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### MEC YAWA AND PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT LEADS KNOW YOUR STATUS CAMPAIGN

The North West Department of Public Works today launched a Voluntary Counselling and Testing Campaign for Executive and Senior managers in the department under the theme “Know about HIV and Aids, Know your status for your sake”

The objective of the two-days Campaign is to raise awareness about HIV and Aids, destigmatise HIV and Aids in the workplace and to create a working environment that cares and supports employees who are infected and affected by HIV and Aids, especially those who are ill.

The campaign is part of the departmental programme on management of HIV and Aids in the workplace that includes treatment, care and support.

Meanwhile MEC Yawa will on Thursday 30 November 2006 lead Senior Managers with the signing of a pledge of support to the HIV and Aids Workplace Programme, commitment to openness and support to employees that voluntarily disclose their status within the workplace and to create a working environment that cares and supports employees who are infected and affected by HIV and Aids, especially those who are ill.



The Campaign which is to be rolled out to all regions and throughout the department has attracted the interest of lower employees who also wanted to participate in the pre-testing counseling, testing and post-testing counseling

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