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### **MPUMALANGA GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE FORMER MEC SIWELA**

The Mpumalanga Provincial Government has conveyed condolences to the family of the late Ms Violet Siwela, a former MEC, who passed away on Wednesday. Siwela has served in the Provincial Government as MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) and as MEC for Human Settlement.

Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane lamented Siwela's demise. She says her contribution to the well being of the citizens of Mpumalanga, is well documented. "Siwela's attributes as a leader with strong work ethics and humility, is imprinted in the housing and agricultural programmes that were implemented during her tenure in both departments. Her war against poverty was a writing on the wall, with the construction of many houses to shelter citizens in distress, as evidence. She went beyond the call of duty to implement poverty-alleviation programmes, as part of food security in Mpumalanga," the Premier stated.

Siwela has also served in the Provincial Legislature as a Speaker. At the time of her demise, she was the Chairperson of the Powers and Privileges Committee in the National Assembly.

Mtshweni-Tsipane says Siwela's name is on the list of public representatives who served the citizens of Mpumalanga with distinction, as a deployee of the ruling party, the ANC. "On behalf of the Provincial Government and the citizens, we convey our condolences to Siwela's family. May her soul rest in peace".

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