

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA)

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Update: Positive COVID-19 Cases at BVR Building

The PSA received reports that there was a positive case of COVID-19 confirmed on 25 June 2020 at the National Office, BVR building. The PSA wrote to Deputy Director-General: Civic Services and Deputy Director General: Human Resources to implement appropriate measures as a matter of urgency to prevent further infections. The PSA requested that building be disinfected and deep cleaned. The employer was urged to comply with COVID-19 regulations and *OHS* protocols. The situation had created anxiety and fear among the employees who reported for duty at that time. The employees have a strong belief that the working environment at the BVR building is hazardous and pose a danger to their health and safety.

The PSA highlighted that the employees are highly exposed to the virus. The PSA requested the employer to conduct contact tracing and test all the employees suspected to have been in contact with the confirmed employee. The employer was further requested to issue a communique to employees to give clear directive in this regard. The employer committed to attend to the matter urgently and provide feedback to the PSA.

The PSA would therefore not hesitate to take further steps in terms of the COVID-19 Regulations should the employer fail to address the concerns raised. Members are advised to report any dissatisfaction in this regard to the PSA through their shop stewards.

The PSA will continue to monitor the developments in this regard and provide updates.

GENERAL MANAGER