address, while the Military Ombud, South Africa, Lt Gen (Ret) V.R. Masondo made the opening remarks.

The Director-General moderated a panel session which reflected on, amongst others, the SANDF internal grievance handling, the Ombudsman oversight in the Armed Forces as well as the Military Ombud's role and Defence's responsibility to protect Women.

The Military Ombud Symposium brought together leaders and experts within the armed forces, civil service and academia to engage and deliberate on the best practices to enhance civil-military oversight by Ombud institutions.

The Symposium was also attended by, amongst others, the Public Protector, South Africa, Advocate Kholeka Gcaleka, Legal Services Ombud, South Africa, Judge Siraj Desai, Chairpersons of the Parliament's Standing Committee on Defence, Mr Phiroane Phala and Mr Malusi Gigaba together with the Members, Ombudsman of Malawi, Ms. Grace Malera, as well as Advocate Millicent Malebye, Mr Fanie Hartzenberg, Mr Siphwo Mendu, Mr Davashan Govender and Ms Zodwa Mtsweni from the PSC.

