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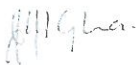
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RE: REQUEST URGENT INVESTIGATION OF KIMBERLEY MORTUARY

The above matter refers.

1. The Democratic Alliance in the Northern Cape wishes to request an investigation in terms of section 184 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 108 of 1996.
2. We request that the South African Human Rights Commission undertakes an investigation into the management of medical waste by the Northern Cape Department of Health.
3. We have reason to believe that the management of medical waste has violated the right enshrined in section 24 of the Constitution, namely the right to a healthy environment.
4. From media reports, it is clear that the management of medical waste at the Kimberley mortuary in Kimberley (Frances Baard district) has not been adequate.
5. Kindly find attached hereto a copy of an article titled "Mortuary spills blood onto streets" which was published in the Diamond Fields Advertiser of 4 August 2015 and marked Annexure A.
6. The article indicates that human blood has been emanating from a drain at the Kimberley mortuary for a number of weeks already. The environmental risk of medical waste that has been improperly disposed of cannot be underestimated and we believe that this has created an unhealthy environment which violates the rights of Kimberley residents.
7. Also attached is a Parliamentary Reply on the state of mortuaries in the Northern Cape, marked Annexure B.
7. Your assistance in this regard is highly appreciated.

Kind Regards



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