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DPWI Deputy Minister Sihle Zikalala, embarked on an Operation Siyahlola to the Soshanguve to assess progress made in the construction of the Soshanguve Magistrate Court, in Pretoria, Gauteng.

The R300 Million project experienced delays due to the COVID 19 pandemic and external contractors quitting their work mid project. Deputy Minister Zikalala has given the completion of this project 6 more months, making the completion deadline February 2024. After these delays and inconveniences, an internal team was appointed to take over the project which includes architects, civil engineers and structural engineers, from the department. The project has created more than 150 Expanded Public Works Programmes (EPWP) jobs which benefited young people from Soshanguve

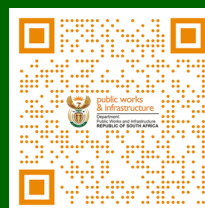
This building is constructed to accommodate the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. The project manager of this project, Ave Mlungwana said the completed construction will entail 8 new courtrooms, including a reception area, storerooms, kitchens, staff room, a waiting area for the public, SAPS offices, inmate drop off zones, transition cells, 17 holding cells, administration offices and 81 basement parking bays.

Addressing the media while on site, the Deputy Minister said through #OperationSiyahlola the Department conducts a departmental tour to inspect projects that are delayed and find solutions for the delays. He said one of the main objectives for projects is transparency. The Deputy Minister also spoke on the department making sure that such projects are done in collaboration with local contractors so that the communities are also involved and benefit from projects.

MINISTER DEAN MACPHERSON INSPECTS STATE OF DURBAN EXCELSIOR COURT AND SAPS BARRACKS BUILDINGS



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On the 12th of August 2024, Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Minister, Dean Macpherson alongside with eThekweni Municipality Deputy Mayor Zandile Myeni conducted an oversight visit to assess state of the Excelsior Court, that is meant to house staff of the South African Police Service (SAPS), as well as the Durban Magistrate Court Buildings, after the buildings fell into disrepair due to poor maintenance. Minister was accompanied by the head of Property Management Trading Entity (PMTE) Siza Sibande and other senior officials. The Excelsior Court, over some time it got occupied by people who do not work for police service. The building was vacated by the SAPS over five years ago when it was slowly stripped occupied illegally.

Minister Dean Macpherson has emphasised that public buildings must be utilised and never should become a burden for the city to carry. He said the department, will bring solutions to the public. He also highlighted that such buildings are an example of what happens when we don't ensure that regular maintenance is done.

The department is committed to work with all stakeholders to secure and revitalise these building to ensure they contribute to the communities they are located in. "The work we are doing here is part of the reimagining of the department to ensure that it fulfils its mandate and contributes to South Africa's greater good" said Minister Dean Macpherson.

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