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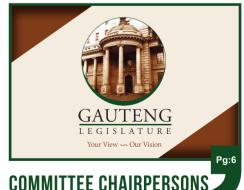
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Speaker of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, Honourable Lentheng Mekgwe presides over all House proceedings and debates, and makes rulings on procedure and adherence to the Rules of the House by all MPLs. As the head of GPL, She also chairs the Rules and Programming Committee of the Legislature.



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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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MEET YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES in the Gauteng Legislature



Tuesday May 22 saw the Gauteng
Legislature host its first ever Virtual
House Sitting, which marked the
official launch of the Gauteng's Digital
Legislature. Necessitated by the current
Covid-19 pandemic and regulations
put in place to curb the further spread
of the virus – the move to go digital
intends to ensure that the business of the
Legislature remains in full force – "and
that Citizens' rights and views remain
the center of our focus as we continue
our fight against the virus", said
Speaker, Honourable Ntombi Mekgwe.

he Virtual House Sitting gave Gauteng Premier David Makhura together with other Members of the Executive Council (MECs) an opportunity to respond to questions posed by Members of the Provincial Legislature (MPLs) as part of their oversight mandate and holding the Executive accountable.

Some of these questions relate to the decisions and activities of the Gauteng Provincial Government during the nationwide lockdown. The proceedings of all future Virtual House Sittings can be streamed live on the Legislature's Social Media Platforms and YouTube. Go to www. gpl.gov.za or links to GPL's social media

How is the Sixth Gauteng Legislature constituted?

The business of the Sixth Legislature kicked off in May 2019 – shortly after the national elections and the declaration of results for the May 8 general elections.

The proceedings of the election of the new Legislature were presided over by Judge President for the Gauteng Provincial Division of the High Court of the Republic of South Africa, Judge President Dunston Mlambo, who swore-in elected Office Bearers of the Sixth Term.

Chief Justice, Honourable Mogoeng Mogoeng, designated Judge President Mlambo in terms of Section 110(1) of the Constitution, which empowers the judge to preside over the First Sitting of the newly elected Legislature where MPLs are sworn in and a new Premier and Speaker elected by the House.

During the first part of the proceedings, Judge President Mlambo called Members of the Provincial Legislature (MPLs), who took the oath or affirmation of office by raising their right hand (in front of the mace) and repeating their oath after the Presiding Judge.

The second part of the proceedings was conducted according to Schedule 3(1)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, which sets out procedure for the election the Premier of the province and the Speaker of the legislature.

The House elected Hon. David Makhura and Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe as Premier and Speaker of the Legislature, consecutively.

Shortly after her election, Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe, presided over the election of the Deputy Speaker, Chairperson of Committees and Deputy Chairperson of Committees. Hon. Mekgwe further appointed Chairpersons of Committees while Premier, Hon. David Makhura, appointed his Executive (MECs) from newly-elected Members of the Sixth Provincial Legislature. This marked the official start of business for the Sixth Legislature.

The House later appointed the Province's permanent delegates to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), as required by Section 107 read with Section 111(1)

Section, Section 128(2) and Section 129 of the Constitution.

This is the other House of National Parliament alongside the National Assembly, which processes legislation that relates directly to Provinces.

Based on the outcomes of the May 8 elections, six political parties have been allocated seats in the Sixth Legislature.

The African National Congress (ANC) has 37 Members (seats), Democratic Alliance (DA) has 20 Members, Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) have 11 Members, Freedom Front Plus 3 Members, as well as Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) each with one MPL in the Legislature.

GET TO KNOW THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF GAUTENG LEGISLATURE

Honourable Ntombi Mekgwe's election as Speaker of the Sixth Legislature marked her second term in the role. Apart from her role as Speaker, she has previously served in different political portfolios in the Province, including the Gauteng Executive Council.

s Speaker, her work includes safeguarding the independence of the Legislature and maintaining its authority as an independent body of State empowered by the Constitution. She presides over all House proceedings and debates and makes rulings on procedure and adherence to the Rules of the House by all MPLs. As the head of GPL, Hon. Mekgwe also chairs the Rules and Programming Committee of the Legislature.

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FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE

s Citizens of the world we find ourselves in the midst of an unfathomable and extraordinary situation – a time where we are forced to remain distanced from each other as we navigate the novel Covid–19 pandemic.

This has presented us with a whole new way of living as well as challenges that none of us ever thought we would ever have to deal with. It's a time where we have had to come up with alternative methods of working to ensure that the world and all of life does not come to a standstill.

As the Legislature – and in direct response to our Constitutional mandate – we have had to invest our efforts and resources in conducting our legislative oversight work virtually. We have also adopted rules for all Virtual House Sittings and Committee Meetings.

