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KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 2006/7 BUDGET SPEECH

Provincial Health MEC Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni will on Wednesday, 26 April 2006, present to the people of KwaZulu-Natal her department's R11, 737 billion budget allocation for the 2006/7 financial year.

The R11, 737 billion to be appropriated for the 2006/7 financial year reflects an overall increase of R1, 434 billion compared to the revised budget for the 2005/06 financial year.

The 2006/7 budget allocation will see a lion's share of the budget going into programmes targeted at improving services in hospital, emergency medical services and also at reducing the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases that continue to ravage our province like Tuberculosis.

The 2006/7 budget allocation will also be aligned with the theme for these year's budget which is: "Fighting Disease, Fighting Poverty, Giving Hope".

In the 2006/7 financial year, this department plans to strengthen all its health programmes and programmes aimed at poverty alleviation as poverty goes hand in hand with poor health.

MEC Peggy Nkonyeni will deliver her 2006/7 budget as follows:

DATE: 26 APRIL 2006

TIME: 14H00

VENUE: PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE, PIETERMARITZBURG

Transport for media is available and will leave outside Independent Newspapers at 12H30.

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