

**BUDGET VOTE 2015/16 FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TRANSPORT
MANAGEMENT BY HONOURABLE MEC GAOAGE OAGENG MOLAPISI -19 May 2015**

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Ma Afrika dumelang

Honourable Speaker, our province has since the last election experienced stability. This budget vote is in response to the Premier's vision which seeks to radically transform the socio-economic landscape of Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies through Setsokotsane programme. We have aligned our programmes to positively respond to Rebrand, Reposition and Renew Bokone Bophirima, within the Saamtrek, Saamwerk Philosophy .

When Ghana got independence on the 6th March 1957 in Accra, in his speech Dr Kwame Nkrumah echoed this words, **"at long last the battle has ended, and thus, Ghana, your beloved country is free forever, we have won the battle and again rededicated ourselves!... our Independence is meaningless unless it is linked up with the total liberation of Africa"**. Honourable members, Dr Nkrumah had a blue print for a United Africa which is borderless. He did not say the total liberation of Ghanaians' but of Africa as a continent. What happened in certain parts of our country a few months ago is a serious indictment on all of us. This is not what Dr Nkrumah wanted to see, where did we go wrong Africa, what is this xenophobia?

This department has been able to deal with service delivery issues raised by communities and not limited to Majakaneng, Ledig, Phokeng, Kanana, Khuma etc and brought back stability. As a caring government, our approach is to listen to the people, engage them through meetings and follow up thereto.

Honourable Speaker, I believe it will be proper and befitting that my point of departure should be on the recent lawlessness that happened in Mahikeng on Friday. For the benefit of those who did not have the opportunity to hear and see the unbecoming actions of the taxi drivers. Just after lunch we were caught by surprise, when the taxi drivers suddenly closed the roads and ranks causing chaos to the passengers and road users. Honourable members however, it must be noted that this incident happened immediately after the meeting that was convened by the North West Business Forum at the Crossing Mall in Mahikeng where Taxi owners and drivers were invited.

They alleged that they were not consulted on the introduction of high Frequency bus service. The truth of the matter is that they were consulted through their recognised and duly elected structure of Taxis. They confirmed this consultation in a meeting we held on Saturday the 16th May 2015 and apologised publicly in the media for misleading the society. They have now agreed that they will work with us through an established Working Committee on a number of issues they raised.

Yesterday the drivers again reneged from our agreement, and barricaded certain routes and removed passengers in the buses. We were however ready for them this time leading to the arrests and impounding of some of the taxis. The Executive of the Taxi industry approached me again for further engagement but I have said that this is now a problem that they must resolve with their drivers and have now met in the afternoon of yesterday to come up with a plan.

We now believe that this is not just about the concerns raised but more than this as it is the drivers that are involved in these acts and not the owners. We will therefore as from Tomorrow engage them on the process going forward. Madam Speaker, last night we had a meeting after another disruption of services. The meeting included the representation of taxi drivers. We have resolved and agreed that we are going to suspend the introduction of the buses to give space for further engagement and give space for the association to put their house in order.

As for those who have been arrested, we must allow the law to take its course and will release the impounded taxis at a fine. We subsequently after our meeting visited two radio stations in the evening and address the media on our resolve which included informing the people that the next day there will be no disruption and people will be safe to go to work, school and do their normal business. We hope and trust that we will keep our promise and there will be stability.

These buses are as a replacement of the old fleet and a response to the pronouncement made by the Premier in the State Of The Province Address, firstly in rebranding, repositioning and renewal of Mahikeng, secondly in reduction of congestions through encouraging public servants to use these busses and lastly to accommodate other forms of society like the disabled and the blind.

I am pleased to announce that last week Wednesday 13th May, we introduced a high frequency bus service in Mahikeng called "Reakgona". These busses are a replacement of the old fleet by Atamelang Bus service in order to implement Premiers matching orders. These buses will cover a distance of 24km radius operation and the new routes that came as a result of the new settlements like Extension 38 (Smarties) and 39 and Rooigrond. These buses also caters for people on wheelchairs and the blind at the same price that is currently paid. We will cooperate with the taxi industry as there will be no major changes including the bus fare. Setopo re supa sa nakedi, magogwe re mmea a sule.

Honourable Speaker last year I presented the Departmental first budget speech of the Fifth Administration.

I came in when the spirits and moods were high as a result of the implementation of the National Development Plan Vision 2030 under the leadership of Jacob Zuma which seeks to change the lives of our people and speed up service delivery. What we had to do firstly, we had to start with practical alignment of the Annual Performance Plan and how it was going to be delivered. I must hasten to say that this was not an easy exercise for us but our determination and dedication was greater than our fear and challenges

This is the beginning of my second year deployed as the Political Head of the Department. Responsibly, I proudly come here to present the Budget Vote for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management. It is my singular honour for having been given the opportunity to be the eyes and ears of the ANC government. This policy statement I am about to present mirrors how we have maneuvered and what we have achieved as the set targets.

We do this mindful of the profound words of Amilcar Cabral and I quote, ***"Always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone's head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future of their children. . ."***

Hon Speaker, no one can dispute that fact that there is a thin line between what Amilcar Cabral said years ago and what the NDP says today, according to the NDP, I quote, ***"In 2030, people living in South Africa must feel safe at home, at school and at work, and they enjoy a community life free of fear. Women walk freely in the street and children play safely outside. As a result of substantially reduced levels of serious and violent crime, businesses are thriving and local and foreign investors are establishing new businesses. This in turn leads to the creation of new job opportunities and the reduction of poverty and inequality."***

Honourable Speaker, undoubtedly Chapter 4 and 12 of the National Development Plan are explicitly clear on the mandates we are to implement as a Department. It makes firm commitment to achieving a minimum standard of living realized through multi pronged approach, faster and more inclusive economic growth. We also form part of the nine (9) sectors that must contribute towards employment, equipping people with skills, ensure that ownership of production is more diverse and able to grow rapidly.

In terms of Chapter 4 by 2030, it is part of our contribution to ensure that transport becomes a key driver in empowering South Africa and its people. Madame Speaker, you will agree with me that we have limited time to achieve this. You will further agree that with our Province being 70% rural this vision requires men and women who are fully skilled, very energetic and understand the needs of our communities including setting up of projects

Budget 2014/15

Honourable Speaker, during 20/14/15 financial year my Department was allocated a budget of (R1,585 927)One Billion Five hundred and eighty Five thousand, nine hundred and twenty seven rand. From this budget, we spend 97% of it. Our plan to spend 100% was affected by both reconfiguration and other external administrative issues which we did not have control over. We have surely learnt from challenges we experienced which now remains the lessons for this budget we are presenting.

I am also pleased to report to this house that most of the programmes we planned to implement have been delivered and others are at an advanced stage of delivery and will continue with them during 2015/16 financial year. The following are some of these programmes we achieved and our plans going forward:

Youth Development Programme

Indeed young people are the future of this country without exception and we need their long lasting rechargeable energy hence we are committed towards appointing unemployed Youth Activists towards the implementation of the mandate of the Department. To this date, 44 unemployed youth received a Road Traffic Management Learnership and have been permanently appointed as Provincial Inspectors. On the 4th January 2015, we bid farewell to (49) forty nine young people to Traffic College to start their twelve months training on Road Traffic Management Diploma and another 15 will be leaving in June 2015.

Twenty three (23) young people received learnerships on Examiner of Driving Licences and have been permanently appointed at DLTC's of respective districts and 30 unemployed youth will receive training this year. This is done in partnership with SASSETA.

We will this year recruit and train Forty (40) unemployed youth as Traffic Wardens. Upon completion, they will be deployed at various Weighbridges and Mahikeng for traffic control.

We did not end here; we further trained and appointed 15 unemployed youth on contract as fire fighters for the Pilanesburg Airport. Our plan is to appoint 15 more as Road Safety Activists. I must indicate that we delayed with this programme because we needed to confirm with Transport SETA on the accreditation of this training and the institution thereof. Honourable Speaker, it is quite imperative that Honourable Members must attentively listen to this one; three (3) unemployed youth will also be trained as Professional Pilots during 15/16 Financial Year. They are my special guests and are sitting right there that is Mr Thabo Ephraim Seane, Mr Thato Johann and Ms Thato

Constance Ntseane, nee Serepele. Please wave were you're sitting for this august house to see you.

Establishment of Provincial Traffic College

Last year, we also pronounced about the establishment of the Multi-disciplinary Traffic College. Ostensibly, we had thought by now that the College's first phase would be completed. I must report to this House that the land identified for this project had a number of challenges and we had to seek alternative land. As part of *of Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies Strategy which seeks to radically transform the Socio-Economic landscapes*, Kgosi Shole wa Batlounng has earmarked land for us which we hope will be suitable. *Matlo gosha mabapi*. realeboga Kgosi.

Establishment of Provincial Aviation Academy

Honourable Speaker, we are currently housing the private Aviation Academy at our Airport. This academy is only addressing one particular skill. We want our youth to diversify in different career paths on aviation. To this end, we are exploring partnership with the University of North West on the establishment of Provincial Aviation Academy. We hope to have finalized the feasibility study within 12 months. If successful, we will establish this at Lokaleng as part of VTSD and growing the economy of villages. **Bagaetsho go semeletswe.**

Road Safety Management

Madam Speaker, on the 11 March 2010, the United Nation General Assembly officially proclaimed 2011-2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety which seeks to reduce road accidents, injuries and fatalities by halve in 2020.

As part of our contribution, with Back to School campaign, the road safety education programme was intensified through the implementation of the Scholar Patrol programme. To date the Department further registered and trained 252 scholar patrol teams (totalling 2520 learners) across the Province.

During the year under review, we committed to increase our visibility on the road and have done that. A total of (105) one hundred and five road safety campaigns were conducted across the province and participated in the Provincial Setsokotsane intervention program. For the first time and as part of enhancing visibility, we involved and deployed senior managers to all corners of this province during the festive and Easter Arrive Alive period. This initiative will continuously be improved to ensure that we maximise our efforts.

I must say that despite the fact that we have achieved on our targets set in the Annual Performance Plan, we still have not reached our target on the driver behavior leading to number of incidents both serious and fatal. We are now faced with practical implementation to realize campaign on Decade of Action on Road Safety 2011-2020.

