

MEDIA RELEASE PSA warns Department Public Works regarding allowing employees to occupy dilapidated CGO building in Pretoria

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is appalled by the decision to reopen the Department of Public Works CGO building in Pretoria, despite ongoing safety concerns.

The building was previously closed owing to occupational health and safety issues, including a collapsed ceiling, leaking roof, and inadequate ventilation. The PSA is shocked that the Department would put employees lives at risk by reopening a building that is not completely safe. The fact that the ceiling collapse at the IT centre occurred overnight is a stark reminder of the potential dangers faced by employees.

The PSA demands that the Department immediately finds alternative accommodation and not place employees' safety and lives at risk. The PSA further calls on the Department of Employment and Labour to account for its decision to allow the building to reopen. There is no justification for endangering employees. The PSA will continue to advocate for safe working environments and will take necessary actions to ensure employees' safety is prioritised.

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