



MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned about delay in census data collection in KwaZulu-Natal
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is concerned about the slow pace of the recruitment and selection process of some 24 000 contract workers in KwaZulu-Natal, which has a negative effect on the rollout of Census Population Count for the Province.

The PSA is aware that the newly introduced electronic recruitment and selection system has presented the Department of Statistics South Africa with challenges, which resulted in delays in the recruitment and appointment process of contract workers. The Department is also facing other challenges owing to the survey system used for data collection. This includes staff members being unable to operate this system as the Department failed to run a pilot test to guarantee effectiveness before the launch of the Census.

The Department was allocated R3.2 billion to conduct Census planning, data collection, recruitment, and debriefing by 31 March 2022, as per the media briefing by the General Secretary of Statistics SA. The PSA appeals to Statistics SA to use a targeted recruitment and selection process in sourcing field workers and finalise the recruitment process to resume the delayed Census survey.

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