



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**Attention: To all Media**

**Date: 12 June 2019**

The Limpopo Provincial Government held its first Executive Council meeting for the 6<sup>th</sup> term of administration on the 11th June 2019 to discuss issues pertinent to service delivery in the province: The following were discussed:

### **1. Reconfiguration of the Limpopo Provincial Administration**

EXCO discussed the possibility of reconfiguring government departments in line with the new mandate. The process will include thorough consultations with employers and employee representatives. These discussions will ensure that there is no loss of employment or benefits. The proposed reconfiguration will be done within public service the legal prescripts. The process plan highlighted the following key milestones:

- a) Merge the Department of Community Safety and the Department of Transport into one department, which is to be renamed “Department of Transport and Community Safety” with one MEC and one HOD;
- b) Transfer the Roads Maintenance function from the DPWRI to RAL;
- c) Relocate the Early Childhood Development (ECD) function from the Department of Social Development to the Department of Education;
- d) Relocate the Limpopo Agri-business Development Corporation (LADC) from LEDA to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- e) Re-establish the Limpopo Business Support Agency (LIBSA) as a stand-alone entity with the MEC LEDET as the shareholder;
- f) Constitute a Task Team conduct a substantive feasibility study on the unbundling of the LEDA Structure;

- g) Conduct feasibility study on the creation of a Shared Services Unit for transversal specialised functions;
  - h) Undertake a review of the roles and responsibilities of the Provincial Treasury and COGHTSA in executing their Municipal Finance function so as to eliminate duplications and to create synergy between the two departments;
  - i) Undertake a diagnostic re-engineering of the organisational structure (Work-study) of the Department of Health so as to enhance the effectiveness and efficiencies within the departmental Human Resources and financial management performance
- Undertake a feasibility study on the transfer of the HIV/AIDS function in Schools to the Department of Health.

## 2. Upcoming Events

### Youth Day Celebrations: 16 June 2019

- a) The Office of the Premier, Department of Arts and Culture and the Presidency are planning to host 2019 National Youth Day Celebration at Polokwane Cricket Club on the 16th of June.
- b) The theme for the Youth Month programme and the Youth Day celebration is ***"25 years of Democracy, A celebration of youth activism"***.
- c) The Youth Month Programme will also focus on empowering young people in the country in various fields.
- d) The following activities have been earmarked to celebrate the Youth Month:-
  - i. National Launch of the Youth Month Programme: 04 June 2019;
  - ii. National Presidential Dialogue: 13 June 2019 at University of Limpopo;
  - iii. Computer Skills Development Programme;
  - iv. Youth/Africa Day Celebration Carnival: 15 June 2019 from SABC Park, Polokwane;
  - v. Activation blitz for mobilization with celebrities for Youth Day;
  - vi. National Youth Day Celebration: 16 June 2019

The youth day celebrations will be held in Polokwane Cricket Club, Polokwane Municipality, Capricorn District.

  - vii. Provincial Youth Seminar: 17 June 2019;
  - viii. Launch of the Unemployed Youth Digitized Database: 21 June 2019, Tzaneen; and
  - ix. Career Expo: 28 June 2019.

The GCIS, NYDA, Department of Arts and Culture and Office of the Premier website will outline the entire programme.

### **Good Green Deeds: Provincial Launch: 27 June 2019**

- a. The Executive Council approved the framework on the proposed launch of the Clean and Safe South Africa: Land A Hand Programme to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Marapong, Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District.

### **3. Recognition: Raphahlelo S.J.: Regent: Raphahlelo Traditional Council**

- a. The Executive Council approved the recognition of Raphahlelo Shapo Johanna as a Regent Senior Traditional Leader under Raphahlelo Traditional Council in Mopani District in terms of Section 14(1) (b) of Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act, no. 6 of 2005, and that she be remunerated accordingly.

### **4. Revenue and Expenditure Close-out Report for 2018/19**

A report on the revenue and expenditure for the Provincial Administration for the period ending 30 April 2019 was presented to the Executive Council meeting.

The report highlighted the following:-

- a) Overall provincial expenditure was R5.1 billion representing 7.3% of the R69.5 billion allocated budget;
- b) Compensation of Employees (CoE) recorded an expenditure of R3.9 billion or 8.0% of the total budget of R49.1 million;
- c) Goods and Services recorded an expenditure of R762.4 million or 7.5% of the total budget of R10.1 billion;
- d) Transfers and subsidies recorded an expenditure of R357.6 million or 4.4% of the total budget of R8.2 billion;
- e) Payment for Capital Assets recorded an expenditure of R53.6 million or 2.8% of the total budget of R2.0 billion;

- f) Conditional Grants recorded an expenditure of R316.7 million or 3.5% of the total budget of R9.0 billion;
- g) Provincial Infrastructure recorded an expenditure of R226.9 million or 4% of the total Provincial infrastructure budget of R5.6 billion; and
- h) The total Provincial Own Revenue target for 2019/20 financial year is R1.3 billion. As at the end of April 2019 the Province had collected an amount of R95.8 million or 7.3% of the annual revenue target.

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