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**AT THE 'IT'S YOUR BUDGET, BECOME A PLAYER'
AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

"IT'S YOUR BUDGET BECOME A PLAYER" LAUNCH

RUSTENBURG CIVIC CENTRE

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

Fellow South Africans.

Today we have heard about the “It’s your budget - become a player” campaign and how imperative it is that we have private partners to make it successful.

I hope that we have sufficient demonstrated the fact that we have created a vehicle whereby the private sector can make an impact on the main issues that are challenging us today.

The mobility of the campaign affords us the wheels to reach as many of the 3.2 million people living in this province as possible – even those who live in remote areas are within reach now because of “de bus” that you have seen parked outside.

Our intention in the next few months is to take the campaign to all regions of the North West Province and to places of public interaction where we can create awareness amongst members of the public.

We urge you to join your efforts with ours in this campaign.

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I want to end this day by telling you the story of an old man whom they called the **ORACLE**, because of his visionary powers.

Two young boys from the local village had heard of the Oracle's genius and decided to test his wisdom.

One day they went into a field to catch a butterfly.

Holding it between his hands the one said to the other, "We'll ask him what I have in my hands and being so intelligent, he will answer", "It's a butterfly." Then we'll ask him if it is alive or dead?

If he answers "Alive" I'll squeeze gently until its dead, and if he says "dead" I'll open my hands and let it fly away. This way we can prove him wrong and expose his so-called visionary powers."

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With this strategic plan, they went to the Oracle and the one boy asked him, "**What have I got in my hands?**"

The alert eye of the old man, had already seen a piece of the butterfly's wing sticking out of the boy's hands answered, "**A Butterfly!**" the old man said.

“Is it alive or is it dead?” asked the boy.

There was a slight pause, then the old man wisely replied, “The answer to that question, LIES IN YOUR HANDS”

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to draw your attention back to the campaign and to the focus of today, because, the success of our province, as this story states and as our campaign states, is in your hands.

“It’s your budget – become a player”

I Thank You