

FS PUBLIC WORKS 'CREATED 43565 JOBS'

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THE Free State department of public works claims to have created 43565 work opportunities during the previous financial year.

MEC Sisi Mabe announced this during the department's budget vote on Friday. The department said 9356 jobs were full time, calculated from April to December 2012.

Mabe said the department had noted the auditor-general's 2011/2012 report, which among other things, identified weaknesses ranging from under-expenditure and irregular expenditure to incomplete asset registers.

"The results of measures we have since instituted to correct these shortcomings should paint a positive picture going forward," Mabe said.

The department has also appointed 169 suitably qualified personnel in infrastructure, property management, the expanded public works programme (EPWP), supply chain management, finance, information technology, security management and senior management services.

Mabe said the national EPWP target for creating work opportunities in the Free State had been set at 36533. - ntwagaes@sowetan.co.za

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