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Press Statement

Office of Safety MEC visits ports of entry

The office of Limpopo MEC for Transport, Safety, Security and Liaison led by HoD Nelly Nchabeng alongside Lephalale Local Municipality Councilors visited the Stockpoort and Groblersbridge Boarder posts on the 10th of February 2017. The main reason for the visit was to assess the status of the Limpopo-Botswana Waterberg District entry ports, focusing on challenges and successes during the 2016/2017 festive holidays.

The main users of the Stockport Port of Entry (PoE) are mainly tourists and Botswana nationals coming to South Africa to visits relatives and friends, attend funerals and economic reasons. The operational hours of the boarder is from 06H00 to 18H00 daily.

Some of the challenges raised by the Stockport PoE are lack of proper office space for the Department of Home Affairs, unavailability of a private space for SAPS to interview suspected illegal and undocumented foreigners and shortage of staff for the Home Affairs Department.

Meanwhile in Groblersbridge (PoE) there are challenges of parking space which is not adequate especially during peak season with space getting fully occupied quickly, medical facility where injured and sick staff members or commuters are forced to wait for an Ambulance from Witpoort hospital in order to receive medical attention, shortage of staff in all the departments and smuggling of illegal foreigners in and out of the country.

In her Welcome Address Lephalale Local Municipality Speaker, Reggie Molokomme said that the HOD needs to send a message to the MEC, that there is stability in Lephalale Municipality and the council is working well together to take service to the people.

HoD Nelly Nchabeng said she will take all the reports gathered to the MEC of Safety, Nandi Ndalane to ensure that remedial action is taken before the commencement of the Easter festive holidays.

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