



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (COGTA) - KWAZULU-NATAL**

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Feedback: COGTA Special Departmental Task Team (DTT) meeting - KwaZulu-Natal

The meeting discussed the following item:

Relocation from Southern Life Plaza building to other buildings in Pietermaritzburg

The PSA, after receiving complaints from members, requested an urgent special DTT meeting to discuss the relocation of employees from Southern Life Plaza to other buildings (Natalia and Wadley) in Pietermaritzburg. Organised labour raised the following concerns after having consulted members:

- Parking bays/space,
- Office space,
- People living with disabilities,
- Tools of trade, and
- Signing documents

The acting Head of Department (HOD) apologised sincerely to organised labour for failing to consult before a decision to relocate was taken. She further indicated that the decision to relocate employees was taken because of the cost-cutting measures that led to COGTA not renewing a lease agreement to rent Southern Life Plaza building. The Chairperson of the task team indicated that parking will be available for employees who move to Wadley because they are in the process of demolishing an old house to create parking space. Allocation of office space will be done according to the norms from Public Works Department and that common working areas will be created for field workers and that open space working areas are the new norm for the Public Service. Information Technology Communication is currently doing an assessment on revamping network points. Employees who want to move voluntarily to Mayville offices will be afforded such an opportunity but there will be no resettlement allowance. The acting HOD is busy with a plan to meet with affected employees in due course.

Organised Labour requested that four members be included in the task team committee and names were submitted by organised labour to participate in the task team.

Members will be informed of developments. For more information, please contact Nkosenye Ndlovu on **082 880 8979**.

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