



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATING BARGAINING COUNCIL (PSCBC) - MPUMALANGA**

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Update: PSCBC Task Team for disposal of state houses

Members will recall from previous editions of the *Informus* that a PSCBC Task Team, comprising of the employer and organised labour, was established to facilitate the process relating to the proposed disposal of identified state-owned houses.

The Task Team commenced with inspections *in loco* of the properties identified for disposal. The Department of Public Works has identified more than 1 700 state houses for disposal to members of the public service. In terms of the proposal, qualifying government employees will receive a 10% discount on the purchase price when the houses are placed on the market. Inspections have commenced from 17 to 21 August 2026 as part of the first phase of the process. The first phase covers properties situated across the Bohlabela, Gert Sibande, and Nkangala districts. The purpose of the inspections *in loco* is, amongst others, to conduct interviews with occupants of the identified houses and establish the status and legitimacy of occupants, identify any cases of illegal or unauthorised occupation, and assess the general condition and state of the properties.

The Task Team will consider the information obtained during these inspections and make appropriate recommendations to the PSCBC Chamber, which is scheduled to sit on 26 August 2026. Members are urged to take note that the Task Team does not have the authority to make the final decision on the disposal of the houses. Its role is to conduct the necessary investigations and inspections and thereafter make recommendations to the PSCBC Chamber. The final decision regarding the disposal of the properties remains with the Department of Public Works. It has further come to the PSA's attention that some occupants of the identified state houses have already received offer letters from the Department regarding the possible purchase of the properties. Occupants who have received such offer letters are required to respond to the Department and indicate whether they are willing to purchase the houses in accordance with the terms contained in the offer. Members are encouraged to carefully consider any correspondence or offer received from the Department and ensure that the required responses are submitted within the prescribed timeframes indicated on the letters and to the correct office.

The PSA, through the Union's participation in the PSBC Task Team and the relevant Chamber structures, will continue to monitor the process closely to ensure that the interests of public servants are properly represented. Members will be provided with feedback as the process unfolds, including the outcome of

the inspections *in loco* and the recommendations that will be presented to the PSCBC Chamber. The PSA is committed to ensuring transparency, fairness, and proper representation of members' interests throughout this process.

Join the PSA

Employees interested in joining the PSA can contact Sylvia Watkins - Sylvia.watkins@psa.co.za / 082 880 8941 or Thandiwe Mziyako - Thandiwe.Mziyako@psa.co.za / 060 962 8512. Alternatively, contact the PSA Provincial Office in Mpumalanga on (013) 741 7500.

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