



## MINISTER MACPHERSON CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL EPWP LISTENING TOUR IN CAPE TOWN

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Public Works and Infrastructure Minister, Dean Macpherson concluded another leg of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Listening Tour in Tafelsig, Cape Town, on Monday, 15 September 2025.

He was joined by Cape Town Executive Mayor Alderman Geordin Hill-Lewis, members of the Mayoral Committee, senior officials from the City, and DPWI leadership, including Acting DDG for EPWP, Molatelo Mohwasa.

The Listening Tour forms part of the Minister's national engagements to hear directly from communities, assess challenges, and gather input to strengthen the EPWP.

"Today's engagement in Tafelsig was not just about listening it was about learning, connecting, and reaffirming the purpose of the EPWP," said Minister Macpherson. "We are committed to building a reimagined EPWP that goes beyond temporary work and creates pathways to lasting empowerment."

Executive Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis highlighted the City of Cape Town's significant progress in rolling out the EPWP.

"We are proud to announce that we have significantly exceeded our target of creating 30,000 EPWP job opportunities in Cape Town. This is a clear demonstration of what is possible through collaboration between all spheres of government," said Mayor Hill-Lewis. "However, the demand far outweighs our current resources. That's why we are calling on national government to increase funding so we can expand this life-changing programme and reach even more people in need."

The Tafelsig session was well attended, with participants sharing personal success stories that demonstrated the programme's impact on employment, skills development, and community upliftment.

"The EPWP gave me my first real job. I gained skills, confidence, and could support my family. I'm grateful leaders are here to hear our voices," said one participant, now pursuing a degree in Human Resource Management.

Insights from the engagement will inform the redesign of a more impactful, inclusive, and sustainable EPWP.

