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FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Covid-19 Safety Regulations – Circuit Offices

Upon alert by frustrated members, the PSA visited Mankweng, Leboho, and Mamabolo Circuits on 9 June 2020, to assess workplaces in pursuit of a safe and conducive working environment. It was established that the vehicle garage had some serious cracks and is no longer usable. The department is failing to supply ink cartridges to members to make copies which make their jobs difficult. The office in which teachers' files are kept was untidy and with no lights and when members want to locate a file, they had to use their cellphones lights, owing to poor lighting, which poses risk of injury for employees.

The three circuits had four broken toilets, forcing employees to carry buckets of water every time they need to use the toilet, which is not acceptable. The PSA is engaging with the Acting Head of Department to ensure that these matters receive attention, and will not hesitate to involve the Employment and Labour Department, should these matters not receive the necessary attention. Furthermore, the PSA visited the Groblersdal Circuit Office, with a view to close the office after the employer failed to provide masks, whilst employees were compelled to work which was contrary to the safety directives. However, the employer finally provided the members with masks on Wednesday, 10 June 2020 whilst the issue of the establishing of the COVID-19 Committee is still pending. The PSA will engage with the department to ensure full compliance as the health of members remains non-negotiable.

The PSA again visited Seshigo High School, in Mabokelele on 9 June and established that although teaching was in full swing, there was no running water for drinking and sanitation. Engagement with the employer is underway.

Members will be kept abreast of any developments. Further problems can be reported at 082 880 2937.

GENERAL MANAGER