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King Sabata Dalindyebo public programme workers protest at the municipal building on Monday.

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Permanent posts 'are not possible'

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CASUAL workers at the King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality will not be permanently employed.

Speaking to strikers in Mthatha on Monday afternoon, Mayor Dumani Zozo said it was not possible to absorb any expanded public works programme workers, as they were demanding.

The workers have been on strike for longer than a week. One of their main demands is that casual workers be made permanent.

Zozo said, however, it was not something he could do by the end of the year.

"We started a programme last year to look at workers with driver's licences to operate our new plants.

"We will look at all workers to see what they have, in case there are vacancies – as we did with drivers," he said.

He said the co-operative governance department would begin its investigation into the municipality today and would probe allegations made by striking workers about the misuse of funds

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