

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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Inmate ratio dispute

Members have been kept informed of developments on this matter in previous editions of the *Informus* (copies can be obtained from the PSA's website at www.psa.co.za or from any PSA Provincial Office).

The PSA by declaring a dispute wants to ensure a safe working environment for correctional officials. The shortage of staff has resulted in a number of attacks on officers through various stabbing incidents. Members were previously informed that the arbitration concluded on 6 November 2020. The Commissioner has now made a ruling and provided his award. The Commissioner ruled against the PSA's application citing that the demand is unreasonable. The PSA is already in discussions with its legal representatives to determine if there is any legal recourse to review the award.

Members will be kept informed of further developments.

The PSA wants to take this opportunity to wish all employees who are unwell due to the virus a safe and speedy recovery.

GENERAL MANAGER