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From desk of the Head of Department

Dear Reader

We have come to the end of the 2014/15 financial year.

This had been an eventful year for the Department of Finance and the Mpumalanga Administration as a whole.

As the Provincial Treasury, we are optimistic that our programme of support has put the Provincial Departments, Public Entities and Municipalities on a good stead.

As we round off the busiest year for the Treasury, we agree that more work must still be done to respond to the mandate of our MEC, Hon. SE Kholwane that the Department must increasingly play a developmental role in the society.

It is based on this mandate that we commit to continue with the social investment programmes. The Department of Finance/Big Five Harley Davidson partnership is one of the vehicles that will assist us to meet some of the social investment initiatives that could not be accommodated through the normal budget processes due to the limits on mandates.

We will continue to galvanize the individuals, officials and business sector to support this campaign which is intended to respond to the triple challenges facing our communities. Read more about the extended fundraising campaign for the project that the Department is championing for this year.

MEC Kholwane tabled the provincial budget to the people of Mpumalanga.

As the rollout of the spending plan unfolds in the new financial year, we will also look closely at the implementation of the budget. We will also support the Executive Council to ensure a continued development-oriented expenditure of the public resources. See how the budgets are allocated to the Provincial Departments in this edition.

Till next time. Siyaqhuba

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Learners tips MEC Kholwane on 2015 budget

MEC Sikhumbuzo Khowane got more than he bargained when the learners shared their 2015 budget wish list during the pre-budget luncheon held in eMalahleni in March 2015.

The sharp Grade 12 Class from the four Secondary Schools in the Nkangala District presented their own version of the Provincial Budget to MEC Kholwane and the Treasury officials.

Dubbed “Pre Budget Conversation with the learners”, the meeting allowed the learners to share their ideas and wishes about the budget allocations for various service delivery mandates in the Province.

“We convened this meeting to listen to your needs and how you would want the Provincial Budget to be allocated to various programmes,” MEC Kholwane told learners.

“Your plans are my plans. Your wishes are my wishes,” said MEC

MEC expressed satisfaction with the way the learners prepared and presented their budget proposals, which amounted to more than equitable share of R31 billion that the Province received for the 2015/16 financial year.

He also acknowledged the synergies between their wishes and the government priorities for the term of the current administration.

“Your plans are my plans. Your wishes are my wishes,” said MEC while reminding the learners of the daunting task of preparing the Provincial Budget during the toughest economic times.

With the economic growth for 2015 projected at just 2 per cent, down from 2.5 per cent which was indicated in October last year, tough choices had to be made. However MEC was adamant that the choices must yield the poor from the adverse effect of the fiscal challenges.

“We know that the social and economic challenges are weighing heavily on your families. Accordingly, we do not have intentions of tinkering with the social expenditure plan now and in the future.

For this reason, the government will continue to make choices that will favour public education and health care”, said MEC Kholwane.

He said key to the preparation of a credible and realistic budget will be the advice to the departments to “reprioritize spending to guarantee the delivery on expectations of all our people, especially the unemployed youth and those at the Schools and Institutions of Higher Learning”.



*Top: MEC for Finance Mr Sikhumbuzo Kholwane with a learner.
Bottom: BRIGHTER FUTURE: MS Kwenzy Portgitier is one of the grade 12 Class of 2015*



Mpumalanga budget responds to water challenges

It was always going to be the toughest choice that will emerge above others when the Finance MEC, Mr Sikhumbuzo Kholwane table the Provincial Budget for 2015/16 financial year.

Amid the shrinking financial resources and the stubborn economic environment, the provincial budget cut to the bone in releasing the resources to satisfy the needs of the people of Mpumalanga – water.

The 2015 budget increased the allocation of Human Settlement to R1.6 billion, with 200 million added to the baseline of this Department to support the municipalities with water reticulation.

MEC Kholwane tabled the provincial budget amounting to R38.7 billion at the Provincial Legislature on Tuesday, 17 March 2015.

The budget saw the social services sector being allocated 73 per cent of the total budget of the Province for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2015.

“R200 million added to the baseline of Department of Human Settlement to support the municipalities with water reticulation.”

“The largest share of the budget at R16.8 billion is allocated to Education. The allocation includes R128 million for artisans training programme, said MEC Kholwane.

In one of the quickest response to the issues raised in the community outreach programmes, Taking Legislature to the People held on 6 March 2015, MEC Kholwane also announced that R166 million has been provided in the budget for the commencement of the construction of a new boarding school in the Nkangala District.

Department of Social Development received R1.2 billion while Department of Health is allocated R9.9 billion for the 2015/16 financial year.

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Budget Speech receives thump up from Departmental Chief Economist Mr Lennard Van Vureen

2015 Mpumalanga Provincial Budget

Budget in percentages:

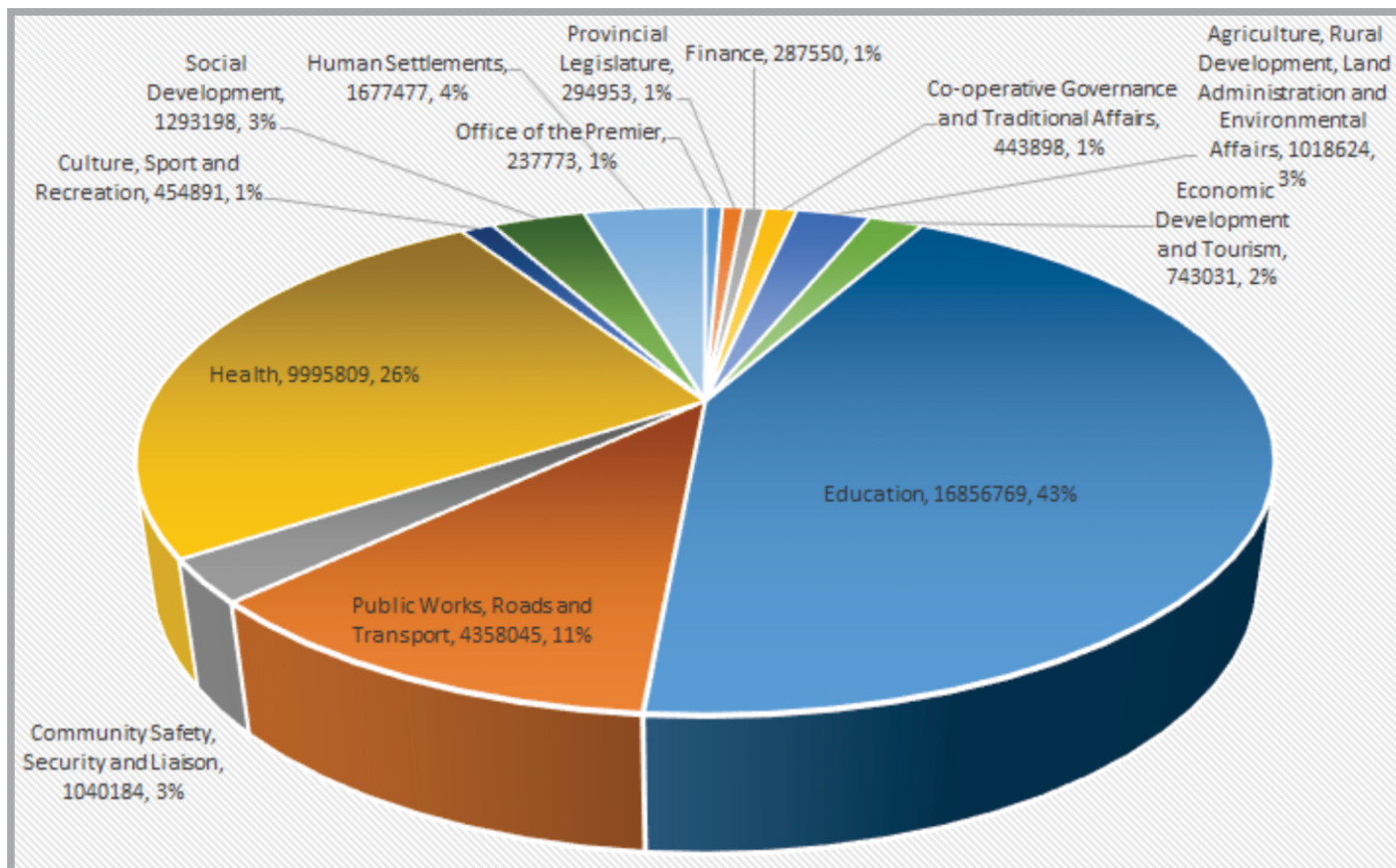
- ☞ 2 per cent - expected rate of economic growth at national level in 2015
- ☞ 1.9 per cent - expected rate of economic growth at provincial level in 2015

Budget in numbers:

- ☞ 2 659 - net job gains for Mpumalanga in the fourth quarter of 2014
- ☞ 500 000 - (almost) decline in number of people living in poverty since 2009

Budget in rands:

- ☞ R31 029 509 amount of Equitable Share of for the 2015/16
- ☞ R6 850 055 thousand amount in Conditional Grants for the 2015/16
- ☞ R821 638 amount of own provincial revenue
- ☞ R233 million amount that was redirected from the Compensation from Employees to address the pressing service delivery priorities



Some of the spending priorities in the provincial budget for 2015/16

PREMIER DD Mabuza also graced the tabling of the Provincial Budget Speech



- ➡ R128 million for artisans training programme
- ➡ R166 million for construction of a new boarding school in the Nkangala District R202 million for 2013 of sanitation units at schools.
- ➡ R27 million for absorption of social workers graduates
- ➡ R24.4 million for additional support to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) sector
- ➡ R330.9 million for funding of 1571 critical posts of qualified and experienced health professionals.
- ➡ R82.6 million to establish and strength agricultural cooperatives
- ➡ R102.9 million for expanded implementation of Masibuyele emasimini
- ➡ R1.2 billion is for the Provincial roads maintenance.
- ➡ R200 million for internal water reticulation initiatives in municipalities
- ➡ R40 million reimbursed for the construction of Traffic College
- ➡ R10 million reimbursed for building of branch offices of the Department of Social Development.

Public participation entrenched in budget process



“Mpumalanga budget is about all the people in the province so all of you gathered here should take responsibility to ensure that every cent is spend effectively”



Scores of citizens of Mpumalanga heeded the call to participate in the public hearings for the 2015 Provincial Budget in March 2015.

The Head of Department, Ms Bede Nkamba led Provincial Treasury officials who were tasked to provide technical support to the public participation programme of the Provincial Legislature on Friday, 20th March 2015.

The hearings were convened as part of the legislative programme for public consideration of the Division of

Revenue Act, and to engage the people on the Provincial Budget that MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane tabled at the Provincial Legislature on the 17th March 2015.

The Head of Department explained the budget processes and also the spending priorities for the 2015/16 financial year.

“Budget is all about the people in the Province. It is an expression of how the government plans to use the funds to respond to the needs of the people,” said



PUBLIC HEARING: Proceedings at public hearings on budget process which took place in all three districts



She said the Provincial Government has allocated more funds to three departments namely education, health and social development.

“The Provincial Government has allocated two thirds of the 2015 Provincial Budget to improve the quality of education, health care and the well-being of our people,” explained Ms Nkamba.

The Public hearings, which were attended by the Chief Whip of the Majority Party in the Provincial Legislature, Hon J Mkhathshwa and the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Premier's Office, Finance, Economic

Development and Tourism, Hon P Ngomana, build on the statement by MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane that the 2015 Provincial Budget is a product of public consultation.

MEC Kholwane hosted the learners from four Secondary schools in eMalahleni and received public inputs through interaction with the people on the social media platforms before the tabling of the Provincial budget on the 17th March 2015.

The public hearings were held in eMakhazeni, Nkomazi and Albert Luthuli Local Municipalities

Provincial Treasury Allocates Additional Funding to Housing



MEC RM Mtsweni delivered the second Mpumalanga Adjustment Budget speech in her capacity as the Acting MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism.

MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane was abroad on investment promotion programme on the day of the tabling of the Second Mpumalanga Adjustment Budget

“This adjustments budget augments the two hundred and seventy three million rands (R273 million) which was added to the baseline of the Department of Human Settlements in November 2014,” added MEC.

MEC Refilwe Mtsweni announced additional funding that will see the Mpumalanga Government continues to respond favourably to the housing and water needs of the communities.

Tabling the Second Provincial Adjustment Budget during the ordinary sitting of the Mpumalanga Legislature on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, Acting MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Ms Mtshweni announced that more than R100 thousand has been added/reallocated to the Department of Human Settlements.

The Province received seventy million rands (R70 million) from the Human Settlement Development Grant.

In addition, thirty six million and eight hundred thousand rands (R36.8 million), from declared

underspending emanating from compensation of employees and other non-committed funds, will be directed towards the water provision support in the various municipalities.

“The availability of additional funds presented an opportunity that could not be missed, especially given the tight fiscal and economic conditions as outlined in the Main Appropriation Speech by MEC Kholwane on 17 March 2015”.

“This adjustments budget augments the two hundred and seventy three million rands (R273 million) which was added to the baseline of the Department of Human Settlements in November 2014,” added the MEC.

The adjusted allocation to the Department of Human Settlements will now be one billion, eight hundred and seventy three million rands (R1.873 billion) for the same period.

