



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **EASTERN CAPE PARKS AND TOURISM AGENCY (ECPTA)**

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## ECPTA dire financial situation

The PSA received an invitation to attend an urgent meeting on Thursday, 28 May 2026, from the Chairperson of the Board of Directors in ECPTA. In the meeting, the Chairperson of the Board together with the Head of Finance presented a dire situation concerning the Agency and what the Board has been doing in trying to salvage the situation.

The Agency for this financial year received a budget of R210 million that was ring fenced for salaries amounting to R204 million and approximately R7 million for operations. The Board, in realising that the Entity would not be able to operate under such constrained budget, wrote to the mother body, the Department of Economic Developmental Environmental Affairs (DEDEAT) for an urgent intervention and indicated that should the Entity not be assisted it will cease operations. These attempts have not yielded any results as responses are still being awaited. In order to operate, the Entity requires around R93 million for operations, which at this stage, it does not have.

Following the meeting on Thursday, another meeting was held on Monday, 1 June 2026, where the Board made this announcement to staff members that the Entity is unable to operate under the circumstances, but engagements are continuing with the provincial leadership of DEDEAT, Treasury, and the portfolio committee. The Board also assured staff members that no one will be retrenched from the Entity. The Board further disclosed that the CEO of the Entity had resigned with immediate effect ending his employment on the last day of May 2026. The Board accepted this resignation, and an interim CEO was appointed to lead the Entity until a permanent appointment has been made.

### What next?

Organised labour has requested that an urgent meeting be held with all stakeholders involved to ensure that employees do not lose their jobs during this difficult time and to engage provincial leadership to preserve the Entity and rescue it for the betterment of the Province. Members will be updated on developments.

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