



Acting Premier
Wendy Nelson

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Acting Premier not facing any fraud charges

Mahikeng: The North West Provincial

Administration has noted with concern the misleading and unfounded news reports that imply that the Acting Premier, Ms Wendy Nelson stands accused of fraud, corruption and maladministration.

This unfounded and malicious report suggests that the North West Premier and MEC for Finance face charges of corruption in relation to a Gupta linked medical service provider.

The Provincial Administration places it on record that the Acting Premier, Ms Wendy Nelson has never had fraud charges laid against her by the North West Health and Social Development Committee as incorrectly reported by the media.

It is therefore unfortunate that the media has decided to run with such incorrect information which casts aspersion on the character of the Acting Premier.

Allegations made are malicious and seek to tarnish the work of the Acting Premier in her commitment and determination to selflessly serve the people of North West. She is committed to serve to the best of her ability by ensuring transparent and good governance.

The Provincial Administration wishes to clarify that the case that was opened by the North West Health and Social Development Committee in March 2018 had nothing to do with the Acting Premier.

The allegation that the Provincial Treasury has

paid Mediosa as suggested by media reports is devoid of the truth and has been confirmed in many engagements by the Department of Health and any enquiries relating to this matter must be directed to the Department of Health.

We refer to our past media release which provided clarity and information relating to the forensic reports on Mediosa.

Allocations to Departments are done in line with government budgetary processes and appropriated accordingly by the Provincial Legislature.

Government also reaffirms its commitment to ensure the implementation of PFMA by observing the responsibilities of each accounting officer in terms of section 38.

The Provincial Administration unequivocally rejects the false reports about the Acting Premier and request that she be given space and time to execute her new responsibilities.

Her track record speaks volumes having served with distinction in various portfolios in all three spheres of government.

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