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## Experts at passing the buck

The lead story about decay at the Alexandra Road police flats refers (*The Witness*, February 3).

It strikes me that shirking and passing the buck are so well entrenched in the public service that they have become the norm. And that is what members of the public must expect as a matter of course.

Apropos the police flats in Alexandra Road, which by all accounts are uninhabitable, representatives from the SAPS and the Department of Public Works have both said it's not their problem. Spoiled brats squabbling in a school yard have nothing on these well-paid officials. Which, in the best tradition of the public ser-

vice, ensures that nothing gets done.

Perhaps U.S. President Donald Trump, who is no stranger to controversy, has a point in alleging that the South African government is doing "terrible things" to some of its people.

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