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Mpumalanga province spent R9 million on salaries for 35 workers sitting at home. The 9 millions paid in salaries to suspended workers is wasteful expenditure. by Virginia Keppler-Young 02-02-2023 20:30 in News. The 9 millions paid in salaries to suspended workers is wasteful expenditure. Image: African anti-fraud and corruption. The Public Servants Association (PSA) noted that the Mpumalanga Provincial Departments paid R9 million in salaries to 35 suspended employees for more than 60 days. **MILLIONS PAID TO SUSPENDED EMPLOYEES IS WASTEFUL** According to the PSA, these employees are on precautionary suspension for more than 60 days but are still receiving their salaries. The PSA says these suspensions are irregular since the hearings did not occur within 60 days, according to the Department of Public Service and Administration's (DPSA) guide on precautionary suspension. The PSA says the millions paid to suspended employees is wasteful and they should be called back to work. Image: Supplied. 72 stone attacks on Cape Town buses in three months. The DPSA code proves that the employer must hold a disciplinary hearing within 60 days of the suspension. "It is clear that departments use precautionary suspensions to intimidate, victimise, and silence employees. Failure to finalise matters can be attributed to incompetence in labour relations sections and the inability to investigate cases," PSA says. JMPD Sergeant helps woman give birth on a Northcliff street. **SUSPENDED WORKERS MUST RETURN TO WORK** Referring to the R9 million in salaries paid to suspended employees, the PSA calls upon the

Mpumalanga Premier to urgently address this wastage, abuse of power, and incompetence by departments. The PSA says The DPSA is also guilty of failing to ensure that departments implement its Guide and Disciplinary Code. Failure to hold departments accountable perpetuates the injustice, unfairness, and contravention of the South African Constitution that provides that everyone has a right to fair labour practices,” it states. Ramaphosa nominates Judge President of the Supreme Court of Appeal The PSA says the suspended employees must return to work, or the disciplinary process must continue promptly. According to the PSA, the public sector is bending under a staff shortage. They say paying 35 suspended employees R9 million in salaries while they do not perform their duties. “That is wasteful expenditure and impacts service delivery. The PSA has consistently raised this matter at Departmental Bargaining Chambers and Provincial Sectoral Councils,” it states. The PSA says the waste of state resources and abuse of power; however, continue without consequence management for this injustice. WATCH: Armed robbery before suspects were shot dead [Video] The PSA says it would approach the Premier and Minister of Public Service and Administration on the matter. If that fails, they will reach out to the Public Service Commission as a custodian of good governance.