



The Secretary
Gauteng Provincial Legislature
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Dear Adv Maloka

**RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. INF049, BY MEMBER.
A FUCHS OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA), FOR YOUR
WRITTEN REPLY:**

5. INF049 With reference to the MEC's statement during Question Time on 8 September 2026 that there are no suitable government-owned buildings available to accommodate the Gauteng Department of Education's ten district offices, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) How many Gauteng Provincial Government-owned buildings are currently completely vacant?**
- (ii) How many Gauteng Provincial Government-owned buildings are currently underutilised?**
- (iii) The name and full physical address of every completely vacant building?**
- (iv) The name and full physical address of every underutilised building?**
- (v) The department or entity to which each building is allocated or, where it is unallocated, the custodian responsible for it?**
- (vi) The gross floor area in square metres and maximum intended occupancy of each building?**
- (vii) The current occupancy of each building, expressed as both the number of occupants and a percentage of capacity?**
- (viii) The date on which each building became vacant or underutilised?**
- (ix) The reason each building is vacant or underutilised?**
- (x) Whether the Department will provide the current complete immovable-asset register reflecting the status of each property?**

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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