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RE: Head of Limpopo Department of Social Development Placed Under Precautionary Suspension

The Premier of Limpopo, Mr. Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, has placed the Head of Limpopo Department of Social Development, Mr. Julius Makwena Mahopo, under precautionary suspension from 20 February 2024 until the disciplinary process has been concluded.

The suspension follows the remedial actions made by the Public Protector's Report Number: 31 of 2023/2024, which investigated allegations of maladministration and improper conduct in the appointment of Child and Youth Care Workers and Child and Youth Care Team Leaders at the Polokwane Welfare Complex and Mavambe Secure Care Centre.

The report has found that various various officials in the Department, including the Head of Department were implicated in wrong doing. The report made remedial actions that needed to be implemented within a timeframe set.

Ms Dudu Setlatjile has been appointed Acting Head of Department from 20 February 2024 and is expected to continue implementing remedial actions as they relate to officials implicated.

The provincial government will make necessary announcements as soon as the process is concluded.

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