

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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Dear Editor/Reporter

The KwaZulu-Natal Legislature will visit Ilembe District next week from the 24th to the 26th November 2009 and hold a three day sitting in keeping with its innovative programme of Taking Legislature to the People which started in 2005 when the Legislature held the first sitting outside its Parliamentary precincts at Estcourt under Uthukela District. The sitting will be held at Emathafeni Sports Ground, Khombe area under Maphumulo Municipality.

Commenting on the sitting of the Legislature at Ilembe District, the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature Speaker, Neliswa Nkonyeni said "we will continue to hold our sittings amongst the ordinary people through our innovative programme of Taking Legislature to the People. The overwhelming response which this programme has enjoyed amongst our electorate since it was introduced has reassured us that this Legislature is moving in the right direction in its quest to promote participatory democracy".

The sitting at Maphumulo is preceded by the Multi-Party Oversight delegation which visited all municipalities under Ilembe District in October. The Multi-Party delegation interacted with the people and obtained first hand information on service delivery challenges facing the people of Ilembe. A report on the Multi-Party visits to Ilembe municipalities had been compiled and will be tabled and debated by the House on the first day of the Taking Legislature to the People.

During the sitting of the Legislature at Ilembe, the House will deal with the following matters:

- Debate on the report on Multi-Party Oversight Visit to Ilembe District
- Mid Term Budget Performance Report
- Debate on the 6 Months Service Delivery Report by the MEC for Human Settlements on the Human Settlements issues
- Report on the 16 Days of Activism against violence directed to women
- Report by the Chairperson of Finance Portfolio Committee on Mid-Term Budget Reviews
- Tabling of the Adjustment Estimate Bill and Authorisation of Unauthorised Expenditure Bill by the MEC for Finance
- Debates on the two Bills
- Debate on the Report by the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison on the 6 months service delivery report regarding fight against crime initiatives

On the last day of the sitting, the Legislature will also host the People with Disabilities Parliament in keeping with its strategy of broadening Sectoral Parliaments to enhance public participation in the legislative matters in order to reach out to all sectors of the public.

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