

## Update: Maquassie Hills Service Point

Officials employed at Maquassie Hills Service Point have complained to the Department on several occasions regarding their working conditions, which are not conducive to health and safety standards. Apart from the fact that the building where officials work not being safe, the environment is also not safe, posing a danger to the employees as well as members of the public.

The Department of Public Works was then invited to inspect the building. During the inspection it was found that the building was indeed dangerous for both officials and members of the public as the building had electricity faults. There were also snakes present from the nearby trees and the veld surrounding the area where the building is situated. The PSA has on several occasions contacted the Department with regards to OHS issues and the non-compliance thereof without any success.

The PSA has requested the Department of Employment and Labour to do an inspection, which took place on 21 December 2021. Feedback from the Department of Employment and Labour was that the Department of Social Development was found not compliant, and a Contravention Notice and Improvement Notice were issued. A follow up inspection will be conducted after 60 days.

Members will be kept informed of developments and for any further enquiries members are requested to contact [zhulfa.graaff@psa.co.za](mailto:zhulfa.graaff@psa.co.za) or shop steward, Blessing Ralutemba at [Bralutemba@nwpg.gov.za](mailto:Bralutemba@nwpg.gov.za).

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