



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

**HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**SUBJECT: DUMA ANNOUNCED A HISTORIC AND GROUNDBREAKING  
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**ENQUIRIES: NDABEZINHLE SIBIYA**

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### **DUMA ANNOUNCED A HISTORIC AND GROUNDBREAKING PURCHASE OF A BUILDING FROM TRANSNET TO ACCOMMODATE THE VICTIMS OF FLOODS**

●We wish to announce that we have bought this facility, the Montclair Lodge from Transnet. We have paid R33 million for this facility, which will be repurposed to accommodate victims of floods.

●The transfer from Transnet to us took place on 31 May 2025.

●In other words, we will no longer use private facilities as part of the Temporary Emergency Accommodation.

●The lodge boasts a total of 268 rooms with a bed capacity of 600.

●The building is managed by Housing Development Agency on behalf of the KZN Department of Human Settlements.

A professional engineer will be appointed before the end of July 2025 to do a basic assessment, which will determine the scope of work for the refurbishment. The contractor will be appointed immediately upon receipt of the basic assessment.

●It is anticipated that some flood victims will take occupation in the lodge during the month of December 2025 or January 2026. Our plan is to ensure that we are ready for heavy rainfall and flooding associated with the summer season.

●This milestone of a government-owned transitional emergency accommodation will drastically reduce the rent paid to privately-owned transitional emergency accommodations.

We will do the inspection of this lodge with you after this briefing.

Issued by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements Siboniso Duma

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