

MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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Attention: News Editors

MEMBERS DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO OVERSIGHT DURING “TAKING THE LEGISLATURE TO THE PEOPLE”

The work of conducting oversight over the Executive action continued on the 14th of March 2018, on the side-lines of the programme of “Taking the Legislature to the People” in the Emalahleni Local Municipality.

In continuing the goodwill gesture of ensuring that the girl child acquire learning with dignity, Mrs BT Shongwe; Speaker of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature handed over dignity packs to the learners of Besilindile and Johannes Kanada Primary schools. 700 packs were distributed by the Legislature, 100 pairs of shoes were donated by Cllr L Malatji, Executive Mayor of Nkangala district with a donation of 15 laptops, courtesy of Mr Gibbs Nkosi, Executive Director of Imvuso (Pty) Ltd.

The Speaker accompanied by Hon AM Gamede, Chairperson of the Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children and People with Disabilities and Executive Mayor of Nkangala District visited the Shabane family. The purpose of the visit was to offer support to the family following the loss of their two children one of them with Albinism.

All these took place while the clusters of committees paid oversight visits to different government funded projects within Emalahleni municipal areas. Sites visited by the Social cluster included Thanduxolo special school that was established in 1992 as a disabled centre, and Kwaguqa Disabled centre a protective workshop that provides prevention and early intervention for people with disabilities.

The Economic cluster visited the Moniwa Agricultural project, a 600 hectares livestock and crop farming project that acquired land through the rural development programme. Mr Skhosana, the farm owner started the project with a zero budget and acquired 30 cattle from the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, the Pat Pet primary cooperative that also deals with livestock and crop farming, the female black owned Ramandire Bed and Breakfast, the J Mthimunye beef cattle breeding project. The farm owner, Mr Mthimunye also received cattle through the assistance of the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency, but 59 of the cattle died after they were delivered to the farm. Mr Mthimunye requested MEGA to assist him with more cattle to replace the ones that died, and lastly the cluster visited the Witbank to Middelburg road construction site.

On the 15th of March, the TLP will continue with the public hearings in the morning and Stakeholder engagement sessions in the afternoon.

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