

Media Statement  
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## **Legislature Met Greater Taung Municipality for Issues Raised on “O re bone, re go bone” Campaign**

Today, 28 November 2012, the North West Provincial Legislature joint Portfolio Committees met with the entire council of the Greater Taung Local Municipality to have the municipality to account on issues raised by Greater Taung communities during the **“O re bone, re go bone”** campaign.

The campaign is aimed at ensuring that the Legislature becomes more visible and accessible to the communities and also make sure that people of the North West province are given opportunities to participate in oversight work carried out by the Committees of the Legislature.

The meeting was attended by the Speaker of Greater Taung Local Municipality, Cllr Deliwe Zethi, mayoral committee, ward councillors, management of the municipality, and the Batlhaping ba ga Phuduhutswana Tribal Authority including Kgosi Mankoroane.

Some of the issues raised mostly had to do with water and sanitation, scholar transport, health care issues, unpaved roads, unemployment, appointment of the municipal manager and an allegation that he used the municipality's funds to fix his BMW, issues of litigations, disaster houses not repaired and high musk lights. Ward committees that were disbanded and some ward committee members that were fired by ward councillors.

The Chairperson of Chairperson, Hon. Pelele, said some of the issues will be accounted for by the provincial departments, but issues like water and sanitation, issues of ward councillors firing ward committee members should be accounted for by the municipality.

The Speaker of the municipality, Cllr Zethi, said the municipality convenes monthly meetings with Sedibeng (which provides water for the municipality). All problems are reported to Sedibeng on a daily basis and that ward councillors are always ‘kept abreast of everything’.

“On the issue of a Councillor who fired a ward committee member, he was reprimanded for that because he does not have a right to expel any ward committee member.

“Most of these expelled ward committee members were expelled because they were involved in criminal activities, leading a group of people that burned houses of councillors,” said Cllr Zethi.

Cllr. Patick Oliphant added that most of the things contained in the report are being raised every time they meet communities.

“Housing is not our competence; we facilitate it by identifying land and compile lists of beneficiaries. All that information is sent to the Department of Human Settlements and they are the ones that should account on whether houses have been built and are up to the standard or not.

“For the High mast lights, we requested police to give us a report on areas whose crime rate is high and we then resolved to take the first 100 we got to those areas.

“The second phase will accommodate areas like Ga Maida and Ga Mothibi. We have 106 villages and 26 wards, 100 High mast lights could not be enough for all those,” said Cllr. Oliphant.

On the matter of the municipal manager’s BMW fixed by the municipality, Cllr Oliphant said the municipality has a policy that allows for that.

It was resolved that the municipality be given 7 days to respond to all issues raised by communities and that policies and documents of the municipality must be prepared to back up all responses.

A report will be tabled during a sitting that will be held on the 4th December 2012 at the Legislature Chamber.

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