

**From:** Hon. Alan Beesley – Member of Parliament, ActionSA  
**To:** Hon. Songezo Zibi – Chairperson, Standing Committee on Public Accounts  
**Date:** 01 September 2025  
**Subject:** Request for SCOPA to Summon the Government Pensions Administration Agency and the Minister of Finance

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Honourable Chairperson,

The recent revelations of procurement irregularities within the Government Pensions Administration Agency (GPAA) – including the so-called ghost lease and payments amounting to over R1.2 billion for premises not legally under the agency’s control – pose a serious threat to the integrity of public finances and the pension savings of civil servants.

Reports indicate that the GPAA awarded a R500 million biometric contract to a company without any directors and paid nearly R36 million to Shula Developers for refurbishments at a non-existent office, which was returned on the same day the GPAA CEO was suspended, but without interest. These transactions raise grave concerns about the agency’s governance, financial oversight, and adherence to the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

In light of these developments, we respectfully request that the Committee convene hearings and summon:

1. The suspended Chief Executive Officer of the GPAA;
2. The Acting CEO and relevant members of the GPAA Advisory Council; and
3. The Minister of Finance and senior Treasury officials,

to account for the irregular expenditure, the circumstances under which these contracts were signed, the Minister’s knowledge and response, and the measures being taken to recover funds and prevent recurrence.

Given the scale of public funds at risk and the consequences for millions of public servants, we submit that urgent SCOPA intervention is justified and in the public interest.

Yours sincerely,

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