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MEC Maloyi pleased about housing delivery in NW

North West MEC for Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison Nono Maloyi is satisfied about the pace in which his department is spending and delivering low cost houses across the province. Maloyi said this during his address to managers within the department on service delivery matters and other challenges facing the department.

According to MEC Maloyi, the fact that his department has already reached the number of houses intended to be delivered for 2012/13 financial year, singles the North West from other provinces that are said to be straggling to spend their conditional grand.

“I am pleased about the manner in which we have performed in this ending financial year. We should however continue to deliver habitable quality houses to all deserving legible beneficiaries,” said Maloyi.

The MEC further emphasized the fact that Human Settlement is not just about building houses as it used to be in the past years. He said that it is about transforming cities and towns and building cohesive, sustainable and caring communities with closer access to work and social amenities, including sports and recreation facilities.

He said that through such affirmation, it became increasingly important to ensure that the paradigm shift from the provision of housing to the creation of sustainable human settlements is attained.

“The concept ensures that there should be a serious integration within deferent spheres of government,” he said.

Meanwhile the department has already achieved on the number of houses it had intended to build. Currently the department has already constructed over 11 500 houses as compared to the 10 900 houses intended for this financial year. The Department has further expressed its satisfaction on the progress made on the eradication of informal settlements in the province, while acknowledging the challenge brought by the continuous mushrooming such settlements.

Maloyi however acknowledged that the involvement of mines in an attempt to eradicate informal settlements can be achieved. He however called on other stakeholders including

local municipalities to monitor and strengthen their bylaws to curb the ever recurring informal settlements

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