

COMMITTEE SUBPOENAS MUNICIPALITIES

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The public accounts committee in the provincial legislature has issued a summons for the Tokologo, Mafube, Setsoto and Mantsopa municipalities in connection with fixed committee sessions with the auditor-general (AG).

The public accounts committee has scheduled sessions for all municipalities, district municipalities and Centlec, which started last week and will continue until Friday. Chairperson for the public accounts committee in the legislature, Neels van Rooyen, said on Monday that the four municipalities failed to show up for the sessions in which questions were asked of top management. He said municipalities who failed to appear before the committee would be subpoenaed.

On Monday, during discussions about the Thabo Mofutsanyana district municipality's 2011-2012 financial statements, the DA's Peter Frewen questioned the municipality's expenditure of more than R30m in legal disputes to recover outstanding regional service council levies prior to 2006.

According to the AG's report, the municipality had appealed against the first court ruling in favour of the levy payers.

The final outcome of the matter could not be determined with receivables from non-exchange transactions amounting to R49m.

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