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DA grants conditional support to OCPOL budget until all concerns are met

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The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Gauteng is supporting this budget but we wish to express our reservations about a number of issues.

Firstly, the state of this building and its security still needs much to be desired.

Secondly, we should not have overlong disciplinary processes such as that for the employees who allegedly claimed fraudulent payments during the COVID period.

Another question is whether we are getting the balance right between those who work from home and those who need to be in their offices.

We are also disturbed that there is not a full explanation for the R6 million payout to the former Provincial Secretary Peter Skosana, and we note that the Public Protector is currently investigating this matter.

Another issue is that the coordination of committees and proceedings needs to be improved, with the Speaker taking more decisive action. It should not be the case that the DA has to go to court to get our Censure motion on the Health MEC debated.

We will be keeping a beady eye on expenditure to ensure that this budget is spent on essentials rather than frills.

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