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Vision

The Limpopo Legislature is a representative and consultative body, a vanguard of people's aspirations and interests towards a democratic, nonsexist, nonracial, united and prosperous society.

Mission

The Legislature is an autonomous institution and an agent for transformation that strives to:

- Defend, strengthen, deepen and maintain democracy.
- Make quality laws and policies for the citizens of the province.
- Have effective and meaningful participation of the citizens in the law-making processes.
- Articulate the needs and desires of the citizens.
- Be a transparent, consultative and accountable institution.
- Maintain norms set nationally for eradication of racism and gender imbalances.
- Ensure provision, retention of competent skills and efficient utilisation of human resources.

Values

- Honesty, integrity and reconciliation;
- Consultation, transparency, accountability, participation and open communication;
- Commitment to transformation and continuous learning;
- Responsive.

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- Law-making
- Oversight
- Public Participation

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In this latest edition, the *LegisTalk* team brings you up-to-date Legislature activities with Members of the Provincial Legislature (MPLs) hard at work. Committees of the Legislature embarked on several oversight visits and held public hearings engaging with different communities and stakeholders across the province.

The Limpopo Legislature held the 12th Provincial Speakers Forum in the Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District in an effort to share best practices in order to improve service delivery, turn to page six for more.

On page eight, the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Community Safety visited transport and safety a number of facilities. The oversight visits covered police stations, SAPS garages and traffic testing centres.

We also bring you faces of the provincial leadership. Find a poster of the elected members of the provincial Legislature on page 10.

The Portfolio Committee of Health went to visit clinics in the farms at the boarder lines of Botswana and the

North West Province on oversight to check on their status, turn to page 12 for details.

We followed the Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure as it conducted oversight visits on various cost centers to assess their capacity in both administrative and service rendering sections, read more on page 13.

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The Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism took oversight visits to Potlake Nature Reserve, Tshepong and Sefateng chrome mines as well as the Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ, turn to page 17 for details.

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THE PEOPLE'S LEGISLATURE

As the core business of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature continues to make its headway seamlessly. I wish to assure our principals (Members of the Provincial Legislature) nothing but unwavering support in carrying-out their primary mandate of Law-Making, Public Participation and Oversight over the Executive.

Our all-time conscientious team (support staff) showed depth during preparations and hosting

of the annual Speakers Forum at Palala outside Lephalale in the Waterberg District. This is where speakers from both Local and District municipalities of the province converged to share knowledge and map-out road to vision 2030 – clean audit.

We had a taxing wall-to-wall season of consideration and adoption of reports of portfolio committees and approval of budget votes which eventually culminated into working for long hours and grueling marathon of sittings of the House but our Members remained resolute and equal to the task.

With many more 'people centered' programmes in place, Honourable Members of the Legislature will continue to touch the lives of the people of Limpopo through various educational platforms, exhibitions, site visits and public hearings.

Limpopo Legislature is your voice, use it!

Pula!

Yours Truly,

Dr Isaac Nkuna

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12TH ANNUAL PROVINCIAL SPEAKERS FORUM



Setting tone: Speaker of the Limpopo Legislature, Hon. Reneiloe Rosemarry Molapo (centre – front row) hosting Speakers of both local and district municipalities during the 2023 instalment of the Speakers Forum at Palala Boutique Game Lodge and Spa just outside Lephalale in the Waterberg District.

The Limpopo Legislature held the 12th Provincial Speakers Forum in the Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District. Speaker Hon. R.R Molapo, during her keynote address, indicated that the gathering reinforces solid relationship the Legislature and the local sphere of government have. “We remain focused on our goal of promoting proactive learning, sharing good practices and serving as a consultative platform for interaction on matters of common interest,” she added.

Hon Molapo reminded stakeholders that Local Government is at the coalface of public service delivery. She explained that it is a sphere of government located within communities and well-placed to appropriately respond to local needs, interests, and expectations of communities. “As Speakers, let us make sure that it is everyone’s business to put the shoulder to the wheel in addressing the problems besetting this sphere of government to ensure that it does not fail,” she said.

