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PUBLIC SERVICE CO-ORDINATING BARGAINING COUNCIL MEETING

At a meeting convened on the 26th January 2016, the following matters were discussed:

Pension redress progress

It was reported that the Government Pensions Administration Agency (GPAA) and Monyane & Associates had finalised the auditing and verification of application forms. This was in keeping with Council's request at the end of 2015 that this process be revisited. A summary of the results follows:

Received	46 620	
Re-verified	46 620	100%
Approved	1 910	4.1%
Errors	18 048	38.7%
Did not Qualify	26 662	57.2%
Balance	0	

It was decided that Council should consider a draft agreement to conclude the matter, and ultimately authorise payments.

Address by the GEPF: Amendments to benefits structure

In response to a presentation by the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), Labour proposed that instead of members paying back the portion that went to a spouse after separation or divorce, the GEPF should consider a reduction of service with the pension fund so that the member does not bear such a financial burden. The GEPF was agreeable to this suggestion, and undertook to submit a formal proposal to Council at the following meeting.

Establishment of the Border Management Agency (BMA)

Council was addressed by the State with regard to the establishment of the BMA, citing that they needed to fortify the management of borders. At the moment there is no single State department that is solely responsible for this function. There are more than five departments cooperating in managing SA's borders, with unsatisfactory outcomes – hence the intended establishment of a single body.

Labour's concerns are that;

- The State should not indirectly outsource its functions to the private sector but should rather establish a State department;
- Labour needs thorough consultation with the Employer (the State) with regard to the transfer of its members to this new entity; and
- Labour also stated that more information is needed with regard to this matter.

The Border Management Committee will revert to Labour in due course to provide further information.

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