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Public Works and Infrastructure minister Sihle Zikalala. **PHOTO: GALLO**

### MILLIONS SPENT ON MINISTERIAL RESIDENCES

According to reports, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has spent around R93 million between 2019 and last year for the maintenance of official residences belonging to ministers, deputy ministers and director-generals.

The transactions included about R1,4 million to upgrade a kitchen, R240 000 to get rid of cockroaches, R54 000 to replace a curtain rail and R50 million to make sure that ministers' and their deputies' generators are working during load shedding, according to a *City Press* report.

Public Works and Infrastructure minister Sihle Zikalala reportedly disclosed this information in response to a parliamentary question asked by Democratic Alliance (DA) MP, Leon Schreiber.

Zikalala revealed that government has spent about R22 million for municipal services for ministers and R29,4 million for the maintenance of 68 ministerial houses and apartments in Cape Town since 2019.

In total, R93,1 million was spent on both municipal services and the maintenance of these houses.

— *The Citizen*.

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