MEDIA RELEASE	**PSA calls for better temporary accommodation following closure of PC Pelser Building in North West**
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) calls for intervention by the North West provincial management of the Department of Labour and Employment regarding hazardous conditions of temporary accommodation for employees after the PC Pelser building in November 2023.

Indecisiveness by the Departments of Public Works and Employment and Labour cannot be ignored as these conditions are affecting employees and denting service delivery to the community of Matlosane and nearby villages. The PSA has continuously cautioned the Department on the continued use of the Municipal Hall that is not properly equipped to serve as a working station. The Hall is not properly demarcated, does not have proper ventilation or proper sanitation facilities for employees and clients. There is no air conditioning to mitigate below-zero temperatures during winter.

Employees are exposed to these conditions without any communication by management and the continued snubbing of unions by the provincial head. These conditions have further deteriorated the fragile relationship between unions and the Department and fails to enhance labour peace. The situation at the PC Pelser building is not unique and highlights the continued failure by government to comply to its own laws of providing suitable accommodation for its employees, meeting all requirements of relevant legislation. The PSA strongly condemns the continued incompetence and failure by the Department of Public Works to ensure that the identified problems are resolved speedily.

The PSA urges the Department of Employment and Labour to stop temporary services at the Municipal Hall until suitable accommodation has been procured as a matter of urgency. Failure by management to comply will leave the PSA with no option but to use the law to force closure of the building.

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