

Feedback: Limpopo GPSSBC special meeting

A virtual meeting took place on 25 June 2021 and the following issues were discussed:

COVID-19 regulations

The employer presented the COVID-19 statistical report, covering all provincial departments in the province. It was reported that as of 22 June 2001, 153 employees tested positive for COVID-19 and three passed on. The report also raised compliance challenges in that some hospitals and clinics do not have COVID-19 posters and compliance officers were not appointed. The Office of the Premier does not have a steering committee in place and there are no markings in all the Department of Education's district offices. Further, some circuit offices did not place sanitisers at main entrances. Departments are also not complying with the reduction of employees in the workplaces, hence HODs must ensure consequence management.

Labour raised concerns that compliance with COVID-19 regulations must be taken seriously by the Department, particularly, that the Office of the Premier that is supposed to provide leadership is found wanting. It was resolved that sanitisers must be strategically placed at entry and exit points to allow for people to sanitise before entering and exiting workplaces. Further, the utilisation of EWHP coordinators in the vaccine rollout will assist in the provision of information to employees. The PSA requested the employer to ensure consistent application of rules where there are positive cases, issue new cloth masks and implement staggered reporting to work to protect employees against the virus.

Recognition of improved qualifications

Four Departments, i.e., DPWRI, DSAC, LDOE and COGHSTA are still waiting for concurrence from the DPSA even after a letter was written to the DPSA to fast track the matter. Constant follow ups are being made.

Restructuring without consultation: Department of Public Works

Labour will meet with the employer to deal with the matter and report in the next Chamber meeting.

Members are urged to forward agenda items or challenges to queen.seema@psa.co.za. Members will be informed of developments.

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