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Renewed hope for Gillitts Station

GILLITTS Railway Station may soon undergo a facelift and be ready for rent.

Democratic Alliance MP Gareth Morgan, recently asked the minister of Public Enterprises Barbara Hogan, if she knew about the station and its dilapidated state.

Hogan said she was aware of the situation and revealed some interesting news.

"I have been informed that owing to the station building having been vacated in 2001, it is no longer occupied and has fallen into disrepair. Transnet was subsequently restrained by a legal dispute from using the building.

"With that now resolved, Transnet intends to lease the building through public tender and will facilitate the revamping of the building once a new tenant has been found. Transnet will lease the building to any tenant, at a market related price, provided such a tenant meets Transnet's leasing criteria," she said. This means the station may be returned to its former splendour and used as a worthwhile enterprise.

"I am happy that minister Hogan has responded positively to my question in Parliament. The saga of Gillitts Station has been going on for too long and local residents want the matter resolved. I look forward to Transnet taking this matter forward, rejuvenating the building and putting it out to tender," said Morgan.