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FROM: AZAPO SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY & INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: AZAPO CONDEMNS THE FAILURE OF BUFFALO CITY METRO TO SPEND R 700 MILLION ALLOCATION

The Azanian People's Organization is not surprised by the failure to spend a budget allocated to Buffalo City Municipality Metro to push service delivery for our people. Buffalo City Municipality Metro has been marred with intra political conflicts within the executive and their regional political leadership at each other's throats. It is common knowledge that the BCM exco is incompetent and their interest is access to resources for themselves and their business acolytes.

BCM Metro is peri urban with many rural areas, for instance Qonce town (formerly King Williams Town) has literally collapsed to the ground.

- The BCM has failed dismally to build houses for poor among our people and as such there are shacks (imikhukhu) all over. Ziphunzana in East London (eMonti) was recently declared a disaster area following recent thunderstorms as there is no drainage system and infrastructure development.
- The BCM has failed dismally to build sports amenities for its sports community
- The BCM has failed to restore the community swimming pools both in Mdantsane and Zwelitsha
- The BCM is the most expensive in terms of rates and electricity and its quick to switch off electricity to non paying consumers
- The BCM has written off a debt to the value of R1.6 billion covering their inefficiency for procurement process that was not in line with policy.
- This is the same BCM which paid over R80 million for the stoep at the East London Beach front.

The writings have always been on the wall with red flags flashing all over. It is a shame that our people must suffer such incompetence and lack of service delivery at the hands of the poorly run Buffalo City Municipality Metro.

AZAPO is calling upon the MEC for COGTA in the Eastern Cape to investigate these irregularities and make sure that heads roll. Any responsible political party that takes our people serious is supposed to recall the responsible officials for they have failed our people.

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