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## Service Delivery remains the Free State Government's main priority

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The Free State Provincial Government hosted its Extended Executive Committee (ExCo) Lekgotla at the Ferdinand Meyer Hall, in Welkom on February 11, 2014. Municipalities, various state entities, the Provincial Office of Water Affairs, and various Provincial Government Departments convened to have vigorous presentations on how to fast-track service delivery, informed by the 2009 Election Manifesto.

The Lekgotla, through dynamic engagements on the day, conceded that although there is a lot of good work that has been done by government since 1994, there are blemishes that were left incomplete which the 2009 administration had to carry through. The Provincial Planning Team, led by Thuso Ramaema as Head of Planning in the province, will convene an Inter-Departmental Task Team to finalize the key deliverables in the remaining period with bucket education, availability of clean drinking water, and electricity forming the core of the deliverables towards Integrated Human Settlements. This will draw other components of service delivery value chain to ensure the people of the Free State continue to receive uninterrupted services.

The Provincial Extended Exco Lekgotla emphasized the commitment by government to improving the infrastructure in all areas of the Free State with a key focus on the larger areas and impoverished areas such as, mainly, QwaQwa, Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu. Local roads such as Rietpan and R103 amongst others will continue to receive attention. Locals from affected areas are being employed to maintain roads in pothole infested areas. It remains the Free State Provincial Government's sole prerogative to ensure that South Africa is indeed a much better country than it was before 1994.

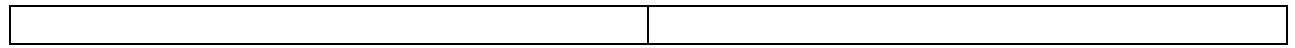
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