

MEDIA RELEASE PSA concerned about late payment of salaries of EPWP workers by North West

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is concerned about the late payment of salaries of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) employees by the Department of Public Works and Roads in North West.

It has also emerged that the payment dates of these employees are not fixed, creates challenges for them as they cannot maintain financial planning and stability. The PSA urges the Department to determine fixed dates for paying employees' salaries. There are further allegations that the Department has failed to remunerate some of employees for their services.

The PSA is further concerned that the Department is failing to contribute funds to the Unemployment Insurance Fund administered by the Department of Employment and Labour on behalf of the employees, in terms of the *Unemployment Insurance Act*.

The PSA regards the Department's conduct as destroying the morale and quality of work-life of employees. The PSA calls for urgent intervention by the Department's senior management to address the situation and ensure that employees are provided with a conducive working environment.

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