This is demonstrated by the number of incidents that took place in the province. A total of (802) Eight Hundred and two fatal crashes were recorded with (993) Nine Hundred and Ninety three fatalities. Compared to the previous year 2013/14, a total of (815) Eight

Hundred and Fifteen accidents were recorded with (994) Nine Hundred and Ninety four fatalities. Although we have contributed just 8% on road fatalities, we cannot be shy to announce that Bokone Bophirima Province became the second lowest according to 2014 Statistics. This is a serious concern and we cannot rest until we reduce these numbers. Monongwaga re tlile go dira go ka tlalaseatla Mmusa kgotla. We are humbled by the cordial support and relationship we enjoy from Road Accident Fund which came as a blessing in our province led by Advocate Thandazile Buthelezi who is also our guest today.

Our focus for the next financial year will be more on Road Safety education than on law enforcement as pronounce by the Premier. We plan to do campaigns and education to young and public transport drivers in the different public areas like shopping malls, taxi ranks etc than spending more time on road safety education in early learning centers. We have already started to visit the shopping centres and malls on different campaigns and education; we will be spreading the word to churches in our endeavor to partner with them on all our safety programmes. We will also give special focus on campaign against driving at High Speed, pedestrian safety, seat belt and drunken driving. For the drunken driving we are calling all liquor distillers and breweries to come into partnership with us.

Hon Speaker, we will further extend our campaigns to Techinkons, Colleges and Universities where most of the students are drivers and some even own cars that are usually referred to as "starter packs". We need to instil a sense of responsible driving on these young men and women of our province. We also need to teach them to be champion drivers at all times through obeying the rules of the road. In this regard, we will lobby and forge partnerships with these institutions.

Our programme for the grade 11 and 12 at rural schools is growing on an annual basis. We started with a total number of 100 learners and increased it to 300 in 2014/15. We have to date trained 300 and a total of 185 have passed their learner's licenses. 32 of these young men and women have passed their driver's licenses. Again Madam Speaker, on Friday the 8th of this month at Makgobistad ko motseng wa Kgosi Motsewakhumo, we issued these learners with their Learner's and Drivers Licenses. Re aga bokamoso jwa basha ba rona.

We are now increasing the numbers. Our plan for the coming five years is to train more than (2 500) two thousand five hundred learners and unemployed youth from rural schools and destitute families across the Province. We will achieve this through partnership with all our stakeholders. The Department is currently finalising an agreement with TETA on funding for this training. Nissan South Africa has already committed to participate in the project within the Madibeng Local Municipality by making available vehicles for training learners for driver licence. They have also committed to provide scholar patrol uniform in this municipality. We really appreciate this noble contribution and call upon them to roll it out to the Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies of this province.

We have received a grant of Thirty five million (R35 000 000) from Road Traffic Management Corporation and this will enhance our road safety programme. With this grant, we will spend it on training (1000) One thousand unemployed and destitute matriculants for acquiring learners and driving licence, we will also take 750 Grade 11 learners on learner licence training, assist young men and women to establish 8 driving schools to support this programme, train 40 youths for learner driver instructor course, purchase one road safety events truck, 4x Mobile billboards and 4x booze busses. We want to thank the Corporation for the continued support we enjoy. We also call upon companies to come on board in support of this youth project.

As part of community engagement programme, the Road Safety Stray animals Project was implemented through the Expanded Public Works Programme. This project continues to impact positively in ensuring that road accidents are minimised. This is one of the good initiatives of the Department and like any other project at infant stage, it was faced with a number of challenges which we plan to tackle this year. We cannot afford to have accidents caused by uninvited and unlicensed guests termed by the Deputy Minister of Transport Lydia Sindisiwe Chikunga such as donkeys, dogs, cattles, pigs etc.

Road Traffic Management

Honourable Speaker, we continue to issue high number of traffic fines instead of reducing them due to bad driver behaviour and motor vehicle fitness. While our plan is to give more attention on road safety, we are still compelled by the National Development Plan to upgrade the road traffic safety and enforce compliance with standards by both public and private transport users.

During the year under review more than (200 000) two hundred thousand summonses were issued in the province to the value of (R91m) ninety one million rand. Of these more than (110 000) One Hundred and Ten Thousand summonses were issued in relation to driver behaviour.

Out of the total number of fines issued, more than 70 percent remain unpaid to the approximate value of R68m for which warrants of arrests are issued. In our endeavour to remove drunk drivers from our roads, more than (580 000) Five Hundred and Eighty Thousand motorists were screened for alcohol and substance levels which led to over (400) Four Hundred arrests for driving under the influence.

In this financial year, we are embarking on a cleanup operation and will move from street to street, office to office to collect outstanding fines. We will also put systems in place such as on- line payments and speed point machines in identified payment points. Every Provincial traffic station is going to work on targets execution of warrants of arrest on a weekly basis to ensure that we **make you to pay**. I am calling all municipalities to work with us on this so that we maximise the limited resources we have. We are going to be working with FEED and Office of the Premier to explore a possibility of a policy that will ensure that public servants across the province are enforced to pay their fines failing which we shall consider other methods of recovering this debt called a fine from them. This operation will be termed Setsokotsane "Operation Patela".