The Legislature's mandate as given by the Constitution includes Making laws for the Province; Overseeing the work of the Gauteng Executive (i.e. Gauteng Provincial Government); Ensuring that the People of Gauteng play a role in decision-making processes concerning the governance of the Province (through meaningful participation in legislative processes); Promoting co-operative governance among all spheres of government. This mandate remains indispensable during this period of national lockdown. In other words, there has never been a more important time for the Legislature to work in an extraordinary manner and intensify our technological capabilities for our transition to a Digital Legislature to ensure that the execution of our constitutional responsibilities continues uninterrupted.

We have put in place the necessary communication technology infrastructure to ensure that virtual meetings take place and that Committees continue to prioritise virtual oversight meetings with Gauteng Government Departments that are at the forefront on the Province's Covid-19 response.

As the country continues to navigate this time guided by National Government risk adjusted approach, GPL Committees also continue to intensify their oversight

engagements, particularly on Covid-19 matters

And as far as keeping our valued stakeholder informed on the business of the Legislature during this time – we continue using our existing social media and electronic platform, radio and print media

We are doing everything within our means to continue to be the first point of contact for the people of Gauteng in the governance and service delivery value chain. This has been our agenda as GPL since 1994 – promoting a transparent and responsive government.

On behalf of all Presiding Officers of the Gauteng Legislature, I wish to commend President Cyril Ramaphosa and his executive for the way they have led the nation in the battle against coronavirus. We also commend the men and women in healthcare, law enforcement, defence and essential goods retail stores, who wake up daily and put their fears aside and take the coronavirus head on. We also convey our

sincerest sympathies to the families and friends of those who have succumbed to Covid–19.

We also commend all those who have continued to contribute to the Solidarity Fund created to fight Covid-19.

Twenty-five years ago when institutions such as GPL were established, the intention was to introduce independent and prudent bodies of State that would carry the responsibility of protecting and sustaining the hard-earned democracy.

It is in keeping with such responsibilities that GPL must continue holding the Executive accountable.

Section 142 of the Constitution mandates the Provincial Legislature to exercise oversight over the Executive by providing a mechanism to ensure that all Provincial organs of State are accountable to it.

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Hon. Lentheng Mekgwe

Speaker: Gauteng Provincial Legislature

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GET TO KNOW THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF GAUTENG LEGISLATURE

Seasoned member of the African National Congress (ANC), Hon. Nomvuyo Mhlakaza–Manamela was elected as Deputy Speaker, while Hon. Sizakele Nkosi–Malobane was elected as Chairperson of Committees of the Legislature. Hon. Nkosi–Malobane has previously served in the Legislature as Chairperson of the Community Safety Committee – a role she fulfilled before her appointment as Gauteng MEC for Community Safety in the previous political term.

Her duties as Chairperson of Committees include ensuring that all Committees implement their obligations. She monitors the impact and quality of all oversight and scrutiny initiatives by Committees as well as law-making and policy development to ensure that it contributes to achieving what GPL exists for.

Hon. Mpapa Kanyane is the Deputy Chairperson of Committees. His role includes leading all civil society mobilisation to participate in the work of GPL through public participation programmes. All of GPL's public participation initiatives are geared towards soliciting the views of all sectors of the Gauteng society on all legislative processes and the execution of the Legislature's mandate. This work depends solely on the solid relations established by the Legislature with civil society organisations.

GPL is the Parliament of the Province that is mandated by the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa to conduct oversight over the Provincial Executive Authority; make laws for Gauteng; involve the people in all legislative processes, as well as ensure cooperative governance among all spheres of Government.



Hon. Lentheng Mekgwe Speaker



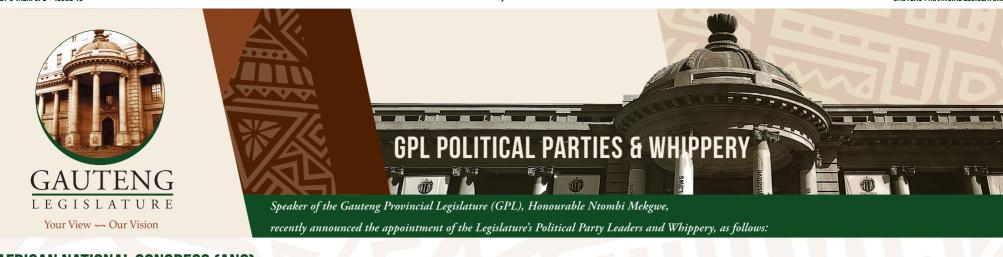
Hon. Sizakele Nkosi–Malobane Chair of Chairs



