

FOR PSA MEMBERS: WESTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (WCED) AND
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (DSD)

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Special CCPWCP: 10 September 2021 - Transfer of Early Childhood Development (ECD) from DSD to Department of Basic Education (DBE) - Western Cape Government

The proclamation to enable the function transfer of the ECD programmes from the DSD to the relevant Provincial Education Department was signed by the President on 27 June 2021. At a special Chamber meeting on 10 September 2021, the Department of the Premier, together with WCED made a presentation regarding further developments after the proclamation was signed by the Premier and Gazetted on 25 August 2021. Information was shared regarding functions relating to ECD programmes to be transferred to WCED.

A total of 77 after-care programmes will remain with the DSD. Labour was informed that there are currently 2 646 registered ECD and Partial Care facilities. According to the employer, 37 employees are affected by the transfer from the DSD to WCED, along with six Social Work graduates on contract, working back bursary obligations.

During the special meeting it was agreed that a task team will be established to continue with this process, which needs to be finalised by April 2022. Parties were informed that all service benefits of those affected will remain. Communication with affected parties will be maintained and office accommodation for affected staff will be addressed in the implementation plan.

The PSA will submit the names of representatives of the task team, i.e. Angelo Fisher and Anthea van Tonder. The employer also made an undertaking to provide labour with the list of names of those employees who will be affected by this transfer. The employer indicated that a summit will be held on 4 October 2021, where the Premier will address parties concerned. Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER