



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU-NATALI

STATEMENT OF KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF 30 JANUARY 2015

The Provincial Executive Council ('Executive Council') held its first ordinary meeting of the year on Friday, 30 January 2015 in Pietermaritzburg. The meeting was chaired by Premier Senzo Mchunu and attended by all Members of the Executive Council.

1. Key Executive Council Decisions

1.1 KwaZulu-Natal Royal Household Trust Bill, 2015

The Executive Council considered and approved the KwaZulu-Natal Household Trust Bill, 2015 for submission to the Speaker of the Provincial Legislature for tabling in the Provincial Legislature and to begin consultation processes. The objectives of the bill is to determine the manner in which Royal Household Trust is to be managed, governed, staffed and financed. The overall aim is to ensure that governance and management of the Royal Household Trust is improved for the desired wellbeing of His Majesty, in accordance with the status befitting the monarch.

1.2 Audit of Use of Bakkies as Public Transport for Schoolchildren

The Executive Council received a progress report on the status of the audit of bakkies managed by a Joint Task Team. The Executive Council noted the extent of the problem of the use of bakkies as public transport in the Province. The Executive Council appreciated the complexity of the matter particularly in rural areas where the public still rely on bakkies as means of public transport.

It was resolved that Provincial Departments of Transport and Education would present policy proposal on the use of bakkies or light delivery vehicles to carry schoolchildren to schools. The Executive Council resolved that migration from bakkies to a safer mode of transport must be implemented as a matter of urgency. In effecting these changes that will ensure safety of users of bakkies in general and schoolchildren in particular, these Departments must include in its policy proposal and action plan, a possibility of special licence for vehicles that carry children to school. Whereas the Executive Council appreciates the complexity of the issue of public transport particularly in underserved and rural areas, it however, expressed its condemnation in strongest terms possible, the use of un-roadworthy transport that put citizens of this Province to risk.

1.3 Precautionary Suspension of the KZN Gaming and Betting Board

The Executive Council noted the decision by the MEC for Finance to place with immediate effect, all members of the KZN Gaming and Betting Board on precautionary suspension.

2. Implementation of Key Government Programmes

2.1 The Executive Council in its last sitting in December 2014 had received status report on the intervention made in Mtubatuba Municipality in terms of section 139(1) (B) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996. In that meeting, the Executive Council approved an extension of this intervention until 31 March 2015.

To this end, the Executive Council noted the progress report by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) on the intervention that pointed to serious challenges in the administration of the Municipality. COGTA was directed to attend to all issues including stakeholder engagement.

3. Executive Council's Position on Current Issues

3.1 Opening of the Provincial Legislature: The Leader of Government Business briefed the Executive Council on the official opening of the Provincial Legislature scheduled for 26-27 February 2015 at the Royal Show Grounds, Pietermaritzburg. The first day (26 February 2015) will be dedicated to the Address by His Majesty the King. The second day (27 February 2015) will be for the State of the Province Address by the Premier. The debate on the State of the Province Address will take place on Tuesday, 03 March 2015.

3.2 Agricultural Drought situation: The Executive Council was briefed on the Agricultural Drought status and that the Province and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has entered into the process of carrying out

detailed assessments of losses including needs of individual farmers and farming communities.

3.3 Bereavements: The Executive Council expressed its condolences to the families of schoolchildren that lost their lives in a tragic bakkie accident in Mbali. It further wished for the injured in both Mbali and Umlazi accidents, a speedy recovery.

The Executive Council also observed a moment of silence in remembrance of people who passed away recently, namely: the former Commissioner of Police, Mr. Jackie Selebi; Rev. Xundu; Ms Jenny Noel, former Member of the Provincial Legislature; and Mother of MPL Fatima Nahara.

4. Appointments

In line with the commitment to fill permanent positions within the Senior Management Service to ensure stability, the Executive Council approved appointment for the following position in the Office of the Premier:

1. Mr Amos Zakhele Mngayi as Senior General Manager: Executive Support and Stakeholder Coordination

Ends.

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