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MEC Maine takes Setsokotsane to another level and delivers houses in Vryburg

Vryburg – In line with the new strategy to deal with illegal occupation of houses which is rife in Bokone Bophirima, MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Collen Maine recently handed over the completed houses to legitimate beneficiaries in Extension 28, Naledi local municipality in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District.

These houses are part of the 1500 units and are the new generation of Breaking New Ground houses which have gutters, big windows with small window panes, aprons right around, kitchen with a sink, bath, hand basin and a toilet, smooth internal floor finish, basic electricity installation, ceiling and Chromadek roof sheeting. The project started last year in April.

The handing over ceremony coincided with the provincial government's week-long Setsokotsane programme in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati district. MEC Maine said the Department's quest to provide intergrated and sustainable human settlements, continues unabated. MEC Maine reiterated the commitment he made during the 2014/2015 Budget Speech "that human settlements will be used as a point of convergence to lead development and provision of social amenities and economic activities particularly in as a contribution to the pillars of Agriculture, Culture and Tourism".

Also in Vryburg, MEC Maine also committed the Department to prioritising building proper houses to families whose houses where either demolished due to poor workmanship, got gutted by fire or families staying in inhabitable shacks. "Whilst we are aware of the fact that the waiting list is very long, we must be able to prioritise according to living conditions of our people", he said.

He reiterated his stance to deal decisively with housing developers who built shoddy houses. “We will not treat these developers with a cotton glove because they are hell bent on pocketing public funds yet deny the very same public access to decent houses. We will continue to come hard on them and even take it as far as having them blacklisted and they will never be able to do business in the province again”, said MEC Maine.

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