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## BASIC EDUCATION MINISTER TO OFFICIALLY RECEIVE ECD FUNCTION FROM SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Basic Education Mrs Angie Motshekga will tomorrow, Friday 01 April 2022 officially receive the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Function from the Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu at an event to be held at Freedom Park in Pretoria. The Ministers will also be joined by Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma

The handover is the culmination of a process which was initially announced in the 2019 SONA delivered by President Cyril Ramaphosa which would see the migration of the responsibility of ECD centres from the Department of Social Development to Basic Education.

Through work streams such as Human Resources, Finance and Budgets, Legislation and Contracts, Immovable and Movable Assets as well as Stakeholder Engagement to mention but a few, both Departments have worked tirelessly to bring the function shift to fruition and ensure all children in ECD Centers receive quality education and the best support during the early stages of their lives.

**Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the ECD Function Shift Handover ceremony arranged as follows:**

**Date:** Tomorrow, Friday, 01 April 2022

**Time:** 10h00

**Venue:** Corner Cock and 7th Avenue, Freedom Park in Salvokop – GP

**Live Stream Links:**

**Department of Basic Education:**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BasicEd/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DBESouthAfrica>

**Department of Social Development:**

Facebook: <https://web.facebook.com/SocialDevelopmentZA>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKCziUvIpeeZYCzqlx5KQuw>

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