

TABLING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 2014

MEC FOR FINANCE AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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Honourable Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House

Honourable Premier and Members of the Executive Council

Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature

Honourable Speaker, on the 27th of May 2014, the Premier made the announcement with regard to the reconfiguration of the provincial administration which affected a number of functions and or votes in the province. The extraordinary provincial gazette No 7310, Vol 257 of the 07 July 2014, provides details about the establishment of new departments including the transfer and allocation of functions between the departments.

Honourable Speaker, owing to the changes to the votes, functions and structure of the provincial government, the

Executive Council led by Honourable Premier considered it necessary to undertake a comprehensive re-alignment process of the budget to the plans and programmes of the new administration.

The alignment process seek to ensure that the policy pronouncements made by the Honourable President Jacob Zuma through the State of the Nation Address and amplified in detail by the Honourable Premier in his State of the Province address of the 27th June 2014 find expression in the budget and Annual Performance Plans of the departments.

The budget proposals that I am presenting to this August House are informed by the National Development Plan, the Medium Term Strategic Framework, the State of the Nation Address and State of the Province Address makes provision for the following allocations in line with the proclamation:

- ***Office of the Premier***

The Office of the Premier receives an amount of R757 million to enable the department to provide leadership for integrated, coordinated and efficient service delivery that enhances

sustainable growth and development for the people and the province. The funding is inclusive of the budget for North West Parks and Tourism Board, Youth Centre, Call Centre and Repositioning, Rebranding and Renewal of the of the Province.

- ***The Provincial Legislature***

Provincial Legislature is allocated R277 million amongst others to broaden public participation in public administration and strengthen its oversight over the Executive.

- ***Department of Health***

The department is allocated an amount of R8.174 billion, mainly for funding Medical Supplies, Health Professions Training and Development, Comprehensive HIV and AIDS programme. The Provincial government remains committed to the provision of quality basic health care services to all. Government's medium term priorities include increasing life expectancy, decreasing maternal and child mortality and combating HIV and AIDS through strengthening the effectiveness of the health system.

- ***Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs***

The department is allocated an amount of R593 million in 2014/15 to create, promote and develop arts and culture for community betterment and enrichment, maximising access, development and excellence at all levels of participation and viable institutions of traditional leadership.

- ***Department of Community Safety and Transport Management***

The department is allocated an amount of R1.551 billion in 2014/15 financial year, mainly to provide safety through effective coordination of crime prevention initiatives, provincial police oversight, traffic management and road safety towards a more secure environment and safer public transport for the people of the North West.

- ***Department of Enterprise Development***

An amount of R261 million is allocated in 2014/15 financial year to enable the department to drive and facilitate a sustained economic and enterprise development in the North West Province.

- ***Provincial Treasury***

The department is allocated an amount of R433 million in 2014/15 to create an enabling environment for government to deliver effective services throughout the North West Province by prudently managing the public purse.

- ***Department of Education and Sports Development***

Because this Government is serious the largest proportion of the 2014/15 provincial budget is allocated to this department which amounts to R12.499 billion in 2014/15 financial year. This allocation is inclusive among others of funding of National School Nutrition Programme, Education Infrastructure, Learner Teacher Support Material and Sports development.

- ***Department of Local Government and Human Settlements***

The Department is allocated R2.023 billion in 2014/15 to effectively support, monitor and promote developmental

municipalities and to build a community in intergraded and sustainable human settlements.

- ***Department of Tourism***

An amount of R79 million is allocated in this 2014/15 financial year for the department to facilitate the development and growth of the tourism industry in the North West Province.

- ***Department of Public Works and Roads***

An amount of R2.801 billion is allocated to the department to provide for provincial land, buildings and roads infrastructure management towards a better life for all.

- ***Department of Social Development***

For 2014/15 an amount of R1.241 billion is allocated to the department to provide integrated, comprehensive and a high quality of social development services to maximise capacity building within the community in order for the poor and the vulnerable to realise a better life.

- ***Department of Rural, Environment and Agriculture Development***

The Department is allocated an amount of R1.080 billion in 2014/15 financial year, this will ensure that the department will focus primarily on implementing the comprehensive food security and nutrition strategy, developing under-utilised land in communal areas and land reform projects for production, equally to develop and implement policies promoting the development and support of smallholder producers and expanding land under irrigation.

Honourable Speaker further alignment of the budget will be done after the institutional enhancement and re-organisation exercise Professor T.J. Mokgoro, this process is currently unfolding.

Furthermore, comprehensive details regarding the 2014 / 15 departmental allocation for key priorities programmes of the fifth administration would be presented to the House when responsible MEC's would be tabling their departmental budget vote speeches in the coming weeks as we accelerate service delivery. I must emphasize that all departments will be held accountable for spending better and smarter in order to do more with what we have.

In conclusion I wish to re-iterate the words of the Premier in his State of the Province Address and I quote “this second phase of our transition will be focused on **implementation, implementation and implementation**”

Baie dankie!

“Eendrag Maak Mag” – “Unity is Strength” – Saamtrek Saamtrek