

**Delayed payments to service providers and contractors: Duma has scheduled a meeting and he believes that through collective wisdom, nothing will stand between us and a prosperous future**

Media and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma, has welcomed the support he received from leaders of political parties in the legislature.

They agreed to convene a meeting with Treasury to find a long-lasting solution to challenges faced by contractors and service providers who receive late payments after submitting invoices.

Last week, he presented a quarterly performance report, an annual performance plan, and budget plans for 2026/27.

The budget was endorsed and supported with 6 votes by members of the Portfolio Committee on Transport.

Of particular concern, as raised by Duma, were technical glitches in Basic Accounting System and transition from SCOA 5 to SCOA 6 experienced in 2025.

This resulted in delays in paying for invoices to our contractors and service providers in general. We are still recovering.

Our budget allocation for the 2025/26 financial year was just over R13.5 billion and we invested this in the rolling out our infrastructure, improving public transportation, and refining our law enforcement and road safety campaigns.

From the R13, 5 billion kept by Treasury, on a monthly basis we need around R1, 1 billion to R1, 2 billion to pay service providers and, more especially, contractors responsible for the maintenance and construction of over 34 000 kilometres of road networks.

Unfortunately, at times, the Department of Transport gets R200 million, R500 million or R700 million from Provincial Treasury. As a result of the shortfall, there are service providers that do not get paid within 30 days after submitting their invoices.

Since April 2025, MEC Duma has been briefing and presenting these challenges before the Portfolio Committee on Transport, Standing Committee on Public Accounts as well as Provincial Executive Committee (Cabinet).

In addition, the newly appointed Head of the Department, Zibusiso Dlamini, is continuously meeting with Treasury to address these challenges.

The HoD has he also met with the Director General from the National Department of Transport. There are ongoing discussions following our request for a monthly payment from our conditional grant.

We understand the difficulties faced by our contractors and their families.

It is for these reasons the MEC has scheduled a meeting with them today. The meeting will take place at 12h00.

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