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### **PREMIER DR RAMATHUBA WELCOMES REPORT ON THE 2025 NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Premier of Limpopo Dr Phophi Ramathuba welcomed the findings of the report concerning the logistical failures during the National School Sport Championships held in Bloemfontein from 02 to 05 April 2025. The report says the Limpopo team's experience, including inadequate accommodation arrangements and reports of athletes sleeping in buses, was found to have been entirely unacceptable.

Following distressing feedback from parents and participants regarding the handling of logistics - feedback that led to the withdrawal of some teams - the Premier acted decisively. In April 2025, she mandated an immediate investigation to ensure accountability regarding the dismal treatment of athletes. The administration has since provided a comprehensive report and the recommendations are currently being implemented.

In response to the report presented by MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Mr Jerry Maseko, Premier Dr Ramathuba condemned the evident administrative incompetencies and potential collusion among officials and service providers. She said these findings are deeply troubling and highlight the serious issues that must be addressed to safeguard the interests of our youth.

The Premier emphasised: "We are committed to restoring integrity within our sporting administration. The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is actively following established processes to implement the report's recommendations. This entails taking disciplinary action against those responsible, declaring and seeking to recover fruitless and wasteful expenditure and pursuing legal action where necessary as recommended. We demand diligence and transparency in all handling of public resources."

Premier Dr Ramathuba has outlined a clear path forward, ensuring that all individuals involved are given the opportunity to account for their actions. The Premier's Office remains resolute in its commitment to uphold the highest standards of governance and to protect the welfare of athletes.

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