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Media Advisory

**\*KZN GOVERNMENT TO TABLE BUDGET VOTES FOCUSING ON REBUILDING THE PROVINCE FOLLOWING FLOOD DISASTERS\***

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government will tomorrow, Thursday, 5 May 2022 start tabling departmental budgets in the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature which are expected to respond to the recent floods related disaster.

The budget votes will give a clear indication of the magnitude and resources required to rebuild the province following the recent devastating floods which claimed 435 lives; but also deal with the effects of Covid-19 and the July unrest.

The Budget Votes being tabled tomorrow, include the Office of the Premier, Provincial Treasury and Department of Transport.

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala will table the Office of the Premier's Budget Policy presentation and provide relevant updates at 09h00.

Focus will be on outlining the budget allocations of key priorities for the province and support to the Zulu Royal Household.

This will be followed by the Budget Policy Speech for the KZN Provincial Treasury under the leadership of MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube at 11h30 at the KZN Legislature.

MEC Dube-Ncube will outline her plans to mobilise funds by assisting provincial departments to spend their reprioritised budgets to respond to the immediate needs of the National Disaster as a result of the floods.

MEC Dube-Ncube will, *inter alia*, also provide guidance on the issue of the condonation of irregular expenditure incurred across the provincial government as its resultant impact on service delivery.

The MEC for Transport Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni will present at 14h30, also at the KZN Legislature.

MEC Nkonyeni will also outline the department's service delivery programme as transport remains the backbone of the economy and central to the reconstruction and economic recovery of the province. Road networks have experienced major destruction during the floods. The MEC is expected to outline detailed impact to infrastructure and approach to recovery and reconstruction.

Members of the media are invited to attend and report on this important occasion.

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