

## Terrible state of Department of Employment and Labour Offices in Northern Cape

The PSA is extremely disappointed about the non-response by the Department of Employment and Labour regarding the poor state of its offices in the Northern Cape. Correspondence highlighting these unacceptable conditions was sent to the person responsible for complying with health and safety issues.

On 5 May 2023, the PSA escalated a letter containing non-compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* by five departmental offices in Kimberley, Kuruman, Postmasburg, Springbok, and Upington to the Chief Director: Provincial Operations. Complaints raised by members included:

- Dirty offices owing to no cleaning services or not having a cleaner since beginning of 2023.
- Unhygienic bathrooms and kitchens
- No filing cabinets, resulting in files laying open in offices
- Unused furniture stored on staircases

It is disturbing that the above-mentioned matters are inadequacies at the Department of Employment and Labour when it is the custodian of occupational and health matters. The PSA calls on the Chief Director: Provincial Operations in the Northern Cape to urgently address the issues raised in the PSA's letter, dated 5 May 2023. This unhygienic state of the mentioned Departmental offices cannot be left unattended, especially considering that COVID-19 is still a reality. The PSA will continue to pursue this matter until the employer takes heed and fixes the mentioned problems. The PSA Provincial Office in Kimberley can be contacted as follows: Russle Bindeman - 082 883 7563 / [russle.bindeman@psa.co.za](mailto:russle.bindeman@psa.co.za) or Eugene Louw - 076 249 2489 / [eugene.louw@psa.co.za](mailto:eugene.louw@psa.co.za).

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