

Minister Nxesi meets with contractors to discuss payment processes

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Incomplete documentation, late submission of invoices and invalid tax clearance are just some of the reasons why the invoices of other contractors doing business with the Department of Public Works (DPW) are not paid on time. Minister T.W. Nxesi conducted an interactive engagement with contractors at the Durban Regional Office on 11 January 2019 – to address various challenges pertaining to the payment of contractors.

Regional Manager at the Durban Regional Office Mr Nkosi Vilakazi and the Deputy Director-General Professional Services Ms Lydia Bici are some of the DPW officials who joined Minister Nxesi in the engagement with contractors doing business with the Department. The meeting forms part of the Minister's regional visits to all DPW regions in the country where he seeks to address all issues pertaining to delayed payment of invoices. Minister Nxesi assured contractors that the Department will adhere to the 30 day payment turnaround time to pay contractors' invoices on time.

The 30 day turnaround time is aimed at adequately addressing contractors' challenges which include, among others, the processes followed by the Department in facilitating the payment of invoices.

Addressing the contractors, Minister Nxesi stated that; "some of the measures that will help the Department achieve its goals include adhering to the 30% set aside for small contractors, ensuring that DPW fights corruption and good relations with contractors so as to avoid cases where suppliers submit incomplete documentation."