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Hon MEC Z. Williams

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Dear MEC Williams

RE: MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (MIG) RINGFENCED FOR SPORTS FACILITIES

On 24 April 2025 I delivered a member statement during a Plenary session of the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature, you were unfortunately not present and as such missed the portion that was directed to your good office.

I have conducted oversight at sports facilities within the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality to ascertain the state of each sports facility, as these play a key role in ensuring that we keep our youth off the streets and cultivate the next generation of athletes.

One of the facilities I visited was the Gompo Sports Facility, and what I observed was an iconic venue, rich in history, that used to host major sporting tournaments ranging from soccer to rugby, now a shadow of its former glory. In an Internal Question Paper response from your office, you stated that the sports facility is in "*good condition*". I beg to differ and say that the sports facility is in a very poor condition.

From the run-down ticket booth at the gate, which most likely has not issued a ticket in years, to the changing facilities, which have been vandalised and stripped of all essential material such as shower taps, toilets and sinks due to a lack of security. This facility, unfortunately, can never produce the next generation of athletes in this state.

I therefore repeat the call I made during the Plenary session for your office to intervene in ensuring that funds allocated by National Treasury through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), which have been ringfenced for the maintenance of sports facilities within municipalities, are utilised for that specific task, the maintenance of our sports facilities.

Furthermore, I request your office to assist the office of the Hon MEC for Sports Recreation, Arts and Culture to monitor the expenditure of the ring-fenced Municipal Infrastructure Grant and regularly update the DSRAC standing committee in this regard.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kruger', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Leander Kruger, MPL