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National Assembly Ad Hoc Committee for disaster relief visits Joburg

On Tuesday 20 June 2023, Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councillor Kabelo Gwamanda will host the Co-Chairpersons of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Flood Disaster Relief and Recovery from the National Assembly and National Council of Provinces.

Mayor Gwamanda will host about 40 national, provincial and local delegates at the Soweto Theatre in Jabulani, Soweto Region D who will be briefed on the extent of the damage caused by the December 2022 floods in Johannesburg.

The briefing will focus on the following:

- The extent of damage caused by the floods.
- Restoration spending to date and how much money is required to complete the work.
- Work done to date towards relief and recovery and what work still needs to be undertaken.
- As well as the challenges experienced on the ground.

This will give the Committee a sense of progress in terms of government assistance towards flood disaster relief and recovery since the 2022 flood disaster.

After the meeting the delegation led by Co-Chairperson Honourable CT Frolick from the National Assembly and Honourable AJ Nyambi from the National Committee of Provinces will visit Meadowlands, Pimville, Nancefield, Kliptown and Life Vision Church amongst other areas within the City which were affected by floods.

The Committee is on an oversight visit to Gauteng from Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 June 2023, to conduct an assessment on the extent of the damage caused by the 2022 floods in the City of Joburg, Tshwane and Sedibeng District.

During the months of November and December 22, Joburg had abnormally high rainfall for days on end. The incessant rainfall and flash floods resulted in damage to city infrastructure, homes and loss of lives particularly in Roodepoort, Soweto and Nancefield.

On 13th December 23 Joburg's Disaster Management (DM) Department submitted a report to the Mayoral Committee seeking to classify and declare a local disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act which was approved on 16 December 23.

By 19 December 23 Disaster Management had estimated that 10 008 people and 3336 formal and informal homes were partially or wholly impacted with 1014 people displaced by the rains and in dire need of support.

Disaster Management coordinated and provided humanitarian support whilst City Power, Joburg Water and Joburg Roads Agency scrambled to undertake repairs to damaged electricity and water infrastructure and roads infrastructure.

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