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# Feasibility study for moving Parliament to Pretoria is under way

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THE relocation of Parliament to Pretoria is a step closer, with Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi confirming possible sites have been identified.

In reaction yesterday, the Capital City Business Chamber (CCBC) said it was looking forward to the move to Pretoria, the hub of diplomatic society in South Africa and Africa.

Nxesi said the construction sites

could not be confirmed until the secretary to Parliament signed off the accommodation requirements for the national legislature.

“For this to happen Parliament must give guidance and take the decision to move the parliamentary precinct away from Cape Town, and also legally pronounce Tshwane as the seat of Parliament by way of proposing a constitutional amendment on Tshwane/Pretoria as the new legislative capital of the Republic of South Africa,” he said.

Nxesi said the move was primarily the responsibility of Parliament, with his department playing a supporting role.

Yesterday, Parliament spokesperson Moloto Mothapo said the feasibility study had not been concluded. “It is among issues the sixth Parliament will consider as part of the legacy report.”

Chrys Haitas, executive director for strategic business development at the CCBC, said it would make sense for the administrative and legislative seats of government to be in the capital city.