Moving forward Honourable Speaker, and with the limited resources, we are now going to intensify target traffic policing through establishment of specialised units. To this end we will be fitting new 8 vehicles with speed in motion cameras.

We are going to review and refocus Jaws Intervention team again to make it even more vicious. We are going to increase our high way patrol team visibility on our major roads. Where necessary, we will concentrate some of these resources at one particular hotspot area to make an impact through joint operations with the police. Traffic officers will no more hide behind culverts and tress.

Driving Licence Testing Centres and Vehicle Testing Stations

We are concerned about the number of driving licence testing centres that are not functional. Our plan for the coming five years is to activate most of them where they are still needed. We must also warn municipalities that in cases where we find none compliance, we will take back this responsibility and not necessarily close as required by law leading to loss of revenue for you. We will therefore intensify these inspections during 2015/16.

Implementation of Securitised Number Plates

You will remember Honourable Speaker that we took over this project in 2014 and firstly had to satisfy ourselves whether it had benefits for the province. I am happy to announce that all systems are ready for implementation and will await the provincial name change processes as announced by the Honourable Premier.

Construction of Weighbridges

The process to construct a weighbridge in Lichtenburg is well underway. We expect site hand over by end June 2015. We have also started with feasibility study for construction of Vryburg Weighbridge and have set aside R6million for the first phase. We must also announce that the Ventersdorp Weighbridge is also well underway with the assistance of Department of Public Works and roads and is expected to be completed during 2015/16 financial year.

Public Transport Industry

Honourable speaker, part of the vision 2030, is that transport must be the key driver of empowerment in South Africa in order to ensure improved access to economy, movement of goods and mobility of the people as provided by the NDP.

We are geared towards that as a Department and during the last financial year, we had planned to reactivate the two Airports to enhance the economy of this Province. We had pronounced on the name change of Mahikeng Airport. I am pleased to announce that we have partnered with SA Express to provide passengers services for both Mahikeng and Pilanesburg Airports. I must reiterate that it is our responsibility to provide all modes of Transport to ensure the mobility of our people. We cannot deny the fact that we are subsidising in order to make the mode of transport more affordable to the communities. Our first flight started on the 27th March, between Pilanesburg Airport, Cape Town and OR Tambo International. Our plan is to increase this service to other destinations by the end of 2015.

Madam Speaker, obviously there are a lot of benefits such as:

It will be narrowing the distance between North West and other provinces as well as SADC Region. Secondly, it will stimulate economic growth and development as well as job creation in NW, Thirdly, it will make a catalytic impact on tourism, and the provision of NDP on effective, efficient and speedy public transport services.

As part of the Mahikeng Rebranding Repositioning and Renewal Programme, we will activate the Mahikeng Airport for passenger services in June 2015 for Johannesburg via Pilanesburg. We urge all the business communities and public servants to support this initiative. Would you rather risk your life as a result of fatigue and dangerous driving spending as little as R1200 for a return trip? We will at the same time officially unveil the new name of the Airport as Kgosi Montshiwa Airport. From the activation of these airports, more people will be able to access our tourism industry, business sector to boost our economy. More than (100) one hundred youth will benefit from both direct and indirect employment.

We will not end there; we are in the process of finalising a commercial agreement with the new investors inside the Airport precinct and will officially hand over part of the Airport for development and investment in June 2015. We are excited by this initiative as an estimated amount of R810 **million** has been proposed by the investor for establishing Aviation Logistics hub for the goods destined for the international markets, and establishment and management of an Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Centre.

The Economic Spin Offs for this are as follows

- Creation of more than 5000 jobs through construction, operations and activation of secondary sectors,
- Enhancement of the facility through construction of new infrastructure, which will amount to more than R0, 5 billion.
- Benefit to local enterprises which the investors specifically stated that they will create an Enterprise Development Programme which will ensure up to 35 percent spent to provincial businesses,
- The provincial government would immediately save on the tens of millions currently spent on the upkeep of the facility, including security, maintenance and servicing of equipment without any economic activity beneficial to the province.

Mmusakgotla, in his State Of the Province Address, the Premier announced that **Tshipi sebokolodi se gopa ka mpa se tšile go lelesela se leba ko Gauteng setswa Mahikeng**. During the May month we will sign a Memorandum of Agreement with PRASA to reactivate the passenger rail transport between Mahikeng and Johannesburg. We are pleased and of course very excited to announce that we will be amongst the first in the province to receive the luxury couches that are going to take a maximum of 6hours from Johannesburg to Mahikeng. All these efforts are geared towards implementation of the NDP in making transport more affordable. Mahikeng Train Station will also receive a new phase lift with a joint investment of about R30m from Office of the Premier, PRASA and the Department.

Bagaetsho lo santse lo tšile go bogela, re thuntsha lerole. This will also see the creation of more jobs for the day to day operations of the train. This will link and benefit small towns economically such as Zeerust, Swartruggens and Koster.

Honourable Speaker, we continue to provide transport for our learners in the rural areas in terms of the policies of this government. The Department was allocated (244 440) Two Hundred and Forty Million, Four Hundred and Forty Thousand Rands for the provision of this service.(399) A total of Three hundred and Ninety Nine busses were contracted to transport about (33 334)Thirty Three Thousand Three hundred and Thirty Four learners to(230) Two Hundred and Thirty schools. For this financial year, a total of(245 466) Two Hundred and Forty Five Million, Four Hundred And Sixty Six Thousand Rands has been set aside to transport(35 900) Thirty Five thousand Nine Hundred learners.

