

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### MEC METH SADDENED BY THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF A LILITHA NURSING COLLEGE LECTURER

BHISHO — Eastern Cape MEC for Health Nomakhosazana Meth has sent her condolences to the family of a Lilitha Nursing College lecturer who lost her life after a horrific car accident yesterday (Saturday, 14 October 2023).

Ellen Nomazwe Adams and three other colleagues were involved in the fatal accident while travelling to a funeral of a colleague in Whittlesea on Saturday.

Adams, 57, demised at a Komani private hospital while the three other healthcare workers — a lecturer and two general assistants were initially transferred to hospitals also in Komani.

The two general assistants have since been transferred to Frere Hospital and Life St Dominic's Hospital in East London, respectively. The lecturer is expected to be taken to theatre tomorrow (Monday, 16 October).

Adams was a dedicated civil servant and carried her work with pride and dignity. Lilitha College has lost a good steward.

MEC Meth said the entire department was reeling in shock.

"We are battling to come to terms with these sad news. She dedicated her life to serving the people of the Eastern Cape and served them well in all her 33 years with the department.

"We send our deepest sympathies to the Adams family, her colleagues and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

"We are also wishing the three employees who are still in hospital, a speedy recovery. We are confident that the team of doctors and nurses from both the public and private sector will do everything possible to save them. We are praying for their speedy recovery," she said.

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Adams' memorial and funeral services will be announced in due course.

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