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## MEDIA ADVISORY: MTBPS 2015

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Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene will present the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) to Parliament on 21 October 2015.

Lock-ups 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 Nene begins speaking in Parliament.

The Twitter handle for the MTBPS is: @MTBPS2015

Please find details for the lockups below:

### CAPE TOWN Lock up:

**Address:** 100 Plein Street Building for PGA journalists  
Imbizo Media Centre, 120 Plein Street, for non PGA members

**Time:** 07:00

**Registration** 07:00-09:00

Journalists attending the Cape Town lock up must send their details to Zwikhodo Singo ([zwikhodo.singo@treasury.gov.za](mailto:zwikhodo.singo@treasury.gov.za)) by no later than **15 October 2015**.

### 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 organisation.

- 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.
- Due to space limitations at the Imbizo centre a maximum of 3 journalists will be allowed to RSVP from each media organisation for the lock-ups at the Imbizo centre.
- **Registration at PGA will open at 07:00 and close at 08:30.**
- Journalists working in the Imbizo Centre will need to vacate the room shortly after the embargo has been lifted.

## PRETORIA LOCK-UP:

**Address:** 40 Church Square, Pretoria CBD

**Time:** 08:00

Journalists must send their details to Xolisa Dodo ([xolisa.dodo@treasury.gov.za](mailto:xolisa.dodo@treasury.gov.za)) by no later than **15 October 2015**

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- There is a limited number of PCs that are available on first-come basis, so those who are able to bring own laptops, please do so.
- **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 PTA lockup, so first come first served.
- There will be no parking arranged; you may want to use the Gautrain.
- The Gautrain bus takes Bosman Street. You get off at Cnr Bosman & Madiba street.

## LOCK-UP RULES

- No communication by journalists is allowed during the lock-up, including by telephone, e-mail or any other means. We therefore recommend that Parliament-based journalists who will not be working on the Budget work from elsewhere.
- All office doors (at PGA building) are to remain open at all times.
- Stories can be transmitted to editors **ONLY** from **13:00** (with full observation of the embargo).
- Cellphones must be **switched off**, placed in an envelope and **handed over** to National Treasury officials.
- E-mails cannot be sent during the lock-up and landline phones must be off the hook and should not be used under any circumstances.

- You are not allowed to use any device that can transmit information.
- Nobody will be allowed to leave the lock-up **before the embargo is lifted**.
- A ministerial media conference is scheduled for **10:30** (Imbizo media centre, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town). There will be a video link-up with Pretoria. Journalists will be escorted to the venue.
- **For access to Parliament for the speech and to broadcast from the Parliamentary precinct please send your details to [nmagwagwa@parliament.gov.za](mailto:nmagwagwa@parliament.gov.za) and CC [mkabeli@parliament.gov.za](mailto:mkabeli@parliament.gov.za)**
- National Treasury officials will be available in case of any emergencies.

Refreshments will be served at **08:00** and **12:00**. The lock-up will end when Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene starts his address in Parliament.

All documentation will be available on [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za)

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