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Hon. C.Q. Madlopha
Chairperson: Premier Portfolio Committee
KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature
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Dear Madam

Purpose:

To report to the KZN Provincial Legislature regarding the following Premier Portfolio Committee **Resolution: 03/2020: Provincial Training Academy**

The Committee resolved that:

The department must provide a clear report on the expenditure incurred for the construction of the Training Academy and the details for putting the project in abeyance.

Office of the Premier response

- The construction of the proposed Provincial Public Service Training Academy design was commissioned through the Department of Public Works in 2014 after state owned land for the development was identified in Westville, Durban.


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- The proposed Training Academy building was planned to consist of:
 - A Training Facility including 11 lecture rooms (accommodating 300+ trainees); Breakaway Rooms for smaller training groups; An Auditorium seating a 105 people; 4 Training/ Meeting Boardrooms (accommodating 100+ users); A Library and two Computer Training Rooms seating a 100+ users.
 - An Accommodation Facility attached to the Academy to cater for the needs of overnight accommodation of trainees and delegates, consisting of 76 bedrooms with all the support functions such as a Laundry and Dining Area.
 - A large Function Hall with seating for more than 500 people to cater for major conference type of events.
 - Ample parking, including the facilitation of public transport.
 - The Department of Public Works, as the implementing agent of the State, appointed a Consultant Team comprising Architects, Engineers and a Quantity Surveyor towards achieving this plan. The architectural layout and design, hereto attached as **Annexure A**, provides an overview of the project design.
- The design, technical and specification documents was successfully completed by the Department of Public Works project team and all the relevant Statutory and Regulatory approvals were obtained, with the project being 100% ready to proceed to the construction phase. Up until the design stage, total expenditure incurred on the project was R20.7 million. The Department of Public Works has provided a breakdown of the cost, attached hereto as **Annexure B**.
- However, before construction phase could start the project had to be suspended due to a shortage of funds. During the 2016/17 financial year all departments were required to reprioritise their budgets following the austerity measures introduced by government, and in that process the Office of the Premier had to give up some of its infrastructure funding, which impacted on the construction of the Training Academy.

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- Consequently, the Office of the Premier was forced to request the Department of Public Works to suspend further work on the Training Academy project.

Kind Regards


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