The Speaker reminded the gathering that on both occasions, the 11th Provincial Speakers Forum and the recently held Council of Speakers meeting, Speakers raised several challenges confronting municipalities, particularly the challenges affecting the execution of their roles and responsibilities. As a result, Hon Molapo assured delegates that the Legislature will bring together relevant experts and specialists under one roof to provide clarity on the challenges raised.

Hon Molapo called on Speakers to use this gathering of Presiding Officers to benchmark and share best practices. She also reiterated that sessions such as these afford an opportunity to “commit to solutions aimed at addressing service delivery issues in the local sphere of government. This forum serves as a platform to sharpen the good practices for replication and an opportunity to find sustainable solutions to challenges facing local government.”

the Limpopo Office of the Auditor-General presented a report on the recent Municipal Audit Outcomes. They provided recommendations, which direct municipalities on what should be done to improve on governance, leadership, and financial accountability.

Ms Conny Raphahlelo and Dr Matome Kganakga of the South African National Aids Council (SANAC) also spoke on issues relating to the Mens Charter and

with Speakers to review the rules of order constantly, and not to be tempted to relinquish their roles and responsibilities.

Mr Phukuntsi from the Provincial Treasury made a presentation about the Municipal Budgets focusing mainly on the Roles of Speakers and Mayors during the Budget Cycle. He also provided a detailed analysis of the inefficiencies in the reports they receive from municipalities as per the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and the proposed solutions for improvements.

...commit to solutions aimed at addressing service delivery issues.

Ms Mathudi Chuma from CoGHSTA Limpopo provided an update on the participation of Traditional Leaders in the proceedings of municipal councils. CoGHSTA told Speakers that an application was made before the Constitutional Court for an order declaring that the National Assembly, the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) and the nine provincial legislatures have failed to fulfil their constitutional obligations to reasonably facilitate public involvement in the passing of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act 3 of 2019 (Act).

Ms Chuma said the order declaring the Act invalid is suspended for a period of 24 months to enable Parliament to re-enact the statute in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution or to pass another statute in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution.

The Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) represented by the Provincial Electoral Officer, Ms Nkaro Mateta, shed light on the potential implications of the Electoral Amendment Act. She further outlined the processes and guidelines for the determination of the number of seats in Parliament and Legislatures ahead of the 2024 National and Provincial Elections. Ms Nkaro Mateta called on stakeholders to assist the Commission in encouraging more people to register for the much-anticipated elections. Mr Tshengofatso Lutle representing

TB Caucus. SANAC shared with the delegates the programmes they have initiated in ensuring that provincial, national and global provincial commitments made to end TB by 2030 are delivered. Dr Kganakga advocated for the institutionalisation of Mens Provincial Parliament.

Mr Collen Rammule from SALGA Limpopo spoke about the Roles and Responsibilities of Speakers. Local Government remains the catalyst for the provision of a basket of essential services. He pleaded





Members of the committee during the inspection of Motetema police station.

TRANSPORT

COMMITTEE CARRIES OUT MANDATE

The portfolio committee on Transport & Community Safety under the stewardship of Hon. Rebecca Seono, embarked on an oversight visit to various law enforcement facilities and public service centres in the Sekhukhune District recently.

Members of the committee visits the Motetema Police Station that most of the working conditions for 'men and women in blue' should be improved. Chairperson of the committee, Hon. Seono said, "our police service needs a serious morale boost, we need to introduce some morale reawakening programmes in the service."

Carrying out its mandate, the portfolio committee finally had something to write home about. They were impressed by the smooth operations at the Rathoke Weighbridge.

It was also revealed by the committee that centres relationship with the courts is good, particularly the Mookgopong Magistrate court. "The average number of vehicles weighed annually amounts to 42 000, the number of overloaded and charged vehicles annually is 719," the centre explains.

The committee promised to assist various centres and facilities in speeding up appointments

especially where people are acting indefinitely. "Our responsibility is as well to support you and not only to ridicule but to lead and advise you properly. Vacant positions must be filled as matter of urgency and physical infrastructure must as well be adequately addressed," chairperson emphasised.

During the oversight visit, stakeholders spoke in one word that victim empowerment centre must be revamped and resourced adequately. "Victims must be treated with dignity and care," committee indicated.

