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The Anti-corruption Bureau

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Establishment of the single anti-corruption agency

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- At the AU Summit of Heads of States held in February in Addis Ababa, His Excellency J Kwikwede , Prime Minister of Tanzania tabled a report on Anti-corruption Bureau of Tanzania;
- The Bureau deals with corruption, fraud and maladministration in the Public Service and makes provision for the role of tender review board and It also compels both public servants and political office bearers to declare their financial interests;
- His Excellency President Jacob Zuma endorsed the idea of Anti-corruption Bureau and advised MPSA to introduce the same model for RSA public service;
- The establishment of the anti-corruption Bureau is part of the MPSA priorities for 2013/14 financial year. The MPSA has commenced with the establishment of the Anti-corruption Bureau by codifying the establishment of the same in the Public Administration Management Bill which was published for comment on 31 May 2013.



Establishment of the single anti-corruption agency (continued...)

- The Bureau is an agency of the Ministry for Public Service and Administration;
- The Bureau shall be established as a statutory body in terms of section 45 of the draft Public Administration Management Bill;
- The structure of the Bureau is being determined on an incremental basis;
- The Bureau will operate as a government component.



Powers and functions of the Bureau (2)

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- Facilitate the protection of whistleblowers;
- Build capacity within institutions to conduct misconduct investigations and disciplinary hearings;
- Facilitate the enforcement of uniform disciplinary sanctions;
- Refer evidence which points to the commission of corruption-related misconduct to the relevant executing authority or head of an institution; and
- Refer evidence discovered through investigations regarding or which points to the commission of a criminal offence to the prosecuting authority.



How the Bureau will work with other anti-corruption agencies

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- South Africa has bodies that specialize in combating corruption offences. These bodies include the ACTT, (NPA, SIU, SARS, FIC, DPCI) amongst others.
- Collectively these agencies deal with inter alia criminal, forensic, protection of whistle blowers, fraud and corruption and prosecutions.
 - ▣ Deal with the corruptor in matters referred by Bureau.
- Bureau will have a structured relationship with anti-corruption agencies:
 - ▣ SLAs, MOUs and referral system will be the basis of the Bureau's modus operandi;
 - ▣ Sharing of information and access to databases where necessary.



Target for next 3 months

- ❑ **Setting up the Bureau:**
 - ❑ PAM Bill has gone through Cabinet.
 - ❑ Parliamentary processes.
 - ❑ Discussions with various agencies:
 - ❑ Secondment of officials;
 - ❑ Co-ordination of anti-corruption drive.
 - ❑ Funded posts and a existing budget to be utilised to operationalise the Bureau.
 - ❑ Identify Head of Bureau and set up initial structure using available budget.
 - ❑ Database for national repository being conceptualised, **but** *it* **to** commence.



Conclusion

- Government has a zero tolerance stance on corruption. We believe that the establishment of the Bureau will:
 - ▣ Deter public service employees from committing acts of corruption;
 - ▣ Result in a clean, efficient public service dedicated to service of the Country; and
 - ▣ Increase confidence in government's will and ability to deal with corruption in the public service.
- The PAM Bill has been published for comments; bilateral engagements with interested parties are underway.
- The Bill will be tabled in Parliament towards the end of June 2013 as originally promised. We rely on your support.

I THANK YOU