

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - GAUTENG (JOHANNESBURG AREA)**

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Krugersdorp Magistrates Court: Occupational health and safety concerns and water crisis

The PSA, which represents more than 23 000 members in the Johannesburg region, received complaints from members at the Krugersdorp Magistrates Court during a mass meeting. The complaints were pertaining to the unsafe conditions that members have been forced to work under for the past three weeks. It was reported that the Court has been without running water for the past three weeks. Although management has installed water tanks outside the Court, which are filled every morning, the water only lasts for two and a half hours. Employees and the general public are then left with no drinking water and no ablution facilities for the remainder of the day or with ablution facilities that are utilised without water, causing an unpleasant smell in Courts. This has resulted in some members having to seek medical treatment as this affects their health.

During an inspection, the PSA was disappointed to see the appalling state of the more than 50-year-old building. The building is not being maintained properly, resulting in the ceiling in the Cash Hall and Civil Court falling. It was reported that recently pipes in the Court burst, which resulted in waterlogged passages in some sections of the Court. The burst pipes resulted in water pooling in the basement, which will eventually lead to structural damage of the entire Court.

PSA intervention

The PSA is addressing the above issues and will seek the intervention of the Department of Labour and Employment to address the occupational health and safety matters as a matter of urgency. Employees under the Department of Justice in Johannesburg who are interested in joining the PSA can contact their local shop stewards or the PSA Organising/Marketing Officer, Cde Mandy Modise on Cell/WhatsApp 082 880 8952 or e-mail mandy.modise@psa.co.za

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