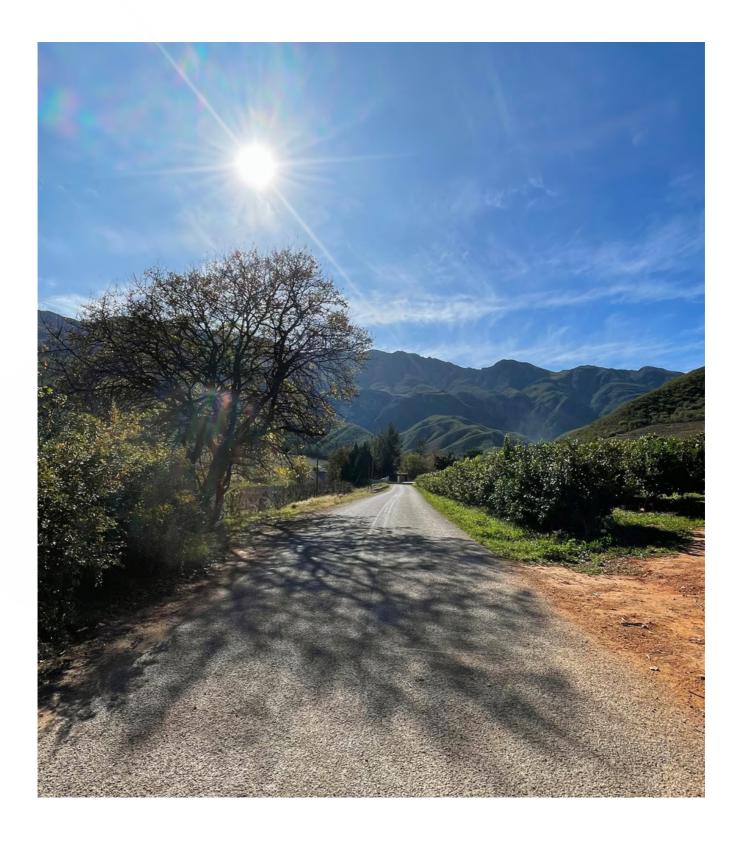


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LET YOUR WORK BE OUR NEXT COVER PHOTO.

Your photo/art could possibly be featured on the cover of the Express! Simply submit your photo (max 4 MB) highlighting the beauty of the area to communications@langeberg.gov.za and we will be in contact with you.

CAPITAL PROJECTS KAPITAAL PROJEKTE • IIPROJEKI ZEXESHA ELIDE



The Langeberg Municipality will be spending a total of R126 million in the next financial year, to upgrade and improve infrastructure within the municipal area.

The projects, identified in the 2022/23 Budget Plan, starts from July 2022 and marks the start of the Municipality's new financial year. Information on all capital projects can be found in the Langeberg Municipality's 2022/23 Budget, which is available on the municipality's website.

Die Langeberg-munisipaliteit gaan in die volgende boekjaar altesaam R126 miljoen bestee om infrastruktuur binne die munisipale gebied op te gradeer en te verbeter.

Die projekte wat in die begrotings-plan vir 2022/23 geïdentifiseer is, begin vanaf Julie 2022 en is die begin van die nuwe boekjaar van die munisipaliteit. Inligting oor alle kapitaalprojekte word in die Langeberg munisipaliteit se begroting vir 2022/23 vervat, wat nou op die munisipaliteit se webwerf beskikbaar is.

C UMasipala waseLangeberg uzakuchitha imali engangama-126 ezigidi zeerandi kulonyaka-mali umtsha, ephucula esenza nangcono iinkonzo zikamasipala ezingundogo kulommandla wakamasipala.

Eziprojeki, nezichongwe kwiSigcwangciso soHlahlo-lwabiwo mali sika2022/23, sizakuqalisa kwinyanga kaJulayi 2022 kwaye sizakubonakalisa ukuqalisa konyaka-mali omtsha kaMasipala. Iinkcukacha eninzi ngeeprojeki ezihlala ixesha elide iyafumaneka kuHlahlo-lwabiwo mali luka2022/23 lukaMasipala waseLangeberg, nolufumaneka kuzo zonke kunye nakwiwebhusaythi kaMasipala engu.



THE CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

DIE KAPITAAL PROJEKTE SLUIT DIE VOLGENDE IN: IIPROJEKTHI ENZINKULU ZIBANDAKANYA OKU KULANDELAYO:

ROADS & STORM WATER

- The Rehabilitation/Upgrading of Existing Tar Roads in 5 Towns R5 080 480.00
- Upgrading of Roads and Stormwater in Robertson R3 419 646.00
- Upgrading of bus route in August Street, Nkqubela R4 347 826.00
- Rehabilitation of Streets in Ashton- R2 486 000.00
- Rehabilitation of Streets in Bonnievale R5 695 980.00
- Rehabilitation of Streets in Montagu R11 395 480.00
- Rehabilitation of Streets in Robertson R10 422 340.00

SEWERAGE

• Upgrade Waste Water Treatment Works, Robertson - R21 978 814.00

CLEANSING

- Material Recovery Facility R11 390 236.00
- Vehicles R7 425 860

ELECTRICITY

- Replacement and Repairs Network R1 500 000.00
- Replacement of Prepaid Meters Bulk Supply Meters to reduce losses R1 400 000.00
- Electrification of Bonnievale Boekenhoutskloof R1 500 000.00
- Move existing 66/11 Kv, 15MVA Muiskraalskop Transformer to Noree Substation -R3 300 000.00
- Vehicles R7 220 000.00

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Upgrade ICT Infrastructure R1 500 000.00
- Machinery and Equipment Generators R2 000 000.00
- Security Cameras R2 000 000.00

FIRE SERVICES

- Fire Station Robertson Building R4 900 000.00
- Vehicles R 1 124 440.00

SPORTSFIELDS

• Sportsfield Boundary Wall, Van Zyl Street, Robertson - R1 050 000.00

CEMETRIES

• Development of Ashton Silos Cemetery Expansion - R1 000 000.00

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

• Vehicles - R988 680.00

The above graphic only serves as a summary and does not include all the capital projects.

Detailed information on all capital projects can be found in the Langeberg Municipality's 2022/23 Budget, which is available on the municipality's website.



In the Langeberg Municipal area, specifically in McGregor and Robertson, illegal dumping, and the burning of waste in rivers and open spaces leads to bad odours and an increased risk of ill-health. Clean rivers are of high importance to human life and the environment. Constant pollution of this natural resource adversely affects plant, animal, and human life.

Open burning poses a threat to the environment, animals, and public health. Smoke pollutes the air we breathe and affects plants adversely. Ash pollutes our soil, groundwater, lakes, rivers, and ocean streams. Our rivers are overgrown with *Arundo donax* (giant reed) and *Typha capensis* (Bulrush) and burning can lead to uncontrollable fires. As Langeberg Municipality regularly collects waste and disposes of it safely, no waste should ever be dumped or burned illegally.

Burning of waste harms our environment

Burning waste materials, such as garbage, empty containers for flammable substances, plastic and painted or treated wood, is harmful to the environment. These materials release toxic chemicals which pollute the air that humans and animals inhale and it also deposit on plants, our soil and surface water.

Residue from burning contaminates the soil and groundwater and can enter the human food chain via crops and livestock. Certain chemicals released by burning can accumulate in the fats of animals and then, also in humans as we consume meat, fish, and dairy products.

Smoke, soot, and bad odours can travel long distances. It can enter houses and cause health issues and discomfort. Outside, it can deposit on plants, cars, hanging laundry, or playground equipment. The gases released by open burning can also corrode metal and damage paint on buildings.

Langeberg Municipality calls on residents to be mindful of the environmental consequences and adverse financial impact that illegal dumping and burning of waste can cause.

