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The MEC for Housing, Ms N Hanganana launches the Informal Settlement Handbook

The MEC for housing in the Western Cape, Ms N Hanganana will be launching her Informal Settlement Handbook on Tuesday 25th February 2003. The programme includes the minister briefing all those who will be attending (including members of the media)

Minister Hanganana strongly believes the handbook will go a long way in helping government fight the huge housing backlog this province is facing. "I am excited by the potential of the handbook to assist municipalities and other role players in the housing field to make meaningful contribution in our quest to improve the quality of life of the thousands of homeless people and shack dwellers" she said.

According to Hanganana, the handbook is "intended to be a user-friendly resource to which we can all refer when faced with a wide range of issues regarding informal settlements" she said.

The minister further called upon all those who regard themselves as frequent users for this handbook to make comments and give input from their experiences so that the document stays relevant to the informal settlement problems.

Attending this event will be:

Ms Zo Kota: Chairperson of the Housing Portfolio Committee: National Assembly.

Ms Gawa Samuels: Exco Chairperson for housing: City of Cape town.

Acting City Manager.

Mr Simo Bedderson: Director of Public Housing: City of Cape Town and all the department's senior officials.

Date: 25 February 2003

Time: 10H00 am

Venue: MEC's Offices, 27 Wale Street, 10th Floor

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