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LIMPOPO WELCOMES IMPROVED 2025/26 AUDIT OUTCOMES AND COMMITS TO FURTHER PROGRESS

The Limpopo Provincial Government has welcomed the presentation of the Auditor-General's 2025/26 PFMA Audit Report, describing the findings as a positive step forward and a stronger platform for continued improvement in provincial administration.

Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba expressed her appreciation to Auditor-General Ms Tsakani Maluleke and her team for engaging with provincial role players and recognising the work underway to strengthen accountability and audit performance.

"We welcome the Auditor-General's report, which places the province in a better position for improvement. We are particularly encouraged by the increase in clean audits from six to seven. This progress reflects a province on the move, but we know there is more work to do," said Premier Dr Ramathuba.

The report recorded seven (7) clean audits (unqualified without findings - Office of the Premier, Provincial Treasury, Sport, Arts & Culture, Limpopo Tourism Agency, Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Transport and Community Safety and Agriculture and Rural Development), nine (9) unqualified audit opinions with findings (Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gateway Airports Authority Limited, Health, Education, Provincial Legislature, Limpopo Gambling Board, Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Corridor Mining Resources SOC Ltd, Roads Agency Limpopo) and three (3) qualified audit opinions with findings (Great North Transport, Limpopo Economic Development Agency and Social Development).

The Auditor-General noted that this was the first time Limpopo had reached these audit-outcome levels, and commended the Premier, the MEC for Finance and the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs for their support to departments, including work to improve performance plans.

Said Ms Maluleke: "It is going to be imperative that the gains made are never lost, irregular expenditure gains and maintaining discipline in preventing unauthorised expenditure must not be reversed. These are set of outcomes that are showing that this is a province on the move."

The Auditor-General also highlighted the increased attention being paid by audit committees and internal audit functions, while emphasising the importance of oversight bodies in sustaining favourable audit outcomes. She urged the province to protect the gains made, particularly in managing irregular expenditure.

The Provincial Government reaffirmed its commitment to consistent, disciplined financial management and to addressing the challenges facing entities including the Roads Agency Limpopo and the Limpopo Economic Development Agency.

“The audit results are an important measure of progress, but they must translate into better services for our people. We will protect the improvements achieved, address areas of regression and strengthen accountability across government,” said Premier Dr Ramathuba.

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