

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (DCS)

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## Update: Ncome Management Area

On 12 April 2021, at Ncome Management Area, the National Commissioner deployed emergency support teams from other provinces to, *inter alia*, investigate, audit and vet all members. The KwaZulu-Natal Regional Commissioner and Ncome Area Commissioner were not informed of the deployment of this team.

The deployed team started harassing persons, including correctional officials and offenders. They were entering the correctional centre with bags, tear gas cannisters and cellphones and had refused to be searched. According to Correctional Services policies, no one is allowed to enter a correctional centre with these items, and nobody is allowed to enter a correctional centre without being searched.

On 30 April 2021, the PSA called a meeting with the leaders of Regional Commissioner KZN, the Ncome Area Commissioner and leaders of the deployed team. It became apparent that for the past three weeks, the team was operating without proper consultation with all stakeholders including labour and nobody knows about the terms and reference of the deployment.

The PSA then advised the DCS to remove this team out of Ncome Management Area with immediate effect. The instruction to officially remove the team from Ncome Management Area is awaited from the National Commissioner. The situation at Ncome has since returned to normality. For more information, members can contact Perfect Zulu on 082 805 7114.

GENERAL MANAGER