Our observation is that, some of the service providers reneged from the contract and took advantage of the system and are now using other modes of transport not contracted for like tractors and bakkies. Some have gone to the extent of using one bus whereas contracted for more than two buses to save on diesel which inconveniences the learners and causes overloading.

Honourable Speaker, we inherited a report on forensic investigation from the former Department of Public Works Roads and Transport which part of it implicates some of the scholar transport operators and government officials. I must report to this House that we have analysed it and are now ready to implement. **Go tšile go nkgga go sa bola.** As part of the cleanup campaign on scholar transport, we are going to tighten on the requirements set for this service as we cannot compromise the lives of our young ones. It must be our responsibility to provide scholar transport and we must come up with the best mechanism to deal with illegal transactions and challenges experienced in the past on compliance, we will introduce supervisory and monitoring services to assist in this regard but not limit ourselves to that.

As part of the implementation of NDP, we are expected to provide subsidised transport to the commuters of Bokone Bophirima. To this end more than 23 597 783 (twenty three million, five hundred and ninety seven thousand, seven hundred and eighty three) subsidised commuters were transported in the district of Ngaka Modiri Molema, Bojanala, and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati.

I am also pleased to announce that, for the first time in the history of this province, we will introduce subsidised commuter transport for Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality and the Department has completed a research on travel patterns in the District. We will start consulting with the taxi industry as usual. We will commence the project in Ventersdorp and Maquasihills Municipalities as the first phase and the second phase will be implemented at other municipalities in the next financial year. An amount of R7 million will be used for these two municipalities.

We have noted with concern as the Fifth Administration that our State owned entity, North West Transport Investment is currently not serving the interests of Bokone Bophirima community and continue to perform with a deficit. We have therefore resolved that some of the assets be sold to Gauteng Province. We further resolved that the company finds its footprint in the Bokone Bophirima province and serve its people.

To this end, we shall re-establish NTI in Bokone Bophirima from the proceeds of sale. We have engaged the Board in this regard who in return have resolved to appoint Transaction Adviser in the form of an Administrator to lead the process in the disposal of assets and re-establish the company in Bokone Bophirima.

Madame Speaker, the taxi industry poses a number of challenges which require our urgent attention. From the inception of this new Department to date, we have received number of calls from all levels of this industry on these challenges. Part of the call was to attend to the challenges of Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) responsible for the Operating Licences. We are pleased to announce that this exercise is well underway and should be finalised by June 2015.

We will commence the process to resuscitating the Taxi councils and explore all avenues in giving them the necessary support. We believe that these are important structures within the industry and shall continue to support them. We have now resolved on establishment of a new Directorate called Public Transport Industry Operations which will amongst others deal with taxi operations, taxi empowerment, taxi campaigns and education. This will give PRE also more time to focus on its work. As part of drive to involve the taxi industry, we will hold a Taxi indaba in October not only to listen to the Taxi Industry but also to propose the new approaches in improving this business. We want full cooperation from them and therefore it is important that we go back to the drawing boards.

Crime Prevention and Civilian Oversight

Chapter Twelve of the NDP Vision 2030 read with Outcome Three of the National Programme of Action: *"All people in South Africa are and feel safe"*.

"In 2030, people living in South Africa must feel safe at home, at school and at work, and they enjoy a community life free of fear. Women walk freely in the street and children play safely outside. As a result of substantially reduced levels of serious and violent crime, businesses are thriving and local and foreign investors are establishing new businesses."

Hon Speaker, the Freedom Charter has long pronounced that, ***"There shall be Peace and Stability"***.

We have been assigned the responsibility to ensure that we achieve this mandate. Our role in this regard is broader than the ordinary campaigns as we also need to make sure that SAPS does what is expected from them through the oversight of their service delivery functions. We need to coordinate all stake holders of crime prevention to ensure that they cooperate on crime prevention programmes. We also need to mobilise communities against crime. This is all done with the objective of building safer communities.

We were successful in the previous year in coordinating a number of campaigns including destroying the Market for Stolen Goods, Crime Prevention through Environment and Design Letsema Campaign, We still need to do more than this.

Honourable speaker during the year 2014/15 financial year, we conducted training and workshops to CPF's, we funded forty five (45) to do crime prevention projects. We could not do all of them because of the continuous challenges that they experience on functionality but we are working hard on that.

The planned CPF Conference was not achieved due to lengthy elections processes of new Cluster and the Provincial Community Police Board. We will however not follow this route anymore but facilitate a Community Police Strategic Retreat as there is more to be done in terms of putting together Provincial Strategic Plan for the coming five years.

While the election of the Provincial Community Police Board took place late in the year, the Board was disbanded during April 2015 due to procedural matters not being followed. I have established an Interim Board to work towards the holding the AGM again and re electing the Board.

During the period under review, one Community Safety Forum was established in Kgetleng Rivier Local Municipality. The plan is to establish all outstanding structures by 2015/16. It should be noted that, establishment of these do not go without challenges due to delays in readiness by some Municipalities. We will continue however to engage Municipalities through MUNIMEC sessions to emphasise the importance of these structures.

