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## **MEDIA BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this briefing is to update members of the media and the citizens of the province on the recent developments in the Limpopo Legislature

We have emerged from the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislature after the May 2024 elections. Our task was to carry on with the work done by our predecessors. Indeed, we have managed thus far to execute such a responsibility with precession. Today we meet here for us to share with the people of Limpopo the work of the Legislature from July 2024 to date.

### **Major events hosted by the Legislature**

As the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislature, we have managed to host two (2) successful State of the Province Addresses, one in February 2025 and the other in March 2026. These are very high profile events that demand a lot of energy to prepare and host. We are now getting more requests from people who want to be part of the SOPA. Furthermore, there is also a growing demand by district municipalities requesting having an opportunity to host the event.

We also managed to convene sectoral parliaments wherein in June 2025, we hosted the Youth Parliament, Women Parliament, the Disability Parliament and lastly the Men's Parliament in November 2025 at Karibu Lodge. All resolutions taken at these sectoral parliaments were packaged and sent to the Executive Council for implementation. Currently those resolutions are being processed by the various portfolio and standing committees of the Legislature as part of our oversight work.



We also managed to conduct a Taking to the Legislature programme which was held in Sekhukhune District Municipality with Makhuduthamakga Municipality.

In May 2026 , We have managed to successfully host the Workers Parliament which was held in Waterberg District Municipality under Bela-Bela Local Municipality.

### **Continued negative media statements**

The Legislature has been in repeated tremendous negative reporting of late and as a result, affecting the image of the organisation. One reason we would like to mention is that upon arrival in July 2024, we were met with a letter from the Hawks that raised sharply concerns around possible maladministration, fraud and corruption. We have an obligation as Legislature to ensure that we build an ethical, accountable and more responsible administration as well as to deal with corruption whenever is rearing its ugly head to achieve the goals we have set ahead of us. On that basis a forensic investigation was done. The investigation uncovered matters around the construction the perimeter fence, Vodacom contract, chamber system, appointment of the travel management companies, non-closure of the books after audit, SAGE financial system and human resources management. In terms of the findings, it has been uncovered that internal controls were compromised leading to a financial loss of **R136 851 916.15 between 2019 and 2024 FY (One Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixteen Rands and Fifteen Cent).**

The outcome of the forensic investigation has led to the administration putting in place measures to improve the internal controls beside the need to apply consequence management.

As you are aware that there has been a series of news about the Legislature and its Secretary and this news are currently in the public domain. However as the Speaker and Executive Authority of the Legislature I regard these allegations in a very serious light. not because they are now in the public domain but because they concern the

public purse. Allegations of these nature has the potential to bring the Legislature into disrepute and as the Speakership we have an obligation to protect the integrity of the Legislature.

To this end I have taken a decision to afford the Secretary to the Legislature an opportunity to respond fully to the allegations reported in the media articles and show cause why I should not place him on precautionary suspension pending further investigation into the allegations.

The Legislature has given the Secretary until Monday 29 June 2026, close of business.

The Legislature hope that the media will give us an opportunity and space to deal with this issues and at an appropriate time we will update on further developments in this regard.

Thank You

