



**Democratic Alliance Johannesburg Media Statement  
Shadow Member of the Mayoral Committee for Transport  
DA City of Johannesburg PR Councillor Nico De Jager**

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**Metro bus driver escapes a serious injury after plunging onto Biccard road**

“Accidents of this nature can be avoided, if the City delivers on their promises,” says Democratic Alliance spokesperson for Transport, Councillor Nico De Jager.

He says that almost three years ago the City first promised 150 new busses, in the 2012/2013 budget year. “This came as part of a turnaround strategy, to save the entity from being sold off,” says Cllr De Jager.

This morning in Braamfontein, a bus driver was leaving the depot on his first trip of the day and lost control of the vehicle. He allegedly lost control of the bus which went over Queen Wilhelmina Bridge and plunged onto Biccard road.

At this point it is unclear as to what exactly may have caused the accident. However there are speculations that it may have been caused by a slippery road, due to early morning rain.

Whatever the cause, the DA is concerned, as this is a second serious incident, where a driver loses control of a bus. Councillor On the 21st of July 2014 a driver also lost control of a bus killing four bystanders, this particular incident though was due to negligence.

“Such cases can be avoided and in this instance, the accident could have been worse if there were passengers on board,” he says with concern.

Councillor De Jager believes that it is because of such incidents that drivers need to get continuous safety training and advanced driving courses, in order to learn how to handle unforeseen circumstances.

“We hope that the City views this accident in a serious light and realises the importance of upgrading the existing fleet as promised,” says Cllr De Jager.

Caption pic1 to pic3  
The bus that plunged over the bridge should be a wakeup call for motorists to be more cautious when on the road.



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