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Media Statement

North West Finance continues to monitor provincial infrastructure spending

Following commitment by North West MEC for Finance to regularly monitor infrastructure expenditure in the province, the department will conduct training on Infrastructure Delivery Management System (IDMS) to all officials responsible for infrastructure in the departments.

Sebegoe said a model which was recently approved by North West Executive Council will assist departments with proper planning and delivery of infrastructure in the province. Both the implementing and client departments will be expected to adhere to this model.

He said the department of Public Works, Roads and Transport is compelled to play a key role as an implementing agent and is expected to accept full responsibility and accountability to ensure that projects will be delivered on time and deliver infrastructure according to regulated frameworks.

“The slow and non spending pattern of infrastructure is a worrying factor which cannot be left unattended. The province had to come up with stringent measures that will allow proper roll out and implementation of infrastructure. Client departments are expected amongst others to plan and implement infrastructure projects aligned to approved norms and standards and spend funds that are appropriated solely for infrastructure in an effective and efficient manner to provide value for money”, said the MEC.

“The North West Joint Infrastructure Expenditure Steering Committee convenes regular meetings with all provincial departments entrusted with the delivery of infrastructure to ensure that not a single step is missed in the roll out of this plan.

“The provincial infrastructure budget amounts to R4.2 billion and expenditure registered stands at 21.96 percent for the period ending July 2013. Although there has been a slight increase

compared to the same period last year, spending still needs to be improved as part of ensuring that Government delivers to the citizens of this Province”.

“We hope to improve in this area because of measures put in place but this can be achieved if all stakeholders carry out their duties and adhere to the legislation”, said Sebegoe.

The MEC urged departments to inform the department of any amendments to their projects list and such information should be communicated to the department for proper alignment and monitoring of project implementation. He said based on such engagements, a comprehensive report will be generated and submitted to EXCO through Clusters as part of apprising EXCO about expenditure trends. The infrastructure engagements are not part of the Provincial Government programme and it was encouraging to see that departments have prioritized these engagements and all relevant departments participated.

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