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PSA condemns failure to eradicate pit toilets by Limpopo Education as per Court Order issued in 2018

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disappointed by the failure of the Limpopo Department of Education to implement a court order compelling them to eradicate pit toilets at all schools in the province by 2018. To date, Limpopo has more than 500 pit toilets in schools. According to their plan, the Department can only eradicate the outstanding pit toilets by 2030, which is not acceptable.

According to information at the PSA's disposal, the Department over the past three years spent almost R 300 million of its budget to improve the situation. The PSA was told that the Department is building one unit at a cost of R96 000, which is viewed as unwise for the Department to have procured one unit for such an exorbitant price. The PSA calls on the Department of Education and Public Works to have a re-evaluate the cost of the units if it seriously wants to speedily deliver safe and hygienic toilets for the learners.

The PSA calls on the Department to get permission that will allow them to employ artisans who will build the same toilets at a fraction of the costs being paid to contractors. Additionally, such an approach will ensure that the Department has control and could speedily finish this project. Provision of a safe environment for learners remains non-negotiable and the matter must be prioritised.

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