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Media Statement

40 billion rand set aside for Bokone Bophirima

The total budget for Bokone Bophirima Provincial Government has been adjusted from R31 billion, presented last financial year 2017/18, to R40 billion for the 2018/19 financial year.

This was revealed by MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development, Mme Wendy Nelson during the tabling of the Provincial Budget Speech which was held at the North West Provincial Legislature on Thursday, 01 March 2018.

According to MEC Nelson, the provincial government is obliged through departments to utilise the allocations for improved service delivery and creation of equal opportunities for all.

“A credible and sustainable allocation promotes service delivery and should seek to improve the living condition of our communities”.

The biggest portion of the provincial budget has been set aside for the Department of Education and Sports Development with a total budget of R16.183 billion. Over the MTEF period, the department will further receive R51.820 billion for the provision of quality basic education for higher learner achievement through educator excellence, as well as sports development, nation building and social cohesion.

Health Department receives the second largest portion of the provincial budget at R11.154 billion for 2018/19 financial year. This allocation seeks to strengthen the effectiveness of the health system in the province by increasing expectancy and thereby decrease mortality rates.

Office of the Premier receives a total budget of R775.381 million increasing to R936.488 million in the outer year of the MTEF. This will ensure that the Office of the Premier provides leadership and efficient oversight on service delivery for sustainable growth and development.

The Department of Social Development has been allocated a budget of R1.608 billion for the 2018/19 financial year and will focus on the provision of care for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, early childhood development and the protection of all vulnerable groups.



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Community Safety and Transport Management Department which remains one of the province' paramount priorities received a budget allocation of RR6.815 billion for the 2018/19 financial year. This allocation will cater for the department's key priorities such as coordination of transport services through an integrated plan as well as law enforcement and crime prevention.

Department of Finance which provides leadership in the management of public resources for efficient, effective and economic service delivery through a well-coordinated support to provincial departments, public entities and municipalities, has been allocated a budget of R484.084 million in the 2018/19 financial year and will increase to R558.512 million in the outer year of the MTEF.

Department of Economy and Enterprise Development receives R297.190 million in the 2018/19 financial year to assist with the development of small business enterprises in Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies to be self-sustainable and to regulate gambling in the province through the North West Gambling Board.

Local Government and Human Settlements has been allocated R7.767 billion for the 2018/19 financial year. This allocation will contribute to the Rebranding, Repositioning and Renewal of Bokone Bophirima through the provision of houses and also to improve access to basic services such as water and sanitation.

Public Works and Roads receives a budget of R3.021 billion for 2018/19 and this will allocation will focus on the department's core services such as; upgrading and maintenance of the road network, creation of employment through the recruitment of more Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) beneficiaries and timeouts payments of property rates and taxes to municipalities.

A further R7.780 billion has been allocated towards funding of Agriculture, Culture and Tourism as they remain the provincial strategic economic pillars aimed at driving economic growth and development. This budget will be distributed to the three (3) ACT leading departments which are; Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development, Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs and Tourism.

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