



John Moodey and Tshwane metro mayor Solly Msimanga.

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The DA has denied using old statistics – showing an 80 percent approval rating for the ANC – as its own.

This came after DA provincial leader John Moodey claimed that “the DA-led coalition governments in the cities of Johannesburg and Tshwane both showed an 80 percent satisfaction rate when it came to water accessibility”.

However, a researcher at the Gauteng City-Region Observatory said the survey from which Moodey quoted was held in 2015.

The DA only came to power after the August 2016 elections.

It was therefore incorrect for the DA to claim this as its victory, researcher Alexandra Parker told *Rekord*.

“It is inaccurate for them to claim residents were satisfied; they would have to wait for the next survey in order to be certain.”

DA spokesperson Luthando Kolwapi responded: “This GCRO data covers the 2015/16 financial year, therefore, to some extent we do have [the] power to claim the released statistics.”

Moodey said the renewed Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), inner-

city rejuvenation and eKasiLab programme would bolster what the survey deemed as the most valued government service – economic support and job creation.

“We have committed ourselves to improving service delivery to ensure employment and economic development flourish with infrastructure as the key driver.”

In a recent EPWP lottery which was scheduled to announce beneficiaries, mayor Solly Msimanga was greeted by a dissatisfied crowd which booted him out of Akasia.

The crowd gathered at the community hall with much anticipation but were rather livid by the time Msimanga started his speech.

After he left the neighbourhood, the crowd chanted that the metro no longer had a mayor.

They said his predecessor – Kgosientso “Sputla” Ramokgopa – was better.

Other residents in the north of Pretoria were not shy to query the DA.

“What have they done?,” a resident known as Keo asked.

Another one asked about service delivery laughed the question off.

Ward 4 councillor Ridge Petersen was not immediately available for comment.