

MEDIA RELEASE: PSA condemns Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency's late payment of salaries

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) strongly condemns the continued failure by the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA) to pay its employees' salaries on time, causing severe financial hardship for more than 550 employees.

On 25 March 2025, employees of ECPTA discovered that their salaries had not been paid, an issue they also experienced in February. This repeated failure has left employees without transport money to report for duty, led to rejected debit orders, and caused unnecessary bank charges, adding to employees' financial distress.

The PSA has directed multiple telephone calls and emails to the ECPTA, with resulting assurances being given that payments would be made on 26 March 2025 between 09:00 and 12:00. This commitment was, however, not honoured, deepening the frustration and uncertainty amongst employees. By 27 March 2025, only some employees had received their salaries, with others still waiting for their rightful earnings.

The PSA demands immediate intervention by the ECPTA Board, as the Union was misled by false promises from the CEO. The PSA views this non-compliance in a serious light, as it has severely damaged the working relationship between the PSA and ECPTA.

Should this issue not be resolved promptly and satisfactorily, the PSA will be left with no choice but to explore legal avenues to ensure the ECPTA fulfils its obligations. The PSA trusts that with the ECPTA Board's intervention, this unacceptable situation will not be repeated.

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