Hon. Nomvuyo Mhlakaza–Manamela Deputy Speaker



Hon. Mpapa Kanyane Deputy Chair of Chairs



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)





Chief Whip Hon. Mzi Khumalo



Deputy Chief Whip Hon. Thoko Magagula



Hon. Dolly Ledwaba



Hon. Anna Ndlovana



Whip Hon. Busisiwe Mncube



Whip Hon. Petrus Mabunda



Whip Hon. Paul Malema



Whip Hon. Lesego Makhubela



Whip Hon. Kedibone Diale

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)







Leader of the Opposition Hon. Solly Msimanga



Senior Whip of the Opposition Hon. Mike Moriarty



Whip Hon. Kate Lorimer



Hon. Khume Ramulifho



Whip Hon. Fred Nel



Whip Hon. Mervyn Cirota



Caucus Leader Hon. Makashule Gana

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)





Party Leader Hon. Itani Edwin Mukwevho



Constituency Whip Hon. Segatike Moses Koma

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SIXTH LEGISLATURE



eanwhile, Hon. Mekgwe, announced the newly-appointed Chairpersons of Committees of the Sixth Legislature. Chairpersons are essentially political heads and leaders of Committees appointed by the Speaker the same way that Premier of the Province appoints Members of the Executive Committee (MECs). They are charged with the responsibility of managing and providing strategic leadership to ensure that respective Committees implement GPL mandates, and ensuring that the Institution acts in the interest of the public at all times. GPL Committees have a critical role to play in the Legislature as they are the implementing arm of all the work of GPL.

"It is through Committees led by Chairpersons that the Legislature is able to make laws that address the needs of the people of Gauteng; conduct oversight on the Provincial Government to aid service delivery; plan public participation activities to ensure the meaningful involvement of Gauteng citizens in legislative processes; as well as promoting co-operative governance for coherent decision-making across spheres of government," Hon. Mekgwe continued.

She wished all newly appointed Chairpersons well in their roles and reminded them of the mammoth task awaiting them – which is contributing to the legacy of building GPL as an institution that gives effect to its Constitutional mandate and transforming itself as an agent of change – ready to discharge its key role in social transformation.

FREEDOM FRONT PLUS (FFP)





Party Leader Hon. Anton Albert

INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP)





Party Leader Hon. Bonginkosi Dhlamini

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (ACDP)





Party Leader Hon. Keith Dulton Adams

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION CLUSTER



Programming Committee
Hon. Lentheng Helen Mekgwe (ANC)



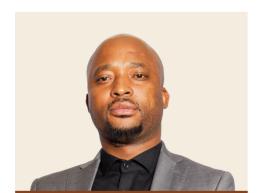
Privileges & Ethics Committee
Hon. Nomvuyo Mhlakaza–Manamela
(ANC)



Standing Committee of Chairpersons Hon. Sizakele Nkosi–Malobane (ANC)



Hon. Lentheng Helen Mekgwe (ANC)
The Programming and Rules Committees are procedurally chaired by the Presiding Speaker of the Legislature.



Petitions Committee Hon. Boitumelo Ezra Letsoalo (ANC)



Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) Hon. Sochayile Khanyile (ANC)



Oversight Committee on the premier's office & the Legislature (OCPOL)

Hon. Bonginkosi Dhlamini (IFP)



Committee on the Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation (CSSL) Hon. Keith Dulton Adams

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ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION CLUSTER



Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development Hon. Lindiwe Lasindwa (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Finance Hon. Joe Mpisi (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Infrastructure Development Hon. Mpho Modise (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Roads & **Transport** Hon. Dumisani Dakile (ANC)

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION CLUSTER



Portfolio Committee on Co-operative Governance, Traditional Affairs (COGTA) & Human Settlements Hon. Kedibone Diale (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Health Hon. Rebecca Mauwane Phaladi-Digamela (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Community Safety Hon. Mapiti David Matsena (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Education Hon. Matome Kopano Chiloane (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Social Development Hon. Refiloe Kekana (ANC)



Portfolio Committee on Sports, Arts, **Culture & Recreation** Hon. William Mathafeng Matsheke (ANC)

GPL COMMITTEE PROFILES

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE



In accordance with the Standing Rules of the Gauteng Legislature, the Committee determines the scheduling and/ or programming of the business of the House, as well as the functioning of Committees.

Chairperson: Hon. Lentheng Ntombi Mekgwe (ANC) Email: LMekgwe@gpl.gov.za

PRIVILEGES & ETHICS COMMITTEE



The Committee consists of the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Government Business and a member of each political party represented in the Legislature. It oversees the implementation of the Code of Conduct and Ethics, and investigates charges of breach of privileges and contempt against Members. It also considers reports of the Integrity Commissioner and acts on them when it is appropriate to do so.

