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“After years of stealing from the people of the province, and a litany of charges and investigations, the wheels of justice are finally turning,” said DA North West provincial leader Joe McGluwa. “Mahumapelo must now face all the allegations against him and also account for his relationship with the Gupta family and involvement in state capture.”

Calling the raid a “search and seizure” operation, Hawks spokesperson Captain Tlangelani Rikhotso said it was in relation to alleged maladministration, fraud and corruption at the head office of the provincial government.

“The monetary value involved is approximately R160 million,” Rikhotso said. “Several documents which will assist in the ongoing probe were seized from different offices. No arrests were effected at this stage pending further investigation.”

Mahumapelo said yesterday: "We welcome and support the initiative taken by the Hawks this morning, in relation to allegations of fraud and corruption within sections of Supply Chain Management in the office of the premier and department of finance," he said.

“It’s a decision of the ANC; it is a resolution of the ANC, so where there are allegations, investigations must take place. That’s why we are saying we will cooperate with the Hawks, they are not the only agency we are cooperating with.”

Mahumapelo said he was working with the special investigating unit, public works, the Hawks over a R30 million payment to Gupta-linked healthcare company Mediosa, and had instituted forensic investigations into the departments of health, local government and human settlements, and all other departments, including some of the municipalities.