

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO

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Feedback: Fight against unsafe state buildings

Rural Development: Fire at 96 Schoeman Street, Polokwane

Members will recall that the PSA stepped in for members' safety after fire erupted in August 2019 at the Office of Rural Development in Polokwane. Despite the assurance that the building was safe, another fire erupted on 6 January 2020. On 8 January 2020, the PSA insisted on an inspection by a Labour Inspector and arrangement of temporary accommodation. Following inspection on 10 January 2020, the Inspector issued the contravention and prohibition notice. Issues of electricity and air conditioning were raised as potential danger for employees, hence members will report at the Chief Director's Office at Biccard Street until further notice. If members are encountering challenges, they should not hesitate to contact the PSA shop steward or Provincial Office for assistance.

Air conditioning: Musina Magistrate Court

The non-functioning of air conditioners, being unpleasant and dangerous in this area, particularly during summertime, was reported to the PSA. The PSA approached the employer who confirmed the complaint and informed the PSA that the problem was reported to Public Works. The PSA followed up with written correspondence wherein the employer was given seven days to resolve the problem of non-compliance with the *OHS Act*. The response is being awaited.

Seshego Depot: Department of Health

The PSA received complaints from members regarding unfavorable working conditions at this institution. The building does not comply with the *OHS Act* and the PSA made a request to the Department for Labour for further assistance. The inspection of the building will be conducted as soon as the date is received from the Department of Labour.

Members will be informed of developments.

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