Say 'no' to illegal dumping, and 'yes' to a clean environment

Residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping and the burning of waste by calling our 24/7 Emergency and Customer Service Call Centre on 0860 88 1111, or by sending an email to complaints@langeberg.gov.za

KLIEK HIER OM ARTIKEL IN AFRIKAANS TE LEES

STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING







RESPECT YOURSELF. RESPECT OTHERS. RESPECT YOUR ENVIRONENT.

Langeberg Municipality is doing its best to discourage illegal dumping, but we need our community to join us in this fight. Illegal dumping is becoming an increasingly tough challenge to deal with in the Langeberg Municipal area.

Not only does it create a health risk to our residents and an eyesore for our visitors, but it also pushes up municipal cleaning costs.

ENSURE THAT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD STAYS NEAT AND TIDY



Place your household waste in wheelie bins/black bags and put it outside on scheduled collection days.



Use your garden waste for composting.



Drop off garden waste at the Transfer Station in your town.

DID YOU KNOW?

Langeberg Municipality's Law Enforcement Unit handles the legal aspects of fines and all criminal procedures related to illegal dumping.

The minimum fine for dumping or littering is R1 000, but it can be as high as R2 500.

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Communities are encouraged to work with the Langeberg Municipality to ensure that incidents are reported.

Report any illegal dumping to the 24/7 Call Centre and Customer Service on 0860 88 1111 or email complaints@langeberg.gov.za

We urge residents to take down the details of perpetrators and, if possible, gather photographic evidence, to prosecute them.





Illegal connections are made to the electricity network without it being properly metered. Meters are often bypassed or tampered with. It is unsafe, dangerous and can lead to death. Illegal connections are done to steal from the Municipality and, when caught, those responsible will face fines and jail time.

Unsafe connections are installations for which a valid Certificate of Electrification Compliance have not been issued. These electrical installations are usually done by an authorised and accredited electrician. When no certificate for a compliant installation is issued, it is often because inferior material has been used. Inferior electrical cables pose the risk of exposing live wires.

Any installation not properly earthed, enhances the risk of electrocution or short circuiting, which may cause fires. These risks increase in rainy and wet conditions. Usually, it is not the perpetrator who suffers the consequences of an unsafe connection, but the unsuspecting public.

Illegal and unsafe connections are unfair to paying residents whose power is constantly interrupted due to non-payers overloading the system, causing it to trip. It also causes overloading on mini-substations and pole mounted transformers which can eventually explode.

If your house or shack is connected to the power grid illegally or unsafely, think about the following:

- Illegal and unsafe connections are dangerous and can kill innocent people and children
- Using electricity illegally and unsafely is selfish and put those who rely on a stable power supply at risk

- Illegal and unsafe connections cause undue inconvenience to paying households and businesses
- The municipality must pay for the electricity which it is supplying to non-payers at a loss. It adversely impacts service delivery to all our communities.

Often, dishonest individuals offer these illegal connection services for a fee. They are criminals, as are those paying for such illegal services. When found guilty, the penalties for stealing electricity and connecting illegally to the power supply, are severe. Culprits are to pay for the stolen electricity used over the period that the meter was bypassed, as well as a reconnection fee.

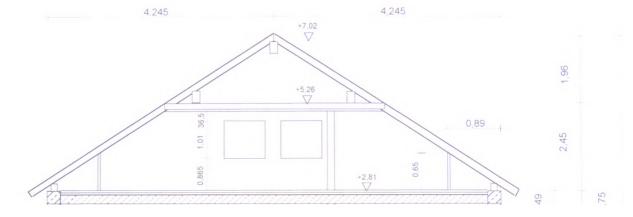
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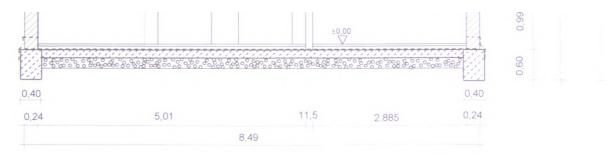
The Municipality is currently developing an action plan and campaign to address illegal and unsafe connections. The community will be informed of the implementation plan.

We urge residents with homes that are illegally or unsafely connected, to rectify their installations before our campaign kicks off.

