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2019/20 BUDGET VOTE 5  
Department of Community Safety  
and Transport Management**



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**Department of Community Safety and Transport Management  
Budget Vote 5 for the Financial Year 2019/20, delivered by  
Member of the Executive Council, Honourable Jonas Sello  
Lehari at the North West Provincial Legislature; Mahikeng;  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 09H00.**

**Madam Speaker,**

Let me begin my speech by observing the following protocol in to your August House

Hon. Speaker: Hon. S. Dantjie

Deputy Speaker: Hon V. Motsumi

Esteemed Premier of the Province, Professor T.J. Mokgoro

Chief Whip of the Majority Party, Hon. P. Sebego

Chair of Chairs: Hon. M. Cwaile

Fellow Members of the Executive Council

Respective Members of the Provincial Legislature

Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads, Transport and Community Safety: Hon. K. Medupe

Members of the Mayoral Committee and Chairpersons from different municipalities

The Administrator: Mr. N. Nqandela

Acting Head of the Department: Mr. M. Morule

Senior managers of the Department

Acting SAPS North West Provincial Commissioner: Major General Naidoo

SAPS Senior Managers

CPF (Community Policing Forum) PEC (Provincial Executive Committee)

Community Safety Fora (CSF)

NTI

Popcru

Santaco

Sansboc

Satawu

Nehawu

PRE (Provincial Regulatory Entity)

PSA

Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders; Kgosi Mabe

Members of the media

Fellow compatriots in the gallery

Bagaetsho thobelake re a lotšha

**Madam Speaker,**

the 08th of May has ushered another milestone in the history of South Africa, a new journey that we will embark on as we strive to change the lives of our people. It was not the fact that the elections were hotly contested that made the 2019 election historical, but the strong message that our people across the length and breadth of the North-West province have sent to us, we dare not disappoint them.

The message was loud and clear, the call has been made, we are duty bound to deliver. Our people didn't vote for history, our people voted for change, change to conditions they live in, changes for comfort and security, changes for safe transportation and better road infrastructure, and we therefore stand here today and declare to the people of the North West that **WE HEARD YOU AND WE DARE NOT FAIL YOU.**

**Honorable Premier,**

I take this single honor to officially congratulate you for your appointment as the leader of the people's province of the North West and further thanking you for having delegated your powers to manage, coordinate and facilitate the safety of people, both in the comfort of their houses, on the street they walk in and the transport they travel on a daily basis, I DARE NOT FAIL YOU.

**Furthermore, Madam Speaker,**

as we welcome the election of President Matamela Ramaphosa to lead this 06th Administration, we take this opportunity to also congratulate the recently appointed ministers in the sixth administration, Honourable Minister Fikile Mbalula for Transport and Honourable Minister Bheki Cele for Police.

It gives me pleasure to be presenting this budget speech for the sixth administration, and also presenting it in a month in which we honor one of the greatest leaders ever to be produced by the southern part of the African continent, Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

As the MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, I have agreed with the Provincial Management on the commencement of weekly high density, high visibility targeted operations which will also become the order of the day so that our communities will feel safe.

In honour of the icon, on the 19th July 2019, we ensured the safety of our road users by making a roadblocks at Matlosana and JB Marks which was specifically meant for visible policing and law enforcement.

We are on the 25th year of Freedom and democracy. We may not take this milestone achievement for granted, as it will forever remain in the history books of our struggle to liberation.

*"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers fear",* so said Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

We will continue with these joint operations until the end of the month and beyond, we will be targeting the Bojanala Platinum, Ngaka Modiri Molema and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati Districts.

These operations are known as "*Re bona ka matlho joint operation*". We are working together with the police, traffic officers and municipalities.

There will be numerous raids all over the Province and the search and seizures in most of the schools in the Province in consultation with the relevant department.

We are presenting this budget with a hope that it will address the needs of the masses we serve, which is safety and security for our people and efficient and effective transport services.

**Madam Speaker,**

I present the budget of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management being inspired by the word that says "*I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way lays defeat and death,*" so said Nelson Mandela

We agree with President Ramaphosa when he said in his 2019 inauguration speech that; "*We must be a society that values excellence, rewards effort and hard work as well as rejects mediocrity. We must be a society that values its young people by creating a conducive environment for them to gain skills and be productively employed to develop our country*".

**Madam Speaker,**

in the State of the Province Address, the Premier highlighted these key critical issues which we have factored in our budget, thus relates to school safety in collaboration with the Department of Education as well as the scholar transport upgrading system, HON PREMIER, WE DARE NOT FAIL YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH WEST, we heard the call of the President when he said "Khauleza" and indeed we shall move with speed.

We will move in speed to ensure that the people of Jouberton, the people of Khuma and Kanana don't leave in fear in their own houses, streets, churches and schools because of gangsterism. We shall move in speed Hon premier to ensure that the people of Boitekong, Mooioi, Marikana feels the comfort of the clarion call made in the freedom charter when it

says “there shall be houses, security and comfort”.

We are duty bound and obliged to ensure that the farmers in Morokweng, Manthe, Miga, Borakalalo and Dikgopaneng villages don't complain about stock theft and lack of urgent response from the police.

