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Hon. FJ Badenhorst, MP
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Dear Hon. Badenhorst

**HANDOVER OF THE PARLIAMENT REBUILD PROJECT FROM PARLIAMENT TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Thank you for your letter dated 11 May 2026 regarding the handover of the Parliament Rebuild Project and the role of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) as implementing agent.

Following receipt of your correspondence, I requested the Director-General to investigate the matter and review the Department's records pertaining to the alleged transfer of powers, duties and responsibilities relating to the Parliament Rebuild Project.

The Director-General has now advised me that, based on the records available to the Department, no formal transfer of the Parliament Rebuild Project from the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to Parliament was ever effected. Consequently, the Department has been unable to identify any written transfer or delegation of powers as contemplated in your correspondence.

Accordingly, the Department is unable to provide me with any information on what the previous two Ministers had done, or how they had been advised in this regard.

It is our understanding that Parliament proceeded to appoint the DBSA as its implementing agent in relation to the rebuild and refurbishment project. However, the Department's records do not reflect a transfer of custodial responsibility for the project to

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Parliament, nor a corresponding written transfer that would have emanated from the Department.

From hereon, I shall be investigating how this was able to occur and to what extent officials are to be held accountable, where applicable. I will also be investigating the possibilities of rectifying this oversight by the previous administration. I shall ensure further correspondence is forthcoming in this regard at a later stage.

I trust that the above addresses your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D MacPherson', written over a horizontal line.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
MR D MACPHERSON, MP
DATE: 31 JULY 2026