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Hon Mr Speaker,

The North West province is in the coalface of difficulties relating to ineptitude of government employees.

Hardly a day goes by without actions of government being called to question. The latest is the morass of confusion surrounding the death and subsequent disappearance of the corpse of one Johan Nel of Makhado otherwise formerly called Louis Trichardt, who died in a car accident in Brits, in the Bojanala District.

It is as unpardonable as it is very sad that this happened nine months ago and has yet to be concluded.

The Department of Health are at a loss as to where is the said corpse. The bereaved parents are sent from pillar to post in their quest for the body of their son, whom they want to give a decent funeral.

It is not forgivable that a government that purports to serve people should be dragging their feet in such a nonchalant manner. This gives rise to the parents of the deceased and their ilk to go back and feel that this is a dismissive attitude as it is a white person who is involved. We cannot allow

such acts to polarise the society.

While we applaud the efforts and involvement of the MEC For Health and Social Development in this matter we call on her to ensure that the right thing is done.

Our hearts go out to Johan's parents, Frik and Sune Nel. We pray much their strength and hope the planned commission of enquiry will bring closure to this sordid and sad episode.

I thank you