

Floorboards collapse in Public Works venue

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A TEAM of engineers has been dispatched to the Department of Public Works offices in Mayville, after floorboards collapsed during a meeting yesterday.

Spokesperson for the department, Kiru Naidoo, said the meeting was to brief contractors about a tender that had been advertised by the Department of Human Settlements.

"The meeting saw about 100 contractors from around the province pitch up to the meeting. There were even people who were outside the hall, in the parking lot. The meeting organiser had not expected such a massive turnout," he said.

Naidoo said that as the meeting was due to begin, the floorboards inside the hall collapsed.

He said no one was seriously injured and the hall was cleared. The area was sealed off to avoid further injury.

He said the 50-year-old building



THE floorboards in a building at the Department of Public Works collapsed during a tender briefing meeting at the Mayville offices yesterday.

was hardly used and had been earmarked for refurbishment this year.

"We usually use a different venue – one that was used as the provincial voting results centre for the general

elections held earlier this year – but it is undergoing renovations," he said.

Naidoo said the tender briefing meeting would be held at a later date and in various districts.

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