

Update: Department of Social Development

A meeting was held on 10 August 2021 with regards to Bosasa Secure Centre and the following matters were discussed:

Overtime payments

Following a dispute that was declared by the PSA, payments with regards to COVID-19 overtime worked during May and June 2020, have been approved and members have partly been paid, with some payments still being processed. Management committed to assist to speed up the process for the finalization of payments. As members are aware, the submission for July to December 2020 has not yet been approved due to discrepancies such as hours that were inflated. The PSA urged the employer to speed up this process as it is long overdue. A commitment was made by the employer to urgently try and finalise the matter.

Electricity

Members are aware that cables have been stolen and a case was opened with SAPS for investigation. The employer had a back-up running, which also then broke down. Currently Eskom is working on the electricity problem and gas stoves have been provided to enable catering at the center in order to serve clients.

COVID-19 cases

Employees at the center were concerned regarding the non-communication from management about positive cases. The PSA emphasised the importance of staff being made aware of employees who tested positive within the institution to curb the spread of the virus. Management undertook to improve on relaying information on positive cases and to observe all the health protocols.

Members will be kept informed of any developments and for further enquiries members are requested to contact Zhulfa Graaf at zhulfa.graaff@psa.co.za or shop steward Portia Diole at portiadiole@nwpg.gov.za.

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