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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2610 Ms S J Graham (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

1. With reference to her reply to question 333 on 4 June 2021, what progress has been made in evicting unlawful occupiers of Excelsior Court in Durban;
2. what steps is her department taking to protect the building from further destruction and vandalism by unlawful occupiers and trespassers;
3. who will be held responsible for the ongoing destruction of the property since the issue was first raised with her in February 2020;
4. what is the anticipated date for handover of the property to the SA National Defence Force? **NW3086E**

# REPLY:

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure**

1. I am informed that the matter is being dealt with by the South African Police Service (SAPS). In the latest progress update from SAPS, it was confirmed that the State Attorney is awaiting the return of service of eviction applications from the Sheriff’s Office.
2. I have been informed that SAPS members still partially occupy the property, and the building has not been handed back to DPWI. Therefore, SAPS are fully responsible for the upkeep and security of the premises until it is handed back to the DPWI.
3. In terms of the SLA between SAPS and DPWI, SAPS are responsible.
4. SANDF have indicated that they do not have the funds to implement refurbishments. The SAPS will have to confirm their future intent to occupy the property.