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DA on 'masturbation' statement

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THE DA councillor in Polokwane, Karel Mogashoa, is in hot water with his party for allegedly issuing an "offensive media" release against the municipality and the ANC on their community public works' programme (CPW).

Mogashoa is accused by the DA provincial leader, Jacques Smalle, of bringing the party into disrepute for the unauthorised statement.

In the statement, Magoshoa lambasted the Polokwane municipality and the ANC for hiring street cleaners under the public works programme without orientating them first on their duties.

"The workers spent most of their time sleeping under trees as they do not know what is expected of them. This programme in Seshego is administered by top ANC brass and has not produced any effective results to date. Workers were also ordered to clean an abandoned daycare centre that has never worked in five years," he claimed in the statement.

But the part in Magoshoa's media statement that has provoked Smalle's fury read: "Cleaning under-utilised buildings just for the sake of doing it, is more of masturbating in public. You are unlikely to reach your diamond."

Smalle said: "The statement was sent by councillor Mogashoa without consultation with the DA leadership in either the province or at national level."

He said the matter was receiving urgent attention and Mogashoa would be hauled before the party's disciplinary processes to face the music.

"The DA has a code of ethics in which we hold our public representatives to accountability," Smalle said.

UPSET: The DA's provincial leader Jacques Smalle. PICTURE: MONTSHO MATLALA

Mogashoa said on Thursday he would first talk to Smalle.

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