

## Government officials reach out to communities

By Willem van Dalen: GCIS, Northern Cape



The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in the Namakwa District embarked on an event to market and popularise the upcoming State of the Nation Address in the Namakwaland town of Springbok, on 29 January 2016. Officials from the Department of Home Affairs and a number of community development workers joined the activation where community members were urged to watch or listen to the live broadcast of the President's speech during the opening of Parliament. More than 3 000 information products were distributed to community members in town.



The GCIS team ready to take to the streets of Springbok.





**GCIS officials and other stakeholders distributing information products to community members.**



**Maud Engelbrecht said:**

“I think it is wonderful that government goes to communities to bring important information to the people. The citizens should use all the opportunities that government brings to them.”



**Dominique Bugen said:**

“The fact that government brings information to the people is very encouraging. I feel that during this event, a lot of people in rural areas will receive a lot of information. I think this is a very good initiative by government.”



**Azee Simane said:**



“I am glad that I was part of the event this morning. A lot of people were not aware of the information that was shared today. I feel good that we managed to inform the people about the State of the Nation Address and the Smart Card identity documents.”






## Eastern Cape Pre SoNA vox-pops

By Sabelo Kakaza: GCIS, Eastern Cape




No	Question	Answer	Picture
1.	A big event takes place in Parliament every year in February, what do you think it is?	<b>Devon Wyngraandt said:</b> "It is the State of the Nation Address, a platform provided for the President to talk about the country's affairs."	
2.	What do you know about the upcoming State of the Nation Address?	<b>Nceba Mqokozo said:</b> "I have learned through leaflets distributed at the taxi rank that this year's event will be on 11 February and people can catch it on TV, radio and social media."	

3.	Are the State of the Nation Address leaflets and other materials helpful? Why?	<p><b>Kyle Joueerd said:</b> “Yes they are helpful. I have been informed about what the event is all about and also about the venues for the live screening in different district municipalities and metros.”</p>	
4.	Mention five issues that you would like the President to talk about in this year’s State of the Nation Address.	<p><b>Heidi Nel:</b> “Crime is still a challenge in our communities, so I expect the President to focus more on bringing strategies to fight crime. I would also like him to look at the issue of economy, free education and the strategies and tactics in place to deal with drought in our country.”</p>	
5.	Are you planning to watch or to listen to this year’s State of the Nation Address? Why?	<p><b>Abby Gale said:</b> “Yes, I will watch the State of the Nation Address because I want to be informed and know what the President will be saying about the issues of unemployment, corruption and racism, which seem to be a serious challenge in our country.”</p>	

Pre-SoNA Vox-pops 2016

Sulieman Theloegee



NO	QUESTION	ANSWER	PICTURE
1.	A big event takes place in Parliament every year in February, what do you think it is?	“It is the State of the Nation Address. I am always optimistic and hoping for something great to be announced by the President.”	<p data-bbox="1178 695 1360 734"><b>Motlhabeng</b></p> 
2.	What do you know about the upcoming State of the Nation Address?	“The print, electronic and social media are doing a great job to educate us about the State of the Nation Address.”	
3.	Are the State of the Nation Address leaflets and other materials helpful? Why?	“Yes they are.”	

4.	Mention five issues that you would like the President to talk about in this year's State of the Nation Address.	"Unemployment, crime, poverty, corruption and other social challenges."	
5.	Are you planning to watch or listen to this year's State of the Nation Address? Why?	"I will watch and also follow it on social media."	
6.	What do you expect to see on the day of the State of the Nation Address?	"High levels of discipline."	

**Pre-SoNA Vox-pops 2016**

**By K. D. Molale**

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER	PICTURE
1.	A big event takes place in Parliament every year in February, what do you think it is?	"It is the State of the Nation Address."	<b>Tlhabologo</b>
2.	What do you know about the upcoming State of the Nation Address?	"It seeks to inform South African citizens about government's plans, programmes and progress."	


3.	Are the SoNA leaflets and other materials helpful? Why?	They are helpful.”
4.	Mention five issues that you would like the President to talk about in this year’s State of the Nation Address.	The origins of South African laws, interpretation of the Bill of Rights, civil and political rights and socio-economic conditions.”
5.	Are you planning to watch or listen to this year’s State of the Nation Address? Why?	Yes! I am a citizen of this country who should know about all government programmes.”
6.	What do you expect to see on the day of the State of the Nation Address?	“Peace in the House.”


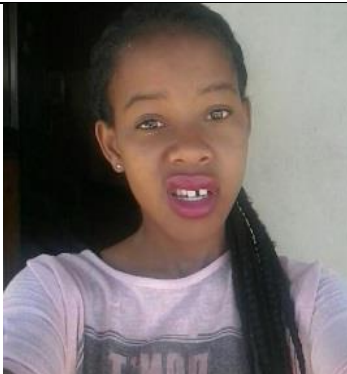





## Pre SoNA Vox-pops 2016



No	Question or Statement	Answer	Picture
1.	A big event takes place in Parliament every year in February, what do you think it is?	<b>Sam Dire said:</b> "It is the State of the Nation Address in Parliament in Cape Town."	 A photograph of Sam Dire, a man with grey hair wearing a blue and red striped polo shirt, standing outdoors with his hand on his hip.

2.	What do you know about the upcoming State of the Nation Address?	<b>Tiisetso Gerben said:</b> “I have heard a lot about it from different news sources.”	 A photograph of a man with short hair, wearing a blue and red striped soccer jersey, sitting at a dark desk. He is looking towards the camera. On the desk in front of him is a laptop, some papers, and a ruler. In the background, there is a green chalkboard with a small framed picture on it.
3.	Mention five issues that you would like the President to talk about in this year’s State of the Nation Address.	<b>Palesa Moncho said:</b> “Free education for all and enough educators for rural schools, fighting crime, improved sanitation for schools, clinics that operate 24 hours a day and water for rural communities.”	 A close-up photograph of a young woman with dark hair styled in braids, wearing a light-colored t-shirt. She is looking directly at the camera and appears to be speaking or smiling.

4.	What do you expect to see on the day of the State of the Nation Address?	<b>Jerry Maine said:</b> “I expect to see order and no disruptions.”	
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