The President has made a call 'Khauleza'; let us all move in speed to ensure safety in our roads. Let our people not be statistic of people perishing on our road. Let us contribute to the reduction of expenditure by the Road Accident Fund. Let our cars take us to our destinations not to our graves. Let us leave on time and avoid unnecessary rush on our roads

I have a pleasure to announce that one of five funded students who are currently studying in France for a frozen Airline Transport Pilot Licence is Ms. Limpho Moilwa from Mahikeng.

On Transport Infrastructure, we welcome the commitment by Minister Mbalula that over the next nine (9) months, the Integrated Public Transport Networks will be operational in 5 additional Cities including Rustenburg.

Minister Bheki Cele on his budget speech highlighted the following important points or facts which included a promise to expand the police's anti-gang unit into a national unit to cover other gang-affected areas like Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape and parts of Johannesburg. Currently, the unit operates only in the Western Cape. We will engage with the Minister and the National Commissioner to also include gang-related areas in North West Province.

The Thuma Mina tune must reverberate in all the corners and dusty streets of our villages and farmstead in the Province. We must be visible in all the corners of the Province as the police and traffic officers, we must be found in Mafikeng, JB Marks, Taung and Moretele.

We must now Khauleza and reach out to the needy, the poor, the unemployed, the unsafe communities, our commuters and the disadvantaged communities.

We are glad as a department and welcome the establishment of the Rapid Response Task Team (RRTT) by the Premier which is solely aimed at addressing the service delivery protests and unrest.

As a department we urge all the relevant departments to respond promptly

to the demands of the communities by meeting and giving them responses to their demands, if these communities persist after having met with the departments. The department of Community Safety and Transport Management will act accordingly.

During the 2018/19 financial year the North West Province was faced with major community protests which served to divert the SAPS from its core business of preventing and investigating crime

1135 incidents of protest actions were experienced during the last year, of which 718 were peaceful and 417 characterised by violence. 432 criminal cases were registered during the April / May 2018 period alone with, 571 people being arrested in these cases.

What is clear is that we need to reach out to our communities to increase awareness on how the right to gather and protest, which is entrenched in our constitution, should be exercised.

The manner that they exercise these rights often serves to distract from the very real grievances they may have.

To illustrate the seriousness of uninformed activities of our citizens, the case of the person convicted for public violence in Rustenburg which has resulted in the offender receiving a custodial sentence of 7 years imprisonment is appropriate.

We need to educate our communities in this regard urgently using this precedent setting case as an example of the consequence of irresponsible exercise of their constitutional rights. The Department and the SAPS will in the current financial year reach out to communities in this regard.

We have already met with the Santaco to understand their challenges in the taxi industry. The taxi industry is experiencing challenges such as oversaturation of routes, allegations of fraudulent operator licenses across the Province.

The department will, as agreed, with Santaco, host a taxi summit, with the intention to improve the taxi type service and improve the image of the industry.

The scholar transport is regulated by the law, and their operators must be in a possession of scholar service operator license, but there is a forensic

investigation sanctioned by the Administrator, we will wait for the outcome and act accordingly. And moving forward, the department is prepared to pay all the service providers on time.

It is also important to highlight that we have met with Sansbok association to understand their plight. We will work with them to overcome their challenges.

As pronounced by the Premier, the department in the year under financial review, will embark on audit of all operator licences.

We have to indicate to the house that we had several meetings with the management of the NTI with the aim of assisting them overcome their financial challenges. We have met with the Minister on this matter, and we will be meeting with the Gauteng Province in the next week.

However we have a report on numerous aspects which is ready to be recommended to the next EXCO, they are;-

1. Establishment of an interim Board of Directors of not more than three people with expertise
2. Finalisation of the long term for NTI
3. Funding for NTI
4. Relocation of offices to the North West and extension of new routes for the NTI throughout the Province.

On the two Provincial Airports which are the key infrastructural assets at our disposal that are underutilized. The Department will work with the key stakeholders to attract investors to utilize these airports.

The Department continues to experience limited budget availed for the airports leading to an array of non-compliance issue at the two airports as raised by the South African Civil Aviation Authority.

In March 2019 the Zondo Commission approached the department through the office of the Administrator requiring information on the SA Express contract with the North West Government.

The department responded to a set of specific questions from the commission pertaining to the contract. Subsequently on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the CFO appeared at the Commission to give evidence.

The department remains committed to cooperate with the Commission as



and when called upon to do so.

We have been in talks to re-introduce railway services. Our railway network is currently underutilized

It is only utilized for goods trains since the halting of passenger Rail Services by Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA).

The department will therefore resume its engagements with the Minister and the key stakeholders such as PRASA, Transnet, Gauteng Department of Transport, National Department of Transport, Northern Cape Department of Transport and both the National and Provincial Treasury to resuscitate the passenger rail service from Johannesburg through North West to Kimberly in the Northern Cape, but this has to be submitted to the EXCO for approval.

**Madam Speaker,**

it is a routine exercise that for every financial year, the Provincial Treasury allocates a budget for every department.

Allow me now to present to the house the breakdown of the budget allocated to the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management.

