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## **STATEMENT BY MR BASIL MANUEL, CHAIRPERSON OF THE INDEPENDENT LABOUR CAUCUS, REGARDING ESKOM'S APPLICATION FOR ANOTHER TARIFF HIKE**

The Independent Labour Caucus (ILC) in the Public Service Co-ordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) added its voice to those of other public service unions in opposing Eskom's application for another tariff hike. Speaking in Pretoria, Mr Manuel, Chairperson of the ILC, said that the ILC will not support the call for a 25% electricity tariff increase as it would compound the financial distress of the majority of South Africans.

Mr Manuel said that the recent fuel hikes have already had a ripple effect on transport, food and general cost of living that was passed on to consumers. If electricity tariffs continue to increase companies are bound to pass increases of commodities on to consumers, which would add to upward pressure on inflation.

The cost of electricity has increased by 70% since 2010, said Mr Manuel. Continued increases are unaffordable to households and especially for small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and is likely to result in job losses, he added.

Mr Manuel stated that the proposed increase will over-burden the already highly indebted public servants who were resigning in large numbers to encash their pensions to service debt. The ILC is also concerned about the negative impact the continued electricity tariff increases will have on pensioners, the unemployed and the poor, said Mr Manuel.

Mr Manuel stated that the ILC is of the view that if government was able to curb wasteful expenditure, it would be able to assist in providing the funding that ESKOM requires.

### **LAST CHANCE LAST CHANCE CLOSING DATE: Monday 22 June 2015 NAPTOSA PDI/ETDP-SETA SPONSORED SHORT COURSES**

The NAPTOSA PDI and the ETDP-SETA, in conjunction with the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, University of Pretoria and the North West University is offering the short learning programmes during the last half of 2015. (see **News Flash 13** for list of courses and the application form). All courses are sponsored and are available to NAPTOSA members. The full cost of the courses, with materials and assessment, will be covered.

**Applicants should complete the application form and fax/e-mail it to the PDI Director, Mrs Juliet Schlebusch, (012 324 1366/ [juliets@naptosa.org.za](mailto:juliets@naptosa.org.za)) before 16h00, Monday 22 June 2015.** The PDI will correspond with applicants directly thereafter.

### **Stop Bullying in our Schools**

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Bullying thrives in the school environment amongst students and teachers. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumours, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

Last week we saw a video that went viral of a boy being bullied by a fellow student, in the presence of an educator. The mere fact that the educator failed to intervene renders him as guilty as the bully. **We call on all NAPTOSA Members to intervene during unacceptable behaviour, such as bullying.**

Greg Titus: Acting CEO

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