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Date	30 September 2026
To	Ms Ntswaki Afrika Free State Representative Public Protector South Africa
From	Dr Roy Jankielsohn MPL Leader of the Official Opposition Free State Provincial Legislature
Subject	Request for investigation: Breda Farm School Hostel

Dear Ms Afrika

We would like to request an investigation into the delayed construction of the Breda School Hostel in the Fouriesburg area.

The DA remains concerned that after more than seven years of construction with multiple contractors and large sums of money spent, learners from this school are still without a hostel. Construction of a hostel for the prefabricated Breda school, which is 12 kilometres outside of Fouriesburg, commenced on 29 February 2019 but remains an empty concrete shell.

With an initial R83 883 327,33 budget the successful tender went to GT Molefe Construction. At that time, the DA raised concerns about the company's ability to complete such a project. In a reply to a question in the Free State Legislature in 2025 (Annexure A), the MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure, Ms D. Mance, stated that a great deal of money has been paid out with no end in sight. Money paid out includes R27 318 632,80 to GT Molefe Construction, R496 660,00 to Abeco, R421 365,29 to Ikhepu, R417 055,32 to Frela, R1 125 924,59 to Hardware Meca and R31 326 352,55 to Namcon Construction. This brings the cost of the empty shell to R61 105 990,55.



While Namcon Construction was contracted with a budget of R33 842 232,87 to complete the project after GT Molefe Construction ceded the project to them on 27 February 2026, Namcon have received the bulk of the budgeted funds with no completion planned.

Meanwhile the MEC for Education, Dr M. Maboya, indicated in another reply in 2026 (Annexure B) that there is no replacement contractor appointed. Her reply indicates that more money will be spent on the procurement of a new contractor solely for the technical assistance and completion of the remaining scope, after which a contractor will be appointed to complete the remaining work. However, no mention is made of any budget for the final completion.

Meanwhile the learners at the school have to suffer the indignity and difficulty of traveling and walking long distances to get to the school, and must cross a frequently flooded waterway since an access road bridge is often flooded in the rain season.

In view of the above information, the DA is requesting that the Public Protector investigate the following on this project:

1. Potential tender irregularities since money has been spent and the building remains an empty shell.
2. The initial contractor, GT Molefe Construction, abandoned the project prior to completion after payments of R27 318 632,80 were made.
3. Additional payments were made of R496 660,00 to Abeco, R421 365,29 to Ikhepu, R417 055,32 to Frela, R1 125 924,59 to Hardware Meca and R31 326 352,55 to Namcon Construction were made with no indication what the funds were used for.



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4. Seven years later, R61 105 990,55 of public funds been spent and learners are still without the dignity of decent accommodation after many other local rural farms schools were closed and hostel accommodation was promised.

We would appreciate an investigation into this project that may expose non-compliance with tender procedures and specifications and potential administrative maladministration in terms of expenditure, allocation of tenders and monitoring.

Your favourable response in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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