## MEDIA STATEMENT

## 27 OCTOBER 2023

THE EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (ECDoH) WARNS ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS OF SCAMMERS TARGETING BUSINESSES.

It has been brought to the Eastern Cape Department of Health's attention that there is a scam making rounds — wherein prospective bidders are asked to pay monies to a person/s who claim to be an official of the ECDoH.

In exchange for the monies being paid by the businesses they promised to be awarded lucrative tenders.

The person or people allegedly behind the scam claim to be representing senior officials of the ECDoH.

The ECDoH would like to distance its officials of all ranks from this unsavoury and criminal act committed against unsuspecting businesses people.

The ECDoH would also like to remind service providers that no official of the department is authorised to solicit cash in exchange for awarding of tenders.

Whenever there are tenders in the department, due processes are followed with the best bid eventually awarded the contract.

All victims who may have paid monies as a result of this scam are encouraged to report to the South African Police Services on 0806010111 or report to presidential hotline 17737.

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For inquiries, contact: Departmental spokesperson, Dr Sizwe Kupelo on 083 3780196 or Mr Mkhululi Ndamase, MEC's spokesperson on 071 851 8338.