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ENSURE YOUR BUILDING PLANS ARE SPEEDILY APPROVED



Before commencing with any construction of alternations, or additions to your home, or with the construction of a new building, it is required by law to have approved building plans for such work.

These plans must be passed by the local authority in accordance with the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act, (Act No.103 of 1977).

The Municipality's Building Control Section handles hundreds of applications for the approval of building plans each year.

To ensure smooth processing and quick turn-around of an application, it is essential that it conforms to official submission standards and requirements, that it is complete, and that it is accompanied by all the necessary supporting information & documentation.

Errors and omissions only slow down the process, cause approval delays, and may even result in refusal of an application.

When is building plan submission and approval required?

Almost all building activity requires building plan approval. This includes the construction of all new buildings, the alteration or extension thereof or changing the use of existing buildings.

Plan Preparation

Once your draughtsman/architect have established that building plan approval is required and the necessary background information has been obtained

(e.g. correct zoning and development parameters) Please note that no copies of existing plans will be provided without written authorisation from the owner of the document, it is important that the following requirements be adhered to in preparing your submission, failing which your application may not be accepted, it may be delayed or returned to you as incomplete or unacceptable or even refused.

Application/scrutiny fees

When submitting a building plan application, scrutiny fees will be calculated according to official budget tariffs. This is a non-refundable (irrespective of the application outcome) set tariff and is fully payable on submission of the application.

Who may prepare building plans for submission? In terms of the Agricultural Professions Act, No.44 of 2000 and its related regulations (effective since 1 July 2006), any person preparing a building plan (involving work of an architectural nature) for submission to the local authority must be registered with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) to do so.

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Evaluation of building plans

An approval or rejection decision must be made within 30 days for buildings smaller than 500 m2 and within 60 days for buildings larger than 500 m2 – this is national statutory requirement. "Any departures", such as a change of land use etc, will mean that your plan will follow a different route and will require land-use approval.

Once, and if your plan is approved, you are required to begin building work within 1 year of plan approval. Once building, a minimum of 5 inspections will take place, at foundation trenches stage, floor, roof, drainage stage and completion stage (final stage). Final inspections is requested by the owner and only when all building work was completed according to the approved plan. Only then can the owner request an occupation certificate and the refund of building deposit.

Encroachment of building lines

All plans regarding the above must be accompanied by proof of application fee as well as written recommendation from neighbours to approve application.

What is the penalty for building without plan/s? Penalty of 4x building fee will be charged including fine.

What is the procedure to submit building plans?

Owner/architect will be provided with application form

- Should the applicant not be the owner, full proxy must accompany application
- Building plans to be submitted at nearest Building Control Department
- Owner will submit three sets of complete building plans (colour)
- Official will determine application fee as reflected in the Budget
- Applicant pays application fee at Finance Department
- Proof of payment to Building Control Department
- Plan evaluation will commence plans will be scrutinised by various internal as external departments.
- Any shortcomings on building plans will be referred back to the owner/architect for his/her corrections - the evaluation period will only start again with the re-submission of the corrected plans.
- All plans will be evaluated /approved within 14 days only where there are no omissions/errors

Where can I get more information?

Should you have any further enquiries or want to find out more click here to read the detailed <u>Building</u>

Plan Preparation and Submission Guide.

Alternatively, kindly contact your nearest Building Inspector:

- Ashton, Bonnievale & Montagu: 023 614 8000
- McGregor & Robertson 023 626 8200



HELP ME BUY A HOME/FLISP

If your household income is between R3,501 and R22,000 per month, you may qualify to purchase your first home using the Help Me Buy a Home / FLIP (Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme) subsidy.

This subsidy can be used by first-time home buyers to:

- Buy an existing house / apartment
- Buy a serviced residential site (i.e. plot of land with access to basic services - Applicants must be registered on the Western Cape Housing Demand Database)
- Build a house on a serviced residential site. if the site was not acquired through a government housing subsidy in the past. Note that your builder must be registered with the National Home Builder Registration Council (NHBRC) to ensure building and safety standards.

CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT FLISP.



GET A GRIP ON FLU

FLU VACCINES: KNOW THE FACTS

WHAT IS INFLUENZA?

Influenza, also known as "flu" is an acute respiratory illness caused by an infection of the respiratory tract with the influenza virus. There are two types of influenza viruses that commonly infect humans: A and B. The flu viruses are typically in circulation before the winter months in South Africa with an average start of the flu season in the first week of June, although this varies.

HOW IS INFLUENZA TRANSMITTED?

The virus is spread from person to person. It can be passed from infected people to other people through inhalation of infected respiratory droplets from sneezing, coughing or talking. A person can also be infected by touching contaminated objects or surfaces that the flu virus is on and then touching their mouth, eyes or nose.

CAN INFLUENZA BE PREVENTED?

Influenza vaccination is the best way to prevent infection. The influenza virus is always changing and vaccination has to be re-done every year. The vaccine is an inactivated virus that is not harmful and cannot cause flu infection. It only offers protection 2-3 weeks after administration. So, the flu vaccine should be done early March/April each year) before the flu season so that it has sufficient time to protect a person. However, it is never too late to vaccinate.

I GOT THE FLU VACCINE LAST YEAR, SHOULD I GET IT THIS YEAR?

Yes, the influenza virus mutates each year and immune responses wane over time. So, we all require annual vaccination preferably before the influenza season.

HOW CAN I LIMIT THE SPREAD OF INFLUENZA?

People who are infected with influenza can prevent spread by doing the following:

- Covering their mouth when coughing with a tissue or cough into the elbow
- Wearing a cloth mask
- Washing their hands frequently with soap and water or cleaning hands using an alcohol-based sanitiser
- Staying at home and trying to keep a distance from others

WILL THE VACCINE MAKE ME SICK?

The vaccine contains inactive viruses so it cannot make you sick. Sometimes you might get other viruses that are circulating that could be mistaken for flu, especially if your immune system is weak. There are common side effects of the vaccine which may include body pains and headache – this may lead you to believe you are getting the flu. These symptoms usually last 1-2 days and do not lead to influenza disease

WHO SHOULD GET THE FLU VACCINE?

- ·Healthcare workers
- ·Persons aged ≥ 65 years
- ·Persons with underlying chronic health conditions
- ·HIV-infected adults
- Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy, or postpartum Residents of old-age homes, chronic care and
- Residents of old-age homes, chronic care and rehabilitation institutions
- ·Any persons wishing to minimise the risk of infection

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FLU AND COVID-19?

While influenza and COVID-19 are both respiratory illnesses, the viruses that cause them are different. The illnesses can have similar symptoms like fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny or blocked nose, and fatigue. COVID-19, seems to spread more easily than flu and can result in more serious illness. It may be difficult to differentiate between them, and laboratory testing may be needed.

CAN I GET FLU AND COVID-19 AT THE SAME TIME? Yes, it is possible to get flu and COVID-19 at the same time. Please consult your doctor or clinic for assessment.

SHOULD I GET THE FLU VACCINE AND THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

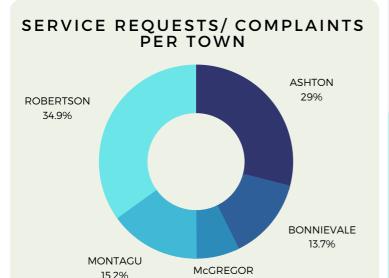
Yes. The flu vaccine protects against influenza and the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine protects against COVID-19. You can have the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine at the same visit. There is no waiting period between the two vaccines.

