

MEDIA RELEASE PSA issues stern warning to Minister of Human Settlements

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted with extreme concern media releases and media articles regarding the Deputy Director-General: Corporate Services of the Department of Human Settlements.

In these articles, the Minister of Human Settlements, Mmamoloko Kubayi, states that the Labour Court has found that the Deputy Director-General: Corporate Service, Ms Nelly Letsholonyane, irregularly and unlawfully appointed nine Public Liaison Officers without due process.

The PSA, as representative Union for Ms Letsholonyane, regards these statements by the Minister as defamatory and slanderous as Ms Letsholonyane was not named in the applicant's founding statement nor the judgement in Case No JR 1215/18, nor was she served with papers as a first respondent. The court application was thus done without her knowledge, and she was denied the opportunity to present the circumstances and legal argument during the court process. After the judgement, Minister Kubayi was expected to follow labour law procedure and charge the Deputy Director-General in question and allow her to present her side on the incident in a properly constituted disciplinary inquiry. Instead, Minister Kubayi took to social media and declared Ms Letsholonyane guilty.

The PSA issues a stern warning to Minister Kubayi to with immediate effect cease from making any defamatory and slanderous statements regarding Ms Letsholonyane.

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