The adjustments budget increased the provincial government allocation for the year ended 31 March 2015 from thirty seven billion and sixty eight million rands (R37.068 billion) to thirty seven billion, one hundred and thirty eight million rands (R37.138 billion).

MEC Mtshweni said the allocation and reprioritization of the budget is part of the effort to “intervene where possible to ensure that human dignity and basic rights become the hallmark of development in our country”.

The funds that were adjusted became available after the MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism had tabled the Adjustments Appropriation Bill, hence the second adjustment budget was tabled.

Final push towards fundraising draw, new bike on offer



Representatives of different sponsors and senior managers of the Department of Finance together with MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane during the official announcement and displaying of the first prize

The Department of Finance and its partners have agreed to give the fundraising effort a final push in an effort to raise the much needed funds to build four houses for the needy this year.

After attempts to get the ball rolling through the roadshows which produced less than satisfactory returns, the Department and the Big Five Harley Davidson will now focus on increasing the visibility of the campaign to reach as many people as possible in the quest to raise R400 000 before the end of July 2015.

The Department has consequently extended the ticket sales period for the "Change Lives and Win Big" raffle to 12 June 2015.

The new final date for the Fundraising Draw has been set for the 27th June 2015 at the venue still to be confirmed.

The Big Five Harley Davidson Group has also replaced the bike with the latest model in keeping with the objective to make the main prize even more relevant to the new year of the Draw.

The main prize, bike, which was initially on offer has been replaced with Sportster (XL883) 2015.

When launching the campaign, MEC for Finance, economic Development and Tourism, Mr Sikhumbuzo Kholwane made a passionate plea to the people to support the initiative, and he said:

"We request all our people to retrace back the steps of greatness that comes with being the true "change makers" in our communities.

"We send a plea to men and women of our Province, to join us in this extra ordinary drive to pull all hands together for the happiness of the greatest number of people, said MEC Kholwane.

MEC also requested the people "to rise to the occasion and give meaning to the objective of ensuring sustainable livelihoods for others".

The campaign is in line with the department's social responsibility programme, whose objective is to contribute to the government's efforts to tackle poverty and inequality in the Province.

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Investment in Education is good for economy - MEC Kholwane



“The Provincial Government will continue to provide the resources, within the economic means, to match the societal expectations for and to enable the learners to get basic education.”

MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane pleaded with educators to encourage learners to achieve the highest level of education, during his visits to three different schools in Thaba Chweu Municipality in January 2015.

MEC Kholwane told learners about the significance of good education and encouraged them to pay attention to their lessons from the first day of school.

“The first day of schooling should be taken very serious because it is the attitude that you develop during the very first day of school that will determine your destiny”, MEC said.

He said improved education outcome is critical in attracting more investors to the Province. “Mpumalanga is currently enjoying consistent improvement in the grade 12 examinations results

These results make a good statement to the potential investors that the Province has a ripe environment for growth and development,” MEC Kholwane said.

He said the Province invests in education in order to build a solid foundation for sustainable development of the communities. “

The Provincial Government will continue to provide the resources, within the economic means, to match the societal expectations for and to enable the learners to get basic education.

He cited some of the 2014 Adjustment Budget commitments to illustrate the Government's commitment to improve the quality of education in the Province.

“An additional R50 million was recently allocated to the Department of Education to ensure that Learner-Teacher Support Material (stationery) is ready and available on the first day of school.

“R120 million was also added to the baseline of the Department to build a new school in Thekwane North and rebuild Mathibela and Mugena School”, said MEC Kholwane.

MEC Kholwane visited Lydenburg Hoerskool, Marambane Primary and Kiwi Primary schools during the first days of school reopening respectively.

The objective of the Back-to-School was to identify challenges, ascertain readiness of the schools and motivate learners and educators as the school year begins.

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within reach of communities

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CHANGE LIVES AND WIN BIG



Department of Finance in partnership with the Big Five Harley-Davidson Group offers the communities an opportunity to participate in the Change Makers Raffle and to Win Fabulous Prizes.

The Raffle is one of the Initiatives of the Department which is aimed to raise funds for the community development projects. The Department has identified four (4) needy families to provide them with decent homes as part of its social responsibility programme this year. The profiles of the families are available on request.



WHERE TO GET YOUR TICKET

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R100

PRIZES TO BE WON

First Prize:
Harley Davidson Sportster (X18831), Riding Gear and 10 riding lessons all worth R115 000

Second Prize :
R20 000

Third Prize:
R10 000

Fourth Prize:
2 x 5000

Plus ten (10) lucky runner up participants will take home R1000 each.