



## **EFF STATEMENT ON THE 6TH ADMINISTRATION LEGACY REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has noted with concern the 6th Administration Legacy Report of the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises, which was responsible for oversight duties over the now defunct department, which was led by the disgraced former Minister Pravin Gordhan.

On the 30th of August 2024, the Portfolio Committee on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation sat to reflect on the report, following the effective dissolving of the Department of Public Enterprises, and realignment of the State-Owned Enterprises (SOE's) it presided over to the relevant line ministries within the Executive. The legacy report by the Committee, is a white-washing of history that credits the decline of SOE's over the past five-years to external factors such as environmental challenges, protests and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report is a document that captures perfectly the lack of accountability, impunity and lack of self-introspection which characterised the Minister who presided over the Department, because it seeks to absolve Pravin Gordhan of his role in the systemic collapse of SOE's. It is an undeniable fact that a major cause for the deterioration of entities that were in the Department of Public Enterprises is the political meddling by Pravin Gordhan in the technical operations of SOE's.

In a mission to rationalise the neo-liberal agenda to privatise ESKOM, TRANSNET, DENEL, SAA and ALEXCORR, Pravin Gordhan orchestrated the austerity measures that characterise the collapse of SOE's. It was Pravin Gordhan, who promoted the ideals of defunding and privatising SOE's by undermining state-capacity through purging black professionals and installing incompetent puppets who made these entities dysfunctional.

The principles of public-private partnerships, wherein the private sector conducts a gradual but hostile takeover of key functions of the State, were implemented by Pravin

Gordhan, and he was the principal of man-made load-shedding that created the impression that privatisation is the only option to resolve the electricity crisis.

The collapsed railway infrastructure in South Africa, the exorbitant and corrupt pricing of flights due to the collapse of SAA, the dubious sale of SAA for R57, the auctioning of Airports Company South Africa's (ACSA's) aviation infrastructure and the dangerous agenda to privatise DENEL, which is a military equipment manufacturer for our country, are all products of Gordhan's leadership as an agent of the capitalist establishment.

One of the challenges raised in the Legacy Report is that there is a concern over the sustainability of DENEL as an SOE, an obvious attempt at suggesting that the developer of our military tools and capacity must be privatised. The EFF wishes to state categorically that we are opposed to any and all attempts to privatise DENEL, as that would mean South Africa will no longer be a sovereign state nor be able to claim to have military intelligence to defend our nation from domestic or international threats.


The privatisation of DENEL would mean that the private sector is in firm control of the South African Defence Force (SANDF), and is effectively in charge of the military direction, capacity and resource ability of our army. This agenda must be opposed and rejected with contempt.

The EFF will safeguard the nations assets, which now sit firmly under the guidance of the puppets of white and foreign business interests that have infiltrated our democratic project using money. The DA-ANC Coalition will use its ministers to destroy SOE's, and their policy platform will be pursued through austerity measures by the South African Treasury, and political rhetoric that promotes privatisation over state-capacity.

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