



FOR PSA MEMBERS: MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (DSD)

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Update: PSA representation on COVID-19 Committees

The Department of Social Development established the Committee as per DPSA *circular 7 of 2020* to deal with COVID-19. The first meeting was held on 17 April 2020 where the employer indicated that officials in critical positions will be recalled from lockdown to perform their duties. The following arguments were advanced by the PSA:

- No documentation was shared by the employer, instead all presentations were done verbally, and the PSA raised a concern on the unprofessionalism displayed by the employer to present without sharing any documents.
- The safety of officials who will be recalled and their screening before they resume duties.
- Transport to and from work.
- The allowance for working on these days.

Labour made it clear to the employer that the meeting would not continue until copies of presentations were made available to parties. The employer apologised for the omission and failing to send the documentation prior the discussions and agreed that the meeting must be postponed. The employer made an undertaking to forward the documentation before the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 April 2020. Should the employer act contrary to the agreement, members must call the PSA's Phumzile Zulu on 082 880 8940 or Flip van der Walt on 082 880 8993.

GENERAL MANAGER