

## Western Cape Provincial Parliament regrets incident

On Monday, 3 June an incident occurred at the entrance of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament when the waste contents of five portable toilets was emptied on the steps of the building by demonstrators protesting perceived poor service delivery.

Hon Thembekile Majola, the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, criticised the approach used by the protesters, saying: 'It is regrettable that the demonstrators resorted to this kind of behaviour. I encourage anyone who experiences poor service delivery to make use of the correct channels to communicate their grievances or by contacting their elected public representative in their respective constituencies or wards.'

The incident resulted in the building being closed for a period of time during which the area was cleaned and disinfected by cleaners from the Western Cape Provincial Government's Department of Public Works and the City of Cape Town. No additional costs were incurred.

An internal investigation into the incident is being conducted by the Security and Facilities Management section of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and the static unit of the South African Police Service based at the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.