**MEDIA ALERT\*** 

\*To: All Media\*

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\*MEC NKONYENI TO TABLE THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET\*

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Finance Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, will on Friday, 10 March 2023, table the 2023/24 Medium Term Expenditure Framework Budget in the Provincial Legislature.

MEC Nkonyeni will highlight government's priorities for this financial year. She will also announce key government interventions in trying to stabilize the province's economy following the devastating impact of floods last year. Provincial government had to reprioritize the spending in order to cater for the damages caused by floods. This will also be key in trying to address the rampant crime in the province.

MEC Nkonyeni will also respond to some of the issues that were raised by the people of KwaZulu-Natal during the Pre-Budget roadshows in ILembe and Ugu Districts.

The budget will also address some of the pressing issues such as the back pay of Izinduna which has been a thorny issue for years.

\*NB:Soon after the tabling of the budget speech, MEC Nkonyeni will also brief the media to give clarity on some of the technical issues of the speech.\*

Members of the media are invited to attend and also requested to confirm their attendance for booking of space.

The day is scheduled as follows;

\*Date: Friday, 10 March 2023\*

\*Time: 09h00\*

\*Venue: KZN Legislature, Pietermaritzburg\*

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