

Saving jobs and growth focus of lekgotla



SERIOUS ISSUES: Education Minister Blade Nzimande, left, Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi and Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas share a light moment during the cabinet lekgotla at the Sefako Makgatho Presidential Guesthouse in Pretoria.

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ISSUES pertaining to economic growth and saving thousands of jobs in the volatile poultry sector are set to form part of discussions at the cabinet lekgotla that got

under way yesterday.

Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Jeff Radebe said President Jacob Zuma had convened the lekgotla to review the government's medium-term strategy.

This follows the ANC

national executive committee lekgotla held in Irene, Centurion, last week.

Radebe said the deliberations and conclusions of the party's lekgotla would play a very critical role in the decisions of the cabinet lekgotla held at the Sefako Makgatho

Presidential Guesthouse in Pretoria.

"The information that came out of the ANC lekgotla is part of the agenda today," he told journalists on the sidelines of the lekgotla.

The party had also discussed strategies that would

drive the radical transformation of the economy, among other issues.

Radebe said there would be a presentation of the medium-term strategic planning.

"It's going to be followed by progress on the Nine Point Plan, the Infrastructure

Development Plan, as well as the National Intelligence Estimates," said Radebe, who has been touted as among possible candidates to succeed Zuma when he steps down as ANC leader in December.

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