Honourable Speaker as part of our mandate, we conducted announced 70 Police Station visits, 30 on service delivery, 40 of Domestic Violence Act and we also 60 unannounced visits. Our findings were that:

- Most Police Stations are not complying with provisions of Domestic Violence Act
- Station Management not visiting Police Stations regularly after hours
- Inadequate vehicles and personnel at Police Stations especially during shifts
- No provision of the 10111 emergency line at some Police Stations
- Non functional Blue Lamps at certain Police Stations (for easy locating)
- Infrastructure challenges at Police Stations like Kanana, Mothutlung, Makapanstad, Letlhabile, Makgobistad, Lomanyaneng, Itsoseng, Ikageng. These Police Stations are still using porta camps, dilapidated buildings, rented four roomed houses and so on.

We have raised all these matters with the Provincial Commissioner and even elevated them to the Minister during the MINMEC meetings. We shall continue to assess compliance on our recommendations.

Our plan for 15/16 is to conduct 40 police stations visits to assess service delivery and 41 to assess the implementation of Domestic Violence Act. We have chosen these stations because they contribute on different categories of crime in the Brits, Klerksdorp, Rustenburg, Mahikeng and Potchefstroom clusters. We will also intensify our crime prevention initiatives in these clusters to ensure that we complement SAPS on their operations. We will work jointly with our sister Departments within the Criminal Justice Cluster.

As part of taking services to the people and intensifying our efforts to carry out the mandate, we will decentralise Civilian Oversight and Crime Prevention coordination to District Municipal level. It does not make sense to me that we are all based in Mahikeng while all our policing and crime prevention issues are at police station level. We expect our officials to be on the ground daily and run with these programmes. There must be weekly contact between the Department, Community Police Forums, Community Safety Forums, SAPS and all other crime prevention stakeholders.

Each official of the Department will be responsible for a particular policing area and will not be measured by the number of campaigns, station visits and meetings held but the impact in the reduction of crime in his or her area. These are the sweeping changes we want to introduce in the coming 12 to 24 months and gradually we will achieve them. Going forward, we will even be recruiting people with relevant experience such as retired police who will be willing to assist us in the fight against crime from those who have been active in that field.

Honourable Speaker, the Department in partnership with the SAPS and the Department of Education & Sports Development have identified 80 schools in the Province that require intervention. We are working with all these stakeholders to develop an Intervention Framework and a Plan of Action with regard to implementation and monitoring of the School Safety Programme.

Whilst the Department will base its focus on ensuring public education and awareness, mobilization of communities against crime, improved community police relations, crime prevention through environmental design and improved service delivery by the SAPS, these will also place consideration of the Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies (VTSD) uppermost as regards contributing towards their socio- economic growth and support.

Honourable Speaker, we want to organise all our stakeholders in tackling crime. To this end we have planned a Provincial Community Safety summit in June 2015 which will assist us to develop a Provincial Community Safety Strategy with a clear integrated Plan of Action. We will also hold a "Women in Dialogue" focusing on child and women abuse including sexual offences in August 2015 and this will be held in Ventersdorp Town.

Our plan is that by September 2015, we will co-host with the Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development a Provincial Stock- theft Summit in pursuit of curbing stock theft. This will be held in Vryburg Town as part of the VTSD economy. As a build up to the summit, we will hold district engagements.

As part of mobilizing communities against crime, the Department will implement Crime Prevention Programmes to educate communities, focusing on destroying of the market for stolen goods, anti- rape, anti -substance abuse, anti -human trafficking, know- your - neighbour, anti- stock theft including Crime prevention through environmental design. This will be implemented in the identified Municipal Wards as informed by crime trends and patterns from the SAPS.

As part of the Reconciliation, Healing and Reconstruction programme, we will explore partnership with business communities in Rustenburg and Madibeng Municipalities for the installation of CCTV Cameras at identified crime hotspots in the mining areas especially Wonderkop, Nkaneng and Marikana. This will involve the support of the neighbouring mining houses around that area. An amount of R5m is set aside for this to initiate the project.

Also, as part of the MRRRP and encouraging communities to participate in safety matters, we will introduce another Community Safety Patrollers Programme through recruitment of 43 community safety patrollers in Mahikeng. This will be done in partnership with the Mahikeng Local Municipality and the SAPS in Mahikeng, Mmabatho and Lomanyaneng precincts and supported financially by the National Public Works Department through a grant of R1m.

To add to the security of Mahikeng, we have on the 09th May handed over the site to the service provider to commence with the installation of CCTV cameras in crime hot spots. These cameras will be able to trace all criminal, illegal and illicit activities such as stolen vehicles. The first phase will target Mahikeng Central Montshiwa, Magogwe Tar and Mmabatho. Fa gontse jaana Mmusakgotla, rare tshwenyana e bowa bontlha ya ekilela, tsotsi tshaba koo.

Also as part of improving safety in Mahikeng, we will introduce traffic and safety control points where both the police and traffic will continuously monitor movement in and out of this town. If successful, we will roll this out to the other towns across the province.

