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**KWAZULU-NATAL - DURBAN AREA**

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## Appaling and unbearable conditions at Ntuzuma Magistrate's Court

The PSA has formally written to the KwaZulu-Natal Regional Management of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development to draw urgent attention to the unbearable conditions that employees are required to function under during a time when the country is experiencing severe heat waves. Acting on complaints from members at the institution, the premises were visited to witness and experience firsthand the inhumane conditions that members are expected to work under.

To say that there are serious occupational health and safety concerns affecting members is an understatement. The building lacks adequate ventilation, and malfunctioning air-conditioning systems have rendered the working environment intolerable and potentially hazardous to employees and members of the public.

During the inspection, the PSA interacted with the acting Court Manager, the Chief Magistrate, and the Senior Public Prosecutor who all displayed willingness to engage on the matter. Given the seriousness of the situation, the PSA requested the Regional Management of the Department to urgently indicate steps being taken to remedy prevailing conditions. The PSA is committed to engage and is available to participate in any urgent meeting aimed at implementing immediate remedial measures to safeguard employees and the public.

The PSA has further escalated the matter to the relevant authorities for urgent intervention, including:

- The Department of Employment and Labour for an occupational health and safety inspection, and
- The Environmental Health Unit of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality to assess environmental health compliance.

Members will be informed of developments.

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