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Chairperson Seono flanked by Hon. Mokaba M and Hon. Phala S at Elias Motsoaledi DTLC



Hon. Mokaba M with Hon. Matlou J at Motetema Police station



Hon. Selane C with Hon. Maritz during presentation at Groblersdal police station

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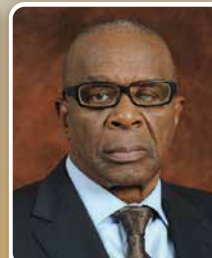
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Healthcare officials illustrating the condition of their facilities to the members.



Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health, Hon. Joshua Matlou, alongside esteemed committee members and healthcare officials; conducting oversight activities in the Western District.

THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TOUCHES EVERYONE

Gearing into right direction, the Portfolio Committee on Health reached out to the following recent visits to health facilities in farms at the border lines of Botswana and the Northwest Province.

The 24-hour ideal clinic in Northam at the border of Northwest province is also a state-of-the-art facility that serves a considerable number of patients from the neighbouring province. However, the facility remains well stocked and is kept in pristine conditions.

Most of the infrastructure belonging to the Health Department in that part of the region was donated by the neighboring mining sector

but the committee chairperson, Hon. Joshua Matlou, advised the district officials to lobby for even more buildings to house the health professionals. "A 24-hour clinic needs a nurse's home adjacent to it for the convenience of our nursing stuff. So far, housing for nurses left so much to be desired and could trigger an undesirable exodus of nurses to other provinces," Hon. Matlou cautioned.

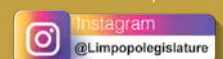
As the committee travelled back to the city centre, the quality of service from clinics remained satisfactory. Lephalale clinic and Marapong health centre were almost beyond reproach with their service excellence. However, the committee urged the district

officials to establish bilateral talks with neighbouring FET College, by inviting final year students to come and do practical training at the health facilities. They could assist in areas such as plumbing, painting, and other maintenance work. This could be a lasting solution to a variety of red tape processes of fixing even the smallest tasks of connecting an electrical switch.

The Committee visited the following facilities; Regorogile 2 Clinic, Dwaalboom Clinic, Northam Clinic, Steenbokpan Clinic, Marapong Clinic, Marapong Health Centre and Lephalale Clinic.

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COMMITTEE VISITS COST CENTRES IN THE SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT

...start filling up the vacant positions in the centres.



Acting chairperson of the Public Works Committee, Hon. Falaza Mdaka, making observations during the committee's visit in Sekhukhune District.

Inspiring the 'Batho-Pele' oriented services to the people of Sekhukhune, the Public Works Portfolio Committee recently visited cost centres to assess their capacity in both administrative and service rendering sections.

The committee led by Hon. Falaza Mdaka discovered that most centres were lacking in the area of human resources to function optimally. "We wish to recommend to the department to start filling up the vacant positions in the centres," Hon. Mdaka said.

The committee then proceeded to Tsimanyane Cost Centre in the Ephraim Mogale municipality. The committee learned that plans were afoot to move to the new structure. A move the Committee commended. The Committee rounded off their Cost Centre visits at Grobelsdal Cost

Center. The centre resides within the Elias Motswaledi municipality. Although they shared offices with the Department of Transport, the facility had proper infrastructure and presented little, or no challenges. Their yellow fleet was duly serviced and arguably new.

On roads, the committee visited the D4370 road from Tompi Seleka to Phokwane. The road is being upgraded from gravel to bituminous surface standard. The existing gravel road traverses a mountainous area and proved to be unsafe. "We are delighted as the committee to realise that finally this project is almost reaching completion. Our communities will now enjoy the

fruits of quality service delivery," Chairperson of the Committee summed up.

Other Public Works facilities the Portfolio Committee visited included Ga-Masemola, Ga-Marishane, Malope, Wonderboom and Strydkraal villages.



Hon. Managa making contributions during the committee visit in Sekhukhune District.



LEGISLATURE COMMITTEES ENLIGHTEN ARTISTS & PRODUCERS



Chief Whip of the Legislature, Hon. Essob Mokgonyana sharing a light moment with Hon. Makoma Makhurupetja during public hearings.

Insert : Simon from Mahwelereng holding up his portrait.

