

MEDIA RELEASE: DCS: PSA demands steps to mitigate Bosasa ripple-effects

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) during a meeting with the National Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) on 26 February 2019, made various demands to ensure that those DCS officials implicated by the Zondo Commission of Inquiry on State Capture are brought to book without delay and that human-resources issued be dealt with in the appropriate forum.

“The PSA, despite appreciating the initiative to share information, placed on record that the DCS only addressed a single aspect related to the African Global Operations (AGO) (formerly known as Bosasa) debacle. The DCS was questioned about the delay to take action against implicated officials. These very same officials continue with their employment and, in addition, have been tasked to advise the Commissioner of the state of readiness to take over 26 affected kitchens across seven management areas. The Commissioner, in response, indicated that the individuals concerned had been issued with letters to respond to the allegations where after appropriate action would be decided on shortly,” said PSA General Manager, Ivan Fredericks.

The PSA, as representative Union of more than 13 000 DCS also placed on record that the information-sharing meeting cannot be view as formal consultation and that all issues, including those related to human-resources implications must be tabled at the Departmental Bargaining Chamber as the recognised forum for further engagement.

“The PSA also reminded the DCS to comply with all relevant legislation to ensure that a proper process with regard to internal candidates, is followed when filling any arising vacancies in nutritional functions,” said Mr Fredericks.

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