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FOR PSA MEMBERS: **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR - EASTERN CAPE**

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Feedback: Meeting with Eastern Cape Public Protector - 11 April 2024

Members were previously informed that the Office of the Public Protector in the Eastern Cape had started the relocation of its offices to East London. As members are aware, the PSA had previously been requesting the Office of the Public Protector for meaningful consultation. In May 2023, the employer promised the PSA a meeting wherein proper consultation would take place. The employer (Public Protector) has, however, been continuing with procurement of the new office space whilst proper consultation is lacking.

The PSA again reminded the employer that consultation was never proper, and that the move should be put on hold. The employer refused to halt the procuring of the building. The PSA has lodged a dispute with the CCMA and is awaiting a date. On 11 April 2024 during a meeting requested by the PSA, the employer affirmed its stance of continuing with the relocation. It was brought to the attention of the employer that Bisho is central to the entire Eastern Cape, and furthermore that it was accessible to the public at large. The employer failed to explain which specific offices it is targeting to relocate to in East London.

The PSA informed the employer that it will not withdraw its dispute, whilst the employer is forcing ahead with the move. The employer was also advised that the doors of the PSA will always remain open for meaningful consultation whilst awaiting a date from the CCMA.

Members will be informed of developments and are further requested to submit any inputs concerning the envisaged moving of the offices to East London.

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