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NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET LEKGOTLA

14 November 2022

THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PLACES THE ACCELERATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AT THE FOREFRONT OF DISCUSSIONS AT BUDGET LEKGOTLA

The Northern Cape Provincial Government recently convened its annual budget lekgotla, which comprised of the Premier, Dr. Zamani Saul, Members of the Executive Council (MECs), Heads of the various Departments and Chief Financial Officers, Deputy Director Generals' and CEOs of the different Provincial Entities.

The primary objective of the Lekgotla was to review the current budget risks facing the province and how to mitigate such risks, to allow Government to continue to effectively and efficiently deliver services in a coordinated manner.

The Northern Cape Provincial Government finds itself in a stable fiscal position, which in turn places it in a much better financial position to address service delivery challenges confronting the people of the Northern Cape. The Provincial economy has shown great resilience, despite huge reductions amounting to R5.3 billion in the 2021 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), this has proven that the budget risks are not insurmountable. It is worth noting that during the inception of the 6th Administration, Provincial Government has managed to move from a negative bank balance of R220 million to a positive bank balance of R300 million, this is a clear indication of sound financial controls and good governance.

The Lekgotla briefly reflected on the state of the township economy including continuous private sector mobilisation for investment and funding in township and rural economies.

Infrastructure Development remains central to our agenda as a Province and as such the Lekgotla reiterated the Government's unequivocal support of innovative Funding models such as front-loading to fast-track delivery and address backlogs across strategic sectors.

The Budget Lekgotla reflected on Provincial Government's debt owed to local Government and resolved on ways to attend to the debt, starting with the debt owed to the Sol-plaatje Municipality.

The Lekgotla further resolved to;

- continue with the different initiatives, including research, to provide empirical evidence on the arguments to have an equitable share formula that is fair to the Northern Cape.
- continue with efforts on alignment of the priorities to the seven priorities of government in short term; medium and long term.
- continue striving to forge social compacts with our social partners to better the lived experiences of the people of the Northern Cape.
- craft and finalize a comprehensive strategy to enhance own revenue in the Province for the 2023 fiscal framework.

The MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, and Treasury, Mr. Abraham Vosloo will later this month table the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement.

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