Chairperson: Hon. Nomvuyo Mhlakaza-Manamela (ANC) Email: NMhlakaza-Manamela@gpl.gov.za

COMMITTEE ON THE SCRUTINY OF SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (CSSL)



Scrutinizes draft Provincial Regulations submitted by the Executive to the GPL and reviews every Provincial Bill that grants powers to the Gauteng Government or another body to adopt subordinate legislation. It also scrutinizes and assesses the socio-economic impact of draft regulations to ensure compliance with the Constitution and the law. The Committee also liaises with stakeholders on the contents and lawfulness of draft regulations and possible steps to be taken; as well as approve or recommend for disapproval of draft regulations.

Chairperson: Hon. Keith Dulton Adams (ACDP) Email: DAdams@gpl.gov.za

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE PREMIER'S OFFICE AND THE LEGISLATURE (OCPOL)



Scrutinises and conducts oversight on the budget, quarterly and annual reports of the Office of the Premier and the GPL. It analyses the activities of the GPL to determine whether the Institution fulfils its Constitutional mandate and supports MPLs in the exercising their functions and performing their duties. It further deals with any matter on the office of the Premier and/or GPL, referred to it by the Speaker to improve oversight and foster accountability.

Chairperson: Hon. Bonginkosi Dhlamini (IFP) Email: BDhlamini@gpl.gov.za

PETITIONS COMMITTEE



Derives its mandate from the Petitions Act 5 of 2002. It exists to ensure the orderly resolution of your written grievances and concerns as Citizen of Gauteng, which are received by the Legislature in a form of petitions. The Committee strengthen the adjudication of the petitions process. It strengthens relations with other legislatures and spheres of Government to contribute to a strong petitions system, and encourages the public to make use of the petitions system. This is aimed at realizing the Citizens' Constitutional right to efficient service delivery and participation in matters of governance.

Chairperson: Hon. Boitumelo Letsoalo (ANC)

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF CHAIRPERSONS



Also known as the Chair of Chairs' Committee, it oversees and coordinates the work of all Committee of the House. It considers the Annual Programme of Committees and makes recommendations to the Rules and Programming Committee regarding matters affecting the scheduling or functioning of Committees. The Committee comprises the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of Committees as well as Chairpersons of all Standing and Portfolio Committees of the House.

Chairperson: Hon. Sizakele Nkosi–Malobane (ANC) Email: SNkosi-Malobane@gpl.gov.za



Deputy Chairperson: Hon. Mpapa Kanyane (ANC) **Email:** MKanyane@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY



The Community Safety Committee seeks to promote a safe, secure and corruption-free Gauteng Province. It ensures accountability, effective governance and management; and nurtures public/private partnerships in crime prevention and combating in the Province.

Chairperson: Hon. Mapiti Matsena (ANC)
Email: MMatsena@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION



The Education Committee oversees the work of the Gauteng Department of Education. It initiates and considers laws that relate to the development of policies that govern the Education sector in the Province, as well as the provision of all the appropriate resources. This is to ensure a functional education system in the Province, job creation and economic development for Gauteng in the long term.

Chairperson: Hon. Matome Chiloane (ANC)
Email: MChiloane@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Ensures that the Gauteng Department of Social Development delivers on all priorities within its area of focus, i.e. ensuring the provision of social protection and statutory services aiming to safeguard the wellbeing of individuals and families. The Committee holds the Department accountable to ensure the appropriate use of budgets to implement plans around safe living and a nurturing environment where the rights of the People of Gauteng are protected and respected. It ensures that designated people and/or institutions take required action necessary to protect the wellbeing of the vulnerable groups.

Chairperson: Hon. Refilwe Kekana (ANC) **Email:**RKekana@gpl.gov.za

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (SCOPA)



SCOPA exercises oversight over Provincial and Local Government, on behalf of the GPL to ensure accountable use of funds and prudent financial management; and to make recommendations to the GPL. This role is complemented by the Auditor General (AG), whose mandate is to conduct audits of National and Provincial Departments, Local Government and other public sector bodies, and to submit reports to the Legislature, as per the requirements of the Public Audit Act, 2004 (Act No. 25 of 2004) and the Constitution of RSA.

