



**MEDIA RELEASE**

**PSA engages KZN COGTA on permanent appointment of contract workers**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes talks with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on the permanent employment of contract employees in the Department.

The PSA received an invitation from the Head of the Department to engage on this matter, following a demand for talks from the Union, demanding the conversion of contract workers to permanent positions. The PSA's position remains unchanged, with a call for all 136 contract workers to be permanently appointed.

The Department has made certain proposals to the PSA's demands regarding a way forward. In an effort to speedily resolve this long outstanding issue, the PSA and the Department will deliberate on the proposals where after a mandate will be obtained from PSA members. The PSA is encouraged by the changed approach and attitude by the Head of the Department in attending to this critical matter.

The PSA also calls on the KwaZulu-Natal Premier and the Department to permanently absorb the 136 contract positions with immediate effect.

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