**ALLOCATED BUDGET FOR 2019/20 PER PROGRAMME:**

PROGRAMME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT IN WORDS
Program one (1) ADMINISTRATION	R359 170 000	Three hundred and fifty nine million, one hundred and seventy thousand Rand.
Program two (2) PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE	R51 820 000	Fifty one million, eight hundred and twenty thousand Rand
Program three (3) TRANSPORT OPERATIONS	R1 220 047 000	One billion, two hundred and twenty million, and forty seven thousand Rand

Program four (4) TRANSPORT REGULATIONS	R634 114 000	Six hundred and thirty four million, one hundred and fourteen thousand Rand
TOTAL	R2 265 151 000	Two billion, two hundred and sixty five million, one hundred and fifty one thousand Rand.

**Madam Speaker,**

Let me start by reflecting on the achievements we have made in the financial year 2018/2019.

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION, we continued to invest on capacitating both our officials and unemployed youth, by way of training and creating jobs for the unemployed.

**We are Serious about Job Creation**

We have managed to recruit 100 unemployed youth and they are busy with their skills, competence and academic training on Traffic Officers Diploma.

Through this Learnership Programme earlier in the year 2019 we welcomed back 31 Traffic Learnership graduates. These were recruited in the 2018/19 and had completed their Road Traffic Diploma at Boekenhoutkloof and Mpumalanga Traffic Colleges.

All of them were immediately appointed and posted to various traffic stations as Provincial Inspectors, Traffic cops.

We have partnered with SETAs and TVET colleges, where we continue to appoint graduates on an Internship Programme. About 50 young people are given this necessary experiential learning in relevant directorates of the department.

They will remain here executing roles and responsibilities for over 18 months. And they are mentored and monitored by seasoned and experienced supervisors.

We have also appointed a second group of 20 EPWP's contract workers for a period of 12 months, and they started in January 2019.

Madam Speaker, this department confronted the Transformation Issue quite favourably and whilst the Department has a total of 1428 employees, 765, that is (53.58%) are females and 663 or (46.43%) are male employees.

It must be noted, however, that the Department is not doing well in relation to reaching the 50% target females at Senior Management or SMS level. Currently there are 24 SMS members of which 11 are females and 13 are males. This means 45.83% females and 54.17% males.

Whereas on the Disability status we are doing quite well. Out of a total staff compliment of 1428, 2.17% are people with disability.

The Department plans to increase the staff members within the underrepresented categories by recruiting more whites, Indians and Coloureds through the Road Traffic Management Learnership Programme in the next advertisement.

On Skills Development,

Honourable Members, staff empowerment is one of the areas that we are committed on and we continue to record progress in every financial year. For the period under review, we have managed to award bursaries to 22 Staff members and 4 unemployed youth.

Regarding SMS Financial Disclosure,

I am pleased to report to the house that all Senior and Middle Managers have complied with the Financial Disclosure Framework for 2018/19. All these colleagues have met the deadline for submission of online disclosure.

Myself and the Head of Department have also been exemplary, and have also complied with submission to the Public Service Commission date of the 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Plans are in place to ensure that all other designated Employees including those in the Finance and Supply Chain Management Units comply by the due date.

## Fighting Corruption within the Law Enforcement Fraternity

Madam Speaker, one of the core responsibilities of this Department is to ensure visibility of Traffic Officer. We are however, still faced with a challenge of those members of the Public who tempt our Traffic Officers. I must however report that we have committed men and women in beige.

Right here with us, is Provincial Inspector P/O laotse Christopher Ditibane, from Borakallo Village in Lehurutshe. He is stationed at Brits Traffic Station. This young traffic officer is continuing to respond positively to the Departmental call of 'saying no to Bribery'.

Recently, a Mr. Patrick O'Leary of Fleetwatch spotted two Traffic Officers on between R564 and R511 at around 21H00. And these were Mr. Christopher Ditibane and Mr. Ontiretse Mogokonyane who stopped an overloaded vehicle with plastic recycling material.

Mr. Ditibane together with his Colleagues also conducted themselves professionally throughout their interactions with the Driver of the Vehicle who tried to bribe them with KFC.

Let me acknowledge and express words of gratitude to PI Ditibane who is here with us in the gallery as I speak.

Administration is allocated R359 170 000 (three hundred and fifty nine million, one hundred and seventy thousand rand).

- R 148 518 000 (one hundred and forty-eight million, five hundred and eighteen rand) is for compensation of employees
- R 203 607 000 (two hundred and three million, six hundred and seven thousand rand) is for goods and services
- R 3 128 000 (three million, one hundred and twenty-eight rand) is for transfers and subsidies
- R 3 917 000 (three million, nine hundred and seventeen rand) is for payment for capital assets.

This will enable support and ensure the smooth functioning of the Department in achieving its goal of rendering effective, efficient and sustainable services.

In this financial year, we will continue to recruit unemployed youth for the Traffic Learnership to increase our law enforcement officers.

**Madam Speaker,**

the Department will recruit and train Unemployed youth as follows:

Currently 100 are being trained for Traffic Officers Diploma  
Learnership Programme

10 as Examiners of Driving License

10 on various Artisan Programme for the 4 Government Garages

We will also appoint 20 Unemployed Graduates on an 18 months  
Internship Programme and further appoint new 20 EPWP Contract Workers  
in the financial year 2019/20.

