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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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ATTENTION : EDITORS/ NEWS EDITORS AND PR WIRE

### **MEC MCHUNU SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RTI COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, is satisfied with the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the RTI Commission of Inquiry.

Last week MEC Mchunu tabled a report at the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature where he reflected on measures taken to implement the Commission's recommendations.

"The regrettable and unfortunate incident of December 2012 remains a painful tragedy that should never happen again. Since the release of the Commission's findings, we have made progress in implementing the recommendations. We all want to see closure on this matter," said MEC Mchunu.

Among steps taken by the Department of Transport in implementing the recommendations, are:

- 19 applicants who were hospitalised and suffered trauma have received compensation of R10 000.00.
- A payment of R100 000.00 compensation has been made to one applicant who was hospitalised for a long period of time.
- Specific matters with possible criminal implications have been referred to the SAPS for further investigation.
- Investigation into the institution of internal disciplinary proceedings still continues and is being conducted by an independent party.
- The development of the RTI recruitment policy is in progress.

MEC Mchunu also revealed that the Department appointed actuaries to assist with the evaluation and determination of the loss of support claim and sourced legal opinion to help with claims payment and analysis of the legal standing of the claimants.

"We acknowledge that this matter has taken longer than anticipated, however it had to be done thoroughly and correctly to bring closure to the affected families," concludes MEC Mchunu.

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