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MEC KAUNDA TABLES BUDGET SPEECH TO ADVANCE RADICAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND EMBOLDENED MEASURES TO FIGHT CRIME IN KZN

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, will launch tangible radical socio-economic transformation programme aimed at providing opportunities to emerging contractors in the construction industry, promoting infrastructure roll-out and job creation on Thursday (20 April 2017).

The MEC will also unveil a strategy of expanding beneficiation of government infrastructure expenditure and plans to minimize red-tape to emerging African contractors to access opportunities.

All these plans will be outlined as the MEC Kaunda tables the budget vote-12 for the Department of Transport at the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

Kaunda will also report on developments in the taxi industry and plans to improve regulations, including resolving the issue of operating licences.

More plans will also be outlined of dealing with the increasing scourge of road crashes and fatalities, including sustaining law enforcement operations in the province.

On the Community Safety front, Kaunda will outline plans to stabilize the province and fight against the rampant drug abuse and proliferation of illegal firearms in the province. The plans will also include continuous work of building political stability and tolerance and the fight against police killings as well as cross border crime.

Kaunda will start his day by inspecting the exhibition that showcases the equipment and latest technology the department has invested in to curb road fatalities, fraud and corruption at the Driving Testing Station.

Tomorrow's programme will unfold as follows:

- @06h45 – MEC Kaunda will embark on unannounced visit at Alexandra Police Station (PMB) to address issues of crime, including house breaking and car-jackings in the area
- @07H30 – MEC Kaunda will arrive at Mkhondeni to inspect the technology installed to curb fraud and corruption in the issuing of learners and drivers licences

- @08h00 – MEC Kaunda will inspect the weigh bridge at Mkhondeni and inspect the exhibition of all safety equipment and technology.
- @08h30 – MEC Kaunda will conduct media interviews of the key highlights of the both budget speeches
- @10h00 – MEC Kaunda will table budget vote -9 for the Department of Community Safety and Liaison
- @14h00 – MEC Kaunda will table budget vote -12 for the Department of Transport

Ends.

Members of the media are invited to cover all the activities.

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