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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE TAKING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE INDABA

KWAZULU NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele, KZN MEC for Health, Peggy Nkonyeni and MEC for Arts and Culture Weziwe Thusi, will attend *Taking Services to the People Indaba*, which will be held at Ingwavuma, Manyiseni Court ground at 9:00am on Tuesday (17/03/09).

MEC Cele was contacted by concerned Ingwavuma Zibambeke contractors regarding deductions made on their social grants by SASSA. The actual reasons for deductions were unknown and the contractors appealed to the MEC to intervene. Therefore, MEC Cele will respond to the contractors' grievances. The Department so far has 821 Zibambeke contractors and they are clustered into 41 clubs.

The Department of Health will officially open a Manyiseni Clinic - a medium clinic with four consulting rooms and a maternity ward. The clinic also consists of three single residential units, one double residential unit, gatehouse, visitors' toilet block and a carport. The clinic serves a population of approximately 6 500 people and an average of 1 500 patients are served at the clinic per month. The clinic will bring the improvement of the lives of the community through the provision and improvement of quality health care. The budget allocated for the Manyiseni Clinic is R11, 7 million.

"Job creation and poverty alleviation are the fundamental challenges that government is vigorously fighting. Zibambeke women play a very significant role in their families and the community at large as it is set to empower and upgrade the lives of rural women. As the Department we are committed in ensuring that this initiative favours the poorest of the poor so that they could benefit and also to acknowledge them for their hard work," said Cele.

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