



MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE FREE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2004

At its meeting today, the EXCO considered the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the FS Government Programme of Action. The various clusters of departments today completed the first reporting cycle to the Executive Council. EXCO, after considering comments on the reports, directed that the Policy Unit in the Department of the Premier, updates progress reports for the next reporting cycle working together with the Heads of Departments.

The EXCO indicated its appreciation on this first report as a way of further ensuring government exercises political oversight on the implementation of the POA as well as monitoring service delivery in the FSPG.

The meeting considered the report on the "Implementation Plan of the Free State Development Plan (FSDP)" as a step in the drafting of the Free State Growth and Development Strategy 2004 – 2009. The EXCO accepted the report and further directed that all stakeholders should be involved, including labour, civil society and business, in the process. The EXCO further directed that this process should ensure that IDP's and LED's of municipalities are reviewed and aligned to the Growth and Development Strategy.

The meeting further directed that the roll-out plan and sectoral summits will be announced by MEC's responsible as political heads of EXCO clusters.

The meeting approved the following Bills of submission to the provincial Legislature:

- Free State Traditional Leadership and Governance Bill, 2004
- Adjustment Estimates/Finance Bill, 2004

The meeting considered the progress report regarding preparation for 2010 Fifa World Cup. The meeting noted its satisfaction with progress on the preparation and directed that the economic cluster should ensure collaborative work amongst the departments for the success of the 2010

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