

## **Democratic Alliance (Cape Town)**

### **South Africa: Parliament Must Take Action Against Public Works for Faulty Elevators**

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#### **PRESS RELEASE**

We note with concern that 7 people were injured on Friday afternoon when the elevator in Parliament's Marks Building dropped from the third floor. Our thoughts are with all those who were injured and we wish them a speedy recovery.

I will write to the Speaker of the National Assembly, Max Sisulu, and the Secretary of Parliament, Michael Coetzee, to urge him to apply pressure on the Department of Public Works and their sub-contractors to ensure that a full review on the safety and functionality of all Parliament's elevators are conducted.

The elevators in Marks Building have not been functioning properly for years and are repeatedly in disuse and undergoing maintenance. The elevators in the Old Assembly are not always operational and the elevators in Stalplein parking lot have been in disuse since the end of last year.

We can't allow to endanger the lives of the public, staff, officials and members of Parliament due to the ineffectiveness of maintenance and poor service delivery by the Department of Public Works and their sub-contractors.

*Watty Watson, Chief Whip of the Democratic Alliance*