

Public Works Portfolio Committee leaves no stone unturned during the Ceza Hospital site visit



Ceza Hospital



The New CSSD and theatre currently under construction

Once again on the 20th of February 2013 the KwaZulu-Natal Public Works Portfolio Committee had a site visit of the Ceza Hospital in the North Coast region. The purpose of the site visits was to ensure the evaluation and progress of proper service delivery for the benefit of the people.

The visit started with a briefing session attended by members of the Portfolio Committee, KZN Public Works management team, contractor representatives and the Ceza Hospital management. Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, Mbali Fraser encouraged contractors to employ people who are physically challenged as part of uplifting the disabled sector.

Mr Celani Zulu, Deputy Manager Programme Management for the Public Works' North Coast Region delivered a detailed presentation on the project profile. The presentation was then followed by a question-and-answer (Q&A) session which was answered by Mr Zulu and the Contractor. After a very quick briefing session, the delegation headed to the construction site.

Public Works team led the delegation to the construction site and on their arrival; the contractor led the tour of the soon to be new theatre and Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD). The project is currently 50% complete and the actual or projected completion date is set for 14 May 2013. The contractor emphasised that there were a few challenges that caused delays in the project completion. Natural causes such as the weather delayed the excavations and preparation of earth platforms. Other than these causes, the filling material was not delivered on time due to a labour strike action at Ulundi Quarry and the delay in delivery of bricks due to National Transport strike.

The local community is benefitting from the project as local labour is sourced. The majority of the labour is made up of youth which will assist in achieving the objective of poverty alleviation within the region which is known for being poverty stricken.



(from left to right) Mr PW Duma; General Manager Corporate Services, Ms M Fraizer; Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, Mr CCS Zulu; Deputy Manager Programme Management NCR, Mr NN Vilakazi; Senior Manager Consultants and Contractors



Members of the Portfolio Committee being given a tour of the construction site by the contractor