

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY AT LIVINGSTONE TERTIARY HOSPITAL



Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) who visited the Living Tertiary Hospital in Gqeberha on Tuesday, 10 September 2026.

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Ensuring that healthcare facilities have the right systems, resources and leadership in place to serve patients effectively was at the heart of an engagement at Livingstone Tertiary Hospital following a visit by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA).

The visit provided an opportunity for the Department of Health to reflect on progress made in addressing matters identified through the audit process, while also looking at areas that require continued attention.

Discussions focused on infrastructure maintenance, the appointment of hospital management personnel and the utilisation of allocated budgets. For the Department, engagements of this nature are an important part of identifying challenges, finding practical solutions and strengthening the systems that support healthcare delivery every day.

Infrastructure was one of the key areas discussed, with emphasis on the importance of maintaining hospital buildings and facilities so that patients and healthcare workers can access a safe and functional environment. Effective maintenance planning and the responsible use of available resources are essential in ensuring that healthcare facilities remain fit for purpose.

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The discussions also highlighted the importance of having effective leadership and management structures in place. Strong hospital management plays a vital role in coordinating services, supporting staff and responding to the needs of patients and communities.

Budget utilisation was another area of focus, reinforcing the need to ensure that allocated resources are planned for and used effectively to address priority needs within the hospital.

While audit findings highlight areas that need attention, they also provide an opportunity to look at what can be done differently and where systems can be strengthened. The engagement therefore provided space for constructive discussions around progress, challenges and the way forward.



Mr Kidwell Matshotyana, representing the Acting Head of Department during the SCOPA visit to Livingstone Tertiary Hospital on 10 September 2026

The Department remains committed to addressing identified gaps and implementing measures that will contribute to sustainable improvements at Livingstone Tertiary Hospital

Ultimately, strengthening infrastructure, governance and management is about more than compliance. It is about creating an environment where healthcare workers can do their jobs effectively and where patients receive the care they need in a safe and supportive setting.

The Department will continue working to strengthen systems and improve service delivery, with the goal of ensuring that resources and efforts translate into meaningful improvements for the communities served by Livingstone Hospital.



CEO of Livingstone Tertiary Hospital, Mrs Tembisa Notshe responding to questions posed by the SCOPA, during their oversight visit to the facility on 10 September 2026