



Media Statement

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OPERATIONAL UPDATE: WASTE COLLECTION DISRUPTIONS AT SELECTED PIKITUP DEPOTS

Pikitup, the waste management entity of the City of Johannesburg, continues to experience service delivery disruptions at selected depots due to ongoing protest action by casual workers who are demanding permanent employment from the entity.

It is important to note that the protest action is not affecting all Pikitup depots. Currently, only five of the entity's twelve (12) depots are experiencing operational disruptions.

The Avalon Depot remains the most severely affected, with casual workers blockading the depot entrance and preventing permanent employees from leaving the premises to conduct waste collection services.

Earlier today, casual workers, supported by a group of residents from Zandspruit, also blocked access to the Randburg depot, preventing permanent employees from leaving the depot to work. Pikitup is pleased to report that the blockade has since been lifted and waste collection services have resumed.

At the Marlboro Depot, the blockade has also been lifted, allowing employees to resume operations. However, waste collection services remain constrained as casual workers have refused to return to work until their demands are addressed.

The Waterval Depot has resumed normal operations following the re-opening of the depot. Both permanent employees and casual workers have returned to work, enabling waste collection services to continue.

Although there is currently no protest action at the Roodepoort Depot, waste collection services remain constrained due to a shortage of compactor trucks. This has affected the depot's ability to clear the existing backlogs and return to normal waste collection schedules. Operational interventions are being implemented to stabilise service delivery.

Pikitup continues to engage with all relevant stakeholders to resolve the current impasse involving ad hoc service providers casual workers while implementing operational measures to minimise service disruptions and progressively restore waste collection serviced in affected areas.

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