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Eastern Cape intensifies Implementation of its Re-Prioritisation Plans

The 1st of October marks the start of the intensification of implementation of the Re-prioritisation by all government departments of the Eastern Cape, in particular Health, Housing, Education and Local Government & Traditional Affairs. Reprioritisation calls on the Eastern Cape administration and public servants to streamline processes, move with speed and urgency in the provision of services to the people of the province. This brings to life the resolutions taken at recent provincial Executive Council Lekgotla held in August 2008 to implement a government wide intervention strategy to accelerate service delivery.

This was followed by subsequent establishment of the Overarching Task Team (OTT) by the Honourable Premier Mbulelo Sogoni to facilitate the re-prioritization by the departments, to provide oversight and monitor the implementation of the plans and give support where necessary. The Overarching Task Team will oversee the implementation and monitor the Reprioritization Plans through its four focus groups viz. Service Delivery Intervention, Stakeholder Engagement, Central Coordination and Institutional Capacity.

The departments have completed the Re-prioritization process and the intensification of implementation is starting. The Heads of Departments are to align their Performance Agreements with the Re-Prioritization Plans.

The Office of the Premier, Provincial Treasury, the Eastern Cape Socio-Economic Consultancy (ECSECC) and the National Treasury’s Technical Assistance Unit (TAU) could also be requested to deploy technical expertise to the four departments where necessary and available.
Premier Sogoni has directed all Members of the Executive Councils (MECs) to conduct outreach sessions from November 2008 to ensure that indeed the plans are being implemented by their Departments.

**Invitation to the G&A Cluster Media Briefing**

Members of the media will have an opportunity to engage with the OTT and Departments on the details of their Reprioritised Plans at a G&A Cluster media briefing scheduled for 1 October 2008, Office of the Premier Building, Cabinet Room, at 12h00

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