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### **The John Taolo Gaetsewe District gets ready for State of the Nation Address**

The State of the Nation Address is an important occasion where the President outlines government's priorities and plans for the year to the nation. The priorities and plans set the tone for government's delivery in the year ahead. This is what the Kurara FM listeners that records more than 80 000 listenership were informed by the Executive Mayor, Ms Sofia Mosikatsi.

The Executive Mayor further explained that the State of the Nation Address is done by the President to the a Joint Sitting of the National Assembly (NA) and the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) of Parliament and focuses on the current political and socio-economic state of the nation. The sitting is called by The President of the Republic of South Africa and is hosted by the Speaker of the NA and the Chairperson of the NCOP.

The John Taolo Gaetsewe residents were encouraged to tune into their television sets to watch the live broadcast by President Jacob Zuma on Thursday, 9 February 2017.

### **Community engagement photos:-**



Kurara FM studio with Oarabile Mokgethi from the Kgweetsa Mokgweetsi show between 15:00- 18:00.



John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality Executive Mayor, Sofia Mosikatsi sharing information with Kurara FM listeners.



Pre Show preparation by Executive Mayor Mosikatsi and Lord Rapture as Carla Martin does the news highlights that will be done at 16:00.

**Vox-Pops:**


1. **What do you know about SONA;**
2. **What would you want the President to mention,**
3. **What are your expectations and are you planning SONA?**

**Warren Hoogkyk (Deben)**

**Direct quotation:**

“I do not know much about SONA. I would like the President to mention more about bringing religion back to our schools. Since getting this information from your office (GCIS), I now have an



<p>expectation of how it might be and will surely take a look to see what you said”.</p>	
<p><b>Ramoniya Sofute</b></p> <p><b>Direct quotation</b></p> <p>“I do not know about the SONA, but I know about parliament. I would like the President to concentrate on rural schools. We do not have teachers and those we do not speak Setswana as a first language. Also girls in KZN get sanitary towels at schools and we would like that this is introduced in our Northern Cape School as well, especially schools in the rural areas. I will surely watch it now to see what he will talk about”.</p>	
<p>Violet Mmereki (right) and Jaqueline Sewedi (left)</p> <p><b>Direct quotation:</b></p> <p>“Yes I know about SONA. I also know it will be on Thursday. I will definitely watch it because I want government to become better. After the last local government elections I would like the ruling party to become stronger again like they use to be. I want there to be more equality in this country and education will be the key for this. If the youth are educated they can get better jobs and also create their own jobs. We hope he touches on these aspects. We will tune in to see if he will”.</p>	