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Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Acts against Errant Official

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure would like to sincerely apologise to the Joint Portfolio Committee Chairpersons, members and the public at large for an errant behaviour displayed by an official of the Independent Development Trust (IDT), an entity of the Department, during a joint portfolio virtual meeting of 17 June 2020. The official was caught on video laying on the bed, topless and wearing only shorts while the meeting was in session, a behaviour which the Department strongly condemns as it undermined the decorum of the meeting.

The Director-General of the Department, Advocate Sam Vukela, instructed that the official be immediately removed from the meeting and the incident should be viewed in a serious light.

“This is a very serious offence which must be followed by a proper disciplinary process. This kind of behaviour is totally unacceptable and has brought the Department into serious disrepute. I have therefore referred the matter to the CEO of the IDT to look further into it in order to determine the appropriate corrective measures to be taken.”

“The CEO will in due course provide the Minister with a report on the outcome of this matter and also the measures which have been taken in this regard”, concluded Advocate Vukela.

Issued by: Advocate Sam Vukela Director-General: Department of Public works and Infrastructure

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