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Give back our Public Works mandate, NW MEC says....

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North West MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport is adamant his department has the capacity to deliver on its mandate of providing quality infrastructure.

Mahlakeng Mahlakeng yesterday (Wed) expressed satisfaction at the quality of the workmanship on the completed R62m new Library Archives Building in Mmabatho, Mafikeng.

The department took first delivery on the project from the contractors followed by a surprise visit and tour by the MEC of the state of art building. The building is ready for occupation henceforth.

“ It is delivery of projects like this one that make a firm statement that Public Works can indeed deliver on its mandate of proving quality infrastructure to our people. In fact we have to reclaim our mandate as Public Works” Mahlakeng said.

He said it also “very important” that his department has delivered a safe and secure building for use by Government as office space instead of leasing property at a huge cost on tax payers.

The Library Archives Building is a two-storey building and includes facilities such as: an auditorium which can seat 120 people; three conference rooms; board rooms; store rooms to keep Government records as well as an open plan office area plus 20 separate offices.

Construction began in the 2006 but the contractor was terminated because of non performance which “impacted hugely on our mandate to deliver quality infrastructure.

“I must emphasize at that we fully support our emerging contractors in line with Government requirements of Broad Based Black Empowerment (BBBEE).

But that does not translate into turning a blind eye and accepting without question, poor workmanship for our people,” Mahlakeng warned.

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