



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **EASTERN CAPE (GQEBERHA AREA)**

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PSA welcomes closure discussions of unsafe government offices

The PSA welcomes the Department of Employment and Labour's (DEL) ongoing intervention in addressing unsafe working conditions across several offices in the Eastern Cape. Thanks to the PSA's dedicated shop stewards, serious occupational health hazards were flagged at the Department of Home Affairs in Sterkspruit and Department of Social Development (DSD) service centres in Amahlathi subdistrict, including Keiskammahoek, Cathcart, and Stutterheim.

Inspection findings

After raising these concerns, the PSA had no choice but to request formal inspections by the DEL. Its findings were deeply concerning:

- Sterkspruit DSD offices: No cleaners have been assigned, resulting in unacceptable hygiene conditions.
- Keiskammahoek DSD: Water leaks and broken furniture have created a hazardous environment.
- Cathcart DSD: Currently under observation owing to suspected non-compliance with health regulations.
- Sterkspruit Home Affairs: Building suffers from severe leaks and flooding during rainy seasons. The DEL recommended immediate closure.

PSA demands urgent action

The PSA calls on the Department of Public Works to prioritise the maintenance of all government buildings. Members deserve to work in safe, clean, and compliant environments. The PSA will continue to champion members' rights and safety as members' wellbeing matters.

Need to report unsafe conditions

Join the PSA today and be part of a Union that takes action! If you have concerns about your workplace, please reach out to Mxolisi Nyandu on 082 880 8968 / mxolisi.nyandu@psa.co.za. Together, we will keep pushing for safer workplaces!

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