

## **KZN LEGISLATURE TO LAUNCH A WALL OF REMEMBRANCE PROJECT**

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IN ANOTHER FIRST of its kind for KwaZulu-Natal, the Legislature would launch a Wall of Remembrance Project to mark key events that have shaped our political journey as a province, said the Speaker Willies Mchunu, at the media luncheon in Pietermaritzburg held in honour of dignitaries attending the Official Opening,

"This project will be linked to major political holidays that commemorate the struggles of our people. We intend to have a Wall of Remembrance as one of the features of this project. In due course, we will indeed update the people of KwaZulu-Natal about the progress we are making in this regard," said Mchunu.

He further outlined wide ranging measures to strengthen the oversight role of the legislature in the 2008/2009 financial year.

Mchunu said, the legislature in meeting its constitutional oversight obligation, it would introduced a new feature in the 2008/2009.

"A new feature for the upcoming financial year will be placed on oversight follow-up visits to some areas that we have visited as part of," Taking Legislature to the People".

"The main aim of these oversight follow-up visits will be to gauge the extent to which commitments made by various Members of both the National Cabinet as well the Provincial Members of the Executive Council are being implemented.

"We will also continue calling upon National Ministers to come and account to the Legislature on their programmes in the province," said Mchunu.

He said the first to be called in this regard will the Minister for Land Affairs & Agriculture, Lulu Xingwana.

"We are hoping that she will able to give clarity to the Legislature on the land redistribution programme, land claims issues as well as the farming community related matters," he said.

Mchunu said the would also continue with the sectoral parliaments for Workers, Youth and Women, adding that funds permitting, the legislature would also host [funds permitting] a Disabled People's Symposium

After sharing with the media, in details, the results of the scientific research on the impact of the legislature's outreach programme, "Taking Legislature to the People", Mchunu recommitted the house to this programme in the 2008/2009 financial year. (see the story on this page)

"With all this information and extra resources for the people of KwaZulu-Natal, we are convinced more than ever that, "Taking Legislature to the People Programme" is not only deepening democracy but it's also bearing real fruits for our people," said Mchunu.

Mchunu said given the immense benefits accruing to the people of KwaZulu-Natal from the this outreach programme, the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature would further hold two, "Taking Legislature to the People Programmes" this upcoming financial year, 2008/9 in uThungulu & Amajuba Districts.