

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ETDP SETA MISMANAGEMENT A TOTAL DISGRACE!

The SAOU vehemently condemns the actions of the ETDP SETA.

The Sectoral Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) were established to facilitate skills development, bridge the gap between education and the workplace and to reduce youth unemployment

For this “benefit” South African employers pay 1% of the payroll for the Skills Levy. The intention of the SETAs was to fund training through these levies.

It is therefore unfathomable that the allegations of R10 million which was deposited into “wrong accounts” unpaid SARS penalties and the multimillion-rand lease scandal of the ETDP SETA buildings were uncovered. The ETDP SETA allegedly paid million to offices in Marshalltown, which were not suitable for use.

This lack of governance and mismanagement of funds cannot be tolerated!

Educators see contributions deducted from their salaries, with no benefit to them. Funds for training are delayed and small numbers of educators are trained, while wasteful expenditure were incurred.

The SAOU supports the request by Minister Manamela for the ETDP SETA to provide the necessary documentation and explanations.

The SAOU cannot allow lacking governance and mismanagement of its members money and therefor adds its voice to that of other stakeholders to request that accountability be required of the ETDP SETA