

PLATINUM PROVINCE



BUDGET STATEMENT

"It's your Budget, Become a Player"



2006 - 2007



FOREWORD

BY THE MEC FOR FINANCE

“We, at the Department of Finance, are determined to manage provincial resources effectively in support of effective service delivery towards the improvement of the quality of life of all our people.”

(Maureen Modiselle, MEC for Finance)

Our Aim:

We will allocate and assist all government departments in the North West Provincial Administration to effectively manage the budget allocated to them in a responsible and equitable manner and above all, in line with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA); so that these departments can identify priority programmes to promote a better life for all by providing quality, efficient services in a compassionate manner to all our people with special focus on children, families and individuals with special needs.

We also fully align ourselves with the aims of ASGI-SA (Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative South Africa), as announced by the State President, to reach an economic growth rate of 6% per year between 2010 and 2014.

Good governance:

The way the processes of decision-making at both political and administrative levels in government are conducted; the way policies are made and implemented; the content of those policies and whether or not the implementation of such policies enhance the quality of the lives of our communities determines whether a particular system of government is good.

The Department of Finance supports good governance and we believe that good governance needs organized and informed participation by the citizens of our province. Such participation could either be directed through legitimate intermediate institutions or representatives. It is also dependent on transparency that is, decisions taken by public bodies must be taken and their enforcement done in a manner that follows rules and regulations. Any information should be freely available and directly accessible to the citizens who will be affected by decisions regarding fiscal policies implemented by any public authority.

The Budget:

This budget is a result of discussions and deliberations that took place over many months, both at political as well as administrative level. Equilibrium had to be found between government's social responsibilities as contained in the Constitution and our responsibility to ensure economic growth to eradicate poverty and to create job opportunities desperately required by many of our citizens.



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MEC for Finance

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I would therefore like to thank the Hon. Premier, my colleagues and heads of department that I can table this budget in this august house with the confidence that through this budget we are doing justice to our people. We have once again honoured our Constitutional responsibility by addressing social services but we have also increased the allocation of funds that will stimulate economic growth.

The Provincial Government adopted the North West Provincial Growth and Development Strategy as a policy imperative to ensure that we achieve an economic growth rate of 6.6% by 2014. It is our responsibility to ensure that funds are allocated in such a way that it supports the provincial policy. Today I am proud to announce that the 2006/07 Budget continues to build on the foundation laid by my predecessors and that we will continue to adjust spending patterns in the North West Province until we reach our goal.

The Budget Structure

The country is still continuing to implement uniform budget structures for all provincial sectors. The budget structures of only three departments have not been standardized, namely the Office of the Legislature, the Office of the Premier and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. The budget structures are determined by way of consultation and consensus between all the provinces. For these three departments consultation is still in progress and it is expected that consensus will be reached during 2006.

The uniform budget structures simplify comparisons between provincial departments and it also makes the consolidation of the national budget easier.

The provincial treasury has also continued to provide more relevant information in the provincial budget. The 2006/07 Provincial Budget also contains key measurable objectives of departments and more detail on infrastructure projects.

Conclusion

I am satisfied that we were able to honour the pledge of my predecessors that we will use the budget as an instrument to address the socio-economic needs of our people and at the same time fight poverty and create a better life for all our people.

Without the support of the Hon. Premier as well as the constructive role played by my colleagues and their heads of departments this would not have been possible. I thank each and everyone of you for your contribution.

Maureen Modiselle
MEC for Finance



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