

## **Media release**

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It is with profound sadness that the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature has learnt of the death of Dr Thula Mthimkhulu, the sister to the Deputy Speaker, Mtholephi Mthimkhulu. Dr Mthimkhulu died on 30 June 2009 in a car accident on the N11 road near Newcastle.

The 41 year old Dr Mthimkhulu was medical doctor with a private practice in Dundee where she lived. She was travelling to Newcastle when a head on collision with a truck happened resulting in her death on impact. She leaves behind her three children Kagiso, Refiloe, Abonge and her mother, brothers and sisters.

The Deputy Speaker said " The family is very devastated by the untimely death of our beloved sister. Her death is a huge loss to the community of Dundee as she regarded her profession as a calling and service to the people. We are mindful that God is on our side during this difficult time".

The funeral will take place on 11 July 2009 in Dundee. Members of the Legislature and staff have expressed their deepest condolences to the Deputy Speaker and Mthimkhulu family for the untimely passing of their sister in such a horrific accident.

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