

MOTION OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE FOR RESIGNATIONS OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT MEC JACOB MAMABOLO AND HEALTH MEC GWEN RAMOKGOPA

Noting:

1. The fire at the Bank of Lisbon building on 5 September 2018 that broke out at the Gauteng Health Department Head Office which has tragically claimed the lives of three firefighters and injured many others;
2. Various reports by both the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development and the Gauteng Health Department that this building and other provincial government buildings are unsafe, legally non-compliant and a health hazard to staff;
3. According to the National Health and Allied Workers Union (NEHAWU), eight of their shop stewards were suspended in November 2015 for raising alarm about health hazards in the Bank of Lisbon building;
4. Persistent complaints by staff about hazardous conditions at the Bank of Lisbon building that were ignored;
5. The roof collapse at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Hospital on 2 March 2017 which injured five people but could have caused many fatalities and should have served as a wake-up call about poor maintenance of government buildings;

And believing:

That there needs to be accountability for unsafe provincial buildings that endanger staff, and that the inaction in the face of multiple warnings is reminiscent of the negligence and callousness that led to the Life Esidimeni tragedy;

Therefore resolves:

That Infrastructure Development MEC Jacob Mamabolo and Health MEC Gwen Ramokgopa submit their resignations for their failures in this matter, failing which the Honorable Premier David Makhura should fire them within five days.