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### **PARLIAMENT WELCOME PSiRA'S 2017/18 ANNUAL REPORT**

The National Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Police has welcomed Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority's (PSiRA) 2017/18 Annual Report for tabling and adoption in the House soon. The entity's leadership comprising of the Director, Mr Manabela Chauke; the Acting Chairperson of Council, Mr Nhlanhla Ngubane and the Chief Financial Officer, Ms Mmatlou Sebogodi; presented the Annual Report before the Portfolio Committee yesterday (Friday) in Cape Town.

Director Chauke boasted before the Members of Parliament (MPs) that the entity received an unqualified audit opinion from the Auditor General (AG), for the 2017/18 financial year. He attributed this good performance to the following factors:

- (a) 82% of the planned target achieved
- (b) 40 692 security businesses and security officer inspections conducted
- (c) 375 arrests out of 63 operations
- (d) 1 324 firearm inspections
- (e) 6.2 % increase in the number of security officers renewing certificates for registration
- (f) 6.2% increase in female officers employed
- (g) 49% reduction of the previous audit findings

The Committee Chairperson, Mr Francois Beukman (MP), said he was happy that PSiRA followed the tone and guidance of the AG in making sure that proper procedures and framework for reporting is followed. "PSiRA must tighten its grip on internal processes, restore the confidence of the people and encourage them to report all incidents so we can know where

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the private security sector stands in terms of providing a good quality service to the people”, he said.

Director Chauke said the entity has to always go and report to the Committee in order to increase the level of assurance the public has in PSiRA. “Clearly there is significant improvement in terms of the audit findings, there are one or two issues that still needs to be taken care of. The language used by the Auditor General is always evasive and it pushes us to always go the extra mile in terms improving the way we do things. We also take pride in ensuring that we always explain what PSiRA is about. Most of the questions asked by the Members of Parliament are clarity-seeking questions in terms of how things are done,” he explained.

When asked about not getting a clean audit opinion, Director Chauke said it was not a number one priority for PSiRA to get a clean audit opinion but rather to improve the internal controls so that there are no issues to be flagged by the AG and then a clean audit will result out of that.

MPs congratulated PSiRA on improvements highlighted in the Annual Report and on AG’s report, they said a clean audit opinion is possible.

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