MEDIA STATEMENT

KWAZULU-NATAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEC MARTIN MEYER EMPHASIZES LIFESAVING PROJECTS AS PRIORITY FOR DEPARTMENT

KZN Public Works and Infrastructure MEC, Martin Meyer, has emphasized the importance of prioritizing lifesaving projects through hospital projects. He made the emphasis during an inspection oversight at Murchison Hospital, in Port Shepstone today.

At the hospital KZN Public Works and Infrastructure was the implementing agent for a theatre HVAC system renovation project so that much-needed procedures can take place to the benefit of the locals at the Ray Nkonyeni Municipality.

Prior to the renovation, planned surgical procedures would be put on hold at the district hospital due to lack of atmospheric control as the old HVAC system would often be problematic and service procedures would require that both theatres at the hospital halt operations, further delaying procedural interventions and growing backlogs. Theatre rooms require a specific controlled atmosphere as per the needs of each specific procedure. Following the renovation both theatres are now able to independently achieve a desirable climate which also benefits the recovery room.

During his remarks MEC Meyer said these kinds of projects are a humble reminder for KZN Public Works and Infrastructure that it is the people of KZN who desperately need services that the department should prioritize in all the department does. He also said each project should be measured by the impact it has on local communities over anything else.

MEC Meyer has also applauded the impeccable work done by a female contractor in this project. He also took the opportunity to appreciate fruitful working relationships with provincial departments like the Department of Health which he described as successful and effective.

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