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Site Category: Building

SiteComments:

Tuynhuys, which houses the Presidential offices, falls under the Presidency and is managed independently from Parliament. It was used as an official residence and guesthouse by almost all the governors of the Cape - Dutch, Batavian and British - and by State Presidents after the country became a Republic in 1961. Historically Tuynbuys (or Government House as it was known by the British) provided the grounds on which Parliament was built. In 1971 Tuynhuys was restoration to its original Baroque period, the wings were kept in the Victorian style and the Stalplein side reflects the Georgian period. The gardens were restored to a Baroque layout. Tuynhuys still shares the same erf number with Parliament, and together were declared national monuments in 1984. This building is the site of one of the most important turning points in South African history when FW de Klerk announced from its steps, on 18 March 1992, that South Africa had 'closed the book on apartheid'.

Damage Types: