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Media Statement

National and Provincial Treasuries engage departments on performance of the first semester of the 18/19 Financial and evaluation of the 2019 MTEF allocation

Mahikeng: The Provincial Mid Term Expenditure Committee (PMTEC) comprising of the North West Department of Finance and the National Treasury concluded a three week long financial and non-financial performance assessment with provincial departments in preparation towards the 18/19 Midterm Adjustment Budget and 2019 MTEF allocation.

The Provincial Medium Term Expenditure Committee (PTMEC) key objective is about ensuring an integrated planning and budgeting approach between departments, municipalities and public entities.

The Committee which was led by the MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development, Ms. Wendy Nelson engaged departments and entities over a period of two weeks and largely focused on assessments on financial and non-financial performance for the first six months of the current financial year. The Committee also evaluated the department plans for 2019 MTEF and the readiness of department to implement plans.

The departmental delegations were led by the MECs, Accounting Officers and Administrators and supported by Chief Financial Officer and relevant senior officials.

Amongst other key focus areas the engagements also made assessment on the status of the infrastructure procurement plan for 2019/20 MTEF.

In light of the constrained economic and fiscal environment, the PMTEC engagements aimed to ensure value for money, programme and project effectiveness, managing service delivery risks and decisive and informed strategic policy decision-making.

The 2018 PMTEC engagements focus was on reviewing the allocative efficiency, assessing the ability of departments and public entities to reprioritise within the current baseline as the current



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economic environment substantially limit the Province's option to increase departmental baseline allocation. The discussions largely entailed the extent to which departments are able to fulfil their mandate within the current allocation over the MTEF without additional allocation, says MEC Nelson.

Furthermore, the engagements critically assessed whether the budgets are appropriately aligned to policy objectives and identify possible risk areas in the implementation of 2019 budget while exploring possible solutions to address the risks. The departments were urged to align their programmes and project to the stimulus package announced by His Excellency President Ramaphosa.

MEC Nelson recommitted the Provincial Treasury and government to the implementation of Section 100 by the National Government, support departments by ensuring that services are delivered and that communities benefit from government public services.

The outcomes of PMTEC engagements will ensure that the province tables a credible 2018 adjustment budget and the 2019 MTEF budget. The Provincial Treasury will be engaging the National Treasury before submission of the adjustment and 2019 budget proposals.

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