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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **MEC WILLIAMS TO HOLD AN OUTREACH PROGRAMME WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY OF MATATIELE**

Eastern Cape Cogta MEC, Zolile Williams will embark on an outreach program with stakeholders and the community of Matatiele local municipality from 10 to 11 of December 2024. The outreach is aimed at establishing a golden thread of enabling government to track the implementation of its undertakings and to glean a sense of what impact is being made on the ground. In keeping with the policy intent of the Outcomes Approach, the Outreach also serves as a very useful platform for performance monitoring across all the spheres and sectors in the province and is practicalizing the government slogan **“Seamless progress in building the Eastern Cape we want.”**

During his budget vote speech (2024) MEC Williams emphasised on the significance of a functional and capable cooperative governance system as envisioned by the constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. The MEC further stated that South Africans have directed government to unite and collaborate towards achieving the noble objectives of the National Development Plan through enhancing and accelerating service delivery.

As a result, the MEC outreach program is used as a strategy to deal with the issues found in the integration and coordination of service delivery programs across governmental domains. Through surprise visits to government service centres, household visits, and the unveiling of finished projects, the outreach program will track service delivery and its effects on the communities. Additionally, active citizenship will be achieved through community discussions and stakeholder engagement sessions, which serve as a forum for information sharing and government accountability platform.

Media are invited to attend and cover the event as follows:

**Venue: Maluti Civic Centre**

**Date: 10 – 11 December 2024**

**Time: 10 h00**

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