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## Media Statement

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\*Outgoing security companies obligated to pay workers, says Shongwe\*

Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Vusi Shongwe, is calling on the companies whose security tender for the Mpumalanga Provincial Government ended recently, to ensure that all payments due to their workers are made.

MEC reacted after an outcry in some parts of the province that some of the workers were not paid their salaries by some of the bidders who did not make it for the current three-year security tender.

The current three-year security tender became effective in June 2022. This follows the expiry of the previous three-year security tender for the safeguarding of all provincial government buildings and residences of VIPs.

These companies are reportedly citing non-payment by the department.

"We want to put it on record that the department met with most of the companies who did not make it in the current tender. The aim of the interaction was part of get the companies to honour payments due to the security guards once they receive the last payments. Most of the companies have made the undertaking and that is why payments are being urgently processed by the The department. However, some companies must still co-operate with the department in this regard," explains the MEC.

The MEC adds that this was done out of sheer consideration of the workers and to also avoid the situation where the companies do not honour their obligations once they receive their last payments.

Shongwe is therefore reassuring the public that the department is doing everything possible to assist the companies in this regard.

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