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The Honourable Speaker of the Legislature
Honourable Deputy Speaker.
Honourable Premier.
Honourable Members.

I stand on the protocols that have already been observed by my predecessors, on this podium.

Honourable Speaker.

This budget presentation signifies the great strides that had been underscored and achieved by the democratic state, in the past 30 years.

It coincides with the momentous Women's Month festivities, - a period to highlight the plight of women in this country, and celebrate their accomplishments as they toiled hard, towards the attainment of a free South Africa.

With the leadership of the 7th Provincial Administration, the ANC has demonstrated its unwavering devotion towards creating an equal society, where all citizens can enjoy equal rights.

When we say, '*dilo di changitše*', we mean it, in the truest sense of the dictum.

The appointment of Dr. Phophi Ramathuba, as the first female Premier of this Province, and the affirmation of many other women into various positions of power, is no act of favour, but a deliberate

process that sees no gender and which is meant to embrace skill and capacity.

Honourable Speaker.

During her Official Opening Address, on Friday, the 2nd of August 2024, the Premier of the Province, Dr. Phophi Ramathuba, directed us as the Department of Transport and Community Safety, together with our counterparts from Social Development, Health and the South African Police Service, to formulate strategies that will heighten the safety of the vulnerable groups.

We will set a process in motion, to ensure that we undertake this collaborative work, to ensure that perpetrators of gender-based violence and other crimes against the vulnerable groups, meet the wrath of the might of the law.

For our part as the Department of Transport and Community Safety, we shall be embarking on a series of programmes to raise awareness on the safety and security of our people, with much emphasis placed on gender-based violence and femicide.

Honourable Speaker, this budget provision represents over 80% of our total allocation for the 2024/25 Financial Year, as it reflects what has already been committed in Quarter 1.

The Department remains the highest revenue collector, which is almost 47% of the total collection in the Provincial Revenue.

In the 2023/24 financial year, we collected R 828. 060 Million, which was 99.4% of the target.

For this Financial Year, we are projecting to collect around R890.655 Million.

Our revenue for the 2025/26 Financial Year is projected at R930.288 Million.

Our total budget is R 2 610, 612 Billion.

A great portion of our budget allocation goes towards Compensation of Employees, and we have already spent about 25% of the allocated R 1. 191. Billion, across all programmes.

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

Honourable Speaker.

On Programme 1, we have already committed 23% against an allocation of R 600 Million.

On the acquisition of Goods and Services, we are at 22% of the allocated R 339.7 Million which represents an under-spending of 1.9%.

On Transfers and Subsidies, we had anticipated a 19.5% spending, at this time of the Financial Year, and with a R 190. Million spent thus far, we are confident that our spending pattern is within target.

PROGRAMME 2: TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

Honourable Speaker.

This is our biggest programme, and together with our other Expanded Public Works Programmes, this forms the basis of the Department's Conditional Grants' allocation.

It largely incorporates activities within the public transport sector, which are; Bus Subsidies, regulation of the Taxi Industry, the finalisation of Integrated Transport Plans in Municipalities, and the activities of the Gateway Airports Authority Limited.

Our Bus Subsidies Programme is an economic enabler, whose value chain is not only limited to bus operators.

It includes hawkers, petrol attendants, marshals, bus cleaners and other ancillary jobs, within the bus industry.

A part of this budget will also be channelled towards the completion of the Thohoyandou Intermodal facility, which is long overdue.

I will be visiting the facility, in the next few days, as part of my first 100 Days in Office, and I am confident that I will furnish this House with a good report, after the visit.

Honourable Members, we are also looking into a number of ways, to make the Gateway Airports Authority Limited, to become self-reliant, and I am informed that the Board is making in-roads towards this objective.

During the recent airshow, held at the Polokwane International Airport, there were indications by some participants, of establishing an Aviation School in the Province.

We are in constant contact with these potential investors, and we are confident that in the not-so-distant future, we shall be making pronouncements about this development, in this august house.

Of the allocated R 1. 060 Billion, we have spent around a R 190. Million, which is 18.7% of the total allocation.

PROGRAMME 3: TRANSPORT REGULATION

One of the core functions of this Department is to maintain and promote road safety.

Honourable Speaker, we are confident that, upon completion of their learnership, at the end of this calendar year, the 150 candidates enrolled at the Limpopo Traffic College, will be a positive injection into the numbers of our traffic officials on our roads.

This will be a quantum leap, towards our goal of reducing fatalities, on our roads.

We are most certainly concerned with the 9.1% fatality increase that was recorded in the past financial year.

We have also noted a spike in pedestrian fatalities, throughout the various parts of our Province, and we have made a resolve to heighten our road safety campaigns towards them.

We have spent 26% of our allocated budget, which is R 234.4 Million against the allocated budget of R 881. 9 Million.

PROGRAMME 4: PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE SERVICES

Honourable Speaker, Section 206 of the Constitution of the Republic, mandates the Department to oversee the efficacy of the police services.

With an allocation of R 630. 677 Million, this Programme has employed at least One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety candidates, through its various Expanded Public Works Programmes.

We have the best model and the most functional system of Community Police Forums, in our Province. We have CPF's in all the 104 Police Stations.

We are involved in on-going engagements with various municipalities, throughout the Province, to conclude the establishment of Community Safety Forums, which is another programme that aims to swell the ground and suffocate various forms of crime.

Honourable Speaker, Josiah Stamp – an English Industrialist, Writer and Economist, reminds us that, “It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities”.

We shall do everything possible, to ensure that public funds are spend in the most responsible and accountable manner.

Our services are not only impactful, but they are executed at the right time, at the right place, at the right cost to Government.

Honourable Members, I therefore table this 2024/25 Budget allocation, for the Department of Transport and Community Safety.

I thank you.

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