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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **KwaZulu-Natal Public Works and Infrastructure MEC Martin Meyer to deliver first-of-its kind fully digital budget speech at a cost of R0**

Tomorrow, the MEC for the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Martin Meyer, will deliver his department's annual budget speech for the 2025/26 financial year. During the speech the MEC will outline areas of priority which will speak to how the department allocates its annual budget of just over R2 billion in the backdrop of the over R20 billion of assets and projects.

This will also be the first paperless budget to be delivered by KZN Public Works and Infrastructure. The MEC's maiden speech, last year, had brought down the cost of tabling the budget from around R300 000 to just R300 by doing away with glossy binders, pictures and banners of the MEC's image, among other cutbacks. This time around, through going fully digital, the print cost of the budget stands at R0. This is thanks to the digital alternative which will see attendees accessing virtual copies of the speech via a QR code which will be given at the venue.

In keeping with new innovations, this year's annual budget will also outline how KZN Public Works and Infrastructure is embracing technology and the future.

MEC Meyer will also unpack various aspects around how his department plans to tackle issues of:

- Irregular expenditure
- Defaulting contractors
- Corruption within the department
- Digitalization
- Youth and skills development

Members of the media are invited to cover the budget speech and there will be opportunities for photographs and interviews.

**Details as follows:**

**Date:** 29 July 2025

**Time:** 3.30pm

**Venue:** KZN Legislature

Kindly note that the department's budget speech can also be found on the KZN Public Works Facebook page and KZN Legislature YouTube page.

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