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Dear Adv Maloka

RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. INF050, BY MEMBER. A FUCHS OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA), FOR YOUR WRITTEN REPLY:

5. INF050 With reference to Gauteng Provincial Government-owned buildings that are vacant or underutilised and departments occupying privately rented accommodation, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) **Whether every vacant or underutilised building has been assessed for possible use by provincial departments or offices currently in private accommodation?**
- (ii) **The date and outcome of each suitability assessment that has been completed?**
- (iii) **For each building found unsuitable, the specific structural, location, accessibility, safety, service-capacity or other factors that rendered it unsuitable?**
- (iv) **For each building not assessed, the reason no assessment was conducted and the date by which it will be completed?**
- (v) **How many vacant or underutilised buildings require refurbishment, rehabilitation or other capital works before occupation?**
- (vi) **For each such building, the nature and scope of the work required?**
- (vii) **The estimated cost and funding source for the required work at each building?**
- (viii) **The planned commencement and completion dates for returning each building to productive use?**
- (ix) **Whether any of the buildings could accommodate one or more of the Gauteng Department of Education's ten district offices and, including the assessment document supporting that conclusion?**

- (x) **What approval and monitoring process will be used to ensure that suitable state-owned space is considered before any new private lease is concluded?**

Reply to (i) – (x)

As indicated in my previous replies, Department of Infrastructure Development (DID) is currently implementing a Government Precinct initiative aimed at consolidating and accommodating the Department's staff complement within suitable government-owned accommodation in the Johannesburg CBD.

The initiative forms part of the Department's broader strategy to optimise the use of the Provincial Government's existing immovable asset portfolio, reduce reliance on privately leased office accommodation and improve value for money from government-owned properties.

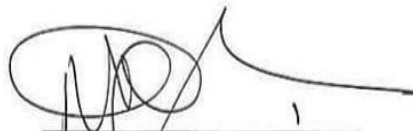
Together with Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency (GIFA), DID is currently undertaking a needs analysis and accommodation assessment to determine the office space requirements of the Department and other relevant provincial departments. The assessment considers staff numbers, functional requirements, current accommodation arrangements, space requirements and the suitability of available government-owned properties.

The outcome of the needs analysis will inform the development of the appropriate accommodation and development model, including the identification and assessment of suitable government-owned properties within the Johannesburg CBD. The process will also consider opportunities for the refurbishment, redevelopment, consolidation and optimisation of existing government assets before considering additional privately leased accommodation.

The broader strategy is therefore to:

- consolidate government accommodation where feasible;
- optimise the utilisation of existing government-owned buildings;
- reduce under-utilisation and holding costs associated with provincial properties;
- reduce dependence on privately leased office accommodation;
- improve the efficiency of government office accommodation;
- support the regeneration and revitalisation of the Johannesburg CBD; and
- ensure that future decisions are based on verified demand, property availability, affordability and long-term value for money.

Yours faithfully,



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