

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **BORDER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (BMA) – MTHATHA AREA**

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Feedback: Mthatha visit to Qashasnek and Ongeluksnek Border Controls

Members will recall that the PSA Provincial Office in Mthatha announced that it would visit Qashasnek on 3 May 2023 whilst the visit to Ongeluksnek was planned for 4 May 2023. The following challenges were reported:

Qashasnek

- Employees who were transferred to BMA at Qashasnek are still without transfer letters from Home Affairs to BMA.
- BMA uniforms have still not been dispatched to them, and employees are instructed not to wear the Department of Home Affairs uniform, but their private clothes, whilst awaiting BMA uniform allocation.
- Shortage of accommodation facilities.
- Members proposed that polo-necks, boots, beanies, and bunny jackets be procured for them because of the cold at Qashasnek.
- Demand for a generator to reach quarters and offices during loadshedding.

Ongeluksnek Border Control

The above border control consists of 11 SAPS officials only who are not affected by the transfer to the BMA. The border control has minimal movement and faces possible closure. It is unclear at this stage where the members will be moved to, but the PSA will ensure that consultation with affected members takes effect.

The PSA was made aware of the Ramatsidiso Border Control and will visit the border control by June 2023. Arrangements to meet with the BMA management to discuss members' challenges are underway.

BMA employees are encouraged to contact Gilbert Seakamela at gilbert.seakamela@psa.co.za / 082 903 680; kenneth.qikani@psa.co.za / 082 880 2936; or Thami Makuzeni at thami.makuzeni@psa.co.za / 082 317 2881 for speedy resolution of challenges encountered as a result of the transfer.

Members will be updated on developments.

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