

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR - LIMPOPO

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Suspension of CDPO

Members will recall that the PSA has been opposing the conduct of the Chief Director Provincial Operations (CDPO) Limpopo for some time and also called upon the Director-General to put her on suspension to allow for proper investigation. This was prompted by the way the Office was run and various allegations pertaining to the abuse of power, harassment of employees and union representatives, and contraventions of supply chain management processes. The disregard for labour, where no proper consultation took place in a number of committees, including the COVID-19 committee, which was responsible to procure PPE and later became the subject of dispute and which was allegedly shared by some of senior employees just before expiry, were amongst the allegations.

The PSA was informed that the CDPO was put on precautionary suspension with effect from 10 January 2022 to allow for unhindered investigation. Further, that the Department has procured the services of an audit firm to conduct a forensic investigation, which the PSA believes will reveal rot in the Department. Whilst the PSA believes in the principle of innocent until proven guilty, it also believes that the investigation will ensure stability in the Department as a dark cloud has been hovering over the Department owing to various allegations. The investigation will bring closure and ensure that consequence management is applied if the investigation unearths wrongdoing on the part of employees. The investigation is the step in the right direction and will be a deterrent to those who are continuously unduly enriching themselves at the expense of the citizens of Limpopo.

Employees who want to join the PSA can send a WhatsApp to 082 880 8995 or 082 880 8957 for assistance. Members with long pending cases are urged to email queen.seema@psa.co.za to ensure timeous intervention. Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER