MEDIA RELEASE **PSA concerned about stability at North-West COGHSTA**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted North-West Premier Job Mokgoro's report, terminating the services of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) MEC, Mmoloki Cwaile, as well as the MEC's letter of resignation, published prior to the dismissal announcement.

The PSA calls for calm and stability in this pivotal Department to service delivery in the Province. Although Mr Cwaile's successor has been announced, the lack of communication on decisions and reasons therefore by the Department is of concern. The PSA thus pleads with the Premier to shed light on reasons for Mr Cwaile's dismissal to arrest continued media speculation.

The lack of communication regarding the reasons of decisions taken is illustrated by the announcement that Mr Cwaile was put on special leave without providing any details. Although it is the Premier's prerogative to appoint members of the executive council, this provision should not be abused. The PSA is concerned about the effect that instability has on staff morale and as a representative Union of COGHSTA employees, appeals to the Premier to exercise his discretion with care and to take the public in his confidence on such serious matters.

The PSA calls upon COGHSTA employees to remain calm and prioritise service delivery without political interference. Employees are further encouraged to report any irregularities to the authorities.

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