The Limpopo Legislature through its Portfolio Committees on Sport, Arts and Culture and the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment & Tourism recently held joint public hearings on the Copyright and Performers Protection Amendment Bills in all the districts.

The amendments to the bills seek to stress that the author shall have the right to share the royalties and be determined by a written agreement in the prescribed manner between the author and the copyright owner. "Previously the artists and copyright owners were not paid royalties and they died poor. The Bills propose that artists be paid the royalties from previous years," reads the bill. The bill further stipulates that if the author/artist/copyright personnel cannot agree on the author's share



Members of the Committee Hon. Seshoka J (in red) and Hon. Phala S next to him listening attentively to the participants.

of the royalties, any party may refer the matter to the tribunal for an order determining the author's share of the royalty. For example; the songs that are played on radio and television, royalties must be paid by those institutions to the respective personnel. Also, the drama series

that are re-played in or outside the country, those actors and actresses must be paid royalties. This is to avoid enriching the producers at the expense of artists.

The bill also seeks to protect owners and authors of the digital system



Chairperson of Economic Development Hon. Mokaba M addressing delegates during the public hearings held at Hayani guesthouse.

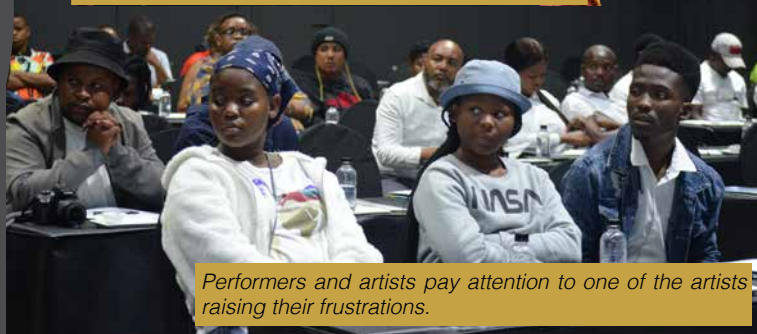
artistic work that is done technologically. For example: architectural, computer programmes, audio visual. The bill also proposes that individuals can be able to use any copyright work that is available without permission like education institution, Libraries, people with disabilities and seek that, the work must be translated into a format that people living with disabilities can be able to utilize.

For example: person/individual can be allowed to copy the whole book and always acknowledge the author by citing the name and book of the author. In terms of the copyright tribunal, there was only one judge to deal with the litigation, but the bill proposes that there be eight judges to deal with disputes and copyright matters that may arise between the two parties. The bill also proposes that musical, literacy work, artistic works, sound computer programmes have the right to provision for copyright owners to make their work available by wire or wireless.

In terms of artistic work, where the original work is being sold and people are making profit out of that work, the owner must be paid royalties as well.



Acting Chairperson of the committee on Sport, Arts & Culture, Hon. Maseko J, addressing participants.



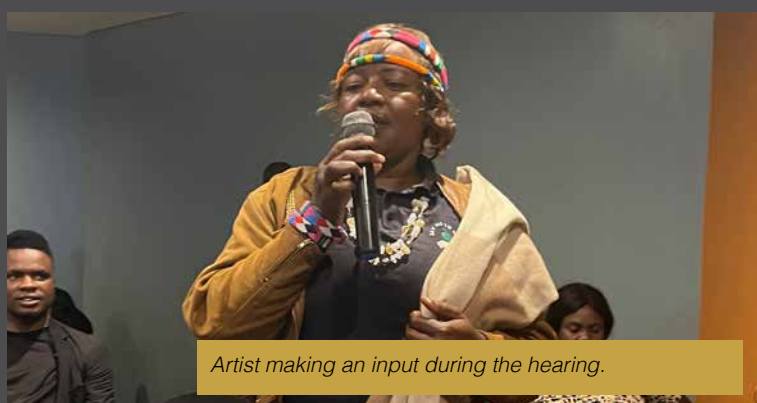
Performers and artists pay attention to one of the artists raising their frustrations.



Twin authors who published a book on the frustrations they faced due to language barrier.



One of the performers interrogating the presentation.



Artist making an input during the hearing.



