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NORTH WEST TO HOST PROVINCIAL OVERSIGHT VISIT BY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

The North West Department of Public Works will as from Monday 21-25 August 2006 host a Parliamentary Oversight Visit by the Portfolio Committee on Public Works in the National Assembly.

The five-days hectic Provincial Oversight Visit is a follow-up to the June 2005 visit by the Portfolio Committee led the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Public Works in the National Assembly, Mr Fezile Bhengu.

During the visit, the multiparty delegation will be briefed amongst others on the annual assessment on the implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme, its co-ordination and monitoring across provincial departments, local and district municipalities.

During the previous visit the portfolio Committee applauded the department for using Property Management System (PMS) for capturing state assets and recommended that the system be considered as a case study for other provinces and National Department of Public Works. The Committee also commended the department for dealing decisively with illegal tenants and rental defaulters occupying state houses. It recommended that appropriate legal action be instituted against all tenants who are unable to produce certificates of occupation or lease agreements on demand.



After receiving Presentations on 2005/06 Achievements and Challenges facing the Department and the implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme, the Committee will visit the Molopo EPWP Paving Project and the R22 million Integrated Modimola Expanded Public Works Project on Monday afternoon.

The Programme for Tuesday includes a Project Site Visit by the Committee to the R93,6 million Modimong EPWP launched in Taung in February as part of the massification of the Expanded Public Works Project.

On Wednesday the Committee will visit the Construction Site for the New Provincial Public Works Head office, the Mafikeng Secure Centre Building Project for Youth in Conflict with the law and two clinic projects executed by women contractors. The graduation function for sixteen learner contractors and thirty learner farmers is scheduled for Wednesday evening at the Mafikeng Hotel School.

The focus shifts to delivery at local government level on Thursday as the Portfolio Committee travels to Rustenburg to receive Presentations on Integrated Development Plans (IDP's) and Implementation of Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) by the Department of Developmental Local Government and Municipalities.

Project Site Visits to Boitekong Water Reticulation Construction EPWP and Meriting Road Construction Project EPWP precede a Project Site visit to the Moses Kotane Hospital Revitalisation. The R200 million Project is executed by a Joint Venture that includes a woman contractor who has constructed 6 clinic, two schools and also participated in the construction of Sekhukhune Hospital in Limpopo.

The Committee concludes its hectic provincial Visit with Project Site Visits to Molopo Wetlands Rehabilitation Project Site, the Naledi Life Skills and Information Centre, visit to home-based care for Projects

for people living with HIV and Aids and the Railway Block Farming Project on Friday.

Throughout the visit, different government officials, beneficiaries and stakeholders will make presentations to highlight progress with implementation of programmes and challenges of service delivery. The Portfolio Committee on Public Works will in turn interact with the presentations and engage with beneficiaries and other stakeholders

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