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**Bojanala District Community Complains about Service Delivery Issues during the Legislature's "O re bone, re go bone" Campaign**

On Tuesday, 20 August 2013, the North West Provincial Legislature Joint Portfolio Committees met with the community of Bojanala District Municipality in relation to service delivery issues during the **"O re bone, re go bone"** campaign.

The "O re bone, re go bone" is a programme that was pronounced by the Speaker, Hon. Supra Mahumapelo, during his 2012/13 Budget Speech. It is aimed at making the Legislature more visible and reachable to the communities; and also to make sure that voices of the people of the province are incorporated in the Legislature Oversight work.

The Members of the Legislature interacted with organised structures and members of the public.

Issues raised mostly had to do with title deeds; lack of no-fee schools; lack of land for construction of structures such as churches and home-based care centres; water and sanitation; availability of mobile clinics; poor administration on allocation of RDP houses and; lack of sound working relations between tribal authorities, municipality and community.

A member of the community, Ms. Joyce Marumo from Ward 9 in Tlhabane complained about problems of acquiring a title deed for a house she owned with her deceased husband.

"I went to the municipality to ask for the title deed to be transferred into my name and was told I must pay R9000 and an additional R3000.

"I asked them how will I pay those huge amounts as I am only a pensioner not earning a salary," said Ms. Marumo.

Another member from Ramotshana, Ms. Mosa Sekaka complained about her difficulty on acquiring land for a home-based care centre.

"The municipality has taken us from pillar to post on getting land for an orphanage and a home-based care centre we operate for people living with HIV/AIDS," said Ms. Sekaka.

She said the orphanage needs funding which is also hard to obtain.

"We operate in a shack rented out and we often need to transport patients to clinics but with the lack of funds, it is not possible," said Ms. Sekaka.

Mr. Solomon Komane of Monakato village said administrators at the municipalities often overlook elders not give them the necessary services they are suppose to receive.

The Committees concluded that the municipalities must conduct community meetings regularly so that issues can be addressed and feedback given on time.

Hon. Auchalie Mothupi said the Committees will meet relevant departments to address the issues raised.

"We will consult relevant MECs especially on the issues of title deeds and land. Remember that government is busy with its programme on helping people acquire their land which was taken in terms of 1913 Natives Land Act," said Hon. Auchalie.

He said the community needs to report officials who are not assisting them to relevant structures of government.

Today, 21 August 2013, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts together with the Portfolio Committee on Local Government and Traditional will hold meetings with Bojanala District and Local Municipalities for the municipalities to account on their Annual Reports. The meetings will be held at the Municipal Chambers of Rustenburg at Civic Centre. They will commence from 08h30 to 17h00.

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