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MAFIKENG MAIL – MAHIKENG: Mahikeng Mail on Monday forwarded a list of questions to the Department of Public Works and Roads through their head of Communications, Matshube Mfoloe requesting the department's response to the public outcry regarding the hundreds of neglected and vandalised properties including houses and other buildings in the province owned by the department.

However, at the time of going to print yesterday (Wednesday), the department had not responded to our questions despite Mfoloe's assurance that "the department will respond as soon as we have completed our investigations around the matter".

Pressed for answers to our questions before our deadline on Tuesday, Mfoloe said he had forwarded the questions to the relevant officials in the department and was told that the answers would be forthcoming before midday on Tuesday after departmental investigations had been completed.

However by 18h00 on Tuesday, the communication's head said he was still waiting for the respond from the officials.

"I have done my best to get a response from the

department for your paper without success", Mole said.

Meanwhile, Mahikeng Mail has decided not to respond to the department's statement last week in which MEC Gaoage Molapisi was quoted as having alleged in a media statement that Mahikeng Mail's article on Theresa House came a day after the department's reported oversight visit to the neglected property.

Mahikeng Mail is aware that the department's alleged walk about and oversight visit to the Nelson Mandela Drive property came after our initial discussion about Theresa House with Mfoloe on Tuesday (September 5).

So we can presume that their visit was reactionary showing that the department was through their "oversight visit" on Wednesday (September 6) in fact responding to our enquiry and interest in the state of the property.