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#### **KZN FINANCE MEC WELCOMES KZN TREASURY'S 16<sup>TH</sup> CLEAN AUDIT**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Finance, Francois Rodgers, has warmly welcomed the news on the attainment of yet another clean audit report by KZN Treasury, making it the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive clean audit outcome for the Department.

The news comes close on the heels of MEC Rodgers' re-tabling of the Provincial Budget last week as well as the State of the Province Address presented by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Honourable Thami Ntuli, yesterday. These two significant policy directives emphasise the need for a relationship between planning and budgeting to ensure prudent financial management as well as improved delivery of services to communities.

Commenting on the official announcement of KZN Treasury's audit outcome, MEC Rodgers said that it was humbling to be part of a team that has shown consistent commitment to achieving excellence in financial governance for the past 16 years.

"This is indeed a milestone. However, we will be pulling all the stops to ensure that we can positively support and influence other departments, municipalities and public entities towards clean audits. We are the stewards of the government purse and we must share our skills and experiences with the critical roleplayers such as the Supply Chain Managers, Chief Financial Officers and Accounting Officers in order that at the end of 2024/2025 financial year, we collectively celebrate more positive outcomes in departments, municipalities and public entities. We will be intensifying the implementation of our Provincial Operation Clean Audit which addresses the major audit findings whilst building sustainable financial management teams who will drive effective financial management in the province" he said.

Rodgers said that he will work with all the Members of the Executive Council to encourage a culture of zero tolerance for financial mismanagement by leading by example and thereby embedding a moral obligation on government officials as well as to politicians to ensure tighter financial controls and consistent oversight across all government institutions in KwaZulu-Natal.

KZN Treasury's commitment to the journey towards a fully capable, ethical and developmental state is unwavering.

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