**Honourable Members,**

the Department will start conducting the Cheka Impilo health campaign  
which was launched by the Deputy President. This is a call for South  
Africans to move from a curative response to health. And to adopt  
preventative approaches to live as well as adopt of healthy lifestyles.

#### PROGRAMME 2: CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE

The implementation of the Outcome 3 of '*Ensuring that people are and feel  
safe*' will never be a walk in the park; however we continued to mobilize our  
communities to partner with us in the fight against crime.

As we are under Section 100 (1) (b), one of the critical Intervention areas  
was to establish the Provincial Secretariat in terms of the Act and that is  
still in progress. To this end, numerous consultative meetings were held.  
We have successfully developed an Organogram and completed  
a proposed structure. We hope that the process will yield positive results.

**Madam Speaker,**

for the financial year under review, the Department through this  
Programme has achieved its strategic objectives targets which are being  
recorded as follows:

Two research projects:

Community Safety Audit which was aimed at police station precincts that  
have high levels of crime in order to gain an understanding of the crime

problems and contributory factors, and to identify appropriate interventions to address the identified problems was carried out at Rustenburg, Jouberton and Potchefstroom.

Findings from the research indicated that, there is a need to emphasise that human resource issues and vehicle shortages should be addressed.

There is also a need to broaden the network of communication between the police stations and surrounding communities. We must advocate for Municipalities to prioritise implementation of Community Safety Forums (CSF).

We will ensure that community safety audits are conducted annually and safety plans are developed, implemented and monitored.

A Census Research Project was carried out in all the eighty three (83) Police Stations within the North West Province. The project focused on the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act and compliance to Legislative Prescripts by the South African Police Service.

The research is aimed at giving the Department an overview of each and every Police Station in the Province and to enable it to focus more on those needed intervention and support. The Research reports once finalised will be shared with the Legislature.

**Madam Speaker,**

for the year under review, the focus was on monitoring implementation of previous recommendations made by the Department to the SAPS. Twenty one (21) Police Stations were targeted focusing mainly on recommendation based on the National Monitoring Tool and Domestic Violence Act Compliance.

The level of compliance has improved; however, the Department will continue to monitor the Police Stations as part of the oversight work.

We have managed to conduct unannounced visits to twenty (20) Police Stations during the night, over weekends, month end, during specific periods with high incidents. As part of intervention process to address complaints relating to breakdown in community relations with the SAPS and those identified by community that are contributing to community protests.

The findings following the visits indicated that there was a serious shortage of resources; including personnel and vehicles, police stations without backup generators and detention cells not in working conditions.

All these were identified as contributing to challenges of poor services delivery to communities and needing immediate intervention.

**Honourable Members**, the Compliance Forum constituted of the SAPS, Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) continues to function effectively. Whilst the implementation of IPID recommendations by the SAPS has improved drastically. These included all misconduct cases against SAPS Members.

The Department has identified SAPS infrastructure buildings not being utilised to provide services. Unfortunately various excuses were provided for non- functionality of these structures.

Communities in those areas have in various times submitted Memorandums to the Department demanding the immediate functionality of these Police Stations.

The following were reasons provided for by the SAPS for not utilising these police stations:

- Dwarsberg police station– the construction was stopped as a result of SARS Audit
- Moeka-Vuma police station - the project was terminated due to poor performance of the Contractor.
- Mabeskraal police station - the project was terminated due to poor performance of the Contractor.

In all these Police Stations, Moeka-Vuma is the only one which has not been provided with the mobile Police Station, and it will be provided soon.

In all of the above Police Stations, SAPS Divisional Commissioner Supply Chain Management indicated that they are attending to the matter.

Madam Speaker, the following Police Station buildings are in a bad and unacceptable state and have contributed to a number of service delivery protests as community members request that they be provided with new infrastructures:

- Letlhabile Police Station
- Kanana Police Station
- Boitekong Police Station
- Ganyesa Police Station
- Ipelegeng Police stations

In the following areas, there is a serious need for Satellite Police Station as the areas have grown and becoming impossible for policing;

- Dinokana in Lehurutshe
- Majakaneng in Mooinooi
- Magogong in Taung
- Kokomeng in Taung

The Community Safety Patrollers programme has benefitted 430 unemployed youth, men and women in the three Districts (Ngaka Modiri Molema, Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Bojanala Platinum), and this was in partnership with the Department of Public Works as part of EPWP. In the near future it will be rolled out to Dr. Kenneth Kaunda

The Department further forged partnerships with Local Municipalities and other key role players in implementing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design(CPTED) programme. One of the pillars of the National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) focusing on designing systems to reduce the opportunity for crime. This has the potential to increase the ease of detection and identification of criminals.

The activities of debushing were conducted in the following areas: Molelema, Mmabatho Railway line Unit 6, Madibogo Ward 12. As well as at Leeudoringstad, Makwassie and Wolmaranstad.

Violence against Vulnerable Groups including Children, Youth, Women, and Persons living with Disabilities, Elderly and LGBTIQis on the rise. And the Department has positively responded to the outcry ensuring that the programme delivers relief to communities.

During the current financial year under the auspices of the President's Economic Stimulus Package policing will seek to roll out policing operations which address the following:

- Priority 1: Crime against women and children



- Priority 2: Trio Crimes (house robbery/ business robbery / Car Hijacking)
- Priority 3: Murder including Taxi violence and Police Killings
- Priority 4: Proliferation of firearms, liquor, drugs & gangsterism; illegal immigration & stock theft; illicit economy & ferrous and non-ferrous metal theft
- Priority 5: Corruption

To achieve these targets set for the police the following will be enhanced:

- Intelligence gathering, analysis and co-ordination.
- Proactive and High Visibility of security forces
- Combat and Reaction Approach to crime
- Reactive through Detection including Organized Crime Approach to address larger crime networks
- Communication & Liaison to make our communities aware and keep them informed

In spite of the critical personnel shortage being experienced at station level, specialised teams have been established to focus on Trio Crimes, Illicit Mining, and Drugs & Firearms and well as high density operations. The operations will be SAPS led however all stakeholders will be drawn in to address their own competencies such as Traffic Police, Home Affairs, Municipalities etc. so that root causes of crime can be addressed.

Partnerships were also strengthened with social partners such as Memeza Community Crime Prevention Initiative. Through this initiative, we managed to supply 170 household with safety gadgets to a number of vulnerable groups in Hebron. Whereas the community patrollers in the Brits Cluster were resourced with reflector jackets, two way radios, crime information boards as well as torches.

A campaign on Gender Based Violence was focused on vulnerable groups including special schools in Ngaka Modiri Molema District.

A total of 8792 learners were reached as part of the School Safety Programme to address the challenge of Gangsterism, Bullying, Substance abuse, Dangerous weapons and Gender Based Violence.

In addressing the high rate of housebreakings and theft in communities, awareness and door to door campaigns were held. The following areas: Mayaeyane Village in Makgobistad, Ikageleng village – Lehurutshe, Dithakong, Signal Hill, Delareyville, Top Village, Setlagole, Mmabatho, Itsoseng, Sondela in Boitekong, Vryburg, Ikageng, Jouberton and Piet Plessis were covered

In improving Community Police Relations, the Department continued to strengthen community structures like Community Police Forums (CPFs) and Community Safety Forums (CSFs).

Last financial year, a total of R1 030 000 was set aside and disbursed to 35 Non-Profit Institutions. This was dedicated to the implementation of social crime prevention programmes in communities in enhancing the police efforts to address crime.

As part of our constitutional mandate regarding our oversight role, community policing forums in the 83 police stations were monitored and supported. CPF Office Bearers were also inducted on their Legislative Mandate, Administration and Financial Management.

Since the CSF Evaluation Summit that was held in November 2017, the Department can today report that two CSFs have since been established in Ngaka Modiri Molema District and Matlosana respectively.

Consultative meetings were held with a number of Municipalities to resuscitate those that were previously established and no longer functional.

### Crime statistics

Madam Speaker, on crime statistics we recorded a drop in some form of criminal activities. This shows that we are indeed heading in the right direction in our quest to fight crime.

There has been some critical decrease as from the first quarter which is from April to June 2018 and April to June 2019

- Total sexual related crimes dropped 863 to 777
- All assaults increased from 4847 to 4884
- All robberies dropped from 2597 to 2260
- All burglaries dropped from 5480 to 5117
- All vehicle hijackings dropped from 157 to 110
- Bank related robberies dropped from 4 to 3

The programme has been allocated R51 820 000 (fifty one million, eight hundred and twenty thousand rand)

- R 32 582 000 (thirty-two million, five hundred and eighty-two thousand rand) is for compensation of employees
- R 17 738 000 (seventeen million, seven hundred and thirty-eight rand) is for goods and services.
- R 1 500 000 (one million, five hundred thousand rand) is for transfers and subsidies.

This allocation is expected to assist in enhancing interventions regarding crime prevention initiatives. This will include mobilization of communities and conducting oversight over the work and performance of the South African Police Service.

On Monitoring and Oversight

The Secretariat will continue with its constitutional mandate to monitor the SAPS and provide recommendations to improve the level of service delivery. These include Frontline Service, Monitoring compliance to IPID recommendations and compliance to Domestic Violence Act.

Two Research projects to inform policing policy will also be conducted as identified.

Complaints management will also be strengthened to ensure that complaints are resolved within the minimum time frame.

With regard to Crime Prevention Partnerships

In realising the mandate of ensuring that all people are and feel safe, the Department will enhance the efforts in establishing and maintaining partnerships to address crime.

The Department has received an Incentive Grant of R2 080 000 (two million and eighty thousand rand) from the Department of Public Works to create 89 work opportunities. An additional amount of R2 000 000 (two million rand) will be allocated to recruit more youth in response to the President's stimulus package.

The President has during the SONA 2019 indicated concerns about a number of social ills and criminal activities in communities. In addressing the challenges of substance abuse, Gangsterism and gender based violence.

Hence, the Department intends to enhance efforts and strengthening partnerships with relevant stakeholders and institutions.

This will be done through hosting a crime prevention summit in partnership with all key role players. The end product will be a developed provincial strategy for dealing with these matters.

