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MEC MCHUNU CAUTIONS AGAINST POLITICAL POSTURING ON VEHICLE LICENSING FEES

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has cautioned the IFP to stop politicising the issue of motor vehicle licence renewal fees in the province.

MEC Mchunu has taken the liberty to clarify further statements made during the provincial Transport Budget Vote last month (14 August 2014) – which the IFP in the Legislature is now trying to hijack as an issue for political posturing.

“It is important to remind the IFP that I have always been at the forefront of engaging both the Portfolio Committee and the National Department of Transport (NDOT) to consider an acceptably lesser fee on vehicle owners in the province. In this regard, I clearly stated that as a province we continue to observe the processes being undertaken by the NDOT, which are aimed at standardising the licensing fee environment countrywide,” said Mchunu.

KwaZulu-Natal currently has nearly 1.5 million registered vehicles in the province. The revenue generated, a huge portion of which goes to local municipalities and other registering authorities.

“As a matter of fact, we are the first to acknowledge the impact of the current tariffs in motor vehicle owners in the province. As a caring government we are also aware that it has become a burden to motorists hence our proactive engagements with the provincial Treasury and NDOT to address this matter. Vehicle renewals have historically been one of the effective ways of generating revenue for provinces and municipalities, but this should not be done to the detriment of citizens. To this end, our focus is aimed at working constructively with all role-players to ensure

‘prosperity through mobility’

that we have a standardised, national vehicle licensing regime. The benefits of such a regime are plenty, including ensuring that we put a stop to the practice of people leaving their home provinces to register vehicles in other provinces. As well, this will help us root out fraud and corruption in the administration of vehicle licensing in the province and country, and crime generally,” emphasised MEC Mchunu.

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