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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **DEVELOPMENT OF FORENSIC PATHOLOGY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT ADVANCED STAGE**

The development of the Gauteng Forensic Pathology Services Information Management System (FPSIMS), which will record, track, and report demographic data of the deceased persons, generate autopsy, and toxicology reports, amongst others is at an advanced stage.

The hand over process of the system from the Department of eGovernment, and the developer to the Gauteng Department of Health, the end user has started.

The system will also help with body intake and release, evidence and property tracking, storage, and destruction. The second phase of FPSIMS involves the development of the Missing Persons Website (MPW).

Bodies that have been admitted to Gauteng Provincial Government Forensic Pathology Service Mortuaries and not identified after seven days will be accessible through the MPW.

The website is intended to assist families and the South African Police Services in the identification of persons who have died and whose bodies are, or were, in a public sector Forensic Pathology Service Mortuary, but have not been formally identified.

For 2020 calendar year there were 1173 unclaimed and identified bodies in the 11 provincial Forensic Pathology Service Mortuaries. The majority of these bodies were at Germiston mortuary with 400, followed by Johannesburg with 169, while Pretoria had 117 and Diepkloof with 103.

“Implementation of Forensic Pathology Information Management System, whose second phase entails the development of Missing Person Website will make the identification of unknown and unclaimed bodies much easier.

“We also hope that the generation of toxicology and autopsy reports through the information system will help improve turnaround times and reduce the backlogs,” said MEC Mokgethi.

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