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R9m bungle

THAT a R9-million building for police offices can be left to become a mere obsolete shell is an illustration of abject ineptitude or something close to serious dysfunction.

Vandals have had free reign in the building in Saulsville, Pretoria, which had been allocated to the police, and stripped it of all its copper wiring, door handles, taps, basins and sinks among other things.

A contractor claims the police had occupied the Passenger Rail Agency of SA-owned building during the 2010 Fifa Soccer World Cup but could not return to it because there had not been an official handing over ceremony.

It is unclear whom, between the SA Police Service, Public Works and or the Public Works Department is supposed to have ensured that the building did not become a white elephant.

Predictably, a damage control scramble is due, but will come after R1-million in damages had been flushed down the drain because of administrative bungling.