Budget vote speech Hon. H Denner FF plus

House chairperson,

Just as what we are doing here today has its origin in legislation and most importantly the constitution of our republic, so does the values and principles that must ultimately govern public administration.

Section 195 among others lists as necessary the following values and principles:  a high standard of professional ethics that must be promoted and maintained, efficient economic and effective use of resources, transparency that must be promoted by providing the public with timely, accessible and ACCURATE information and equally if not most important – public administration MUST be ACCOUNTABLE – to name but a few.

These values and principles apply to every sphere of government, organs of state- and state-owned entities.

Constitutional values and principles in all levels of public administration are not negotiable and should be present, promoted and maintained.  This is fact, but does it happen in the public service or is the government treating the Constitution of South Africa as a mere guideline on which the preambles and introductions of reports and legislation can be based only to be forgotten the moment it comes to the implementation and practice thereof?

Voorsitter die feite spreek van self.

Staatsamptenare wat besigheid met die staat doen is aan die toeneem, hoewel die departement van Staatsdiens en Administrasie gereeld verslag doen oor pogings om hierdie gewraakte praktyk hok te slaan, kom daar meesal dadels van.  Die nommers is aan die toeneem – gerapporteerde gevalle neem toe – en dit is net die waarvan ons weet.  In hierdie geval is daar dus min van die sogenaamde hoë standaard van die professionele etiek wat van die openbare administrasie verwag word te sien.

The promotion of transparency by providing the public with timely, accessible and accurate information leaves much to be desired in practice.  Self-set performance targets by departments, half baked explanations for non-performance and non-compliance, the dragging of feet by departments and municipalities with providing of information to the public – which should be readily available, even upon request in terms of promotion of administrative justice legislation and the quality of siocio economic impact assessments by departments signed off by the DPME is reprehensible.

Verantwoordbaarheid van die openbare sector, oftewel die tekort daaraan is een van die hoofredes vir die chaotiese toestand waarin die land en spesifiek dienslewering aan gewone Suid-Afrikaners tans verkeer.

Chairperson, if the DPSA addresses only the lack of accountability and consequence management in the public service it will be the first and probably the most important step toward improving government efficiency and service delivery.

Die huidige loongeskil en dreigende openbare sektor staking as gevolg daarvan is die mees ongewenste situasie moontlik vir die tyd waarin die land homself tans bevind.  Die loongeskil, wat grootliks in die eerste plek veroorsaak is deur ondeurdagte massa-aanstellings en tweedens lafhartige loononderhandelinge het nou die algehele gebrek aan verstandige regering in Suid-Afrika tot 'n spits gedryf.

Suid-Afrika kan nie 'n massastaking bekostig nie, nog minder kan die fiskus dit bekostig om aan vakbondvereistes van 'n 8,3% verhoging te voldoen. Die huidige aanbod van 'n deur die bank verhoging met 'n addisionele kontantbetaling van R978 is onsinvol en sal dit meer sin maak om sleutel staatsamptenare soos dokters, verpleegsters, polisie, onderwysers, maatskaplike werkers en diesmeer volgens verdienste te beloon.  Hierdie staatsdienswerkers is onmisbaar en moet so behandel word – besnoeiings moet eerder in departemente gedoen word waar daar direkteure vir direkteure, adjunkte vir adjunkte en persoonlike assistente vir persoonlike assistente is.

Agbare voorsitter, die prioriteite van hierdie regering is verkeerd. Meriete en verantwoordbaarheid is onbekende terme vir die ANC en alvorens dit nie aangespreek word nie sal hulle ons verder saamsleep op die pad na verval.

Ek dank u.