



**GAUTENG PROVINCE**  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC MOTARA HITS THE GROUND RUNNING IN FIRST WEEK AT HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

In her first week as the new MEC for Human Settlements in Gauteng, MEC Tasneem Motara has wasted no time in getting up to speed on the critical issues facing the Department. This is through extensive engagements she has had with the Head of Department as comprehensive insight into all the major and minor projects currently underway by the Department and its Entity the Gauteng Partnership Fund.

This has provided her with a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. The MEC has met with Deputy Director Generals, Chief Directors, Directors, their Deputies and Project Managers.

In these meetings, MEC Motara outlined her key priorities for this administration, which include:

- Eradicating the backlog of housing allocations in the Province.
- Developing new strategies to address the illegal invasion of land and built structures.
- Ensuring the equitable distribution of the Department's financial resources.
- Accelerating the completion of existing housing projects and fast-tracking sod turning on new ones.
- Collaborating with other Departments to streamline service delivery to the people.
- Capacitating the Rapid Land Release teams so that more serviced stands can be made available to those in need.
- Working together with Departmental officials to create seamless and efficient delivery of human settlements in Gauteng.

The MEC has stated that she remains committed to realizing the vision of Growing Gauteng Together. This will require a concerted, collaborative effort across all stakeholders, and she is looking forward to driving this agenda with vigor and purpose.

“The people of Gauteng deserve access to adequate and affordable housing, and I am determined to address the critical challenges in this regard. I am confident that by working together, we can make significant strides in transforming the human settlements landscape in our province.” Said MEC Motara.

In the next two weeks the MEC will visit construction sites as well as have dedicated discussions with municipalities on how the Department can better support municipalities in the shared responsibility of human settlement delivery.

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