

## Feedback: Special Chamber meeting - 8 June 2021

### **State of Disaster: OHS Compliance in relation to COVID-19 and return to work guidelines**

The employer submitted an OHS report, which was never endorsed by the OHS committee. The report was not circulated to labour prior to the special DBC and only shared in the meeting. Labour rejected the report as it only gave account on compliance matters for the Head Office whilst neglecting all other Stats SA offices across all nine provinces.

Labour raised concerns about the employer not taking this matter seriously, given that since the start of the third wave, Head Office alone had about three positive cases, which resulted in office being closed.

Labour invoked section 17 of the DBC rules, since the employer was repeatedly requested to convene a Steering Committee for OHS/COVID 19 since May 2020, which to date it has not complied with. The Department of Employment and Labour will also be approached for assistance.

The Chamber Secretariat will escalate the matter to the Council for facilitation and inform parties as soon as a date has been secured.

GENERAL MANAGER