

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICE SECTORAL BARGAINING COUNCIL (GPSSBC)**

20-09-2022

Feedback: Northern Cape GPSSBC Chamber

The Northern Cape GPSSBC Chamber met on 9 September 2022 and the following matters were discussed:

OHS compliance and COVID-19 regulations

The employer reported that only one department out of ten submitted a report on the subject despite the above being a resolution of the previous Chamber meeting. The presentation of the newly formed Provincial Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform was shared with labour at the Chamber meeting. Labour registered the following concerns in reaction to the failure by the other departments to provide the requested reports:

- The continuous disrespect that provincial departments are displaying towards the Chamber by failing to provide required reports.
- The frequency at which Occupational Health and Safety meetings are held, as the last meeting was in February 2022 whilst regulations dictate that such meetings should be held quarterly.
- The lack of oversight by the Office of the Premier and failure to enforce compliance with the regulations by departments.

It was resolved that a detailed report will be submitted for attention of the next Chamber meeting.

Conclusion of Northern Cape Provincial Task Team's work: Transfer of Early-Childhood Development (ECD) function from Department of Social Development to Department of Basic Education

The employer updated the Chamber that the Provincial Task Team concluded its business and presented a report. The report on the transfer of the ECD function from the Department of Social Development (DSD) to the Department of Basic Education (DBE), was as an item for discussion deferred to the Coordinating Chamber of the Northern Cape Province. In relation to the transfer of the ECD function from DSD to DBE, the employer updated that some employees were already transferred from the DSD to the DBE.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER