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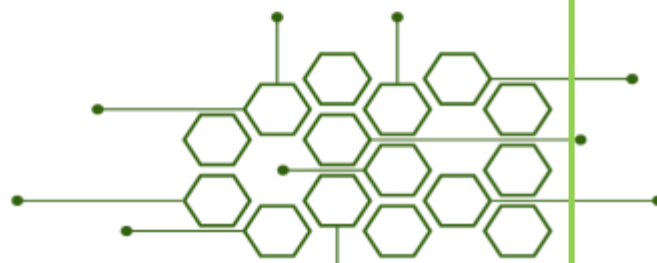
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Esteemed Ladies and gentlemen



Good Afternoon

1. It is with great honor and privilege for me today on a month that we honor those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and democracy in our life and whose sacrifices have seen the majority of the marginalized and poor enjoying the fruits of this freedom. Madam Speaker, it's a well-known fact that we are leading a very critical Department in the lives and the well-being of the people of this province. Let me, with due respect, thank the Honorable Speaker for affording me this opportune time to share our 2022/23 achievements and 2023/24 programme of action

2. The month of June with specific reference to the 16th of June which is also known as the Youth Day and is greatly celebrated throughout the month. As part of its activities, it pays tribute to the school pupils who lost their lives during the 16th June 1976 uprising. Despite and in spite the oppressive regime determination to crush the pupils, close to 10 000 pupils marched peacefully to demonstrate and protest against the government directive to use Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in their schools

3. Madam Speaker, I am certain that honorable members are fully knowledgeable about the history of our youth and the struggles they facing on a daily basis however it would be befitting if I can recognize the role they continue to play by quoting from OR Tambo, who said and I quote. "The Children of any nation are its future. A country, a movement, a person that does not value its youth and children does not deserve its future" Close quote.

4. Madam Speaker, lest we forget and perish. Our children are the backbone of the Mpumalanga specifically and the country in general that we want so we are no longer the children of this province but we are parents of Mpumalanga who must still give birth to children that are going to build the Mpumalanga we want. It is therefore our considered view that as they take the first step, we would need to provide guidance cause the majority would be unable to cope because they will be first time mothers of the children we want

5. Flowing from the above narrative, I am certain that honorable members are aware that after the scourge of violence against children and after numerous attempts to stop it; In 1997, Government launched the first child protection week which is observed every year between the 29th of May to the 05th of June. However, this year our Minister launched the Child Protection Week on the 28th May 2023 in Cape Town with a theme, "**LET US ALL PROTECT CHILDREN DURING COVID 19 AND BEYOND**". As it could be seen from the theme itself, it gives all of us a responsibility of **UBUNTU** where, **Your Child is my child**". The Child Protection

Week was then closed in Mpumalanga Province in Mganduzweni Ehlanzeni, where the Province has seen a raise in child killings, abduction of children. The closing ceremony was attended by School children, and families that were directly affected by such horrific crimes.

6. Following from the above concept of Ubuntu, Honorable members should be aware that just last month, our province was celebrating the Africa Day with its theme, **“AFRICA—OPPORTUNITIES IN CHALLENGING TIMES”** followed by a discussion entitled invest in Africa for Sustainable Leadership and Development. The discussions around this theme made a clear cut statement that we need to tap on these opportunities that are presenting themselves as we call on the world to invest in Africa. Some if not all of you will remember that the Department of Social Development was partnered with Tanzania

7. Gender Based Violence Against Women and Children is a 365 days campaign ,Madam Speaker I will be failing in my duties as a leader, whether by omission or commission if I will not mention that our province remain greatly affected by incidences of gender based violence and that calls for all of us to make our voice heard by declaring publicly that **Enough is Enough**; vigorously challenge the normalization of violence against women and children; challenge gender stereotypes and roles; challenge condoning of violence against women and children; challenge the sexist jokes and remarks about women

8. Madam Speaker, how can we forget the negative impact COVID 19 had in our well-being. Despite our government having lifted the COVID 19 restrictions, the effect the COVID 19 pandemic, coupled with the budget cuts resulting from suppressed economic environment, still pose limitations to our ability to build capacity and recruit suitable workforce that would vigorously deal with all the challenges mentioned above. Despite and in spite of all of these challenges, like all other government departments, it remains our aim to continue and discharge our constitutional obligations to take care of all vulnerable groups especially those who needs our services to make a living

9. Honorable Speaker, we are always on the move trying to constantly review internal measures to curb budget spike, fraud and corruption and significantly in this regard are the lessons our Department continues to learn through the process of accounting to this house and we also continue to learn how to mitigate load shedding especially in our essential services centres because that is where we house people who are utilizing our services. I just hope that it is befitting at this stage to also thank the honorable members for their continued guidance in many areas of our operations

9.VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME:

9.1. Madam Speaker among our responsibilities is to coordinate and implement the Victim Empowerment Programme which includes amongst others, the rendering services to the victims of gender based violence. In order for our programmes to bear fruits we will ensure that we work in collaboration with community based organisations and other activists whose main objective is to eradicate this scourge of violence. We will ensure that we supply as many information as possible in order to empower the victims of violence to restore their dignity and continue with their normal life

9.2. When the country was overwhelmed with the drastic increase in the number of victims of violence against both women and children, a need arose for the introduction of a clear cut plan that would produce good results thereby by extremely reducing the number of victims of violence. After all these efforts, in the final analysis, the president approved and endorsed the **National Strategic Plan on Gender Based Violence and Femicide** which requires everyone to play their role in the fight gender based violence.

9.3. Whilst other Government Departments have their share of the Pillars of the National Strategic Plan and the Department of Social Development has been assigned to concentrate on Pillar 4 which is “**RESPONSE, CARE, SUPPORT AND HEALING**”. **We will not fail to aggressively implement this plan because our failure to implement it would by implication means that the victims were left vulnerable**

10. In our 2022/23 financial year, we made a serious commitment that we are going to provide psychosocial support services to **2 245 (two thousand two hundred and forty five)** victims of gender based violence. Madam Speaker, it is worth-noting that the Department has exceeded this commitment by **342** (three hundred and forty two) making it a total number of **2587**. Moreover, this number does not make our department celebrate such achievements because our main objectives is to have a zero victims of violence however it goes without saying that once they are victimised, we need to intervene with speed and ensure that we prevent further damage which may be caused by stress, anxiety and depression and honourable members should know that depression remains a silent killer

11. In the past few years, we have seen an emergence of trafficking of children for ulterior motives or for criminal activities. Honourable members, might have noticed that these activities used to be rife during the festive season especially

when a number of people travel back to their countries and children were found at the border post in transit for trafficking. In trying to deal with this challenge, we have increased the number of employees who are tasked to work shifts in the busiest border control posts. As a department, we are now confronted by trafficking of persons in general especially girls who are used as sex slaves under the pretext of a better job elsewhere.

12. With that in mind (2) two shelters have been accredited to accommodate victims of Human trafficking in line with the **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS' ACT NO 7 of 2013**. This will close the gap in the provision of such a service as there was only one shelter in the entire province

13. We will continue to strengthen our partnership with the Criminal Justice Cluster departments and civil society organisations that are rendering Restorative justice system's programme to deal with the scourge of Gender Based Violence

14. Madam Speaker and Honourable members, I highlighted few challenges faced by our youth as they face their future. Due to these challenges I am certain that Honourable members are aware or are expected to be aware that the 26 of June is International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Annually this day is commemorated as Substance Abuse Awareness Day. Age, peer pressure and the low cost and easy accessibility of drugs and alcohol especially in our country are increasing the risk factors of abuse among adolescents and young adults.

15. In addition, according to the World Drug Report of 2021, the population most at risk of using drugs, young people aged 15-34, is projected to grow in the next decade, in particular in low-income countries and the average age drug dependency in South Africa is a staggering 12 with 50% of South African teens drinking alcohol. In its efforts to curb substance abuse and to support South Africans especially, the youth, the South African Anxiety and Depression Group (SADAG) in partnership with the National Department of Social Development have launched South Africa's first WhatsApp Chat Platform also known as **Ke Moja** WhatsApp Chat Platform which can be contacted at **087 163 2025**

16. Based on the above and to curb the scourge of drug abuse, the department is planning to reach **190 000** (One-Hundred and Ninety Thousand) people through substance abuse prevention programmes for the financial year 2023/24. It is also a fact that so many people especially those that are employing of either the private or public sector are in one addicted to drugs and causing them to lose their jobs. Therefore, we will be providing in-patient services to **2200**

(Two-Thousand Two Hundred) people affected by substances and we will also aggressively create awareness about the dangers of using drugs

17. Note needs to be taken that in the financial year 2022/23 the department had **358 (Three hundred and fifty-eight)** cases of children which needed to be expunged. To date the department was able to provide reports that will enable to expungement to be completed at national level for the all cases

18. The department will be rolling out the NATIONAL ANTI-GANGSTERISM STRATEGY to deal with bullying and gangsterism amongst the children and the youth. The focus will be in hotspot areas as reflected in the 2022/23 provincial crime statistics report.

Part of the Hotspot

Elukwatini

Emalahleni

Thembisile

Balfour

19. *Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, you will take serious note that our department is also dealing with children who are in conflict with the law. These are children that are kept in the centres called Child and Youth Care Centres. Secondly, I am certain that honourable members would also note that the admission of these children is legal directed by the courts so our role is to work hard to ensure that they don't find themselves in conflict with the law.*

20. *Despite all the challenges we faced as the Department, it gives me pleasure to report to this respected house that there are **300 (Three Hundred)** Child and Youth Care Workers who were undergoing training and have completed their studies and are fully implementing the Community Based Prevention Programme*

21. *In addition, in the last financial year, we had planned to reach **17000 (Seventeen Thousand)** beneficiaries through this programme I am jubilant to report that we were able to reach **22 468 (Twenty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Eight)** orphaned vulnerable children through this programme and in the current financial year, we are planning to reach **20 450 (Twenty Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty)** beneficiaries through this programme*

22. *However and more often than, besides the limited financial constraints, notably, in 2022/23 financial year we were able to conduct a graduation ceremony for the **423 (Four Hundred and twenty-three)** Child and Youth Care Workers who completed training. These cadres were trained through programmes which were funded within community based programme.*

23. Similarly, in the financial year we had planned to reach **20450 (Twenty Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty)** children and we managed to reach **21999 (Twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine)** of which **134** were children with disabilities

24. In the last financial year, a total of **97 584 (Ninety-Seven Thousands and Five Hundred and Eight- Four)** individuals have benefitted the Social Relief of Distress Program.

25. **DIGNITY SANITARY TOWELS PROGRAMME**

26. In the last financial year, a total of **57 946 (Fifty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-Six)** beneficiaries were supported with Sanitary Dignity Packs and we want to be upfront here and indicate that we have had a situation where some service providers had supplied schools with dignity packs that are allegedly not SABS approved which has seriously hampered the provision of this important service.

27. Fortunately, our monitoring mechanism was able to pick this up and we are working on improving this situation. We want to make this call to our people out there that this department shall not compromise on the quality of services that we are providing to our communities.

28. This financial year department is planning to provide dignity sanitary towels to a total of **95 522 (Ninety-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Two)** beneficiaries. We shall leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the dignity of our girl children is restored and that those service providers who happened to compromise the quality are blacklisted and cannot do business with government again.

29. There are **22 773 children who are receiving foster child grant in 2023**. This programme seeks to promote the goals of permanency planning, promoting family reunification, or by connecting children to other safe and nurturing family relationships intended to last a lifetime

OLDER PERSONS

30. Madam Speaker, the Older Persons Programme has a developmental approach to ageing which also seeks to keep older persons in their families and communities for as long as possible. The main performance areas would be to care, support and protect older persons with a strong focus on the poor and vulnerable within communities.

31. There remains a need for residential care facilities for frail older persons, despite the relative high costs. In order to provide for remaining needs in communities where these services do not exist, alternative care and support models will continue to be supported and gradually expanded on.

32. In the last financial year, the department was able to reach a total of **1 035 (One Thousand, and thirty-five)** Older Persons who accessed services in Residential Facilities, a total of **5 396 (Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-six)** Older Persons accessed Community Based Care and Support Services which is **1 466 (One Thousand, and thirty-three)** more than the last financial year. The Department reached **347** older persons through Social Work Services.

The Department was able to send off a Team of **170** older persons to participate in the National Active Ageing Programme in December 2022 and is hosting the National Active Ageing Programme this financial year.

SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

33. We are presently in the process of signing an MOU with Afrikka Tikkun to train care givers and parents for children with disabilities. They have so far renovated one of the stimulation centres in Mbombela namely **Sizakele**. They have also built a sensory room for children with disabilities at the Centre. The sensory room will also benefit children from other of the stimulation centres within Mbombela. There is also another stakeholder **RHIZA BABUILE**. They are providing a mobile clinic to persons with disabilities around Mbombela and their station will be in one of the protective workshops in Mbombela, Daantjie, by the name of **Tentele Activity Centre**.

34. In partnership with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) the Department was able to train social services professionals from the DSD and from funded social welfare organizations, care givers and parents of children with disabilities on how to deal with any pandemic situation following COVID 19.

35. This led to the initiation of respite care services with continuous support from JICA. The aim was to provide support and relieve to parents and care givers for children with disabilities. Working group consisting of parents and other relevant stake holders have been established which is led by parents. Workshops have been conducted to empower parents on caring for children with disabilities in preparation of training care givers to implement the respite care services.

36. A total number of **2123 (Two Thousand, One Hundred and twenty -Three)** persons with disabilities have in the last financial year accessed services in funded protective workshops **687 (Six Hundred and Eighty Seven)** persons with disabilities who due to their disabilities and social situation were provided with care, protection ,support, stimulation, skills development and rehabilitation in residential facilities and **1641 (One Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty One)** adults and children received care, support and protection from the stimulation centres

HIV and AIDS

37. Madam Speaker, the burden of diseases, particularly HIV and AIDS continues to affect the ability of families, persons with disabilities and older persons. The department has committed itself to raising awareness on social behavioral and structural drivers of HIV by integrating its services with other sector departments, private sector and NPO's. Psychosocial support services are implemented to ensure the psychological wellbeing of individuals and families made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS.

38. In addition, Community Conversations are facilitated through dialogue process that aim to mobilise community members in high burden areas and involves stakeholders to collaborate activities that address the socioeconomic imperatives to achieve long term and sustainable outcomes. The Department will continue to train social and behavior change implementing agents to intensify efforts to address the social and structural factors that increase new HIV infections. A total number of **35 444 (Thirty-five thousand, Four Hundred and forty four)** beneficiaries were reached through social and behavior change programmes in the last financial year.

SUSTAINBLE LIVELIHOOD AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION

39. The department will continue to coordinate and implement a variety of Sustainable Livelihoods and Poverty Alleviation programmes towards the fight against poverty, unemployment and food insecurity. The latest evidence from the STAT-SA data shows that about 33.8% of the Mpumalanga population is food

insecure. A significant number of households in the province are experiencing food insecurity. According to the poverty index, Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality have the highest rate of food insecurity among local municipalities, followed by Chief Albert Luthuli, Mkhondo, Nkomazi, and Thembisile. Intervention programmes and services will include among others the Food for All (DSD feeding programmes included e.g. food parcels; soup kitchens; Drop-in-Centres, Social Cooperatives, Income generating projects, community education and awareness, providing support to vulnerable groups, promoting local food production and consumption of healthy foods. Madame Speaker this programme is implemented in collaboration with a variety of sector departments and stakeholders, both the public and the private domain, and as a result a draft strategy on **Mpumalanga Food and Nutrition Security Plan**, has been developed to fight the scourge of poverty and food insecurity.

40. The essence of this programme is to empower individuals, households and communities to pursue different livelihoods strategies by building on the material, social, tangible and intangible assets which people have within the various communities and households. Livelihood diversification thus seeks to provide a holistic and integrated mechanism through which people can improve their livelihoods. It is envisaged that the programme will facilitate, coordinate and support various programmes, services and interventions and livelihood strategies for individuals,

households and communities. Therefore, Madame Speaker the Department has developed a Provincial **Strategy on Linking Grant Beneficiaries to Sustainable Livelihoods and Economic Opportunities**. This strategy has since been approved by cabinet.

41. Madam Speaker, as part of our endeavor to fight poverty, lack of work opportunities and unemployment in the province, the Department will create job opportunities, targeting a total number of **One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-Three (1 473)** individuals who will participate in the Expanded Public Works Programme.

42. Madam Speaker, we have seen a sizeable number of individuals participating in this programme bringing food on the table to the most destitute families, while improving the socio economic status in the respective households.

43. To this end, therefore Madam Speaker, the Department will thrive hard to support and reach out to more than **560 Number of people** benefitting from poverty reduction initiatives, through the sustainable livelihood programme to enhance and improve their socio economic situation.

44. This entails the provision of business machines and equipment, Food production implements and equipment, and a variety of tools, materials and equipment through which the targeted individuals and households can able to enhance and strengthen their livelihoods.

