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## DPWI MINISTER CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT VISIT AT TELKOM TOWERS

Public Works and Infrastructure Minister, Dean Macpherson, alongside Tshwane Executive Mayor, Cilliers Brink, conducted an oversight visit at the Telkom Towers Building, located in the Central of Pretoria.

The Telkom Towers building was initially procured by the department, to serve as the headquarters of the South African Police Service (SAPS) in 2016. Over R200 million has been spent on renovations and other services, however, the building still remains unoccupied. The purpose of the site visit to Telkom Towers Building, was for the principals to ensure a speedy resolution of the problem that prevents SAPS from moving in.

Minister Macpherson said it's unacceptable that for the past eight years the building has been barely used allowing it to be vandalised and used by criminal elements.

The Minister has called for an independent investigation which will determine the following;

- What led to DPWI's purchase of the building and whether the purchase was necessary.
- The process followed for contractors to be appointed.
- Whether the contractors were fit for purpose.
- Whether the purchase of the building by the department was the best option available for the South African Police Service.
- Whether any officials should be held accountable for the possession that the department now finds itself in relation to the purchase and renovation of the building.
- Whether there are any grounds to reclaim money paid to contractors and consultants where work was not done or not done properly and according to building standards or health and safety standards.
- Steps to be taken to avoid a similar situation.

Minister Macpherson emphasised on the department moving faster to ensure that public investments are secured and utilised, to avoid the waste of any public money. The department cannot afford to lose millions of rands to repair and address vandalism. By working together we can reclaim our buildings, unleash Infrastructure investment and turn the country into a construction site. Let's Build South Africa.



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