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FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

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Feedback: Drinking water

The PSA was informed by members that the drinking water is not safe for human consumption. This prompted the PSA to write the Director-General to obtain clarity on the water crisis. Employees were informed by the employer to bring their own drinking water to ensure that they do not drink the contaminated water. The PSA requested for a special DBC meeting to discuss the matter where the employer indicated that it would provide a written report on the PSA's position that the employer must provide safe drinking water.

The employer provided the following written feedback on 18 November 2020:

- The employer is actively seeking a speedy resolution and a long-term solution to the water problem.
- The landlord has agreed to the installation and maintenance of the filtering and sterilising system mechanism in the building.
- The landlord will provide deadlines regarding the installation of the filtering and sterilising system mechanism soon.

The PSA further requested that the employer supplies drinking water for employees. The employer agreed to provide water to all employees whilst the landlord is working on a long-term solution to the drinking water. The employer further reported that the Accounting Officer has signed off on the submission to procure water for all employees. The water should be procured by latest 19 November 2020.

Members will be informed of developments.

The PSA wants to take this opportunity to wish all employees who are unwell owing to COVID-19 a safe and speedy recovery.

GENERAL MANAGER