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## Media Statement

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### PROVINCE LOOKS TO IMPROVE REVENUE

Although the provincial own revenue has increased to R1 billion in the current financial year, the North West government is looking at ways and means to enhance its revenue base by looking at various initiatives.

Due to the sluggish economic performance of the Province, the economy is not growing at the required rate to generate revenue to adequately fund government programmes.

The own revenue enhancement revolution is critical and as such all departments, public entities and municipalities should embark on revenue enhancement initiatives, these will ensure provincial own revenue as a proportion of the total provincial fiscal envelope increases from the current 3.1 per cent to 4.5 per cent over the MTEF, said MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development Wendy Nelson delivering the province's R26,2 billion budget in the legislature.

The measures include looking at increasing the number of weighbridges, encouraging public servants and residents with motor vehicles, public entities and municipalities to register their vehicles in the province and considering the introduction of parking fees with respect to designated parking for public servants. All tariffs and rates will be reviewed to ensure that they are competitive and the reviewed tariffs will be applicable in the second quarter of the 2015/16 financial year.

Provincial Treasury will lead the initiative to investigate practical ways of introducing sub-national taxes (tax base sharing) and particularly tax on mining operations during 2015. Disposal of redundant and obsolete movable assets must be done on a quarterly basis by all departments, municipalities and state owned entities.

As another measure of maximising revenue, during the second year of the 2015/16 MTEF, the Provincial Treasury will ensure that the revenue forecast is based on credible scientific methods of estimation.



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The province's own revenue collection is another source of funding for the provincial budget. The other include equitable share which has been reduced drastically by the national government and conditional grants. Currently the main source of revenue collection comes from motor vehicle licence, patient fees and gambling and liquor licences fees.

Together with the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, the Provincial Treasury will engage the Post Office and negotiate favourable rates for commission payable in respect of motor vehicle registration services on behalf of the Province, said Nelson.

MEC Nelson called on the people of Bokone Bophirima to make further suggestions on revenue enhancement by sending their suggestions to Acting Head of Department at (018) 388 4441 or (018) 388 4410 or email [kgill@nwpg.gov.za](mailto:kgill@nwpg.gov.za).

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