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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## The Purchasing of the Da Gama Park Houses at Simon's Town Naval Base by officials

Navy personnel at Simon's Town Naval Base (near Cape Point, Cape Town) and their families rent about 570 houses in Da Gama Park. They want to be able to buy the houses.

The Da Gama Park houses at Simon's Town Naval base are currently reserved for South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and the Department has not indicated that it no longer requires these houses.

According to procedure the SANDF has to give an official indication to the Department of Public Works (DPW) that it no longer requires the houses. Based on the given reason that the SANDF has not given DPW official indication that it no longer requires the houses, the repairs and maintenance of the houses remains the duty of the SANDF until such time they indicate otherwise.

The Department is not in a position to indicate when the SANDF would no longer require these houses.

In the case of the letters from Edgar Jurgens of the Ocean View Housing Steering Committee and the Da Gama Park Women's Association on the matter the Property Management office in Cape Town have never had any representation from the two organisations in question.

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