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TITLE DEEDS A NECESSITY TO ALL BENEFICIARIES – MEC SIWELA

A total of **15 000** government's low cost housing beneficiaries will receive their title deeds during the 2016/17 financial year. This pronouncement was made by MEC for Human Settlements, Ms Violet Siwela when she tabled the 2016/17 budget speech at the provincial legislature.

Siwela emphasized that the delivery of these title deeds to the beneficiaries was as crucial as the other services offered by the Department as it does not only restores their dignity, but ensures legal ownership of their houses and allows beneficiaries to make life changing decisions regarding their livelihoods.

“The beneficiaries will also be able to use their title deeds to improve their dwellings, to acquire household's goods and make use of capital borrowing against their properties to start small businesses,” she stated.

The Department has successfully been able to handover about 6000 title deeds in the previous 2015/16 financial year, however, the remaining 4000 was still processed to ensure that the entire number is delivered to all the deserving beneficiaries. MEC Siwela strongly condemned misleading reports which alleged that she used these title deeds as a campaigning tool.

She said, “These documents are a necessity to all our beneficiaries for them to live in peace and comfort in their homes. They stand against illegal evictions and ensure provision of security of tenure for beneficiaries.”

The issuing of title deeds is to facilitate the registration in to the names of the housing beneficiaries, apart from providing security to all beneficiaries, the documents ensure that the lives of all recipients are continuously and economically improved through guarantees with the title deeds and satisfy the provision of legislation provided to beneficiaries.

Ownership further allows beneficiaries to use their houses to leverage their economic circumstances by making additional income. Property ownership, however, compels the owners to pay municipal rates and services received.

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