Programmes to educate and raise awareness in communities will, among others include Anti Substance Abuse, Gender Based Violence Campaign, Anti Gangsterism, Anti property theft as well as Anti Dangerous weapons and School Safety programme.

In strengthening community structures, budget has been set aside to capacitate Community Policing Fora's (CPF) and Community Safety Fora's (CSF) The intention is to enhance their functionality and effectiveness. All 83 CPFs and the established CSFs will be regularly monitored and supported as per the Secretariat mandate.

A total of R1 080 000 (one million and eighty thousand rand) is allocated for transfers to NPIs to fight crime in communities and stations and areas contributing to high levels of crime will be prioritised to address such.

### **PROGRAMME 3: TRANSPORT OPERATIONS**

Honourable Speaker, the Department is taking care of the critical aspect of ensuring our communities are able to engage in socio-economic and cultural activities. This interaction is eased through the provision of a safe,

reliable and subsidised commuter transport. The initiative, furthermore, ensures that educational opportunities are easily accessible to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people communities of this Province.

These critical aspects as alluded to above are rolled out with two projects, namely;

- Subsidised Commuter service
- Learner Transport services

### Subsidised Commuter Service

For the period under review, like all sectors of our economy, the transport sector experienced high pressure due to escalating prices in the labour, spare parts and petroleum. This, unfortunately, affects all areas of services and consequently makes it quite difficult to extend services to areas in need of transport.

However, the National Department of Transport through Public Transport Operations Grant (PTOG) supplements our equitable shares. This enabled us to pay for services and in the period under review from the R110 419 000 (one hundred and ten million, four hundred and nineteen thousand rand) given to the Province. This indicates an increase into our allocation from 2017/18 of 4.3%.

I must add that, through our continuously and consistent appeal, the Public Transport Operations Grant (PTOG) for the year under review was topped up by R82 000 000. This was proclaimed by Minister of Finance as a shift from the Gauteng Department of Transport.

Honourable Members, I must confess that, unfortunately, we are moving with a chameleon speed on implementing the subsidised commuter services in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District. This is the only district that is not benefiting from this service and this is due to budget constraints.

## Scholar Transport Services

Be that as it may, in the year under review, 61 351 learners are being transported to schools by 203 operators using 747 buses. Unfortunately more learners and more schools, than we can provide, need this service.

In the current last Financial Year, the appropriated amount was R374 087 000 (three hundred and seventy four million, eighty seven thousand rand). But the reality is that, we are currently spending R582 823 203 (five hundred and eighty two million, eight hundred and twenty three thousand, two hundred and three), which we do not have, hence we apply for grants and shifting.

We need to thank Provincial Treasury who always come in handy and assist us whenever we are in distress.

We unfortunately must deal with the demon of overloaded buses. We are confronted with requests for additional buses from schools. Unfortunately, we do not have any budget for them.

We have requested our security office to ensure that all drivers or people working with our learners undergo security screening. This is promulgated by the provisions of the Children's Act. To this end, we have called upon all operators who have not submitted the requested documents to urgently do so.

### Challenges.

However, the following challenges are experienced:

- ✓ Overloading and unsubsidised routes for both commuter and scholar transport
- ✓ State of gravel roads in the Province where our poor people live.
- ✓ Increase in the number of beneficiaries needing transportation, but constraint budget to reach all.

## Transport Safety and Compliance

### Road Safety Community Engagement

We have attempted to reduce number of road crashes involving stray animals. And, in the same breadth create employment within identified communities. Hence the Department has implemented the Road Safety Rangers programme. Thereby appointing volunteers to patrol identified hazardous roads across the Province. To date 70 road safety rangers have been contracted by the Department.

A significant reduction of road crashes involving stray animals has been recorded since the introduction of this programme.

### Road Safety Education

#### Learner Driver License

The Department has been able to partner with the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) in implementing the Learner License Project at four identified high schools in the Province. These are (Majeng, Mmammutla, Romaine and Seleje Secondary Schools).

Two hundred learners participated in the project. Those who were able to successfully obtain learner licenses will continue with driver's license training in the 2019/20 financial year.

#### Scholar Patrol Programme

In an effort to reduce number of pedestrian incidents on Municipal and Provincial roads, the Department continued to register learners to participate in the Scholar Patrol Programme. However, there has been a decrease from 212 to 199 in number of schools participating in the scholar patrol programme. Apparently this is due to poor maintenance of Municipal roads and the rationalisation of schools.

#### Road Safety Promotions

The Department through various partnerships with relevant stakeholders both internally and externally has been able to implement road safety awareness activities. This, despite the increase in number of road crashes and fatalities recorded, especially on pedestrians.

The programme has been allocated R1 220 047 000 (one billion, two hundred and twenty million and forty seven thousand)

- R 86 417 000 (eighty-six million, four hundred and seventeen thousand rand) is for compensation of employees.
- R 458 437 000 (four hundred and fifty-eight, four hundred and thirty seven thousand rand) is for goods and services.
- R 635 998 000 (six hundred and thirty-five million, nine hundred and ninety-eight thousand rand) is for transfers and subsidies.
- R 39 014 000 (thirty-nine million, and fourteen thousand rand) is for payments for capital assets.

