



**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM**

To: All Media

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**MEC FOR LEDET, RODGERS MONAMA TO OVERSEE THE DISPOSAL OF  
ILLEGAL GAMBLING MACHINES**

The MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism in Limpopo, Rodgers Monama will oversee the disposal of 240 illegal gambling machines that were confiscated from illegal operators in the province.

During the 2022/23 Financial Year, the MEC oversaw the disposal of 382 illegal gambling machines (156 in July and 226 in November). The machines were confiscated from various spaza shops and taverns throughout the province by the Limpopo Gambling Board working together with the South African Police Service. Most of these spaza shops are operated by foreign nationals, and are mostly situated in the rural areas.

The illegal gambling machines rob the provincial fiscus of the much needed revenue as the generated income fund other criminal activities such as illegal mining, human trafficking and illegal cigarettes. In other instances, the cash generated is transferred to other provinces and even outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

The MEC will be joined by the Limpopo Gambling Board members, the Provincial Commissioner of the South African Police Service, General Thembi Hadebe

Members of the media are invited to form part of this event scheduled as follows:

**Date: 30 May 2023**

**Time: 11H00**

**Venue: Bosveld Scrap Metals, Ladine Polokwane**

Ends

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