



# GAUTENG PROVINCE

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Dear Ms Mnyani

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF GAUTENG PROVINCIAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025**

1. Kindly find attached hereto the above-mentioned Bill, the Schedule thereto and the Explanatory Memorandum on the Objects of the Bill, as duly certified by the State Law Advisory Services, for your further action.
2. The State Law Advisory Services classify the Bill as a money Bill envisaged in Rule 192(2) of the Standing Rules of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, read with section 120 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.
3. Kindly note that no changes may be made to the certified Bill, Schedule and the Memorandum without the prior approval of the State Law Advisory Services. Any unauthorised change will nullify the certification of the Bill, together with the Schedule and the Memorandum thereto.
4. Kindly further note that the State Law Advisory Services does not certify the correctness of the amounts reflected in the Schedule and the Memorandum, as these are the responsibility of the Gauteng Provincial Treasury.
5. Kindly ensure that this certificate accompanies the Bill, together with the Schedule and the Memorandum thereto, when they are introduced in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Kuit', written over a horizontal line.

**Adv. Geert Kuit**  
**Chief Director: State Law Advisory Services**  
Date: 18/03/2025

GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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# GAUTENG PROVINCIAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

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*(As introduced in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature in terms of Rule 192(2) of the  
Standing Rules of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed (2018), read with section  
119 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996)*

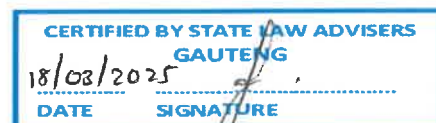
*(proposed section 120 Bill)*

*(The English text is the official text of the Bill)*

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(Member of the Executive Council responsible for finance in the Province of Gauteng)

[B —2025]



# BILL

**To provide for the appropriation of money from the Gauteng Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Province of Gauteng in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2026; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.**

## PREAMBLE

**WHEREAS** section 226(2)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, provides that money may be withdrawn from the Gauteng Provincial Revenue Fund only in terms of an appropriation by a provincial Act, or as a direct charge against the Fund, when it is provided for in the Constitution or a provincial Act;

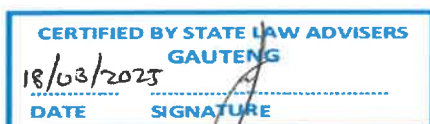
**AND WHEREAS** section 26 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), provides that the Provincial Legislature must appropriate money for each financial year for the requirements of the Province;

**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED** by the Provincial Legislature of the Province of Gauteng, as follows:—

### Definitions

**1.** In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise, a word or an expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Public Finance Management Act, 1999, has the meaning assigned to it in that Act, and—

“**conditional grants**” means allocations to provinces, local government or municipalities from the national government’s share of revenue raised nationally, provided for under section 214(1)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;



**“current payments”** means any payment made by a provincial department in respect of the operational requirements of that department, and includes, among other things, payments for the compensation of employees, goods and services, interest, rental of immovable property and financial transactions relating to assets and liabilities, but excludes transfers and subsidies, payments for capital assets and payments made under section 73 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999;

**“payments for capital assets”** means any payment made by a provincial department—

- (a) for assets that can be used continuously or repeatedly in production for more than one year, and from which future economic benefits or service potential is expected to flow directly to the provincial department making the payment; and
- (b) that must be classified as or deemed to be payments for capital assets in accordance with the *“Reference Guide to the Economic Reporting Format”* (September 2009) and the *“Asset Management Framework”* (April 2004, Version 3.3), issued by the National Treasury under section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999;

**“Province”** means the Province of Gauteng referred to in section 103(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;

**“Provincial Legislature”** means the Provincial Legislature of the Province of Gauteng;

**“Public Finance Management Act, 1999”** means the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);

**“this Act”** includes the Schedule; and

**“transfers and subsidies”** means any payment made by a provincial department to another organ of state or any other person in respect of which the provincial department does not receive anything of similar value directly in return, and includes the payment of conditional grants.

## **Appropriation of money for requirements of Province**

2. (1) Appropriations by the Provincial Legislature of money from the Gauteng Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Province in the 2025/26 financial year, to votes and main divisions within a vote, and for the specific listed purposes, is set out in the Schedule.



(2) Subject to section 3, spending of appropriations referred to in subsection (1) is subject to the Public Finance Management Act, 1999, and, to the extent that the Provincial Legislature is concerned, the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act No. 10 of 2009).

**Amounts listed as specifically and exclusively appropriated**

3. Despite anything contained in any other law, an amount within a vote or main division within a vote that are listed as specifically and exclusively appropriated may only be utilised for the purpose indicated and may not be used for any other purpose, unless an Act of the Provincial Legislature amends or changes the purpose for which it was allocated.

