

MEDIA ADVISORY: BUDGET 2017

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan will present the National Budget to Parliament on 22 February 2017.

Lockups have been arranged for journalists in Cape Town and Pretoria, allowing access to the Budget documents prior to the Minister's address in Parliament. The information contained in the documents will be under embargo until Minister Gordhan tables the Budget in Parliament.

The Twitter handle for the Budget is: @BUDGET2017

Please find details for the lockups below:

CAPE TOWN Lock up:

Address:100 Plein Street Building for Parliament Gallery Association (PGA)
journalists120 Plein Street, Imbizo Media Centre for non PGA membersTime:06:00

Journalists attending the Cape Town lockup must send their details to Zwikhodo Singo (zwikhodo.singo@treasury.gov.za) by no later than **14 February 2017**.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please indicate your name, media organisation and ID number.
- Please indicate whether you will be based at the PGA building or Imbizo Centre.
- It is imperative that you RSVP by closing date so accreditation can be arranged.
- No prior accreditation no entry to lock-up
- It will assist us if one person can send a consolidated list of journalists attending from one media house.

- Due to space limitations at the Imbizo centre, a maximum of 3 journalists will be allowed from each media organisation for the lock-ups at the Imbizo centre.
- Journalists that are not part of the lockup and need access to the Parliament precinct should RSVP with Parliament as indicated on the media advisory.
- If your media house has an office in parliament you are expected to work from there as there is limited space at the Imbizo Centre.
- Registration at PGA and Imbizo Centre will open at 6:00 and close at 08:00.
- Journalists working in the Imbizo Centre will need to vacate the room shortly after the embargo has been lifted.
- Photographers who want to take pictures and television broadcasters who want to take visuals during the press conference by Minister Gordhan must obtain accreditation from National Treasury and Parliament for access to the Parliament precinct.

PRETORIA LOCK-UP:

Address: 40 Church Square, Pretoria CBD

Time: 07:00

Journalists must send their details to Xolisa Dodo (<u>xolisa.dodo@treasury.gov.za</u>) by no later than **14 February 2017**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- There is a limited number of PCs that are available on first-come basis.
- Indicate on your reply if you will bring own laptop or you will use provided PC.
- It is imperative that you RSVP by closing date so accreditation can be arranged.
- There is limited space at the Pretoria Lockup, therefore we will cutoff RSVPs when we have reached capacity.

For access to Parliament for the speech and to broadcast from the Parliamentary precinct please send your details to <u>nmagwagwa@parliament.gov.za</u> and CC <u>mdlula@parliament.gov.za</u>

Refreshments will be served at **08:30** and **12:30**. The lock-up will end when Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan tables the Budget in Parliament.

All documentation will be available on <u>www.treasury.gov.za</u>

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