



Date:	17 July 2024
To:	Hon Ntombizanele Sifuba MPL MEC: Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation Free State Province
From:	Hon Werner Pretorius MPL Whip of the Official Opposition Free State Provincial Legislature
Subject:	Queen's Fort Military Museum Electrical Power

Dear MEC,

I am writing to bring your attention to a significant concern regarding the Queen's Fort Military Museum in Bloemfontein, which has been closed to the public for the past 17 months. As you are aware, this closure occurred due to the disconnection of power by Centlec in January 2023, citing outstanding debt.

According to your department's response to enquiries from the DA, the Department of Public Works has settled the museum's outstanding debt to Centlec. Despite this, the restoration of power to the Museum remains unresolved.

I urge you to take immediate action to ensure that the power supply to the Military Museum is reinstated without further delay. Additionally, I kindly request that you address the issue of limited visiting hours at museums across the province, particularly on Saturdays, to allow more accessible public access.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response and action on restoring the Historic Military Museum Fort Bloemfontein to its rightful place as a beacon of history and education in our community.



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