

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DHET)

20-07-2022

Feedback: Special Departmental Bargaining Chamber meeting - 19 July 2022

Relocation process of DHET and new premises building for DHET

The employer reported that the Department experienced constant power cuts at the head office owing to non-payments of municipal rates. The Department confirmed that the monthly rental payments were made to the landlord through the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI). It was discovered that the landlord did not fulfill its responsibility to pay the City of Tshwane. The head office was subsequently closed for three weeks owing to a lack of electricity. The Department was unable to render proper services to clients. As a result, the Department decided to opt out of the current lease agreement with the landlord and start the process to relocate head offices employees to the CSIR as an interim measure. The employer further indicated that temporary relief measures will be implemented to support employees to commute from the CBD to the CSIR for the first six months.

The PSA noted the report and indicated that it does not have a mandate to accept the proposal for the relocation process. The PSA requested that the matter be deferred to the normal DBC meeting scheduled on 22 July 2022 for further deliberation. Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER