

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	Sheriff to auction Eastern Cape Department of Health assets owing to failure to comply with arbitration awards issued to PSA members
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<b>EMBARGO</b>	None
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disturbed by the Eastern Cape Department of Health's persistent failure to comply with legally binding arbitration awards issued in favour of the Union's members.

Despite clear rulings instructing the Department to compensate affected employees for unfair labour practices, the Department has failed to implement two arbitration awards issued on 24 March 2024 and 10 June 2024 respectively. This ongoing non-compliance left the PSA with no alternative but to initiate enforcement proceedings after formal Court Orders and Letters of Demand were ignored.

As a last resort, on 12 June 2025, the Sheriff of the Court executed a Writ by seizing a truck and another vehicle belonging to the Department. These assets are now set to be auctioned unless the Department settles the outstanding awards.

The PSA is disturbed that taxpayer-funded state resources are at risk owing to the Department's disregard for its legal obligations. This financial mismanagement is unacceptable, and the Department's continued silence and inaction reflect a troubling lack of accountability. The PSA demands that the Head of Department urgently intervenes to prevent further reputational damage and financial loss. The PSA is committed to defend the rights of the Union's members and will continue to act decisively against any employer that fails to comply with the law.

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