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MEDIA ALERT: STANDING COMMITTEE TO VISIT SCHOOLS IN EDEN DISTRICT

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Committee on Education will embark on a visit week to schools in the Eden District from 28 to 31 January.

The visit week is a key mechanism established by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) to achieve its Constitutional oversight mandate within the province. It is intended to ensure that Members of the WCPP, through its Standing Committees, continuously keep abreast of developments and social issues in the province. It also affords the opportunity to undertake oversight visits and interact with communities and institutions in order to assess the needs and challenges they experience.

During engagement sessions with the Western Cape Education Department, the Standing Committee was informed of the increase in learner numbers as a result of the migration of people into the province. This also puts severe fiscal constraints which does not keep up with the pace of the learner increase and inflow into the province.

The following schools will be visited:

28 January Plettenberg Bay Secondary School

Sunridge Primary School, Knysna Thembelitsha Primary School, Knysna

29 January Percy Mdala High School, Knysna

Van Kervel Special School, George Thembaletu Primary School, George

30 January Park Primary School, Mossel Bay

Hillcrest Secondary School, Mossel Bay

31 January Briefing by the Department of Basic Education and the Western Cape Education Department on

comprehensive sexual education as part of life skills education at the York High School hall, George

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