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FOR PSA MEMBERS: EASTERN CAPE (GQEBERHA AREA)

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Victory for PSA member: Department of Home Affairs

The PSA would like to update members on an urgent matter affecting the Department of Home Affairs in Gqeberha. For several weeks, employees have been working under extreme conditions due to non-functioning air conditioning units in the building.

Despite repeated engagements by the local shop steward with the employer and assurances that repairs would be made, no improvements have been seen. As a result, the PSA Provincial Office was contacted to escalate the matter. A meeting was held with management and the Department of Employment and Labour (DEL), where the DEL instructed the employer to ensure the air conditioning was operational within 14 days.

However, the employer failed to meet this deadline, prompting the DEL to issue a prohibition notice on 3 March 2025, effectively closing the affected offices until the issue is fully resolved.

The PSA is proud to confirm that the air conditioners have been repaired, and on 1 April 2025, DEL issued a certificate to revoke the Prohibition Notice, as the building is declared safe for our members to return.

The PSA commends the DEL for its intervention, as working conditions had become unbearable for our members. The PSA remains committed to monitoring the situation and ensuring that our members' rights and well-being are protected.

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