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MEC MASHILO APPEALS TO THE INSTITUTION OF TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP TO RESOLVE DISPUTES INTERNALLY

MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga, Mr Speed Mashilo has appealed to Amakhosi to resolve their disputes internally. Mr Mashilo was addressing Amakhosi in the Local House of Gert Sibande, in Ermelo recently. Mr Mashilo is embarking on a series of meetings with all Local Houses in Mpumalanga.

During the first meeting, key issues about the administration of the institution of traditional leadership including the tools of trade and grants were discussed. Mr Mashilo reiterated the commitment of the Department to support Amakhosi by providing them with vehicles, construction of their offices and the grants for cultural ceremonies.

Amakhosi further raised issues such as the appointment of regents until the inauguration of Inkhosi is finalized. Mr Mashilo cautioned them against allowing non members of royal families in the decisions for the appointment of their successors. "Succession of Amakhosi is the sole responsibility of the inner royal families and should be dealt with as such. Government gets involved only in the verification and issuing of certificates of recognition," said Mr Mashilo.

He expressed the determination of the Department to resolve disputes as a result of tribal boundaries and cases of land invasion. He said the demarcation of tribal boundaries and land invasion issues will be prioritised and feedback will be provided after investigations and reports have been compiled.

This week Mr Mashilo is expected to meet with Amakhosi in Bushbuckridge and members of the Local House of Ehlanzeni.

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