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News Editors and Journalists

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**RE: PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT VISIT BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON  
COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

The Free State Department of COGTA will host Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs from February 25 to 28, 2025. The committee will be in the province to conduct oversight as mandated by the Constitution to monitor and oversee government work, ensuring service delivery at both provincial and local government levels.

During the visit to the province, the committee will focus on the Mangaung Metro Municipality and the Maluti A Phofung Municipalities. It will receive presentations from the Province led by MEC for COGTA Mr. Saki Mokoena on the Status of Municipalities in the province. The Mangaung Metro has displayed some progress despite it being placed under Section 139 (7) of the Constitution in April 2022. The committee will also conduct site visits and engage with communities around Bloemfontein.

Below is the schedule, for the oversight visit. The Media is invited to attend and provide coverage.

DATE	AGENDA	VENUE
Tuesday, 25 February 2025	<p>09:00 – 09:45 (presentation)</p> <p><b>Engagement with the MEC for Cogta and MEC of Finance on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State of municipalities in the Province;</li><li>• Impact, effectiveness and challenges with S154 support provided by the Province</li></ul> <p>09:45 – 11:00</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>	Bram Fischer Building – Mangaung Metro Municipality

	<p>11:10 – 11:30</p> <p>Presentation by AGSA Free State: audit outcomes of municipalities in Free State</p> <p>11:30 – 11:50</p> <p>Presentation by SALGA on the support provided to municipalities in Free State</p> <p>11:50 – 12:10</p> <p>Presentation by DCOG on state of municipalities in the province and support provided to assist municipalities</p> <p>12:10 – 13:00</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>14:00 – 15:00</p> <p>Presentation by Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Governance</b> - political and administrative interphase, skills and qualification of the administration; functionality of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee and ward committees;</li> <li>• <b>Financial management</b> – implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan (FRP), unfunded budget; municipal debt (owing and owed), revenue collection, progress on addressing Material Irregularities,</li> </ul>	
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	<p>UIF&amp;W expenditures and consequence management, billing system, LED programmes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bulk infrastructure</b> – state and maintenance of infrastructure, non-revenue water losses</li> <li>• <b>Service delivery</b> – access to water and electricity, indigent register, initiatives to address poverty and unemployment, CWP programme, refuse removal, human settlements</li> </ul> <p><b>15:00 – 16:00</b> <b>Inputs by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGSA Free State (15 minutes)</li> <li>• SALGA (15 minutes)</li> <li>• DCOG (15 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>16:00 - 19:00</b> Discussion</p>	
Wednesday, 26 February 2025	<p><b>09:00 – 12:00</b></p> <p><b>Community engagement</b></p> <p>12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break</p> <p>13:30 – 16:00 Site visits</p>	<p>Paradise Hall</p> <p>Botshabelo Wastewater Treatment Works</p>
Thursday, 27 February 2025	<p>09:00 – 10:00</p>	<p>Thabo Mofutsanyana Old Parliamentary committee rooms</p>

	<p>Presentation by Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Governance</b> – political and administrative interphase, skills and qualification of the administration; functionality of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee and ward committees;</li> <li>• <b>Financial management</b> - municipal debt (owing and owed), revenue collection, progress on addressing Material Irregularities, UIF&amp;W expenditures and consequence management, billing system, LED programmes;</li> <li>• <b>Bulk infrastructure</b> – state and maintenance of infrastructure, non-revenue water losses</li> <li>• <b>Service delivery</b> – access to water and electricity, indigent register, initiatives to address poverty and unemployment, CWP programme, refuse removal, human settlements.</li> </ul> <p><b>10:00 – 11:00</b></p> <p><b>Inputs by:</b></p> <p>Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality (15 minutes)</p> <p>AGSA Free State (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Phuthaditjhaba Multipurpose Centre</p>
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	SALGA (15 minutes) DCOG (15 minutes)  <b>11:00 – 13:00</b> Discussion  <b>13:00 – 14:00</b> Lunch  <b>14:30 – 18:00</b> Community Engagement	
Friday, 28 February 2025	<b>08:00 – 12:00</b>  Site visit to areas in the Maluti-a-Phofung municipal area	Makholokweng      Water Network

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