45. Again, Madam Speaker, this financial year, the existing **11 (Eleven)** Community Nutrition and Development Centres (CNDs) in the province will be supported to ensure that the most vulnerable and poverty stricken individuals are food-secured. To this end, the Department plans to reach and feed more than **3 000** (Three Thousand,) poor, vulnerable and food insecure individuals

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING AND SUPPORT FOR NPOs

46. Madam Speaker, the strategic vision of the Institutional Capacity Building and Support (ICBS) programme is to grow a dynamic, sustainable, healthy and effective NPO sector. The well-being of the NPO sector is not the concern of the department alone but in collaboration with key partners which include amongst others SARS, Department of Labour, Department of Home Affairs, other sector departments, National lotteries Commission, Municipalities and Private Sector. The department will Integrate on key interventions of the programme to be delivered through the provision of information, monitoring, capacity building, NPO Help desk functions and local networks of support to NPOs at a district level.

47. Madam Speaker, the Department has partnered with NPOs to enhance access to social welfare services throughout the province. The department has registered **19 363** NPOs and only **6 969** are fully compliant and **12 349** are non-compliant to the NPOs Act. Key challenges and developmental areas experienced by NPOs have been found to be in the areas of governance, financial management, non-compliance with the NPO Act and other legislative frameworks which include amongst others Tax, Labour, Immigration laws, monitoring and evaluation, planning and managing operations and fundraising towards sustainability.

48. These challenges hamper the Department efforts at delivering a predictable and sustained network of contracted social welfare services. It also reduces service delivery partners' overall. The Department since February this year embarked of a NPO Engagement Outreach which commenced at Nkangala, then moved to Gert Sibande, we are soon to start with Ehlanzeni Region. The engagements gave NPO Board member the opportunity to voice out their frustration and check their NPO Status.

This Outreach has given the Department the ability to accurately account for public funds disbursed. The ICBS Programme will therefore re-position itself to strategically respond to these challenges by providing an appropriate basket of Capacity Enhancement Support Services aimed at organizational development and the development of good governance practices. Capacity Enhancement Support services will specifically focus on:

- ✓ Registration Support Services;
- ✓ NPO Governance and functionality;
- ✓ Supporting NPOs to comply with the NPO Act and other relevant legislative frameworks and;
- ✓ Coaching and mentoring support.

49. Madam Speaker, the Department has thus in the current financial year planned to empower and capacitate more than **Three Thousand NPOs (3 000)**, with a total number of more than **Four Thousand NPOs (4 000)** monitored for compliance with the **NPO Act**.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

50. Honorable Members, the department will continue to create an environment to women to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities for them to build their competencies and needed skills to engage as partners in their own development and that of their communities. The interventions and services will be implemented through leadership and life skills programmes as well as support to socio-economic initiatives.

51. In this case the Department shall prioritize the strengthening of the capabilities and capacities of the indigenous civil society and the training and advocacy on the empowerment programmes

52. With this in mind, Madam Speaker, women specifically in rural areas remain the most affected sector of society in relation to poverty, unemployment and other related social challenges.

53. They are the ones who have to deal with bearing children, taking care of those children while relying on their often reluctant spouses for support. They are the ones that are often marginalized, looked down upon and often forgotten. They are the ones who face the most traumatic situations within our communities.

54. Working hand-in-glove with the various NPOs in the Province, Madam Speaker, we are indeed making much progress in this regard. As a matter of commitment in the current financial year, the Department has planned to fund and support a total Number of **Four (4)** women NPOs and to reach out more than **Four Thousand (4 000)** women participating in empowerment programmes.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

55. Madam Speaker, the youth population in the province has grown. Unemployment has risen and poverty has walked in through the doors of every community. The need to address this has even become even more urgent especially with the amount of drugs being splashed around the streets of every township and village. The primary focus of this Programme will be on the design of interventions that promote social inclusion and which will impact on the social challenges that underpin youth poverty in the Province.

56. Among others the Youth Development programmes will offer access to a basket of services like life skills development and educational/awareness creation related to the core competencies of the Department (i.e. career guidance, job preparation, reduction of risky behavior, social crime prevention, substance abuse and malnutrition).

57. Madam Speaker, Indeed, the future leaders of our country and our province are under siege and we cannot continue to fold our arms as if its business as usual, more resources are needed to prevent this explosive situation. The Youth Development Centre programme is the channel through which youth services and interventions are provided. The programme will be intensified in partnership with NYDA to standardize the services and improve on the quality and effectiveness of the services.

