

TABLING OF THE LIMPOPO ADJUSTMENT APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT BILL (B02-2025) BY MEC FOR FINANCE, MR K.E MAHOAI IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON 6 MARCH 2025.

Honourable Speaker, I am here to request the House to consider the Limpopo Adjustment Appropriation Amendment Bill, 2025.

1. Climate change is no longer a distant threat—it is a lived reality that is reshaping the lives of our communities, public infrastructure, and the economy in general. Its impact is evident in the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, which continue to disrupt livelihoods and strain public resources.
2. In December 2024, our province experienced heavy downpours and strong winds that caused widespread damage to critical infrastructure, including schools, government offices, health facilities, libraries, as well as district and provincial roads. The destruction has not only placed an immense financial burden on the province but has also disrupted essential services, negatively affecting the socio-economic well-being of our people.
3. The Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), through the Provincial Disaster Management Centre, has assessed the damage and made a submission for funding of immediate recovery and rehabilitation projects in the province.
4. The total preliminary provincial departments cost estimates received amounts to R1.955 billion to restore the damaged infrastructure. However, a request for urgent recovery and rehabilitation interventions funding amounting to R723.437 million was received by Provincial Treasury from the Provincial Disaster Management Center (PDMC) for the current financial year covering the remaining two months of the current financial year.
5. Madam Speaker, Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act gives provisions for the use of funds in emergency situations. Section 25 (1) of the PFMA provides that the MEC for Finance in a province may authorise the use

of funds from that province's Provincial Revenue Fund to defray expenditure of an exceptional nature which is currently not provided for and which cannot, without serious prejudice to the public interest in the province, be postponed to a future appropriation by the provincial legislature.

6. Section 25 (6) of the PFMA further prescribes that Expenditure in terms of subsection (1) must be included either in the next provincial adjustments budget for the financial year in which the expenditure is authorised, or in other appropriation legislation tabled in the provincial legislature within 120 days of the MEC for Finance in the province authorizing the expenditure, whichever is the sooner.
7. To this effect, I authorised, in terms of Section 25 of the PFMA, the withdrawal of R500 million from the Provincial Revenue Fund to fund the urgent recovery and rehabilitation intervention requests received from the Provincial Disaster Management Centre, which was endorsed by the Provincial Executive Council.
8. As required per section 25(4) of the PFMA, I have reported the s25 approval to the Provincial Legislature and the Auditor General within the prescribed 14 days.
9. In order to fund the R500 million all provincial departments were requested to declare savings to be surrendered into the Provincial Revenue Fund to augment the funding of this intervention. I am happy to report that the provincial departments heeded the call and have made an amount of R271.598 million available to fund emergency recovery and rehabilitation intervention projects which will be surrendered to the Provincial Revenue fund to assist in funding the R500 million authorised.
10. Madam Speaker, the Minister of Finance has in compliance with Section 18 and 19 of the Division of Revenue Act (Act 3 of 2024) published **Gazette No. 52207 dated 3 March 2025** which gives effect to the following changes to the allocations to the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) and Department of Education

a) In compliance with Section 18 of DORA

- i. The National Department of Human Settlements had stopped the transfer of funds to Western Cape (R200 million) and Gauteng (R300 million) and Free State (R50 million) for the Human Settlements Development Grant, following revised allocations by the National Department of Human Settlements, and
- ii. The National Department of Basic Education stops the transfer of **(R187.925 million)** funds to Limpopo Department of Education for the Education Infrastructure Grant, following revised allocations by the National Department of Basic Education.

b) In compliance with Section 19 of DORA,

- i. The National Department of Human Settlements re-allocates **R200 million** Human Settlements Development Grant funds to Coghsta Limpopo.

