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It was recently revealed how much it costs to maintain the various state homes that the state president, his deputy and other officials may sometimes stay in.

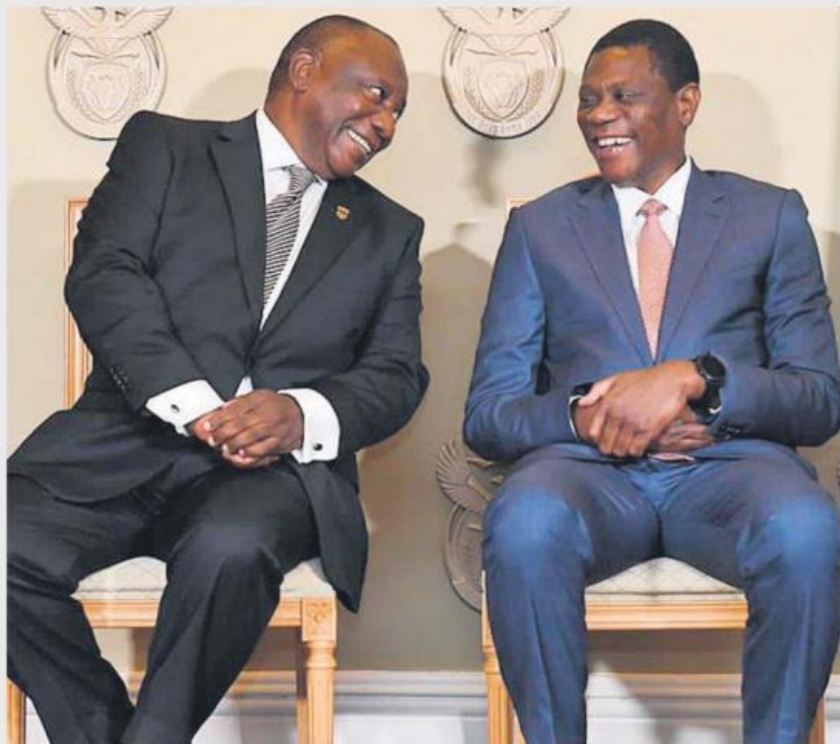
Costs include permanent staff, maintenance and renovations. In all honesty, there is no need for so many houses to be kept. One in Durban, Cape Town and Pretoria.

It would make more sense to rather stay in hotels on the occasion that they might visit for a few days. One home is more than sufficient to be kept permanently with full staff.

There are people without any roofs over their heads and no food in their tummies, while they have mansions to swan around in with a full complement of staff to wait on them hand and foot. Do they think they are royalty?

The public works department maintains this at a cost of R79 million a year.

How much more could the government do with this money



to uplift the people?

Are these ministers not embarrassed that the majority of people are living in abject poverty? Time for a regime change and, hopefully, all these mansions sold off to help the poor.

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