



## **KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
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## **STATEMENT**

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### **KWAZULU-NATAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE WELCOMES SPIRIT OF COMMITMENT AND PROPOSALS IN ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and Infrastructure welcomes the promising engagements that are currently taking place behind closed doors with counterpart KZN Department of Education. The discussions seek to find a way forward in the matter of outstanding payments owed to KZN Public Works and Infrastructure which has led to projects being halted.

Inter-departmental Accounts (IDA) remain a major area of concern for KZN Public Works and Infrastructure as this speaks to historical debts owed to the department by other departments for projects completed and handed over. This has led to a growing volume of debt owed to KZN Public Works that has hindered the department from fulfilling other obligations. During the upcoming budget speech next week, MEC Martin Meyer, is also expected to outline a way forward in this area and how his department plans to incorporate a sustainable approach.

The roundtable engagement, led by our Acting Head of Department, Dr Vish Govender, and with the KZN Department of Education's Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo, are a result of open lines of communication between the two departments. Since the closed-door discussions began there has been a shared sentiment and willingness from both sides and as a result a number of proposals have been put forward which are promising and an indication of a shared spirit of corporation from both fronts. Once final proposals have been earmarked, these will come under the scrutiny of KZN Treasury for sign-off. Considering the rate at which both departments have been able to find each other, this is anticipated to happen soon.

The meeting followed on a fruitful meeting between MEC Meyer and MEC Hlomuka to start the discussion. In the spirit of the GPU the two MECs laid out the roadmap going forward.

KZN Public Works and Infrastructure remains committed to being the implementing agent of choice for all provincial departments while working in a joint effort at every project to ensure that the citizens of this province benefit from services.

While engagements are at a very advanced phase both the KZN Public Works and Infrastructure and KZN Department of Education will issue communication on the final outcomes of these talks.

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