

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	<b>PSA concerned about electricity crisis at two Mpumalanga hospitals</b>
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about reports of an electricity crisis at Barberton and Rob Ferreira Hospitals in Ehlanzeni, Mpumalanga.

The PSA has communicated with hospital management, and it was confirmed that all water and electricity bills are paid. The municipalities, however, report that outstanding rates and taxes have not been settled for an extended period. The National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is responsible for these payments.

At approximately 10:00 am on 5 February 2025, the electricity supply to the Hospitals was cut off. Whilst emergency generators were activated, issues arose when the generator at Barberton Hospital overheated and shut down. Similarly, Rob Ferreira Hospital's generator also failed. As a result, critical areas such as the Theatre, Pharmacy, and Casualty departments are without power and unable to function properly.

The PSA is extremely disappointed with the lack of leadership and basic infrastructure maintenance at these Hospitals. The inaction of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in addressing these issues is most concerning. The PSA will engage with the Department of Health's management and the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to urgently address the situation and implement a sustainable solution.

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