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**Wednesday 23 February– Saturday 26 February 2011**

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**Wednesday 23, February 2011**

**Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan to present the budget speech to Parliament**

Minister Gordhan will deliver the 2011 national budget and his address will come a day after the release of GDP figures for the fourth quarter of 2010. The speech will be broadcasted live on SABC.

Time: 14:00  
 Venue: Parliament, Cape Town  
 Enquiries: Kershia Singh 012 315 5819 / 072 623 4608  
[kershia.singh@treasury.gov.za](mailto:kershia.singh@treasury.gov.za).

**Department of Water Affairs to brief media on World Water Day**

Time: 11:00  
 Venue: Rosebank Crown Plaza  
 Contact: Themba Khumalo 082 802 3432

**Higher Education Minister Blade Nzimande speaks at a SA Qualifications Authority dinner**

Time: 18:00  
 Venue: Moyo Restaurant, Zoo Lake  
 Contact: Siphokazi Phillip 012 431 5040

**Department of Environmental Affairs to host National Storm Surge Workshop (last day)**

The main objective of the National Workshop will be to bring interested parties together, in order to share knowledge and best practice in coping with storm surges along the South African coastline. The expected outcomes will be: A better appreciation of the risk posed by Storm Surges: the details of the hazards now and into the future, the identification of locations along the coast which are vulnerable to environmental, economic and social impacts, and an assessment of the capacity needed to cope with the threats and the development of a research agenda to address the risks posed by storm surges along the coast of South Africa, including consideration of the advantages of a Storm Surge Early Warning System for South Africa.

Venue: Knysna, Log Inn Hotel  
 Enquiries: Zolile Nqayi 082 898 6483/021 819-2423  
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**Department of Water Affairs to celebrate National Water Week 2011 (Until 27 Feb)**

The National Water Week will be held under the theme: Water is life: working together we can

save more water from 21 to 27 March. National Water Week is celebrated annually and this year the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs Ms Edna Molewa is calling on all South Africans to play a role in protecting and conserving water, a precious and scarce resource. Water Week 2011, takes place at a time when the country is dealing with the contrasting effects of drought in parts of the country and the devastating aftermath of flooding which has claimed lives and destroyed properties. In addition, it comes as the water sector faces a myriad of challenges including pollution of our water courses, provision of basic water supply to communities and ensuring security of supply into the future.

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**Gauteng MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Lebogang Maile to brief the media on department's programme of action**

The MEC will brief the media on the department's plans informed by the government priorities for the 2011/12 financial year emanating from the State of the Province Address.

Time: 10:00  
Venue: Gauteng Legislature, Auditorium 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
corner President and Harrison streets, Johannesburg  
Enquiries: Emmanuel Mdawu 082 848 1452  
[emmanuel.mdawu@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:emmanuel.mdawu@gauteng.gov.za)

**Eastern Cape Social Development to train social workers on sign language (until 25 Feb)**

The workshop is aimed at training social workers so that they can be able to communicate with people from the deaf community, and be able to attend to their problems.

Time: 08:00 to 16:30  
Venue: Botha Sigcau Boardroom, Umtata  
Enquiries: N Figlan 040 608 9179

**KwaZulu Natal Transport MEC Willies Mchunu launches the naming and shaming campaign for repeat offenders on provincial roads**

Time: 09:00  
Venue: Truro House, 17 Victoria Embankment  
Contact: Kwanele Ncalane 072 803 1462

**Thursday 24, February 2011**

**Government to brief media on Economic Sectors and Employment cluster**

Following the State of the Nation Address of 10 February 2011, Government will hold Cluster Media Briefings on the implementation of the Programme of Action 2011.

Time: 09:00 to 10:30  
Venue: Media Centre, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town.  
Video link-up: Room 153, Union Buildings, Pretoria.  
RSVPs: David Masango 0832797520 (Pretoria)  
Liezil Cerf 076 778 2380 (Cape Town)  
Enquiries: Neo Momodu 0794625081

**Tourism Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk to launch the National Youth Chef programme**

The Professional Cookery (Chef) qualification has been identified as one of the scarce skills in South Africa. In order to address this gap, eight hundred (800) unemployed youth will benefit from the programme.

Time: 10:45 for 11:00 – 12:00  
Venue: HTA School of Culinary Art, 128 Braam Fischer Road  
(past the MNET Studios), Randburg  
RSVPs: Lizzy Suping 012 310 3310 / 083 758 0553  
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**North West Human Settlements, Safety and Liaison to embark on a house numbering Crime Prevention campaign**

In an effort to speed up police response time to crime reports by citizens that require urgent action, the department is to embark on a house numbering Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) Letsema / Volunteerism Campaign Project. The first of its kind project in the province is to be rolled out at Makapanstadt RDP Section in Moretele.

Time: 09:00  
Venue: Makapanstadt RDP Section in Moretele  
Enquiries: Lesiba Moses Kgwele 018 381 9171 / 083 629 1987  
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**Friday 25, February 2011**

**Science and Technology Minister Naledi Pandor to unveil science and computer laboratories at Carnarvon High School**

Minister Pandor will unveil state-of-the-art science and computer laboratories at the school, built with the help of the South Africa's Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project. If Africa wins the bid against Australasia, Carnarvon will host the SKA radio telescope, one of the world's biggest scientific projects.

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**KwaZulu Natal MEC for Finance Ina Cronjé and MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo to officially to open clinics at Umziwabantu Municipality**

Both MECs will open two clinics in the area that will provide easy access to the health needs of the residents. They will have an early breakfast meeting with the business people with the aim of soliciting their opinion on the government budget priorities. Site visits after breakfast will be followed by the main community event where the two clinics will be handed-over to the local leadership and the community. The citizens will also be engaged in a bid to get their opinion and inputs in the 2011/12 provincial budget.

Time: 07:00 (**Breakfast meeting**)  
Venue: Harding Town Hall  
Time: 11:30 (**Community Event**)  
Venue: Mbonwa Clinic (Harding)  
RSVPs: Siyathokoza Simelane 033 846 6991  
Ntokozo Maphisa 082 773 0937  
Enquiries: Musa Cebisa 071 6878 777

**Saturday 26, February 2011**

**President Jacob Zuma to attend sod-turning ceremony to launch first state mining company**

President Jacob Zuma will on 26 February 2011 attend a sod-turning ceremony to launch the state mining company in Vlakfontein, Ogies, Mpumalanga province. As President Zuma stated in his State of the Nation Address earlier this month government has endorsed the African Exploration, Mining and Finance Corporation (AEMFC) as the state-owned mining company (SOMCO) that will undertake the mining of minerals of strategic significance. The sod-turning ceremony for a coal mine will signify the launch of this undertaking.

Time: 10:00  
Venue: Vlakfontein, Ogies, Mpumalanga province  
RSVPs: [Solomon.phetla@dmr.gov.za](mailto:Solomon.phetla@dmr.gov.za)  
Enquiries: Zanele Mngadi (The Presidency) 082 330 1148  
Zingaphi Jakuja (Minerals Resources) 082 330 1148

**Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe to assess progress on War on Poverty campaign in the North West**

Deputy President Motlanthe will visit the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality in the North West province to assess progress of the government's War on Poverty programme. The War on Poverty campaign is a programme of government which seeks to intervene in the country's poorest communities to improve the quality of life. The North West province launched its provincial campaign in Greater Taung Local Municipality in 2008. The visit will afford the Deputy President a chance to meeting with the North West province leadership, a visit to poor households culminating with a community meeting in Manthe village in the Greater Taung local municipal area.

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