

# Taxi council conflict a bid for power — Fransman

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THERE are individuals in the Western Cape taxi industry and its leadership who have their own agendas and are actively creating conflicts in the industry, according to Transport and Public Works MEC Marius Fransman.

Fransman was commenting on the recent dissolution of the Western Cape Taxi Council's executive.

He said he was concerned about the growing crisis, as this would affect the overall functions of the industry.

Last week, the taxi industry called for an urgent conference to address reshuffling the executive, after the removal of its

move away from our objectives as government. In the next 12 months or so, there will be an election of a new taxi council. During election time, this happens. It's part of the democratic process of organisations," Fransman said.

He said his department held a meeting with the taxi leadership and the various associations.

"But the constitution must be followed, like passing a vote of no confidence in the executive. The taxi office has to open. It's still not functional. The office is to make sure people are supported in the industry," Fransman said.

Peters was kicked out of the Western Cape Taxi Council offices by members of Cata and

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**LUCKY PUPPY:** Basco, a mongrel rescued from Du Noon in November, gets his just desserts courtesy of model Rouxmia Bougas. The pair are among the stars of the 2009 African Tails calendar. African Tails is a non-profit organisation that aims to rescue and sterilise stray dogs in the Joe Slovo and Du Noon townships. Photographer and former supermodel Josie Borain photographed a host of canine and human models for the calendar, which will be available in October. For more information, e-mail contact@africantails.co.za. *Picture: JOSIE BORAIN*