



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

**Councillor Belinda Echeozonjoku**

Caucus Leader of the Democratic Alliance

**TO** : **Hon Minister of COGTA – Min Velenkosini Hlabisa**  
**DATE** : 25 February 2025  
**SUBJECT** : City of Johannesburg – Lifestyle Audits for Senior Officials

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Dear Hon Min Hlabisa,

The above matter bears reference,

On behalf of the Democratic Alliance (DA) Caucus, the Official Opposition in Council and residents of the City of Johannesburg.

We are writing to you with serious concerns regarding the findings in the Auditor General's report and after no response to our request to the Executive Mayor Cllr Dada Morero

Some of the Key Risks identified by the Auditor General is that

- The City's Employees are not capable, productive or effective in managing the complexity of the City of Johannesburg Issues
- City's assets are stolen, vandalised, fall into disrepair, are hijacked, become obsolete and not used effectively
- City's resources are stolen, or inappropriately, fraudulently utilised for the gain of suppliers and employees and not in the best interest of the residents of the City of Johannesburg

Sec 195(1)(a) of the constitution of the Republic reminds us that a high standard of professional ethics must be promoted and maintained in public sector

The Public Services Act 1994(Proclamation 103 of 1994) Section 3 allows the Minister of Public Service and Administration to establish norms and standards relating to "(h) integrity, ethics, conduct

and anti-corruption in the Public Service” which includes the adoption of Lifestyle Audits as a legitimate fraud prevention and detection mechanism.

Due to these scathing findings of the Auditor General it is with concern that there could be a possibility of Public Officials in the City that are possibly not acting in the best interest of the Municipality and residents of Johannesburg.

Therefore we had requested the Executive Mayor as the main shareholder representative in all entities in the City of Johannesburg to initiate lifestyle audits to be implemented on the following:

- HOD and Senior Management in Procurement in Citypower including the Board
- HOD and Senior Management in Supply Chain Management in Joburg Water including the Board
- HOD and Senior Management in Supply Chain Management of Joburg Property Company (JPC) including the Board
- HOD and Senior Management in Supply Chain Management of Joburg Development Agency (JDA) including the Board
- HOD and Senior Management in Supply Chain Management of Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) including the Board
- HOD and Senior Management in Supply Chain Management of Metropolitan Trading Company (MTC) including the Board
- The City Manager and all Senior Management in Procurement, Group Finance, Group Governance & Group Legal


In addition to the above, we are also requesting that a skills audit be done on Heads of departments above

We have requested the Executive Mayor to respond within 7 days which expired last week Wednesday with no acknowledgement or response.

We are hereby requesting that yourself and/or the Minister Responsible for Public Service and Administration intervene, because the City of Johannesburg is really on a downward trajectory.

I look forward to your urgent attention and response to this matter.

Sincerely,



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**DA Johannesburg Caucus Leader**

**Cc: Hon Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi – Minister of Public Service & Administration**

**CC: Ms Tsakane Maluleka – Auditor General**

**Cc: Cllr Dada Sello Morero – Executive Mayor, City of Johannesburg**