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FOR PSA MEMBERS: **DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA) - WESTERN CAPE
(CORRECTION)**

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Occupational health and safety: DHA Worcester office

PSA members at the DHA's Worcester Office reported a fatal stabbing of a member of the public outside the Worcester Home Affairs office. Staff members were traumatised as they witnessed the incident outside the office. The PSA engaged with management regarding the incident and the effects on staff members. The office was closed for the rest of the day.

Management indicated that a request was made for *ICAS* counselling for staff members of the Worcester Home Affairs office. In addition, management has indicated that it has requested an additional security guard at the Worcester Home Affairs office. The right to a safe and healthy work environment is a Constitutional right, which includes the safety of the public using these facilities. The PSA calls on the Management of the Department of Home Affairs to treat this matter with the urgency it deserves to ensure the safety of staff members and the public.

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