Chairperson: Hon. Sochayile Khanyile (ANC) **Email:** SKhanyile@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Facilitates effective and value-adding oversight, legislation and public participation in the work of the Gauteng Department of Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development. It ensures that the Gauteng Provincial Government delivers on all service delivery priorities within its area of focus, and as mandated by the People of Gauteng. The conducts oversight on Provincial entities such as the Gauteng Tourism Authority, Gauteng Enterprise Propeller, Gauteng Growth Development Agency, Gauteng Gambling Board and the Gauteng Liquor Board. It ensures that the Department creates employment opportunities, support SMMEs and Cooperatives, solicits investments, positions Gauteng as the number one tourist destination and regulate on matters related to gambling and liquor.

Chairperson: Hon. Lindi Lasindwa (ANC) **Email:** LLasindwa@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON SPORTS, ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION



The Committee initiates and considers laws for the Province's Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation sectors. It oversees the work of the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation to ensure the efficient implementation of programmes and services relating to these sectors as prioritised by the People of Gauteng.

Chairperson: Hon. William Matsheke (ANC) **Email:** WMatsheke@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH



The Health and Social Development Committee oversees the work of the Gauteng Health and Social Development sectors. It initiates and considers laws that relate to the development of policies governing these sectors, as well as all the appropriate resources. This is to ensure a better quality of life for all Gauteng Citizens.

Chairperson: Hon. Rebecca Mauwane Phaladi–Digamela (ANC) **Email:** MPhaladi-Digamela@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE



The Committee conducts oversight over the Gauteng Department of Finance / Gauteng Provincial Treasury, as well as the Gauteng Funding Agency which falls under a Treasury Programme. Essentially, it ensures the creation of a budget that responds to the priorities of the Province; and ensures compliance with relevant legislation and Treasury regulations in all the handling of Provincial funds. The Committee also interrogates Municipalities expenditure, planning and implementation of audit outcomes through Treasury, who provides support to municipalities.

Chairperson: Hon. Joe Mpisi (ANC) **Email:** JMpisi@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (COGTA) & HUMAN SETTLEMENTS



The Committee is mandated to conduct oversight on the Executive including Municipalities within the Province. It oversees the work of both the Departments of Cogta & Human Settlements. The key mandate of this Committee is to ensure prudence and accountability in relation to the utilization of government resources. The Cogta & Human Settlements Committee's oversight role is guided by the Constitution, GPL Standing Rules and the Public Service Oversight Model.

Chairperson: Hon. Kedibone Diale (ANC)

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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



The Committee ensures increased responsiveness to the needs of the People of Gauteng by the Provincial Government. It oversees the actual implementation of policies, programmes and expenditures of the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development (GDID). This includes how the Department implements infrastructure projects on behalf of clients departments such as Health, Education, Agriculture, Rural and Social Development and Education.

Chairperson: Hon. Mpho Modise (ANC) Email: MModise@gpl.gov.za

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ROADS & TRANSPORT



The Committee oversees the work of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, and all its statutory bodies. It conducts oversight over the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport and its entities, such as the Gautrain Management Agency and G-fleet Management – to name a few. The Committee holds the Department accountable on the building and maintenance of the Provincial roads infrastructure network and the provision of all transport modes.

Chairperson: Hon. Dumisani Dakile (ANC) Email: DDakile@gpl.gov.za

LEGISLATURE CALLS ON GAUTENG MEN TO FIGHT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

arious Members of the Legislature (MPLs) have expressed outrage at the widespread incidents of gender-based violence and killings of women by men in society – calling on Gauteng men "to stop this barbaric behaviour and disregard for human rights".

They further call on law enforcement agencies adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards all acts of violence and abuse meted on women, children, the elderly and other vulnerable groups in the Province.

Speaker, Honourable Ntombi Mekgwe, said, "It is shocking and disturbing to hear about such intensity of violence perpetrated against women by men. The endless reports of rape incidents, killings, abductions, victimisation and other forms of abuse of women rights is a symptom of the moral decay among men in our society, and a sheer disregard for human rights among Citizens." She said it was time that serious action was taken against perpetrators.

She continued, "It is very clear that marches and the chanting of slogans calling for an end of GBV is yielding no result – women and girl children continue to die at the hands of men, most of whom are known to them.

"It is clear that a war has been declared against women and girl children, and therefore it cannot be business as usual. Extraordinary interventions are called upon to bring an end to these senseless acts of lawlessness.

"This is a crisis and a war must be waged against these perpetrators to send a message of zero tolerance," she said.

She said the Legislature will do all it can, through its oversight instruments to root out GBV in Gauteng.

"Women and girls of our nation have a reason to be afraid and for feeling insecure. How then can we say we are free society when more than 55% of the population is daily living in fear of being raped, murdered and abducted?"

MPLs called on all Gauteng men and boys to take responsibility for creating a society free from all forms of violence against women.