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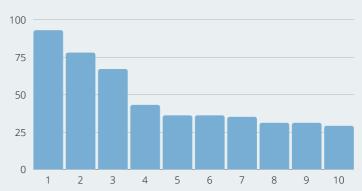
SERVICE REQUEST REPORT JUNE 2022





7.2%

TOP REQUESTS/ COMPLAINTS



- 1. Power Failures: Ward 10, Ashton 93 Complaints
- 2. Power Failures: Ward 2, Robertson 73 Complaints
- 3. Sewerage Blockages: Ward 2, Robertson 67 Complaints
- 4. Power Failures: Ward 4, Bonnievale 43 Complaints
- 5. Sewerage Blockages: Ward 9, Ashton 36 Complaints
- 6. Sewerage Blockages: Ward 3, Robertson 36 Complaints
- 7. Power Failures: Ward 9, Ashton 35 Complaints
- 8. Septic Tanks: Ward 8, Bonnievale 31 Complaints
- 9. Power Failures: Ward 7, Montagu 31 Complaints
- 10. Power Failures: Ward 1, Robertson 29 Complaints

REPORT YOUR SERVICE COMPLAINTS MELD JOU DIENSKLAGTES/ XELA ISIKHALAZO SAKHO NGENKONZO

What type of complaints can be reported?

To speed up service delivery in your ward, the following type of complaints can be reported directly to the call centre:

- Water and Sanitation Services
- Streets and Storm Water
- Electricity Services
- Environmental Services

Watter soort klagtes kan aangemeld word?

Om die dienslewering in u afdeling te bespoedig, kan die volgende soort klagtes regstreeks by die inbelsentrum aangemeld word:

- Water and Sanitation Services
- Streets and Storm Water
- Electricity Services
- Environmental Services

Loluphi uhlobo lwezikhalazo ezinokuxelwa?

Ukukhawulezisa ukuhanjiswa kweenkonzo kwiwadi yakho, olu hlobo lwezikhalazo lulandelayo lunokuxelwa ngqo kwiziko lotsalela iminxeba:

- linkonzo zaManzi kunye nezeLindle
- Izitalato kunye naManzi Emvula
- Iinkonzo zoMbane
- Iinkonzo zokusiNgqongileyo

Report your service complaints

The Langeberg Municipality has a 24 hour, seven-day-a-week Emergency and Customer Care Call Centre that has been in operation for more than a decade

Meld jou diensklagtes

Die Langeberg-munisipaliteit het 'n 24-uur-noodsentrum vir noodsituasies en klantediens wat langer as 'n dekade in werking is.

Xela isikhalazo sakho ngenkonzo

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How to report a complaint?

- Call: 0860 88 1111 / 023 615 2219
- WhatsApp: 065 211 7822
- E-mail: complaints@langeberg.gov.za

Hoe moet ek 'n klagte aanmeld?

- Skakel: 0860 88 1111 / 023 615 2219
- WhatsApp: 065 211 7822
- E-pos: complaints@langeberg.gov.za

Indlela yokuxela isikhalazo?

- Tsalela: 0860 88 1111 / 023 615 2219
- WhatsApp: 065 211 7822
- I-imeyile: complaints@langeberg.gov.za

EVENTS IN THE LANGEBERG



Night March at the Montagu Nature Garden 15 July



Winter Wonderland Market (Montagu) 16 July



Nelson Mandela Day

18 July



Soetes en Stook Fees at Platform 62

5-7 August



6th Indigenous Choral Music Festival Concert -6 August

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS CONTACT MONTAGU-ASHTON TOURISM OFFICE AT +27 23 614 2471

DID YOU DOWNLOADED OUR EMERGENCY NUMBER CONTACT LIST?



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12 & OLDER? CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

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REQUEST AND REPORT SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES VIA OUR WHATSAPP LINE

- **ACTIVE 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK**
- **FOLLOW UP ON SERVICE DELIVERY** COMPLAINTS



OR SCAN THE

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE LATEST WATER RESULTS

QUERIES OR SUGGESTIONS?

Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve our communication with you? Or, do you perhaps have queries about any of our articles? Please contact Willy-John Gordon at wgordon@langeberg.gov.za

NAVRAE OF VOORSTELLE?

Het u dalk enige voorstelle oor hoe ons ons kommunikasie met u kan verbeter? Of het u dalk navrae omtrent enige van ons artikels? Kontak Willy-John Gordon by wgordon@langeberg.gov.za

IMIBUZO OKANYE IINGCEBISO?

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