

## DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

## MEC CoGHSTA confronts AG findings on the land purchase matter in Tubatse head on

For immediate release

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The MEC receives with regret the outcome of the Auditor General's (AG) findings on Tubatse land purchase where an amount of R108 million is regarded as a wasteful and irregular expenditure by the Department. As per the findings of the AG there was no value for money on the purchase and there is a primafacie case against senior officials in the human settlements branch (ISHS). The Department finds the irregularities unacceptable and take them in a serious light.

Due to the urgency of the matter thereof the MEC has referred the matter to the HAWKS for a forensic investigation with immediate effect. Secondly, the Department is in a process to institute disciplinary action against the senior officials who are responsible with immediate effect.

We will ensure that CoGHSTA as a multi-award winning Department remains a corruption free department.

Our view is that Government money must be recovered. MEC will leave no stone unturned to deal with corruption and will support the HAWKS and ensure full implementation of their findings.

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