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**STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
PATRICIA DE LILLE IN RESPONSE TO DA MP NATASHA MAZZONE ON
PARLIAMENT FIRE**

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The DA has clearly not learnt from their previous mistakes by peddling untested statements about me. They paid up to R1million in legal fees because of this irresponsible behavior.

If DA MP Natasha Mazzone had listened to the Parliament meeting today and not rushed to issue statements, she would have known that DPWI provided the Joint Standing Committee with all the Annual Maintenance Certificates for the National Assembly and Old Assembly Buildings confirming that “all fire safety equipment is in good working order”.

These maintenance service certificates were issued by an independent service provider in November 2021.

The 2019 and 2020 SONA reports released by the City of Cape Town last week were already responded to and remedial actions implemented. Once all servicing is completed, the DPWI submits the maintenance certificates to the relevant authority PROV JOINTS ahead of SONA. The PROV JOINTS includes the City of Cape Town, Crime Intelligence, the State Security Agency, Parliament, DPWI, the Presidency and the Department of Defence.

This is the procedure followed before 2019 (February & June), 2020 and 2021 SONA events.

Mazonne doesn't believe in facts and truths and makes conclusions even before the investigation is concluded by the Hawks into the cause of the fire.

It seems that she has concocted together something in her brain with one brain cell that she alone believes in.

Finally, I issued an extensive statement on the BDO report in September 2021 and this report was submitted by me to the Speaker of Parliament in October 2021. The BDO report was also provided by myself to the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) with a request to further investigate the projects under an existing proclamation.

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