Transport sector is an important component of the economy and a common tool for development. Economic opportunities cannot be separated from the mobility of people, goods and information.

With the allocated budget in the financial year 2019/20, we will heed to a call for provision of effective and efficient transport systems in the Province.

#### On Subsidised Commuter Service

Despite all challenges faced by the department, we are committed to transporting our communities through safe, reliable and cost effective subsidised commuter transport. We will try to do with the rationalisation of services on a continuous basis.

In the financial year 19/20, the ANC led government has taken the need for transport by our communities to engage in socio-economic activities to heart. Honourable members, we are given R498 275 000 (four hundred and ninety-eight million, two hundred and seventy five thousand rand) to ensure that our village communities are able to access transport.

It is for this reason that in the financial year 2019/20, the supplementary grant will increase by 5.3% to R116 603 000 (one hundred and sixteen million, six hundred and three thousand rand) which is not enough but it's appreciated as it reduces pressure on the Provincial fiscus.

#### On Scholar Transport Service

Madam Speaker, Scholar transport is one project that builds and ensures the future of our communities and country at large. We must also appreciate the patience and commitment of Treasury in assisting the department to carry this essential service.



For 2019/20, the department will be using R412 342 000 (four hundred and twelve million, three hundred and forty two thousand) to ensure our children access schools without travelling more than 5km.

Madam Speaker, in trying to do more with less, we will need the understanding of our clients, mostly the Department of Education as we try to re-route and clean the system going forward by ensuring only beneficiaries in line with Policy are catered for.

#### On Infrastructure Planning

The Department will work hard to strengthen the connotation amongst the North West University, South African Local Government Association, Municipalities and other key transport stakeholders to develop the Integrated Transport Plans (ITP's), assist the Municipalities to implement such plans in collaboration with their respective Integrated Development Plans (IDP's).

These institutions will equally strive to capacitate the Municipalities to carry out the Land Transport function as well as implement the ITP's in line with the National Land Transport Act (NLTA).

#### On Infrastructure Operations

We have successfully completed the process of renaming the Mahikeng Airport, which is now the George Dick Montshioa Airport.

All stakeholders have been informed and we will officially launch the name change during the financial year 2019/20.

Honourable Members, our two main Provincial airports, George Dick Montshioa Airport and Pilanesberg International Airport shall be optimally utilised to function as catalyst to economic growth and development of our province.

We are still awaiting National Department of Transport and Home Affairs to finalise transfer of international license from Pilanesberg Airport to Mafikeng Airport.

With regard to Non Motorised Transport

Madam Speaker, we will continue to implement the Rural Transport Strategy by providing relevant transport such as Animal Drawn Carts and bicycles.

With continuous assistance from the National Department of Transport, we will continue to ensure that those learners who walk long distance to schools yet not qualifying for scholar transport service are given bicycles to shorten their traveling time to school.

In the financial year 2019/20, we will hand over 1400 bicycles to those deserving learners targeting areas that have not yet benefited from this service.

On Transport Safety and Compliance

Road Safety Community Engagement

The Department will in the 2019/20 financial year strengthen relations with all stakeholders to ensure sustainability of the Road Safety Rangers Project. The number of contracted Road Safety Rangers will be increased to about 120 in order to ensure that more hazardous routes are patrolled and further reduction of road crashes involving stray animals.

Road Safety Education

Honourable Members, we will continue in partnership with the Road Traffic Management Corporation to implement Phase two of the Learner License Project at four identified high schools in the Province (Majeng, Mmamutla, Romaine and Seleje Secondary Schools).

This project intends to ensure that learners complete matric with valid driver's license and to reduce the pressure of obtaining fraudulent licenses as they seek employment which will ultimately result in the increase of road crashes involving the youth.

It has been recorded in the RTMC statistics reports that the youth are the main contributory category of road users to the number of fatalities experienced.

The Department in collaboration with the RTMC conducted Road Safety Education activities at institutions of higher learning to address various

such as drunken driving, speeding and pedestrian jay walking. The institutions visited included Taletso TVET Colleges, North West University, Mafikeng Campus.

It is through the success of such engagements that the Department will in the 2019/20 financial year develop a road safety programme targeting the youth at institutions of higher learning.

In an attempt to ensure that learners are and feel safe as they walk to and from school, the Department will strengthen the Scholar Patrol Programme by engaging the relevant authorities both internally (Department of Public Works and Road, Road Traffic Management Corporation and Local Municipalities) and externally (Business sector) to support the programme.

These engagements will focus mainly on ensuring that the road markings are properly maintained for continuous functionality of Scholar Patrol teams.

#### Road Safety Promotions

The emphasis for the 2019/20 financial year will be on the promotion of pedestrian safety as there has been a national increase of pedestrian fatalities from 34% to 37%. This will be done through intensified media awareness and community engagement activities which will be guided by the National Road Safety Strategy 2016-2020 approved by cabinet in March 2017.

### PROGRAMME 4: TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

**Madam Speaker,**

in our quest for promotion of safety in the transport environment, we endeavour to see all our road users complying with our laws and regulations. Particularly the National Land Traffic Act (NLTA).

