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DPSA and SIU to sign Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen lifestyle audits and integrity in the Public Service

The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) on **Thursday, 05 November 2026**, to strengthen integrity, accountability and consequence management across the Public Service.

The signing comes as lifestyle audits gain momentum across government. Lifestyle audits are now mandatory in national and provincial departments. By March 2025, 91% of departments were implementing them. In the 2025 reporting cycle, 8 982 members of the Senior Management Service and more than 160 000 other public servants were reviewed.

As the programme grows, so does the need for specialised investigative capacity. The MoU gives the DPSA access to the SIU's investigators and forensic accountants for lifestyle audits, so that unexplained wealth is investigated thoroughly and fairly, and acted on decisively.

The MoU also provides for:

- Sharing investigative standards and best practice
- Supporting disciplinary cases and engagement with provincial administrations
- Seconding SIU investigators to the DPSA to build capacity in departments
- Referring departments with high governance risk to the SIU for investigation
- Joint risk assessments to strengthen policy and consequence management

The partnership supports government's commitment to a capable, ethical and developmental state. It protects public resources and the many public servants who serve with integrity.

The MoU will be signed by the Acting Director-General of the DPSA, Mr Willie Vukela, and the Head of the SIU, Mr Leonard Lekgetho.

Members of the media are invited to attend as follows:

Date	Thursday, 05 November 2026
Time	13:00
Venue	Batho Pele House, 546 Edmond Street, Arcadia, Pretoria
Signatories	Mr Willie Vukela, Acting Director-General, DPSA Mr Leonard Lekgetho, Head of the Special Investigating Unit
RSVP	By 03 November 2026, to the DPSA contact below

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