



**small business
development**

Department:
Small Business Development
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

To: All Media
Attention: News Editors and Journalists

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For immediate release

**SCAM ALERT! IMPERSONATION OF THE EMAIL OF MINISTER FOR SMALL
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT- MS. KHUMBUDZO NTSHAVHENI**

The Minister for Small Business Development wishes to caution the public about an email purporting to be the email from Minister Ntshavheni.

The alleged email address uses the ORG domain and solicits payment for participants on various programmes of the Department. The Minister wants to state categorically that she does not solicit payments, either through emails, inboxes, direct messages(DM) whatsoever to participants on the department's programmes. The facilitation to access services for SMMEs is done for free. No SMME must pay for a government service that is due to them to a person claiming to facilitate/fast track access.

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