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Public Service salaries: PSA welcomes labour's united stance on dispute with Government

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 230 000 public servants, is pleased with movements to resolve the impasse in the Public Service salary wage dispute.

Public servants did not receive the salary increases that were due on 1 April 2020. The PSA lodged an application at the Labour Court to force Government to implement the salary increases for public servants for the 2020/21-financial year. The salary agreement was signed in 2018, with the 2020/21-year being the final leg of the three-year agreement. The Cosatu unions opted to declare a dispute at the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC).

Correspondence was received on 10 September 2020 from the State Attorney representing the State as employer at the PSCBC dispute, indicating that the dispute at the Bargaining Council has been "stayed" pending the PSA dispute at the Labour Court.

The PSA welcomes this development as declaring a dispute in different forums on the same issue causes a "dispute traffic jam". All parties will petition the Labour Court for an expedited date to resolve the salary impasse as urgently as possible.

The PSA it is not intending to file any further process and supports the request for the matter to be expedited. The PSA welcomes the stance adopted by other unions on this matter and believes that a united stance by labour will ensure that public servants receive their overdue salary increases.

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