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Foreword

This edition of the *Provincial Budgets and Expenditure Review* comes at the time when Parliament and legislatures have largely new representatives and government is being repositioned to accelerate the delivery of quality services. In particular, a country focused planning and monitoring and evaluation regime is being put in place. This year's *Review* will, in this changing environment, be a valuable resource that assists analysts, policy makers, elected representatives, academics and those responsible for implementing government policies in assessing the impact of government policies and the resources allocated to implement them. It supports Parliament and provincial legislatures in assessing progress made in implementing government programmes funded through the equitable share and conditional grants allocated to provinces. The *Review* also assists political office bearers and all South Africans in evaluating future plans for critical services in education, health, social development, human settlements, agriculture and land, and roads and transport.

The expenditure trends in this *Provincial Budgets and Expenditure Review* show that, despite the economic slowdown and its concomitant negative impact on fiscal policy, provincial expenditure is growing strongly in real terms. This reflects government commitment to ensure accelerated access to quality service delivery. The *Review* also shows that despite significant improvement in access to basic services, certain challenges remain that will need to be addressed to ensure faster quality service delivery in the period ahead.

The compilation of this *Review* is a collaborative effort among officials of the National Treasury, national government departments and provinces. I wish to thank them all for their contributions.

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Technical notes

The notes set out below are intended to assist readers and analysts.

General notes on numbers

Data on the seven-year trends set out in this document are drawn from provincial government publications such as annual reports, and budget statements as tabled in February 2009.

The expenditure outcome for 2008/09 is based on pre-audited provincial expenditure data for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009. Minor changes are expected when final audited statements are published.

Despite measures put in place to improve the non-financial (performance) information reflected in Annexure B, there are still anomalies in the datasets. Consequently the data should be regarded as “soft” – indicative of trends rather than absolute measures of performance.

Financial years

A financial year for the provincial and national spheres starts on 1 April and ends on 31 March the following year.

Real growth rates

When comparing monetary values from one year to another, it is common to adjust figures for inflation. Real growth rates in this publication are calculated using headline CPI inflation published in Budget Review 2009.

Rounding of numbers

Appropriation of funds and reporting of expenditure is done in terms of Rand thousands. The majority of the tables in the publication are in Rand millions. As a result of rounding off, some minor deviations may occur.

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