

**D-DAY FOR CORRUPTION AT NALA**

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UPDATE: MEC Oly Mlamleli will brief a Parliamentary committee on a report on corruption and fraud in the Nala municipality.

Corruption in the troubled Nala municipality in the Free State will come under the spotlight when MPs receive the findings of a forensic report on corruption and fraud in the municipality.

The Free State MEC for cooperative governance and traditional affairs, Oly Mlamleli, will today brief Parliament's select committee on cooperative governance and traditional affairs on the findings of the KPMG report into the state of Nala municipality.

Chairperson of the select committee Matome Mokgobi on Monday said they wanted to get to the bottom of all the issues affecting Nala municipality. He said though he did not have figures at hand, large sums of money had been improperly used at the municipality and they'd only how much when Mlamleli presented the KPMG report.

He said the committee also wanted answers to issues it had raised during its visit to the municipality in 2010. He said among the issues raised was that of corruption. At the time the issues were raised, the provincial government had promised to get the municipality in order.

Mokgobi said they wanted to know whether people who had been implicated in corruption during their visit had been arrested. "We want finality on those cases. It is not the first time that we are engaging (the Free State provincial government) on Nala," he said. He said the committee wanted all the problems facing Nala municipality to be resolved.

The municipality has just had a reprieve from the national treasury after the latter started releasing millions of rands that had been withdrawn late last year after Nala municipality had failed to submit annual financial statements and implement the recommendations of the KPMG report. The treasury said it would release the funds, but would monitor whether Nala municipality met the conditions, which included submitting outstanding financial statements by the end of June this year.

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