MEDIA REMINDER

This serves as a reminder to all media that they should humble witness when the MEC for the Department of Agriculture Gugile Nkwinti awards good abbattoirs in a gala dinner tonight. The MEC has confirmed he will and the HOD with grace this august event, which is believed to be the first of this kind in the country.

He will award at least three abattoirs who were found to be operating in a recommendable manner, thereby ensuring that good quality meat is produced for our citizens and visitors.

The department has embarked on a partnership with two private companies; Pick ‘n Pay and Jonhson Diversy to improve the quality of abattoirs and since the beginning of the year, a pilot programme has been started where 13 functional abattoirs in the Amathole region were audited three times.

The audited abattoirs were then entered into a competition that will have three categories; High and low through put categories for red meat producers and one award for poultry slaughters. The competition is aimed at encouraging abattoirs to be more professional and keep their slaughter places clean.

The Department is committed in ensuring that the meat from the province is of good quality and the programme will be spread throughout the province.

WOZA 2010! These are the words in everyones lips and all are preparing for the 2010 FIFA World Cup to be held in South Africa and this exercise will ensure that our guests during the event eat not only fresh meat but healthy meat from professional slaughter houses.

Details of the event:

Date:  November 6, 2008

Time:  18:00

Venue: Gonubie Manor, East London
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