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MEC Kegakilwe's meeting with housing developers

Housing developers recently got to meet with the North West MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Mothibedi Kegakilwe to discuss ways of accelerating housing delivery in the province.

MEC Kegakilwe conceded previously lost its allocation to other provinces due to poor performance in terms of housing delivery and he called on developers to work with the department to turn the situation around.

"We are concerned about developers who are on site longer than expected. Developers must be able to manage their projects and stick to the delivery schedule. Extension of contracts should not be used as a money-making scheme and should not favour certain individuals", he said.

He warned against developers who do not perform and also appealed for the delivery of quality of houses. "Let us refrain from building houses of poor quality and think about the beneficiaries of these housing units. Access to adequate housing is a right enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and it is a right that is derived from the Freedom Charter. Let it not be business as usual. We all have to work together to change the lives of our people".

"Currently, the unemployment rate in the province stands at 33 %. Young people are used to in protests because they have nothing better to do. At some point, we must be able to say how many young people we have assisted", he said.

Meanwhile, developers called on strengthened support for women contractors and the resuscitation of youth brigades. Other issues that they raised included calling for timely communication from officials in the department.

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