

Feedback: Free Satte DHA moving to new building

The PSA wishes to inform members of the outcome of a health and safety inspection conducted on 21 May 2026 at 09:00 at the new Home Affairs building. The inspection was attended by the Department of Employment and Labour, DHA officials, and PSA representatives. Several serious concerns were identified:

Ventilation and infrastructure

Many offices lack windows, resulting in poor ventilation. Extractor fans are not functioning, aggravating airflow challenges. Structural concerns were noted, including visible cracks in walls. The landlord has been instructed to provide a structural inspection report from a qualified engineer.

Maintenance and facilities

Numerous maintenance issues require urgent attention, including water leakages, missing ceiling boards, and doors that were allocated but remain unfixed. Carpets are in poor condition, and approximately 40% of floor areas lack carpeting, creating a tripping hazard.

Housekeeping

Poor housekeeping was observed in storage areas, passages, and the archive. This responsibility lies with DHA management and must be addressed urgently.

Electrical safety

A serious safety risk was identified at the distribution board in the Immigration office, which is exposed and not secured. A prohibition notice has been issued. The electricity inspector indicated that power supply to the Immigration section could be cut owing to safety concerns.

Regulatory actions

Prohibition notices are in the process of being issued to the DHA and the landlord. Management has been advised that any objection to these notices must be formally appealed to the Chief Inspector.

Way forward

The DHA has indicated that structural issues will be escalated to the landlord. The PSA will continue to monitor progress to ensure that all health and safety risks are addressed without delay. Members are urged to report any additional safety concerns to the PSA.

Employees who wish to join the PSA can visit the PSA website or contact the PSA Provincial Office for assistance.

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