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## BUDGET SPEECH 2019/20

# **Limpopo Legislature Budget Speech Delivered by the Speaker of the Limpopo Legislature, Hon. Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, to the Sixth Limpopo Legislature at the Lebowakgomo Legislative Chamber**

26 July 2019

The Presiding Officer, Hon. Jerry Ndou  
Premier of the Limpopo Province, Hon. Stanley Chupu Mathabatha,  
Members of the Executive Council,  
Chief Whip of the Majority Party,  
Leader of Government Business,  
Leaders of the Opposition Parties,  
Chair of Chairpersons,  
Chairpersons of Committees,  
Honourable Members of this House,  
The Secretary to the Limpopo Legislature, Mr Simon Mothoa,  
Officials of the Limpopo Legislature  
Distinguished Guests,  
Media houses,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

The 2019/2020 Budget Speech is dedicated to the Members who have served the Limpopo Legislature during the Fifth Term. They stood firm in carrying out their constitutional mandate of serving the people of Limpopo. They were united in action regardless of their different political affiliation in ensuring that we build a better and responsive legislature. It was through their collective responsibility that we maintained the decorum of this House, and for this House to function as expected. It was through their vigorous oversight that we ensured that the people of Limpopo receive the services they deserve.

We have ended the Fifth Term being aware that the people of Limpopo are satisfied with the work conducted by this House. We usher in the Sixth Limpopo Legislature being optimistic that today will be better

than yesterday. We have to ensure that our government creates jobs and delivers quality services to the people.

We have witnessed during the election campaigns that the electorate regards and embraced the progress we have made, but we still have to do more to improve their living conditions. They are much more hopeful of the future hence we should not disappoint them.

In response to the call by President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa **“to grow South Africa together”**, we will in the Sixth Term ensure that the plans tabled by the Executive before this House are implemented for the benefit of the people of Limpopo. Quality service delivery is our priority as Members of this House. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done, but together, we can realise our goals of reducing poverty and unemployment. We will remain vigilant in our work until all the people of Limpopo enjoy the fruits of our democracy, which the late General Ike Maphoto and others fought for to be enjoyed by all of us.

### **Honourable Members,**

It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me to deliver the Limpopo Legislature 2019/2020 Budget Speech to this august House. It is a reflection of the journey we have travelled in the Fifth Term as well as plans for the Sixth Legislature. We owe our existence to our liberation stalwarts such as Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Charlotte Maxeke, Frans Mohlala, Alpheus Malivha, Norman Mashabane, Pandelani Ramagoma and others who collectively fought fearlessly to liberate us from a system that divided us. The budget speech reaffirms our commitment to the values and principles of democracy and human rights to which our stalwarts and struggle heroes have dedicated their lives for us to realise. In honour of our liberation stalwarts, we should devote our action towards the realisation of a free and equal society.

In 1985, President Oliver Reginald Tambo asserted that ***“the distinctive features of the revolutionary cadre is a high level of discipline, dedication and courage in carrying-out the tasks assigned by the movement. Such a cadre are guided by our goal of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa”***.

As we remember President Tambo, we should use his words to draw lessons and inspiration to unite the people of Limpopo towards the realisation of a democratic society. Despite our divergent political views, we should together ensure that the people of Limpopo enjoy peace, freedom and fundamental human rights. We need to be united in the fight against inequality, poverty and unemployment faced the people.

As South Africans, we should heed the call by former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and create a free society in which we can live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. We need to fight any resurgence of racism in our province, and those who perpetuate racism tendencies should be prosecuted. The people of Limpopo should live in peace, harmony and dignity.

### **Honourable Members,**

Our country is grappling with corruption both in the public and private sectors. Corruption has reached unprecedented proportion and we should together with law enforcement agencies root out corruption where it manifests itself. We are aware that corruption cripples service delivery and increases the cost of doing business. It steals from our people the resources that are supposed to improve their lives, and it must stop. We are also aware that corruption discourages and stifles both domestic and foreign investments as well as economic growth. Few individuals benefit from a corrupt system, while the majority of people suffer. Corruption further derails the delivery of quality services and other economic opportunities.

Our country has a robust anti-corruption legislation, however such laws are inadequately enforced. We need to be united as Members of this House in ensuring that we fight and prevent corruption, and decisively deal with it. We need to lead by example and conduct ourselves with the highest morals and integrity when doing our work. We should not tolerate corruption and we should together with law enforcement agencies fight against corruption because it undermines government's efforts to grow the economy as well as the fight against poverty and unemployment.

## **Honourable Members,**

Having noted some of the challenges facing us as a nation, we should be delighted that we have a functioning democracy and credible institutions of governance. The chapter 9 and 10 institutions play a vital role in strengthening our constitutional democracy. We have already hold meetings with these institutions in order to strengthen our relationship, while at the same time recognise and respect our constitutional mandates.

We have among other things established a good working relationship with the Office of the Auditor-General: Limpopo. The Auditor-General has already developed a tool to assess the performance of Legislature's Committees and this tool will assist in monitoring the performance of Committees during the current term.

We have also worked together with the Auditor-General in the facilitation of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) audit outcome roadshows. These roadshows are critical in encouraging good audit outcomes. In our quest for good audit outcomes and good governance, we will continue even in the current term to have good association and working relationship with the Office of the Auditor-General.

We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Public Protector South Africa. The MoU allows for greater

collaboration, cooperation and assistance in fulfilment of our respective constitutional and statutory responsibilities as well as obligations.

The reports from chapter 9 and 10 institutions are used by Committee Members to effectively hold the Executive accountable for their decisions or actions taken when utilising public resources. We will continue to use these reports to strengthen our oversight function.

### **Honourable Members,**

We took a decision that houses at Parliamentary Village and Block 3 offices in Lebowakgomo should be refurbished. The refurbishment of the houses at Parliamentary Village has been completed and the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure is currently rectifying any defects identified during the assessment. The refurbishment of Block 3 offices in Lebowakgomo commenced in 2018 and will be completed in the current financial year.

Members and staff of the Limpopo Legislature remain hopeful and committed towards the construction of the Limpopo Legislature building in Polokwane. We call both the MEC for Provincial Treasury and MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure to prioritise this important project.

### **Honourable Members,**

The people of Limpopo have elected us to represent their interests in this House. We are therefore the representative body of the people and basic source of authority to make laws under which the society is governed. The people of Limpopo have entrusted us with the responsibility of making sure that government programmes and policies are implemented by the Executive for the benefit of the people.

This House is constitutionally mandated in accordance with section 114 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa to pass laws, conduct oversight and hold the Executive accountable on how public resources are being utilised. As public representatives, we should take pride in our achievements especially when it comes to oversight, law making and public participation. We should continue to exercise our constitutional duties in order to advance the interests of the people who elected us. This requires us to do everything in our means to serve the people of Limpopo and fulfil their aspirations.

We need to be loyal to the people of this province and execute our responsibilities with honesty and integrity. We need to conduct effective oversight so that the people of Limpopo can receive quality service and pass laws which will assist towards building an inclusive economy.

We have learnt that the task of building a strong legislature is a collective effort. We therefore report our achievements during the Fifth Term of office with key focal areas on oversight, law making and public participation.

## **Honourable Members,**

The Sixth Legislature affirms that there is significant improvements in the ability of our Committees to conduct their business. During the Fifth Term **147** sittings were conducted by this House in order to hold the Executive accountable on the implementation of government programmes. As part of strengthening oversight function, **418** oversight committee meetings and **544** oversight reports were accordingly facilitated. The institution further produced **225** proactive research reports and analysed **560** strategic documents in order to strengthen oversight as conducted by Members of this House.

During the current term, we will increase the number of oversight visits in order to oversee the implementation of government projects and programmes. This is critical in ensuring that government delivers

quality service to the people of Limpopo. As dictated by the Sector Oversight Model (SOM), we will further initiate various Focused Intervention Studies (FIS) in our quest to strengthen our oversight work.

## **Honourable Members,**

Legislatures are constitutionally required to engage the public in all their affairs and such engagements need to be meaningful. Therefore, public hearings remain critical in enhancing effective participation of the public. During the Fifth Term, **75** public hearings were held in order to afford the public an opportunity to participate effectively in law making processes.

This institution also plays a strategic role in resolving public concerns and challenges. During the Fifth Term, there was an increase in the number of petitions referred to the Limpopo Legislature. We have received and processed **406** petitions across all the districts of the Limpopo Province.

While we acknowledge that the processes of resolving petitions take long, we should in the same breath celebrate our successes when it comes to resolving petitions referred to us. Some of the successful interventions are as follows:

- *In 2015, the community leaders of Leolo village petitioned the Limpopo Legislature requesting us to assist them with network coverage for cellphone, radio and TV. After a series of engagements, in 2018, Vodacom agreed to construct a network tower at Leolo village. The construction network tower was completed in February 2019 and will soon be operational. This will assist the people of Leolo with access to cellphone network coverage.*
- *Ramothwala Z petitioned the Legislature requesting our intervention in providing basic shelter for the elderly: Ms Moseki Madintsi Hilda. After adjudication of the petition, an RDP house was built for Ms Moseki.*

- *We have been petitioned by Mabhungu D, Mothupi N.N and Thobejane M.J over unpaid salaries by the Department of Education. After adjudication of these petitions, the department paid their outstanding salaries.*
- *Ms Damo Florina, a pensioner in the Sekhukhune District, petitioned the Legislature because the Department of Home Affairs captured her date of birth incorrectly on her ID book. After many years of engagement with the department, she finally sought the intervention of the Legislature. Upon receipt and processing of the petition, the anomaly was immediately corrected by the Department of Home Affairs and the petitioner was presented with a new smart ID card.*
- *The Legislature has assisted quite a number of petitioners to receive their identity documents from Home Affairs: Ndlovu N.A, Manganyi M.Z, Ngobeni S, Ratiba P.J, Mashava A and many others can bear testimony on how this institution has assisted them to get their smart ID cards.*

The number of petitions referred to us clearly demonstrates that the public has confidence in the work we do as the Limpopo Legislature and we will continue to serve them with pride. We will in the current term ensure that the petitions referred to us are adjudicated and resolved promptly for the benefit of our petitioners. This will assist in ensuring that petitioners get what they are entitled to from the government.

Indeed, we are proud of these achievements. We are also proud that the people of Limpopo can look upon the Legislature for intervention whenever they are facing some challenges. The Legislature is the voice of the people, and we encourage the people to continue using this voice.

### **Honourable Members,**

During the Fifth Term **113** educational and outreach programmes were conducted. These educational and outreach programmes were

conducted in order to empower our stakeholders to understand the functions of the Legislature. The Office of the Speaker together with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) conducted successful voters registration programme in order to educate and encourage the people of Limpopo, particularly the youth, to register so that they can be eligible to vote during the May 2019 Provincial and National elections. The programme assisted a great deal in encouraging the people of Limpopo to register to vote. We will in the current term continue to embark on educational and outreach programmes that aim at educating and encouraging meaningful participation of the public in our democratic processes.

### **Honourable Members,**

We host sectoral parliaments annually in order to provide a platform for children, youth, women, people with disability, workers and elderly people to deliberate on legislative issues affecting their wellbeing.

The former President Nelson Mandela alluded that ***“Our children are the rock on which our future will be built, our greatest asset as a nation. They will be the leaders of our country, the creators of our national wealth, those who care for and protect our people.”***

In commemorating the contribution of Nelson Mandela to humanity, the Limpopo Legislature hosted the Nelson Mandela Children’s Parliament on the 05th of October 2018 in this Legislative Chamber. The event provided a platform for 600 children across South Africa to raise societal problems they face on a daily basis. These issues included amongst others abuse, rape as well as gross violation of their democratic rights. It is incumbent upon us as the Sixth Legislature to ensure that all the Children’s Rights continue to be protected.

As we traverse across the Limpopo Province prior to 08 May 2019 elections, young people told us that they want jobs and an economy which is inclusive. They told us that they want land, and further emphasized a need to be included in decision-making

processes, particularly on issues that affect their lives. As Members of this House, we need to ensure that government programmes, as outlined by the Premier, Hon. Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, during the Official Opening of the Sixth Legislature are implemented fully. Our government should contribute in creating jobs and also conducive environment for the youth to participate in the economy.

Investing in our youth is our priority and we will set aside resources to ensure that the month of June is dedicated to youth empowerment through the hosting of the Youth Parliament. We will play our part when it comes to youth empowerment, especially on law making process. During our oversight function, we will ensure that the Executive plays its part when it comes to job creation and participation of youth in the economy.

As our contribution to youth empowerment, we have in the past financial year empowered a youth organisation called Limpopo Pioneers of Services Users. This is an organisation that assists drug addicts, particularly the youth to overcome their addictions. We have procured 50 drugs testing instruments which they are using to test the level and type of drugs consumed before referral can be made. It is my pleasure and honour to welcome the Limpopo Pioneers of Services Users organisation to this honourable House, and they are seated at the gallery. Let us applaud them in recognition of the work they are doing to the youth. As a developmental oriented and progressive Legislature, we will continue even in the current term to recognise and support youth projects that bring meaningful change to the society.

We have further initiated an internship programme in order to prepare graduates for work experience. We annually afford **08** graduates to take part in our internship programme. As we speak, we have trained **23** graduates through our internship programme and **02** graduates from the programme have been employed fulltime by the Limpopo Legislature.

We have further initiated learnership and in-service programmes to empower the youth. In partnership with the University of Limpopo, Ms Tjie Lenkwang Malehu, a Masters student in Political Science was placed under our Research Section to get work exposure. This assisted her in completing her research work while at the same time getting work experience. We have further received a request from the School of Human and Social Science at the University of Venda for the experimental learning placement of Ms Rasebotsa Maruping. Ms Rasebotsa was placed under the Hansard Section from August to November 2018 and has graduated with an honours degree and at the same time obtained experience in Hansard reporting, language translation and interpreting. It is my honour to welcome Ms Tjie Lenkwang Malehu and Ms Rasebotsa Maruping to this honourable House. Let us applaud them.

We commit ourselves to continue with the internship, learnership and in-service training programmes in order to expose young people to the working environment. We have engaged local universities to have a common strategy in preparing graduates for work exposure. We will soon sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Venda which will afford us an opportunity to collaborate in research and training of graduates.

We should accept that young people are tomorrow's leaders. They understand what they want and have ideas on how they can shape their future. We just need to provide them with an opportunity to lead and include them in decision-making structures and processes.

### **Honourable Members,**

On the 19th of October 2018, the Limpopo Legislature hosted the Elderly People's Parliament in Phalaborwa, Mopani District. The event was attended by 800 elderly people and was hosted as part of celebrating the lives of Mama Albertina Sisulu and Tata Nelson Mandela.

The event provided our elderly people with an opportunity to discuss issues affecting their rights. We will continue even in the current term to provide our elderly people with a platform to participate in legislature activities. Members of this House should ensure that the resolutions taken during the Elderly People's Parliament are implemented fully by the Executive.

In commemorating Tata Mandela's contribution, the Limpopo Legislature visited Chuene Kgolo Secondary School on the 24th of July 2018. We assisted with the cleaning of the school and also donated old desktops and laptops. We will continue to ensure that we observe the Mandela Day by contributing positively to the lives of those who are disadvantaged.

### **Honourable Members,**

As the Limpopo Legislature, we are committed to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol. We will ensure that in all our work, the rights of persons with disabilities are respected. Our commitment for the Sixth Term is to save resources from items such as corporate gifts and use such funds to address some pressing needs from our people.

### **Honourable Members,**

Thomas Sankara alluded that ***“The revolution and women's liberation go together. We do not talk of women's emancipation as an act of charity or because of a surge of human compassion. It is a basic necessity for the triumph of the revolution”.***

Clearly, there is no revolution without women liberation. Women are still faced with a scourge of abuse even after the dawn of democracy. The rise in the number of violence against women is a cause for concern and needs to be addressed urgently. As a country, we need to have stringent measures to prevent and mitigate these social ills. Women should feel safe and free wherever they are in this

country. Our law enforcement agencies need to deal decisively with gender-based violence cases. We need to work together towards emancipation of women. The Sixth Legislature will host women's parliament and strengthen women caucus in order to provide a platform for women to raise issues affecting their lives. We will further participate in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) to advocate for redress of issues affecting women parliamentarians.

We have also hosted the Workers' Parliament, which was attended by 500 workers across the Limpopo Province. The event provided a platform for workers to engage and debate current issues affecting them.

We will continue in the current term to host sectoral parliaments in an effort to discuss and address issues affecting children, youth, the disabled, women, men and elderly people.

### **Honourable Members,**

The Limpopo Legislature is entrusted with the authority to make laws. During the Fifth Term, **30** provincial legislation and **69** NCOP legislation were facilitated. We need to ensure that the laws we pass in this House address the socio-economic challenges facing the people of Limpopo. These laws need to contribute positively towards the upliftment of the lives of our people. Any law that appears to suppress the will of the people must be reviewed and/or repealed.

### **Honourable Members,**

The Office of the Speaker annually hosts the Provincial Speaker's Forum, which is a forum hosted on a rotational basis across all districts in Limpopo. The forum provides a platform for the Legislature's Presiding Officers to share best practices with Municipal Speakers with regard to presiding and legislative matters. We will continue in the current financial year to host the Provincial Speaker's Forum in our province.

We further commit ourselves to provide capacity building needs for Municipal Councils and Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPACs) in the Limpopo Province. We will continue to provide free trainings on Rules, Ethics and Integrity, Protocol and other relevant areas that are likely to enhance the capacity of municipalities whenever the need arise.

## **Honourable Members,**

With the enactment of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act (FMPPLA) in 2009, all legislatures in South Africa are expected to migrate from Modified Cash to Accrual Basis by implementing the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GRAP) accounting system. In compliance with this idea and ensuring the independence of the Legislative sector from the Executive, the Limpopo Legislature procured its own financial system. The system has huge systematic, financial and human resources implications to the Limpopo Legislature, however, it remains critical in improving the efficiency and competitiveness of the institution.

We are happy to announce that the system **“Go-Live”** was in April 2019. From the 01st of April 2019, salaries, goods and services were paid and procured through our new system. Though we initially experienced some ‘teething’ problems, we have since succeeded in addressing most of the challenges within reasonable period of time. We are continuously working hard to ensure that the system delivers according to expectation.

In order to strengthen the capacity of the Legislature and provide technical support to Members, we succeeded in filling **42** positions. These positions include the appointment of the Secretary to the Legislature and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), positions which have been vacant for years. We also made appointments in key positions such as Sectional Manager: Financial Accounting, Sectional Manager: Financial Management, Sectional Manager: Supply Chain Management. In the current term, the Legislature commits itself to finalise the organisational structure and fill funded vacant positions as well as critical posts.

The Limpopo Legislature has a bursary programme and its sole mandate is to empower Members and staff so that they can effectively execute their responsibilities. It is my honour to announce that through the bursary programme, **02** honourable Members graduated their certificates, **04** graduated their post graduate diplomas in governance and leadership, **02** graduated their honours degrees and **02** graduated their masters degrees during the Fifth Term.

Our staff have also utilised the bursary programme to empower themselves. During the Fifth Term, **02** staff graduated their diplomas, **02** graduated their degrees, **07** graduated their honours and **04** graduated their masters' degrees. Two doctoral staff namely: Dr Nyathela Hlanganani and Dr Mudzanani Lufuno graduated their PhD degrees. We will continue with our bursary programme in the Sixth Term to empower our Members and staff to achieve recognised qualifications. These qualifications will contribute effectively in the execution of the mandates of the Legislature.

In May 2018, we concluded the appointment of the Audit Committee. This Committee is playing a critical role in overseeing the financial and performance information of the institution.

The roll-out of the system, appointments of personnel as well as proper oversight bodies will create stability and enhance the operations of the Legislature. It will further improve our compliance to legislation, which could also lead to improvement in our audit outcomes.

## **Honourable Members,**

The Legislature has been declared as a National Key Point (NKP), which thus requires that it has to comply with the National Key Point requirements. Amongst the requirements include the demarcation of the Legislature from other government departments, creation of new entrance and handing-over the management of security to the South African Police Service (SAPS). We will work with the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in ensuring that funding is allocated for the implementation of the National Key Point project.

We have in the past experienced challenges with our ICT infrastructure, however we have since revamped our ICT infrastructure and our website, emails and network are currently functioning effectively. In the current financial year, we will improve our network connectivity through the rollout of the fibre network to ensure faster, reliable and efficient connectivity. We will continue in the current term, to provide WiFi access at the Legislature precincts.

### **Honourable Members,**

Our country and province are also affected by the global economic outlook. As a result, we have to be vigilant on our spending trends. We need to come with ways to efficiently use the available funds. This requires us to reduce expenditure on non-essential items. Strict measures have to be implemented to curb spending on non-essential activities, and direct the available limited funds to oversight, public participation and law-making activities. For instance, in the previous financial year, we cut spending on corporate gifts and diverted the saved funds to the roll-out of sectoral parliaments. This is the key reason we had many sectoral parliaments during 2018/2019 financial year compared to other previous financial years.

### **Honourable Members,**

The Limpopo Legislature is aware of its enormous responsibility of being the voice of the electorate. Ours is to ensure that the people of Limpopo receive quality service from their government.

We will work together with the Executive in ensuring that there is a better life for all in our province. We will use the allocated budget to effectively hold the Executive accountable and take right decisions that benefit the people of Limpopo.

We have to utilise the allocated budget in ensuring that our constitutional mandate is executed effectively. The 2019/2020 Budget reflects a balance between maintaining our spending commitments, while at the same time ensuring that expenditure is within the allocated budget.