Policing in the Province –SAPS

Madame Speaker, the MEC has invited 3 children from Rustenburg cluster to be part of his guests. The 3 learners are from 3 schools at Rustenburg cluster (1 from Marikana - Tshukudu Secondary School: Learners name Itumeleng Morolong) and (2 from Mogwase - J.M Ntsime Secondary School: Learners names Mbuso Lumphondwana and Kealeboga Tisane). Apparently during 2014 the Minister in one of his community outreach programmes identified them and where chosen as youth cluster station commanders. They took part in a debate last year where they won and had to present their individual crime prevention strategy in schools to the Minister. They were also invited to the Minister of Police budget vote on the 15/05/2015 and that is where the MEC met them and deemed it necessary to also invite them.

In keeping the hopes and aspirations of our fore-bearers alive, the African National Congress declared the year 2015 as "the Year of the Freedom Charter and Unity in Action to Advance Economic Freedom". At the heart of the Freedom Charter is the longing for peace and friendship for our people. In his address to the first congress of our sister movement, the MPLA in Luanda, Angola in 1977, our President Oliver Regional Tambo said; *"we seek to live in peace with our neighbours and the people of the world in conditions of equality, mutual respect and equal advantage"*.

Honourable Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko had during 2014/15 presented the crime statistics for 13/14. These statistics showed a similar trend that was found in 2014/15.

The most problematic crimes were Murder, Rapes, Assaults, Robbery Aggravating, Burglaries, Theft out Of Motor Vehicles, Stock Theft, Crimes Dependent on Police Actions, Car-jackings.

Most of the Murder, Assaults, and Attempted Murder were generated as a result unregulated Liquor selling premises, extreme liquor misuse and Illegal firearms, and dangerous weapons. The most contributing stations were Marikana, Phokeng, Rustenburg, Boitekong, Jouberton, Kanana and Klerksdorp.

With regard to Rape, Attempted Rape, Sexual Assault, Sexual Offences the most generators of these crimes were, Neglect of personal safety, Poor parenting, Moral Decay, Gang Related Activities, Excessive liquor misuse with the following police stations being the highest contributors Jouberton, Letlhabile, Boitekong, Khuma, Taung, Mogwase, Mmabatho, Mooi-nooi and Brits, Lichtenburg

With regard to Robberies the crime generators were Illegal Firearms, Neglect of personal safety, Second Hand Dealers, Population Density, Unregulated Business Hours, Poor Crime Prevention and Investigation / Heavy work load and Insurance Fraud

This is just a sample but of the serious crimes in the province and their generators

We cannot win this fight on our own as there have been many crime generators that are depended on policy prescripts such as (Provincial Liquor laws), mobilisation of community against crime, By-laws, and continued crime prevention campaigns.

We have therefore seen numerous initiatives by the SAPS such as introduction of frontline service delivery programme in Wolmaranstad. The plan for this year is to roll it out to 54 Police stations. Some of the other initiatives included Consultation of Rural Safety Strategy Project and the Youth in crime Summit held in the last financial year.

During the year under review, Minister Nkosi Nathi Nhleko launched a programme on Schools Safety in Marikana as part of the implementation of NDP. This programme is being rolled out to problematic schools in the province as I mentioned above. As part of the plan to bring services to the people, the cluster policing system will be reviewed to try and align it to municipalities.

Honourable Speaker, we are keep a hawk eyes on Kanana which has become a headache. Young people are actively involved in gangsterism and are terrorising the community and killing each other. We have has set up a strong team of stakeholders which includes Matlosana Local Municipality to look at all the problems. We are going to zoom dip into the cause and not treat the symptoms.

On the 16 of April 2015 MEC addressed the community of Kanana at Mpheqeka Stadium where the people of kanana lamented on their safety. Subsequently, I involved one of the experts in the field of social, humanitarian and spiritual matters. We strongly believe that the problems of Kanana cannot only be solved by policing. Kanana used to be a peaceful place just like the one the Bible teaches us, "the land of milk and honey". Because of the magnitude of the problems and our commitment to bury the curse on the youth of Kanana, Madam Speaker,

I want to say that we are blessed that within the team that we have established to deal with Kanana, we have a person called Bishop Paul Verryn. This is a man who has been involved in many social projects in many provinces like Eastern Cape, Gauteng including North West in Marikana etc. He has already started to get his hands dirty and we are confident that before other provinces grab him from us, Kanana will be back to where it belongs. Bishop Paul Verryn is here today as one of my guest today. I have already received a report that says, at least children are able to play out on the streets, men and women are able to go to night vigils and sleep peacefully with their lights off.

Honourable Speaker, albeit all the good news we have received, we are concerned about state of the police station of Kanana. I have recently written a letter to the Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko with regard to the status of Kanana Police Station, since 2010 it has been on the high priority list for construction but remains a dream. We will continue to engage the Minister on this matter.

The Premier in his SOPA made a pronouncement that SAPS Head Quarters must relocate to Mahikeng, I have to this end engaged Minister Nhleko and National Commissioner Riah Phiyega on this matter who have committed to our vision. Our plan is to realise this happening during this financial year and will therefore continuously update this house.

