

## 2. Labour Workgroup – Robert Legh

### Main focus remains UIF

- UI System in deep crisis, with over R4 billion of claims stuck in the system for April and May, in respect of 995 000 employees
- Task team engagements regarding outstanding April and May claims are making no progress
- Multiple causes for the delays
- June claims are being made in a very slow trickle, because of security breaches and an unstable system
- A joint approach is being discussed with Labour in order to elevate the problems to the Minister/ Presidency
- The UI Commissioner and his team in denial of a backlog: not interested and trying to deflect blame to employers
- Employers and workers at their wits' end: adverse industrial relations
- Terms of an extended benefit for post June agreed between the social partners: contingent on
  - agreement by political principals
  - some kind of assessment of the claims base
  - consensus being reached on funding by UI Fund and/or other sources
  - the UI Fund having the technical capacity to pay
- New COIDA directive has been negotiated, signed and pending publication in Gazette'
- Some progress being made in unblocking historic private hospital and private practitioner bills unpaid by COIDA Fund
- Ongoing engagements with DSD/ DBE re opening of ECD's: they will now open subject to departmental screening

