



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Petitions Standing Committee's strategy on the *Eradication of the Petitions* backlog in Gauteng

On Monday, 25 July 2022, the Gauteng Provincial Legislature (GPL), through the Petitions Standing committee led by Hon. Ezra Letsoalo will present to the media the process of eradicating the historical backlog of over 650 ongoing petitions adopted by GPL for the period between August 2008 – August 2021. The petitions remain unresolved as the responding government authorities have not adequately addressed issues/complaints as raised by communities.

Various Gauteng Government Departments will be handed over with files of historical petitions and a compact between the GPL, headed by the Speaker Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe and the Leader of Government Business, MEC Panyaza Lesufi will be entered into during the media briefing in the recognition of the commitment, agreement and effort to ensure the petitions backlog is responded to and cleared within a few months. The petitions from the various service departments range from misallocation of RDP homes; municipal bylaws

infringements, requests for extended operating hours at health care facilities; street calming measures and development of educational infrastructure.

The Gauteng Legislature's Petitions Committee's backlog eradication strategy aims to fast-track the resolution of residents' petitions by not only addressing service delivery challenges in communities but build public confidence in the petitions system as an effective tool to holding government accountable, while strengthening the capacity of the provincial government and municipalities to deliver on their mandates.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date: Monday, 25 July 2022

Time: 10: 15am

Venue: The Parktonian Hotel, Braamfontein

Live stream: Gauteng Provincial Legislature: YouTube: <https://youtu.be/8c-mhcJP04c> or Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/3vdNcvGGq>

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