58. Madam Speaker and Honorable Members, the programme creates a youth friendly environment to access social welfare and development information and services. The centres will assist youth to start community projects; this addresses the challenge of households that are classified to have food insecurity, the entrepreneurial skills which assist them to start their own businesses to help sustain their livelihoods. The programme will prioritize the following key services:

- To offer opportunities for youth to pursue post-Matric and work opportunities;
- Implement life skills programmes that offer vulnerable youth fundamental skills targeting out-of-school youth in rural areas, farms, informal settlements and those receiving grants;
- To increase capacity of youth organizations to render youth developments services and address urgent situations of youth vulnerability;

- Render developmental services and programmes towards empowerment and development of the youth in collaboration and partnership with other stakeholders;
- Link youth to economic and work opportunities;
- Enhance the technical support and monitoring of NPOs delivering Youth Development services

59. Madam Speaker, The Department had planned to support **Ninety (90)** Youth Development Centres throughout the province, and further to conduct a total number of more than **Hundred (100)** life skills workshops, with the aim to reach-out more than a **one thousand (1 000)** youth participating in mobilization programmes.

60. Madam Speaker, The Department had planned to establish two prototype DSD Youth Development Centre in Ka-Daantjie and Msogwaba communities around the Mbombela Local Municipality. The construction of both structures is underway. The Youth Development Centre in Ka-Daantjie is almost complete and plans to operationalize the Youth Development Centre are in place. The Centre in Ka-Daantjie is anticipated to be completed by end of this financial year.

It is a well-known fact that for us to be able to achieve all our stated goals, we will need both human and financial resources and with the minimum budget that we have, we will recruit both social workers and community development practitioners whose task would be to work very closely with the communities however it is also worth mentioning that this is a drop in the ocean as indicated earlier on that our department has a serious dearth of staff

61. BUDGET ALLOCATION

Madam Speaker, I am jubilant to inform this house that the total allocation that was received for the Department of Social Development is outlined hereunder and we will indeed do more with less. We shall at all costs endeavor to minimize the cost of doing business and make sure that the lives of our people are improved

*61.1. The budget is allocated amongst the **five (5)** programmes:*

Programme 1
Administration

(Four hundred and six million two hundred and fourteen thousand) Vote 12
R406 214 000

Programme 2

Social Welfare Services

(Three hundred and sixty-four million five hundred and eighty-one hundred)

R364 581 000

Programme 3

Children and Families

(Four hundred and eighty-six million nine hundred seventy-seven thousand)

R486 977 000

Programme 4

Restorative Services

(Two hundred forty-eighty million and seven hundred and sixty three thousand)

R248 763 000

Programme 5

Development and Research

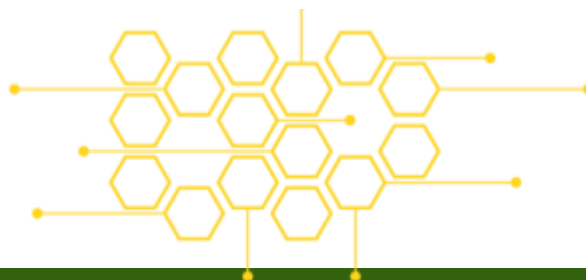
(One hundred sixty-nine million seven hundred seventy-three thousand)

R169 773 000

Total Budget Allocation

(One Billion six hundred seventy-six million three hundred and eighty thousand)

R1 676 308 000



62.CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker, Honorable Members, in my conclusion, I will be failing in my speech, if I will not recognize that we all come from different political affiliations and that we have an obligation to serve the people of this province, we need all hands on deck both appointed officials and deployed members in order to advance the gains of our sector because it has always been our considered view that we need to put our differences aside and where a need arises, we must ensure that the success of our goals can only be possible only with the total sum of everyone's effort.

Madam Speaker, it will remiss of me if I will fail to end my presentation with the significance words of our erstwhile son of the soil, educator and once President of the African National Congress, Chief Albert Luthuli, when he said and I quote,

“The task is not finished...South Africa is not yet home for all her sons and daughters. Such a home we wish to ensure ...(there) remains before us the building of a new land”, Thus Chief Albert Luthuli saw this land as a home for ALL

THANK YOU.



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