



## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **PARTICULARS OF THE STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS AND MEDIA TOUR BY THE FREE STATE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE FREE STATE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE**

**June 24, 2014**

The Speaker of the Free State Legislature, Honourable Sisi Mabe has convened the 1<sup>st</sup> Sitting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Democratic Legislature and the delivering of the State of the Province Address (SOPA), by the Premier of the Free State, Honourable Elias Sekgobelo Magashule, on June 26, 2014 at the University of the Free State's QwaQwa Campus.

The State of the Province Address marks the beginning of the Second Phase of Democratic Transition since the 1994 democratic breakthrough and the peaceful transition. It is anticipated that the Speaker of the Legislature will outline the workings of the Provincial Legislature of promotion of public participation and the greater involvement of the Free State citizen in decision making processes that will significantly change their lives for the better. The Premier of the Free State on the other hand is expected to outline the workings of government that will spell out the mechanisms through which the government will advance the discourse of a better life for all.

Ahead of this august occasion, there will be a display of new patient transport, response vehicles and ambulances. A brief announcement and viewing will be done with Media just before the address by the Honourable Premier.

#### **1. Details of SOPA:**

**Date:** Thursday, June 26, 2014

**Venue:** Nelson Mandela Hall, University of the Free State, QwaQwa Campus

**Time:** 18:00

**Members of the media are requested to convene at UFS Qwaqwa Campus from 13:00 for Media Lunch, which will outline the day's events, and the subsequent Media Tour.**

## **PROGRAMME: SOPA, THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2014**

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Inspection of the Venue by Security Task Team	13:00
Arrival of designated officials of the Legislature and Executive Council	13:30
Arrival of Guests	15:00
Performance by Cultural Groups	15:00
Arrival of all MPL's ( Excluding the Premier and the Speaker)	16:00
Guests to be seated	16:45
Arrival of the Premier and the Speaker	17:30
Members' procession into the Chamber/Hall	17:45
Premier's procession led by Imbongi/Praise Singer	17:50
Speaker's procession led by the Sergeant-at-arms	17:55
Commencement of Proceeding	18:00

## **2. MEDIA TOUR**

**Friday, June 27, 2014 at 13:00 to Sunday, June 29, 2014 at midday.**

The SOPA will be followed by a Media Tour, which will commence on Friday, June 27, 2014 at the Maluti-a-Phofung Municipality offices. The Media Tour will form part of an extensive Operation Hlasela Outreach Programme as part of the 102 Days Programme of Government. The far-reaching Media Tour will end on Sunday, June 29, 2014.

### **Projects to be launched in QwaQwa:**

- Launch of the Provincial Food Distribution Centre in QwaQwa
- Opening of Houses in Bluemgumbosch and other areas
- Official Opening of the Upgraded Tina Moloi Clinic in QwaQwa
- Launch of the Lusaka Sewer Connection Project

**PLEASE NOTE:** More projects for the Media Tour are still to be confirmed.

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