The Public Protector

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Dear Public Protector

I wish to bring the following matter to your attention and request for your attention.

The is a strike at public hospitals and clinics in the North West Province by members of Nehawu. This strike has been going on for more than six weeks and has adversely affected the delivery of basic health to the public of the North West Province.

The public has been notified that the Premier of the North West Province has appointed three members of his Executive to intervene at the Department of Health. The Democratic Alliance in the North West Province is of the view that such a move by the Premier is a futile exercise and will not restore the functionality of health facilities in the North West Province.

The Portfolio Committee of the North West Provincial Legislature has opened criminal cases of fraud against the Head of the Department of Health. The Democratic Alliance is concerned that problems in the North West Department of Health are such that delivery of health services is in a state of collapse and that the lives of patients are under threat.

On behalf of the Democratic Alliance in the North West,  I wish to request that the Public Protector institute an investigation into the collapse of governance in the North West Department of Health and challenges this situation poses to the delivery of basic health services the people of the North West.

I trust that our request will receive your attention.

Kind regards

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