

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

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Departmental Bargaining Chamber Meeting: State Attorney Offices - Johannesburg

Condition of State Attorney Office: Johannesburg

The PSA tabled the matter at the DBC meeting. The State Attorneys building in Johannesburg does not meet the requirements of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The Department of Labour previously inspected the building on the PSA's demand and issued several compliance notices. Although the Department "fixed" the lift and sewerage, the rest of the building remains in a bad condition and there is no action plan to fix it.

Parking space

The PSA referred the unfair allocation of parking at the State Attorney's Office in Johannesburg to the DBC. The PSA indicated that there are Senior Clerks who were allocated parking space many years back and are receiving subsidy for the parking spaces but have now been kicked out of the parking garage. Other officials are also no longer allocated parking and the Senior State Advocates parking space was also taken away from them and replaced by GG cars. The Departmental representative indicated that the Department will investigate the two issues raised by PSA and provide feedback not later than 7 November 2019.

The PSA objected to the long-time frame and demanded that feedback must be provided within 14 days. The Department rejected labour's proposal and insisted that it will provide feedback in the next Chamber meeting on 7 November 2019. The PSA has now declared a dispute in terms of section 17 of the governing rules of the Chamber and awaits the facilitation date that from the GPSSBC. Since there will be a facilitation process the intention to picket is placed on hold pending the outcome of the facilitation process.

Members will be updated on developments.

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