

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Update: state of readiness to open offices

Pursuant to the risk adjusted strategy announced by the President and the introduction of Alert level-3, the department announced that one third of the staff establishment will resume duty on 1 June 2020. A special DBC meeting was convened on 29 May 2020. The employer made a presentation regarding the state of readiness to receive employees back to work. The employer outlined all the health and safety activities undertaken to prepare for the opening of the offices. The employer confirmed that the buildings were decontaminated, and that the Personal Protective Equipment was delivered to most of the offices. The employer further confirmed the establishment of the OHS committees.

The PSA noted the report, but observed that not all the offices in the regions have received the necessary PPE's and were therefore not ready to open on 1 June 2020. The PSA requested the employer to conduct an assessment in those offices which are not ready to open and implement appropriate measures. The meeting resolved that those offices which do not comply with the OHS regulations must not open on 1 June 2020 and the employer will issue a communication to employees in that regard. Those offices which are fully compliant will continue to operate with one-third of the staff establishment. The parties agreed to resume the special DBC meeting on 3 June 2020 for further feedback from the employer.

The members are encouraged to report any non-compliance of COVID-19 regulations to the PSA through the shop stewards.

GENERAL MANAGER