11. In compliance with Section 31 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 as amended, I herewith table the 2024/25 Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Amendment to provide for:

- i. Appropriation of funds that has become available to the province;
- ii. Unforeseeable and unavoidable expenditure recommended by the Provincial Executive Council of the province within the framework determined by the Minister;
- iii. Expenditure in terms of section 25;
- iv. The shifting of funds between and within votes; and
- v. The utilisation of savings under a main division within a vote for defrayment; of excess expenditure under the main division within the same vote in terms of section 43.

To this effect the budget adjustment allocations per department are proposed to be amended as follows:

Vote 1 – Office of the Premier

The Office of the Premier surrenders savings of **(R11 million)** for the provincial disaster recovery and rehabilitation interventions and the department's budget is revised downwards from **R510.396 million** to **R499.396 million**.

Vote 2 – Legislature

The Legislature's 2024/25 adjusted allocation was not affected and will remain the same at **R648.475 million**.

Vote 3 – Education

Department of Education's allocation has been adjusted downward by **(R213.537 million)** which includes the stoppage of **(R187.965 million)** from the Education Infrastructure Grant; and the surrender of **(R112 million)** declared savings for provincial disaster recovery and rehabilitation interventions. The Department also receives an amount of **R86.388 million** for Disaster Management Intervention for infrastructure damaged by floods. The department's budget is therefore amended from **R40.060 billion** to **R39.846 billion**.

Vote 4 – Agriculture and Rural Development

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's budget allocation has been adjusted downward by **(R35.3 million)** from **R1.846 billion** to **R1.811 billion** as a result of declared savings to augment the Provincial Disaster funding.

Vote 5 – Provincial Treasury

Provincial Treasury surrenders **(R11.463 million)** to fund the provincial disaster recovery and rehabilitation interventions and the department's budget is adjusted downward from **R453.110 million** to **R441.647 million**

Vote 6 – Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism

The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism's allocation has been adjusted downward by **(R10.200 million)** from **R1.810 billion** to **R1.800 billion** as a result of declared savings to augment Provincial Disaster funding.

Vote 7 – Health

The Department of Health's budget allocation has been increased by **R1. 037 million** for disaster management interventions, from **R24.757 billion** to **R24.758 billion**.

Vote 8 – Transport and Community Safety

The Department of Transport and Community Safety's 2024/25 adjusted allocation has been amended downwards by **(R50.635 million)** from **R2.642 billion** to **R2.591 billion** to augment the disaster funding.

Vote 9 – Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure

The Department's allocation increases by **R412.243 million** for urgent infrastructure disaster recovery and rehabilitation interventions; and reduces by declared savings of **(R13.5 million)**. The department's net increase in the allocated budget is **R398.743 million** from **R5.675 billion** to **R6.074 billion**.

Vote 10 – Sport, Arts and Culture

The Department Sport, Arts and Culture receives an additional **R0.332 million** for infrastructure damaged by the floods, and the department will surrender identified savings amounting to **R10 million** to fund Provincial disaster needs. Thus, the budget of the department is adjusted by a net decrease of **(R9.668 million)** from **R754.004 million** to **R744.336 million**.

Vote 11 – Co-operative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs

The allocation to the Department Co-operative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs has been increased by the additional conditional grant allocation from National Human Settlements of **R200 million** for Human Settlements and the department's equitable share is reduced by **(R5 million)** to fund the provincial disaster recovery and rehabilitation interventions, a net increase of **R195 million** from **R2.687 billion** to **R2.882 billion**.

Vote 12 – Social Development

The Department of Social Development's 2024/25 budget adjustment allocation is adjusted from **R2.104 billion** to **R2.091 billion**, a decrease of **(R12.5 million)** to fund the provincial disaster recovery and rehabilitation interventions.

Madam Speaker, I hereby in terms of Section 31 of the Public Finance Management Act, (No 1 of 1999 as amended), herewith tables;

1. The Limpopo Adjustment Appropriation Amendment Bill (Bill 02 of 2025) to effect these adjustments and increase the provincial budget by **R240.477 million** from **R83.946 billion** to **R84.187 billion**.
2. The Limpopo Adjustment Appropriation Amendment Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2024/25