

**717. Hon. W Pretorius (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for PW&I: Ms. D Mance.**

In view of the response to Question 576 of the 2025 IQP regarding the property situated at 5 Voortrekker Street, Fauresmith, within the Kopanong Local Municipality (KLM), registered under title deed number T9563/2014:

1. For how long has the current occupant, Mr. M.J. Moitse, been residing at this property?
2. Why has no monthly rental amount been charged to the occupant during this period?
3. What would be the applicable monthly rental amount, based on the department's valuation or standard rental tariffs for similar government-owned residential properties?
4. What is the total amount of rental income that could have been collected to date, had rent been charged since occupation?
5. Has the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure taken any steps to recover losses arising from non-payment or non-collection of rent? If so, please provide details of such steps.
6. What is the current status of the legal process referred to in the response to Question 576 regarding the possible eviction of the occupant?

**RESPONSE 19/11/2025**

- 1) The lease agreement was signed with the tenant as from 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2017. However, the tenant has been residing at the property for more than eleven (11) years.
- 2) The tenant is currently billed in line with the lease agreement that is on a month-to-month basis.
- 3) The current monthly rental is R7 753.63 per month, with an escalation rate of 7.5% per year.
- 4) The total amount owed by the tenant inclusive of interest is R1 163 584.92 to date.
- 5) The Department has been following up on the outstanding debt through letters and statements that are sent on a regular basis.
- 6) The matter has been referred to the Departmental Legal Services to handle the eviction processes.