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FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - DURBAN AND VERULAM
MAGISTRATES COURTS (KWAZULU-NATAL)

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Update: Non-functioning of air conditioners

The PSA received complaints on 15 January 2020 from members at the Durban and Verulam Magistrates Courts regarding the non-functioning of air conditioners. On the same day, the PSA visited these Courts and inspected the air conditioners. At the Durban Regional Magistrates Court the PSA discovered that besides the air conditioning being dysfunctional, that telephones and internet services were offline from 14 of January 2020 to date, that there's an unusual odour coming from the air conditioners and that water pumps are leaking and need replacement. It was also found that there are no active health and safety representatives at the building. On completion of the inspection, the PSA met with acting Court Manager and raised concerns about the non-compliance with section 8 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993* as amended.

The Verulam Regional Office Court's air conditioners have not been working for the past eight years and supervisors were given split air conditioners. The PSA is continuously engaging management to move away from central plant operated air conditioners to address these overdue crises.

The PSA has requested an urgent meeting with the Durban and Verulam EXCO members of the said offices to address members' challenges. Members will be updated on progress with this matter. Members are requested to forward any collective bargaining issues to PSA shop stewards and the PSA Provincial Office: Durban to nono.moabi@psa.co.za.

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