Our Staff Wellness

Our human resource remains to be the cornerstone of our success on all the above plans and it is therefore important that we take care of them. Notwithstanding the challenges of small number of personnel having been affected by the reconfiguration of the Department and the limited resources, provision of services to our communities received the highest attention it deserves. We are now servicing this province with a total of 1599 employees. We are mindful of the Wage bill of the province but it should also be borne in mind that this Department is mainly human capital driven. For instance we are currently standing at 550 on Traffic Officer and according to RTMC there is a need to appoint 1200 Traffic Officers.

We are going to be having many wellness activities to keep them going. I will remain the defender against abuse and misuse against innocent employees by management. For many years now, we have housed them in different areas and some of them not being conducive. We have resolved to take over the current lease agreement from the Department of Health. We will start with relocation to these offices by June 2015 as repairs are currently being finalised.

Revenue Enhancement

In line with the directive of the Honourable Premier Supra Mahumapelo and my colleague MEC Wendy Nelson, we have put together a strategy that will enhance revenue of the province. We have already started with the disposal of redundant assets in the form of auctioning vehicles and have already collected (16m) Sixteen Million rands from sale of (605) Six Hundred and five vehicles in March alone. We will continue with all the remaining assets in the next financial year. This is just part of the broader strategy.

In addition but not limited to that, we are going to implement the following revenue initiatives:

- Establishment of additional Registration and Licensing Authorities. This will be to take the services for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles closer to the people.
- Increase Registration and Licensing Authorities to be rendered by the South African Post Office especially in rural areas
- Implementation of swipe cards at the Registration and Licensing Authorities.
- This will ensure a more comfortable and secure method of payment for the licensing public as well as for the Administration.
- Register Bokone Bophirima campaign
- Debt legal collections
- Marketing and sale of securitised Numbers Plates

Madame Speaker, I'm now going to present the Budget Vote 2015/16 for Department of Community Safety and Transport Management.

Departmental Budget

BUDGET PROGRAMME	PER	R'000	AMOUNT IN WORDS
Administration		R208,957	Two hundred and eight million, nine hundred and fifty seven thousand rands
Civilian Oversight		R44,182	Forty four million, one hundred and eighty two thousand rands
Transport Regulation		R602,374	Six hundred and two million, three hundred and seventy four thousand rands
Transport Operations		R976,229	Nine hundred and seventy six million, two hundred and twenty nine thousand rands
Total budget		R1,831,742	1 billion, eight hundred and thirty one million, seven hundred and forty two thousand rands

BUDGET PER ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION		R'000	AMOUNT IN WORDS
Compensation of Employees		R473,942	Four hundred and seventy three million, nine hundred and forty two thousand rands.
Goods and Services		R638,714	Six hundred and thirty eight million, seven hundred and fourteen thousand rands.
Transfer payments		R620,084	Six hundred and twenty million and eighty four thousand rands
Capital Assets		R99,002	Ninety nine million and two thousand rands.
Total budget classification	per	R1,831,742	1 billion, eight hundred and thirty one million, seven hundred and forty two thousand rands

In conclusion Madam Speaker, I'm what I am because of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and want to quote him.

"I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended."

Farewell Message to Provincial Commissioner

I want to take this opportunity to announce that the Provincial Commissioner, Mirriam Nosaziso Zukiswa Mbombo is appearing with us in this budget speech for the last time today as she will be going on retirement at the end of the month. On behalf of the House and the Executive Council of this Province, I want to take this opportunity to thank her for the sterling job that she has done. She was one of the first women Provincial Commissioner in the country. She was passionate with crime prevention programmes. You have run your race, you have served this country, you committed your life on policing for more than 30 years. It is now time for you to go and rest.

We thank your family for sharing you with us in the last part of your career. We also want to thank the National Commissioner for giving us a person of your caliber and hope that when you leave this province, you will remain active in all safety structures in your community. Modimo a be le wena le lapa lotlhe la gago Mmarona.

Kelebisa tlotlo le ditebogo go Modulasetilo wa Komoti Mme Jeanet Dibetso Nyathi le maloko a komoti go dula ba re tihaba matlhale jaaka motsoga pele a tlike are *"Phala e senang phalana ke lesilo"*

Ke lebisa tlotlo le ditebogo gape go Tonakgolo ya Bokone Bophirima Rre Supra Obakeng Ramoeletsi Mahumapelo for giving me the opportunity to serve in his cabinet, for his visionary leadership, his continued guidance and support.

To my political home, my ANC, kere matla otlhe a go wena.

A Special thanks to the Head of Department, the Chief financial Officer, other Managers badiribotlhe ba lefapha baeleng mekokotlo ya service delivery. **"Team Safety"** what can I do without you, I never heard you asking if there is breakfast or lunch during our long endless meetings including Bua Le Puso and Setsokotsane, *lefa "Tsie e fofa ka moswang", re gopole gore "Letsema lona le thata ka mong"*.

To my family, I want to say that I could not be standing here had it not being for warmth in the family and the support I continuously enjoy. I want to send a special love to my beautiful wife Mmatebogo(Mmaloago)Molapisi present here for keeping the fire burning and continuing to make me look and feel good. It is never easy to be a migrant worker.

I also want to thank our safety and transport partners who were always there for us, particularly those who have continuously partnered with us to ensure that we extend the services we provide to our communities. *"Morena boloka setshaba sa Afrika."* Kealeboga!