



GAUTENG PROVINCE
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
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MEC Tasneem Motara delivers Gauteng Department of Human Settlements Bold Vision for Transformation in her Maiden Budget Vote Speech.

In a comprehensive budget vote speech, I Tasneem Motara Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements will outline the Department's bold vision to transform the human settlements landscape in the province.

Reflecting on the evolving mandate of the Department, I will highlight the critical importance of housing delivery, which is a fundamental human right and a key component of creating sustainable, inclusive, and equitable communities.

The allocation of a robust budget for the Department of Human Settlements reflects the Gauteng Provincial Government's unwavering commitment to addressing the pressing housing needs of our growing population.

The Department has undertaken a concerted turnaround strategy, which has resulted in significant changes in the delivery of projects. This is evidenced by the Department's unqualified audit opinion, a testament to the meaningful implementation of its mandate and the effective stewardship of public resources.

Despite challenges the people of Gauteng have been well-served by the Department's efforts, as we have seen huge strides in housing delivery in the Province. These initiatives have not only improved the living conditions of our residents but have also contributed to the overall transformation of the human settlements landscape in the province.

The Department's focus on the delivery of bulk infrastructure, in collaboration with municipalities, is a crucial step in ensuring the effective provision of services and the issuance of title deeds to those who have not yet received them. This collaborative approach will further enhance the Department's ability to serve the people of Gauteng.

Additionally, the Department has placed a strong emphasis on beneficiary administration, with the aim of curbing criminality and providing a streamlined process that is readily accessible for both applicants and beneficiaries. This initiative will contribute to the overall transparency and efficiency of the Department's operations.

I will this morning also highlight the Department's commitment to ramp up the delivery of several mega projects that will house a significant number of residents together with ramping up the Ikageleng Rapid Land Release Programme. The details of these projects have been thoroughly discussed as part of the budget speech preparations, ensuring that they are executed within their respective timelines.

For the 2024/2025 financial year, the Department of Human Settlements has been allocated a Main Allocation of R5,767,478,000, with Conditional Grant Funding of R4,826,349,000. This includes the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) of R3,893,933,000 and the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant for Provinces of R927,043,000.

The Department of Human Settlements is committed to changing the face of human settlements in Gauteng. Through the strategic allocation of resources, the implementation of innovative initiatives, and the continued collaboration with our partners, we are confident that we will deliver on our mandate and provide our residents with the dignified and sustainable housing they deserve.

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