The Limpopo Legislature has been allocated a total budget of **R375.8 million** in the 2019/2020 financial year. The allocation represents an increase of budget by **4.1%** in the 2019/2020 financial year as compared to the 2018/2019 main appropriation budget. The budget has been allocated to our three programmes as follows:

### **Programme 1: Administration**

The purpose of programme one is to provide strategic leadership by the Office of the Speaker and administrative support by the Office of the Secretary to the Legislature. The budget for this programme has decreased from **R131.7 million** in 2018/2019 main appropriation to **R128.9 million** in 2019/2020 financial year.

### **Programme 2: Facilities for Members and Political Parties**

The purpose of programme two is to provide compensation and support for Members. The budget for this programme has increased from **R140.6 million** in 2018/2019 main appropriation to **R148.3 million** in 2019/2020 financial year.

As required by section 34(5) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 ***“Each party represented in the Assembly must be provided with financial and administrative assistance in proportion to its representation to enable it and its leader to perform their functions in Parliament effectively”***. Accordingly, the total allocation for political parties represented in the Legislature during the 2019/2020 financial year is **R76.2 million**. The funds are for constituency allowance, political party funding and political party support.

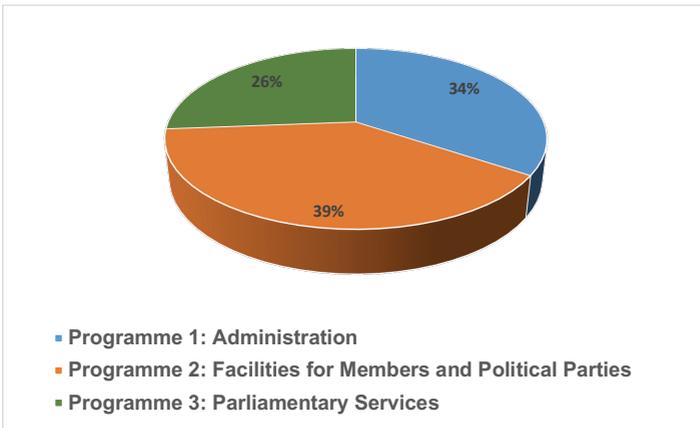
### **Programme 3: Parliamentary Services**

The purpose of programme three is to provide services related to oversight, public participation and law making. The budget for this programme has increased from **R88.6 million** in 2018/2019 main appropriation to **R98.6 million** in 2019/2020 financial year.

## Final Budget Allocation for financial year 2019/2020

PROGRAMMES	Main Appropriation 2018/19 (R'000)	Adjustment Appropriation 2018/19 (R'000)	Main appropriation 2019/20 (R'000)	Increase/decrease between 2019/20 and 2018/19 main appropriations (R'000)
Administration	131 696	135 277	128 868	(2 828)
Facilities for Members and Political Parties	140 619	182 066	148 300	7 681
Parliamentary Services	88 612	99 966	98 587	9 975
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>360 927</b>	<b>417 309</b>	<b>375 755</b>	<b>14 828</b>

### Percentage Budget Allocation per Programme in the 2019/2020 Financial Year



### Honourable Members,

As I draw towards concluding this Budget Speech, let us all embrace the spirit of ***Thuma Mina***. The spirit of ***Thuma Mina*** should prevail upon us. It should triumph in whatever we do, ***ngauri heyi democracy yashu ndiya vhathu vhothe***.

The spirit of self-conviction to service those in need should prevail. We need to be ready to assist those who are in despair. We need to be ready to assist the poor and the sick. We need to be ready to make the new dawn a reality to the ordinary people who elected us. We need to bring a renewed sense of hope. We need to restore confidence of the people and inculcate the spirit of selflessness.

The challenges ahead of us demand that we work together to contribute in the growth and development our province. Let us unite to grow the economy of Limpopo and fight against poverty and unemployment.

Let us work together to improve the living conditions of the people of Limpopo. Let us restore public confidence in government. It can be done. A better life for all is possible.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Members who have been elected to serve in the Sixth Legislature. Let me also thank the leaders of political parties represented in this House for their commitment in serving the people of Limpopo.

I also thank the Secretary to the Limpopo Legislature, Mr Simon Mothoa and Team Legislature for your support and commitment.

It is my honour and privilege to table the Limpopo Legislature 2019/2020 Budget Vote to this House.

**I thank you.  
Ndo Livhuwa.**