For the year under review we have registered the following achievements:

#### On Law Enforcement

We have five weighbridge and finally completed the refurbishment of the Potchefstroom Weighbridge which makes it six;-

- Ventersdorp
- Koster
- Lichtenburg
- Zeerust
- Bapong
- Potchefstroom

The following projects were successfully completed too:

- Construction of the Madikwe Vehicle Testing Station was completed
- The weighbridge has since been opened in the last quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.

We are intending to build two more weighbridges, depending on the availability of budget, namely

- Mafikeng weighbridge
- Taung/Vryburg weighbridge

We have launched the Provincial Road Safety Steering Committee to ensure proper coordination of law enforcement activities within the province.

With regard to Transport Administration and Licensing,

#### **Madam Speaker,**

the people of Tweelagte in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality have been travelling about 40 kilometers to access services of registering their vehicles, doing vehicle disc renewal, change of vehicle ownership and all other related service.

But today, they are now getting all these services at their door step after Tweelagte Registering Authority was opened and handed to the Moses Kotane Local Municipality.

Adding to that we will be visiting Ventersdorp to restore the services.

We can proudly confirm that within six months, over 1583 vehicles have been registered and licensed there.

**Madam Speaker,**

another tremendous achievement of the Department is the completion of the construction and the commissioning of the Marikana Registering Authority in the Rustenburg Local Municipality.

The long awaited Setlagole Registering Authority was also completed and is currently servicing the Ratlou Local Municipality. This after the eNaTIS equipment and refurbishment to the site was undertaken. The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) was our partner in need in this front.

## PERMITS AND OPERATOR LICENSE

Honourable Members, we remain focused on ensuring a peaceful and stable taxi industry despite a few incidents of violence that have sought to derail this progress this past financial year.

I must reiterate that all law enforcement officials are discouraged from operating public transport like taxis, buses. For obvious reasons that this present a direct conflict of interests.

In the year under review all permits and operating licenses that resulted in operational conflicts were aligned to have operating conditions.

This review was necessary, we needed to align in accordance to the National Land Transport Act.

The Programme has been allocated R634 114 000 (six hundred and thirty –four million, one hundred and fourteen thousand)

- R 409 330 000 (four hundred and nine million, three hundred and thirty thousand rand) is for compensation of employees.

- R 184 597 000 (one hundred and eighty-four million, five hundred and ninety-seven) is for goods and services.
- R 4 983 000 (four million, nine hundred and eighty-three thousand rand) is for transfers and subsidies
- R 35 204 000 (thirty-five million, two hundred and four thousand rand) is for payments and transfers

It is in the interest of the people of North West that with this allocation, we must work day and night to save the lives of road users by ensuring that there is compliance to all relevant legislation.

#### Law Enforcement

- Official opening of the Madikwe VTS is on the cards for 2019/20 financial year.
- As a way of reducing youth unemployment again, 10 examiners of driving license and motor vehicle will be recruited and trained for six months. Upon successful completion of their training they will immediately be appointed permanently. And posted to various departmental testing centres in the province.
- The department to establish new pounds in every traffic station to clamp down on illegal public transport activities

#### Transport Admin & Licensing

- Through the technical assistance of the RTMC, the Department will now combine all registering authorities within a district through the implementation of the open border function to allow motorists to register and renew their vehicles anywhere within their district. This will be effected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

In conclusion

#### **Honourable Speaker**

I would like to pass my heartfelt gratitude to the following stakeholders whom we are working together

Indeed first impressions lasts longer, I am referring to the following;-

- Municipalities
- SAPS
- Traffic officers
- Popcru
- Nehawu
- Santaco
- Satawu
- PSA
- Sansboc
- PRE
- CPF
- CSF

Barbara Boxer once said, and I quote *"Law enforcement officers are never 'off duty.' They are dedicated public servants who are sworn to protect public safety at any time and place that the peace is threatened. They need all the help that they can get"*.

We will find a way to ensure the safety of our communities through visible policing and the safety of our road users through our traffic officers.

We will engage with the taxi industry through Santaco, bus operators through Sansboc and workers through their unions. We will ensure that we fight all forms of crimes to make sure that no one is above the law.

Lastly I would like to thank the following;-

- ANC for showing confidence on me by deploying me in the sixth administration,
- The Premier for appointing me as the MEC for Community Safety and Transport Services,
- EXCO for working together as a team,
- MPL's for their valued support,
- The Portfolio Committee for the oversight role they play
- The Administrator and his team,
- Acting HOD and the senior managers,

- My support staff led by the Head of Office,
- My family,
- Relatives,
- friends and comrades from the ruling party.

*“Great achievement or success in life is not everything, the most important thing in life is happiness”.*

We will continue to create a safe and secure environment for all the people in the Province, we must ensure that we prevent and combat crime that may threaten the safety and security of our communities, and promote road safety on our roads.

Finally let me quote from the holy bible;-

Moreri 3 verse 1 – 2, *“Sengwe le sengwe se na le nakoyasona.  
Maikaelelomangwe le mangwe a na le sebakasaonafa tlasegalegodimo.  
...Go na le sebakasa go tlhoma, le sebakasa go kumulatse di tlhomilweng”.*

Thank you very much!



