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### OVER R1, 3 MILLION SPEND ON MAINTENANCE AT HOSPITALS IN CENTRAL REGION

North West MEC for Public Works, Mr. Howard Yawa, MPL says his department has spent over R1.3 million for the inspection, service and replacement of boilers at five hospitals in the Central Region.

MEC Yawa says inspections were conducted and maintenance was done to boilers at Mafikeng Provincial, Thusong District, General De La Rey, Gelukspan and Zeerust Hospitals. During the process common problems were identified and rectified.

Over R500 000 was spent at General De La Rey Hospital in Lichtenburg because the boilers at the hospital were very old. In addition, the department is considering refurbishment of two boilers or alternatively purchasing of new boilers at the hospital.

“Boilers are critical for hospital operations such sterilization of equipment for theatre, generation of steam for cooking and provision of hot water. We are committed to the implementation of our hospital maintenance plan as the plan is in line with our resolve to Make A Difference through improved service delivery” said MEC Yawa.

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