O VISITS

ERS I G H T



Members of the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development conduct an Oversight visit in Thabazimbi, with the Committee's Chairperson, Hon Simon Mathe, delivering opening remarks at one of the projects.

AGRICULTURE

The Portfolio Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development led by the Acting Chairperson, Hon. Simon Mathe conducted an oversight visit to agricultural projects around the Lephalale and Thabazimbi areas in the Waterberg District.

Members of the committee went on a task to assess, monitor, and see the working relationship between farmers and the Department of Agriculture. "This is part of our mandate as the Legislature, we need to carry out oversight programmes over the Executive time and again," said Hon. Mathe. The committee further visited the Bakotudi Agricultural Project, which started with only eight people in 2012 and produces vegetables and the programme was later funded by Anglo-American as part

of social responsibility to the community of Thabazimbi. The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform has supplied the project among others with a truck, chemicals and technical support.

The committee was impressed the way the project is managed, "the project is one of the best in Thabazimbi only if it can be supported and well monitored," said the acting chairperson.

The committee has recommended that, "development must be active to resolve challenges faced by the projects instead of allowing the projects to collapse in front of them."

The Portfolio Committee went on to visit The African Cattle Farm where the farm owner Mr Malesela Morudu has turned

the farm into mixed breeds of Brahman, Hugenoot and Charolais. "I concentrate too much on Brahman cattle breed," Mr Morudu told Members of the portfolio committee.

The department helped Mr Morudu within fencing material, animal food and human resource through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). Mr Morudu further described poaching as a serious concern in the area.

Member of the portfolio committee, Hon. Monicca Mochadi encouraged him to look for land to plant lucerne to save money using on animal food. The committee was impressed by the dedication and hard work displayed by Mr Morudu who graduated from being a farm labourer to an established businessman.



The committee convenes a briefing session with Clencore's executive management, centered around a mining input supplier at Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Monitoring progress in the economic development sector, the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism conducted oversight visits recently to Potlake Nature Reserve, Tshephong and Sefateng chrome mines as well as the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

The committee assessed and monitored operations of the mines and how they benefit local residents. According to Wimpie Van Wyk from the Sefateng Mine, the mine runs a programme which aims at empowering the youth from the local communities. The

Program out bursaries to further their studies.

Again, the Sefateng mine managed to construct many projects in the community such as building a community hall in Jibeng village and a clinic in Ga-Phasha.

Member of the portfolio committee, Hon. Jetrick Seshoka appealed to the mine to revise their employment equity strategy by ensuring that previously disadvantaged people are considered in strategic positions as well and not only as foot-soldiers.

The committee proceeded to view the Potlake Nature

Reserve and learned that there are currently 15 employees in the reserve that includes 14 Rangers and one Human Resources employee. Hon. Donald Selamolela indicated to the committee that, "we need to bring this to a halt, we cannot allow our reserves to deteriorate to such unbearable standards."

The Committee recommended that the Sefateng mine should ensure that the local people are empowered to continue in the mining industry and that the mine should improve its operations and contribute toward the reduction of high unemployment in Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality.



Wimpie van Wyk, representative from the Sefateng mine giving a presentation to the members of the committee.



Members of the committee holding a briefing with the management of Clencore executive at a mining input supplier at Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ.

Travel & SOCIAL SCENES



Members of the Legislature gather at Jack Botes Hall for the 2023 State of the Province Address (SOPA).



Attendees and members adorned the 2023 State of the Province Address. From Right: Hon. Nakedi Lekganyane and MEC Nakedi Kekana.



Members grace the State of the Province Address in elegant attire. From left: MEC Phophi Ramathuba, MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya and Hon. Caroline Manthata-Mahasela.



The Speaker Hon. Reneiloe Rosemary Molapo joined members of Limpopo Provincial Legislature, at the opening of Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders at Moletji Moshate.



Members of the Portfolio Committee on Health and the TB Caucus graced this year's installment of the 11th SA AIDS Conference at the International Convention Center (ICC) in KZN.



Speaker of Limpopo Legislature, Hon. Rosemarry Molapo, in the company of Speakers from municipalities, participating in the 19th Annual Speaker's Forum.

EDUCATIONAL

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