



**Democratic Alliance City of Johannesburg Media Statement
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City Power, Pikitup and Joburg Water reports

Our first meeting of the 3rd of March was adjourned by a unanimous decision due to the MDs of various entities yet again not appearing before the committee.

A request for a formal complaint to go to the MMC was submitted to the chair by the DA. The meeting reconvened on the 10th of March where all MDs were present including the first appearance by Amanda Niar since her re-instatement.

The EISD report raised numerous questions about the entities which will be covered under their reports.

As far as environmental compliance by developers and entities is concerned Environment, Infrastructure and Service Delivery (EISD) unfortunately is not in a position to issue fines as this falls under Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

City Power report

- City Power buys 90 Mega Watts from Kelvin which can be increased to 540 Megawatts on full capacity.
- Even though at first they blamed on-going theft they later admitted to the aging and failing infrastructure being the main cause for continuous outages.
- They have plans to reduce the losses to 10% over the next months but did not elaborate.
- We were promised that ward councillors would be informed prior to contractors moving into their areas to change meters.
- The fact that only Reuven store is open after hours is admittedly hampering service delivery.
- They further admitted that they failed to timeously enter into new supply

contracts for spares as those ran out early in the financial year.

- They however reported that warehouses are now well stocked.
- This has already been disproved over the past week.

Pikitup Report

- The diversion of dry waste from landfill sites is dismal with only about 7450 tons being diverted against a target of 25000 tons.

- The registration of reclaimers and trolley pullers is also lagging badly.
- The cleaning of illegal dumping spots is a failure due to the lack of support from other entities ie. Gautrans, JMPD and JRA.

The amount of open queries being in total 5417 with 1905 over 120 days is a total failure to address issues.

- Pikitup tries to stress that they will utilize Jozi@work for a number of issues but fail to provide an answer as to where the funds will be coming from.

Joburg Water Report

- It was noted that the UFW figures were confusing as there were three different values in the report ranging from 37% to 40% against a target of 53.3%

- The effluent compliance was at 88.9% against a target of 97%. This is a huge contributor to the pollution of our waterways and Joburg Water admitted to taking their eye off the ball in this respect.

- Revenue collection at 77% was also unacceptably low but in defence this must go to the fact that billing is in a mess.

- It was noted that sewer pipe replacements did not adhere to the plan for the year.

- On a positive note it was noted that Joburg Water was the only entity that supplied a detailed account on the auditor's findings and issues under review.

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