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

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Update: Mpumalanga GPSSBC Chamber meeting

The GPSSBC Chamber Meeting was held on 29 June 2023, and the following Agenda items were discussed:

GPSSBC Resolution 5/2014 (Agreement on Recognition of Improved Qualifications in Public Service)

Members will recall that this is a long overdue matter wherein qualifications had previously been submitted by the employer to the DPSA. The DPSA reverted to the employer with a report, citing minor errors that needed to be rectified by the respective departments. It was mentioned by the employer that the DPSA will be visiting the province on 7 July 2023 to ensure compliance with the *attached* report by the different departments. Labour expressed a concern that the report is referring to specific pages to which they were not privy. A resolution was taken that by end of business on 30 June 2023, the employer will ensure that each union is in possession of the document previously submitted to the DPSA. Labour also noted with concern that the Department of Education was not mentioned in the report obtained from the DPSA. The Department of Education mentioned that its submission to the DPSA was made on its own and singled out because of a change in management. However, when the DPSA visits the province, it will also be included in the final comprehensive report, which will then be provided for in the next chamber meeting.

Hostel allowance and review of resettlement policy: Department of Education

This item was previously discussed in a bilateral meeting with senior management in the department. The inputs from labour were finally included in the policy and directive. This was confirmed by unions on 8 June 2023. The employer has given assurance that the documents were thus forwarded to the Head of the Department on 19 June 2023 for her approval and will be shared with the Council for distribution by the Secretariat. The items have thus been removed from the Chamber roll since they were successfully discussed and deliberated on.

The date of the next Chamber meeting is 15 September 2023.

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GENERAL MANAGER