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Honourable Deputy Minister, Mr Ntopile Kganyago, MP

Chairperson of the Select Committee on Public Services, Honourable  
Mr R Tau, MP

Honourable Members

Honourable Provincial delegates

Senior Managers from the Department

Ladies and Gentlemen

When we committed ourselves to denounce business as usual in the  
Assembly of the Provinces last year, very few believed in our ability to  
change public perception about the North West Department of Public  
Works. Our achievements thus far have confirmed that we take  
seriously our mandate to provide sustainable public infrastructure.

Today many would agree with me when I say that, while yesterday  
doubt characterised our relationship with client departments, today  
confidence defines our relationship.

Our resolve to denounce business as usual and practical steps we have taken to improve service delivery have earned the confidence of our clients to provide integrated, sustainable public infrastructure.

We were awarded a silver award for the second best performing department in the province in the 2005/06 Premier's Public Sector Excellence Awards. The department also received a Bronze Award from the prestigious Professional Management Review for being nominated the second most proactive Provincial government department in the North West.

Our pursuit for service excellence was also recognised by the Board of the Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa. After an extensive countrywide assessment of hospital maintenance, the Board awarded our maintenance team at the Klerksdorp/Tshepong Hospital complexes full accreditation for excellent maintenance service for the period 2005-2008.

This is the second award as our maintenance team at the two hospitals was accredited for the period 1998 to 2000. Maintenance service entails the management and maintenance of hospital plant, machinery, buildings, and non-medical equipment. It includes the maintenance of utility systems (electrical, water, oxygen and ventilation) to minimise the risks of operating failures.

We are excited at the recognition of the role of the Department of Public Works in sustaining excellence in the maintenance of public facilities. That we met high level of compliance with the accreditation standards encourages us further to entrench a culture of quality service to our clients and the general public.

Chairperson, The accolades we have received in the previous financial year attest to our assertion that employees at all levels of the department have embraced a new culture of service excellence .A culture that defines them as agents of change.

Through the sale of redundant state houses, the department managed to raise revenue of R8, 544 million. We also awarded contracts to the value of R460, 736 million to Historically Disadvantaged Individuals. This constitutes 260% increase in Black economic empowerment .We are happy because R95, 149 million worth of contracts were awarded to 34 Women contractors.

The Integrated Modimola Expanded Public Works Programme Pilot Project was also awarded the gold award for the best Performing Project team in the 2005/06 Premier's Public Sector Excellence Award. The labour intensive road maintenance, construction of village roads and household food security project has thus far created 491 job and training opportunities for the unemployed in the impoverished rural community.

According to our EPWP fourth quarter report for 2005/06, our Provincial contribution towards job creation, skills development and poverty eradication through the programme has created 14761 job and training opportunities. This was achieved through the roll out of 229 EPWP Projects across all spheres of government.

On the 17 February of this year, Premier Molewa and I launched the R93, 6 million Modimong Expanded Public Works Programme Project in Taung. The Project is part of the Taung Development Programme, which is part of the Provinces 's Five Special High Impact Programmes that are to contribute towards Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa (ASGISA).

The various infrastructure projects that are to benefit the Modimong and Cokonyane villages include:

- 6,8 kilometers Road upgrading and surfacing Project of the road between Taung and Modimong
- Rehabilitation of 30 kilometers of village roads in Modimong and Cokonyane by means of labour intensive methods in EPWP Mode
- Food security scheme to benefit 200 households in Modimong and Cokonyane Village
- Land care project

- Brick making, stone crushing and sand digging Projects that are to be linked to Projects to the construct community halls in Modimong and Cokonyane villages

Under the Hospital revitalisation Programme, we have completed the Swartruggens Hospital and commenced with the construction of the 200 beds Moses Kotane Hospital and the 120 beds Vryburg Hospital. We have also completed 10 clinics for the department of Health.

Indeed, While Yesterday doubt characterised our relationship with client departments, today confidence defines our relationship and Tomorrow represents an opportunity for us to be the giant on whose shoulders the people of the our province could stand.

Under the school building programme, we completed 7 schools and did minor and major renovations to 54 schools.

To crown all of our achievements in the last financial year, my department received an unqualified audit report for the second year in a row.

Chairperson our pace of delivery gives us confidence to declare that we want to be the giant on whose shoulders the people of our Province could stand. Our resolve for this financial year is that we are going MAD.

Every employee of the department including myself is going to go MAD.

Chairperson, Mad in our context stands for:

M= Make

A= a

D =Difference

To make a difference to our Youth in the new age of hope, we have established 38 learnership contractors in the last financial year and offer 60 internships to unemployed youth in this financial year.

We welcome and congratulate Minister Didiza on her appointment to the Public Works Portfolio and support the budget.

Ke a leboga.







