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The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Maluti-a-Phofung (MAP) will submit formal questions to the Council to hold the ANC Executive Mayor accountable for failing to implement the 2012 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) policy.

Despite spending approximately R34 million annually, the ANC has turned the EPWP into a patronage scheme managed by ward councillors, often benefiting family and friends without providing skills training, tools, or oversight. As a result, 1,750 participants exit the programme each year without improved job prospects.

The DA condemns this governance failure and will ensure accountability to protect residents' opportunities and futures.