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FOR PSA MEMBERS: **GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS (GPW)**

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What is happening at GPW?

The PSA has received numerous concerns from members regarding the declining state of the Government Printing Works (GPW). Members have raised issues regarding an oppressive leadership style, particularly from senior management. Several allegations of maladministration and mismanagement have also been reported to the PSA and these concerns have been escalated to higher authorities for intervention. The PSA engaged with the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs, which oversees the GPW as part of the portfolio. During this meeting, all allegations of mismanagement and intimidation against employees were presented. The PSA also submitted detailed written reports, supported by documentary evidence, to substantiate these claims.

In a subsequent meeting with the Minister of Home Affairs during his oversight visit to the GPW, the PSA reiterated these issues. It called for the suspension of the GPW Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the appointment of forensic investigators to address the reported misconduct. The PSA remains committed to safeguarding members from the ongoing harassment and bullying they have endured under the current leadership. This oppressive environment has led to the dismissal of employees who took a stand against the oppression and the termination of Cleaners whose lives were severely disrupted by the GPW, which took them from private cleaning companies, only to render them unemployed, even after an arbitration award was issued in their favour. The PSA has condemned the continued violation of workers' rights at the GPW, noting that employees are now forced to work in a climate of fear. Once a reputable institution, the GPW has deteriorated significantly and is now described as "a shadow of its former self". The PSA will not relent in the battle for workers.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website, send an email to ask@psa.co.za, or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

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