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Traditional leaders' meeting Premier Mokgoro and EXCO

Traditional leaders in the North West recently met with Premier Job Mokgoro and Members of the Executive Council to discuss issues their challenges which included amongst others, office accommodation for traditional councils, service delivery, road infrastructure, mining charter licencing, expropriation of land without compensation, health services and dysfunctional traditional councils.

In response, MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mothibedi Kegakilwe said municipalities have a responsibility of providing basic services to communities which include water and sanitation. "The department has a mandate to turn around the situation in municipalities such that they (municipalities) are able to provide quality services, especially water.

He cited an example of Mahikeng local municipality which he said does not have the necessary capacity to upgrade internal roads and that a district model has since been developed to address and unlock the challenge.

He said most of traditional council offices were not utilised because of poor workmanship. "The Department of Public Works needs to do attend to this. The issue of transport for traditional leaders is currently receiving attention because the transversal account with the National Department of Transport has recently been re-activated and approved.

Meanwhile, Premier Mokgoro said a follow up meeting will be conducted to address the issues that were not responded to, adding that a detailed report will be developed.

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