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## SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REVIEW WITH BUILT ENVIRONMENT COUNCILS

By Hope Motitimi

Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts and DDG InterGovernmental Coordination Mr Adam Mthombeni chaired a second quarter performance review meeting with the councils within the built environment, at the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) offices in Sandton.

Each council presented separate progress reports, outlining both their accomplishments and opportunities for development. DM Swarts expressed concerns regarding councils and entities struggling to contribute to the success of the work of the DPWI in the delivery of quality projects. She informed councils that the Department needs more Project Managers and Quantity Surveyors.



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## MINISTER'S FRANK DIALOGUE ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

By Siphamandla Nyembe

Communications strategist Professor JJ Tabane hosted Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Sihle Zikalala last night, in a Frank Dialogue which was broadcast on Tabane's eNCA show **Power to Truth** under the theme "**the construction mafia and its possible solutions**". Stakeholders such as the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA), the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) and the Black Business Forum (BBF), to name a few, were also in attendance.

During the discussion, Minister Sihle Zikalala was asked about the arrests of those involved in criminal activities on construction sites and whether he has it under control. He assured attendees that the situation is indeed under control as he is not willing to provide a 30% cut of profits to people who are not willing to work. He cited instances where legitimate small contractors wanted to be sub-contracted by big businesses on construction sites and how these matters were amicably resolved as opposed to blue-collar criminals who illegally disrupt construction sites, with the aim of pocketing profits despite not working on the sites.

Another topic that was touched on was that of transformation in the built environment and the Minister mentioned that infrastructure development needs to be unleashed in the same way it was in 2010 but, this time, it ought to go hand-in-hand with economic transformation so that the economy may be fairly distributed to all.



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