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**KZN MEC FOR FINANCE, FRANCOIS RODGERS, PROCURES NEW VEHICLES FOR MECs TO STOP ONGOING WASTAGE OF FUNDS ON CAR HIRES**

MEC Francois Rodgers continues in his mission to apply fiscal discipline and cut wastage in the provincial government.

A recent investigation undertaken by the MEC indicates that the seventh administration has inherited a legacy of wasteful expenditure.

The investigation centres around vehicle rentals for MECs in the province. Over four months, R16.8 million was spent on the hire of vehicles for 11 provincial government departments.

This would equate to a projected annual expenditure of almost R40 million per year.

In the MECs very own department of Treasury, just over a million rand was spent between April and July this year. This is expenditure incurred by his predecessor.

The MEC and the team at KZN Treasury are currently exploring the option of acquiring vehicles for MECs through the transversal contract by national Treasury. This process would mean that the province would project to spend R12 million on the acquisition of vehicles, saving the province a projected R27 million per annum.

MEC Rodgers continues to ensure that the four key spending areas i.e. job creation, building a sustainable economy, service delivery as well as alleviating inequality and poverty remain non-negotiable priorities.

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