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### Media statement

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### **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES TENTACLES DEEPENS DEEP TO SOLICITING INFORMATION TO MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE AFFECTED BY SECTION 139 (1) (B) AND 137 OF THE MFMA IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE.**

**Mahikeng** – The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in the North West Province and National Parliament of Council of Provinces (NCOP) met on Tuesday with two municipalities: Mahikeng Local Municipality and Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality to conduct an oversight across the province to municipalities that are affected by section 139 (1) (b) of the constitution and section 137 of the municipal finance management act.

The Provincial Department and National Council of Provinces delegation created a platform to engage affected municipalities on how interventions have been implemented and its progress to provide effective service delivery. MEC Rosho welcomed the engagement and in her opening address she raised the challenges faced by two municipalities of Mahikeng and Ngaka Mordiri Molema that they had never had a positive audit outcomes. " The previous audit findings points to the fruitless and wasteful expenditure, irregular expenditure and unauthorized expenditure and the municipalities have not been able to address them in accordance with section 32 of the Municipal Finance Management Act and the situation must change immediately (MFMA)" Charged Rosho.

Newly appointed administrator has been given clear terms of reference to turnaround the situation in Mahikeng municipality. The municipal governance, service delivery, financial management have collapsed which needs to be resuscitated through intervention recovery plan.

The Chairperson of the NCOP Mr James Mthethwa emphasized the fact that consequence management must be implemented where there are wrong doing. "Those who have been found on the wrong side of the law must face harsh



consequence and in fact be fired” said Mthethwa.

The National Council of Provinces will continue with its oversight role over the municipalities affected by section 139(1)(b) and 137 of MFMA in the North West Province for the remainder of the week days. On Wednesday the NCOP visited Kagaisano Molopo and Naledi municipality. On Thursday Maquassi hills municipality, Ditsobotla municipality will be visited and the visits will conclude on Friday with Ramotshere Moiloa and Kgetleng municipalities.

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