

**MEDIA RELEASE**                      **PSA condemns refusal by E-Gov to close dilapidated Imbumba House**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 245 000 government employees, condemns the refusal by E-Gov to close the Imbumba House building that accommodates the Gauteng Department of E-Gov and the Gauteng Department of Treasury.

The management of the Gauteng Department of Treasury closed its section of the building and its employees have been working either remotely or from other safe sites since the beginning of June 2023. Gauteng E-Gov's top management, however, refused to close the sections and floors that the Department occupies. Imbumba House is in an extremely poor and dilapidated condition. There is structural damage with the water supply running through the structure and concrete is crumbling. Water running through the building is causing ceilings to collapse on employees' desks and equipment.

Senior managers of the Department have already voiced concern about the increasing risk of working in the building. The PSA has made many attempts to meet with the MEC for E-Gov and the Head of Department to no avail. The PSA also requested the Premier to step in to resolve this matter and is aware that the Premier instructed the MEC responsible for Labour Relations in the province, Jacob Mamabolo, to meet with the PSA and resolve the issues. Despite many requests and promises from his Office, this meeting still has not taken place.

The PSA can no longer observe the risk imposed on employees' lives by a careless management with no regard for the health and safety of its employees. The PSA is consulting with its lawyer to start a legal process to close the building.

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