**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AUDITOR-GENERAL SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION OF DEPUTY AG APPOINTMENT**

**Parliament, Friday, 21 May 2021 –**The Standing Committee on the Auditor-General (SCOAG) appreciates the briefing it received from the Auditor-General (AG) on the process of appointing a Deputy Auditor-General (DAG).

The AG asked the committee to support the recommendation of the appointment of Mr Vonani Chauke as the DAG. The committee appreciates the consultation by the AG and the satisfactory responses she provided to the committee on this matter.

The AG informed the committee that the State Security Agency’s vetting process has yet to be finalised. The committee has indicated that it is in full support of the appointment process in principle, conditional on finalising the vetting of the candidate. The committee will also give itself three days to peruse all the documentation it has requested from the AG on this matter.

**ISSUED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE AUDITOR-GENERAL, MR SAKHUMZI SOMYO.**