

# Budget Vote Season Is Here!!!

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Public Works Minister Hon. T W Nxesi is set to deliver his budget vote speech on behalf of the Department to parliament on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

The budget vote speech to parliament will give the minister an opportunity to outline upcoming projects, strategies and designs that the department has set for itself. The budget vote platform will also be used by the minister to share with the country the Departments' successes as well as challenges throughout the previous year.

As part of his preparations for the budget vote, on 09 May 2018, Minister Nxesi visited the Iziko Museum in Cape Town, for a quality inspection tour. The museum complex is being renovated and extensions are being effected on the complex by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

To date, the work being undertaken by DPW on the R194m project, includes a clever design on not just the physical structure, but also on the landscape. The design has green elements and offers better safety and maximum use of space. Renovation work involves some specialised heritage work in the oldest building on the entrance side. Two new floors have been constructed, electrical upgrades and energy saving measures have also been implemented throughout the site.

Later on the same day, the Minister had a meeting with DPW programmes beneficiaries including bursary recipients, young professionals, artisans, high school learners and representatives of tertiary institutions. The beneficiaries are part of the skills development initiative of the DPW. With the country experiencing skills shortages, DPW adopted the skills Pipeline Strategy within the built environment to resolve this challenge. The strategy is aimed at building technical capacity while addressing issues of transformation in the built environment.

## **DPW Budget Vote Event will be held as follows;**

**Date:** 15 May 2018

**Time:** 14H00

**Venue:** Old Assembly Chamber, Parliament - Cape Town.