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**429. Dr M J Figg (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works:**

Whether any plans have been put in place to upgrade the Humansdorp Magistrate’s Court in the Eastern Cape to make it safer and more user-friendly; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW492E**

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**The Minister of Public Works**

**REPLY:**

Yes, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has put a plan in place to upgrade the Humansdorp Magistrate’s Court in the Eastern Cape.

The project is registered under the project name: Humansdorp Magistrate’s Office, construction of additional accommodation (Works Control System No. 044681) and it is currently in the design phase, i.e. Status 4.

The anticipated key dates for project execution are as follows:

* By end of May 2019 the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (the client department) to provide the revised assessments and confirm availability of funding for the project.
* By end of May 2019 the DPW to finalise designs and process the approval of the sketch plan.
* By end of June 2019 the procurement process (i.e. appointment of the building contractor) to start.
* Thereafter, the project is expected to be implemented over a period of two and half years. Meaning that by the end of 2021 the project should be reaching completion.