**Short title**

4. This Act is called the Gauteng Provincial Appropriation Act, 2025.



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<b>1. Office of the Premier</b>	<b>1 505 486</b>	<b>588 225</b>	<b>212 123</b>		<b>692 563</b>	<b>12 575</b>		
Vision: Realisation of the strategic agenda for a safe, sustainable, and prosperous Gauteng City-Region, where every resident has the opportunity to thrive.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>134 933</b>	<b>89 569</b>	<b>36 466</b>			<b>8 898</b>		
The programme is responsible for the overall strategic management and support of the Premier and the Director General in fulfilling their statutory and political mandates. It is also responsible for providing financial management and other corporate support services including security management services to the Office of the Premier.								
<b>2. Institutional Development</b>	<b>282 724</b>	<b>212 387</b>	<b>67 586</b>			<b>2 781</b>		
The Institutional Development Programme is responsible for leading, facilitating, coordinating and supporting a skilled, ethical and performance oriented GCR; ICT leadership and guidance across the GPG; ICT related auxiliary support to the OoP towards modernising the public service; support to the Premier and EXCO with legal advice and support; and promoting and facilitating effective communication between government and the people of Gauteng.								
<b>3. Policy and Governance</b>	<b>1 087 829</b>	<b>286 299</b>	<b>108 071</b>		<b>692 563</b>	<b>896</b>		
The purpose of the Policy and Governance Programme is to support the Premier and EXCO with policy advice, research support, international and inter-governmental relations, integrated cooperative governance, and effective management of the Executive Council Cluster System. The programme drives the province-wide outcomes-based planning, performance monitoring and evaluation to improve government performance towards enhanced service delivery and GCR development impacts/outcomes. The programme is responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring the customer-centric service-delivery response system across the GRC. It is also responsible for leading the planning for sustainable development in the GCR. It is responsible for leading, facilitating, coordinating and supporting the active advancement of gender equality, women's empowerment, youth development and the rights of people with disabilities, older persons, and military veterans. It is also responsible for leading, facilitating, coordinating, and supporting the implementation of the Integrity Management Programme in the GCR.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>Transfers to Provinces and Municipalities</i>	<i>112 142</i>							<i>112 142</i>
<i>Transfers to Higher education institutions-GCRO</i>	<i>21 321</i>							<i>21 321</i>
<i>Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions</i>	<i>210 015</i>							<i>210 015</i>
<i>GCRA</i>	<i>349 085</i>							<i>349 085</i>
<b>2. Gauteng Provincial Legislature</b>	<b>1 200 122</b>	<b>524 547</b>	<b>358 387</b>		<b>196 706</b>	<b>120 482</b>		
Vision: A legislature that fosters confidence in the Constitution, upholds and champions democratic governance and empowers the people of Gauteng								
<b>1. Leadership and Governance</b>	<b>118 616</b>	<b>38 291</b>	<b>80 325</b>					
The purpose of the programme is to provide overall strategic leadership and direction to the institution. The core function of the programme is to ensure alignment of legislature processes as outlined in the GPL five-year strategy and to monitor and oversee the execution of institutional obligations. In addition, the programme provides leadership and direction to the advisory board and safeguards the strategic political management of presiding officers and office bearers, including strategic management of committees to ensure political outcomes.								
<b>2. Office of the Secretary</b>	<b>30 072</b>	<b>22 909</b>	<b>7 163</b>					
The Office of the Secretary serves as the custodian of the development and implementation of the strategy and provides strategic, tactical, and operational leadership to the GPL administration for the achievement of the institutional mandate of oversight and scrutiny, law-making, public participation and cooperative governance. The office is established to enable the Secretary to the Legislature to fulfil administrative and financial obligations in line with applicable legislation and legal directives. The office is also accountable for the institutional strategic planning, reporting, budgeting, monitoring, contract management, transversal mainstreaming, evaluation, and project governance.								
<b>3. Corporate Support Services</b>	<b>620 642</b>	<b>173 053</b>	<b>149 130</b>		<b>196 706</b>	<b>101 753</b>		
The purpose of Corporate Support Services is to give support to all internal stakeholders. These include the provision of enabling facilities and benefits for members and their political parties, rendering human resource and capacity development to the GPL employees, members and their Political Support Staff. The Programme further provides for members' facilities management services; providing household, security, and logistical services, including facilitation of occupational health and safety services; rendering administrative and user support services, as well as enhancing and maintaining information technology infrastructure.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions</i>	<i>196 706</i>							<i>196 706</i>
<b>4. Core Business</b>	<b>337 111</b>	<b>230 035</b>	<b>107 076</b>					
The purpose of the programme is to provide comprehensive support to the House and its committees to be able to advance the constitutional mandates of law-making, oversight and scrutiny over the work of the Executive, public participation, and cooperative governance. Core Business ensures involvement by the people of Gauteng in the business of the legislature through the provision of adequate support to different public participation initiatives and the creation of platforms that ensure effective participation.								
<b>5. Office of the CFO</b>	<b>93 681</b>	<b>60 259</b>	<b>14 693</b>			<b>18 729</b>		
The purpose of the programme is to provide professional financial, risk and supply chain management services to the stakeholders for the realisation of the GPL's strategic goals and objectives. The office strives to provide financial resources equitably to ensure adequate funding for the implementation of the institution's strategic plan while promoting effective financial management in respect of revenue, expenditure, assets, and liabilities.								



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<b>3. Economic Development</b>	<b>1 612 520</b>	<b>240 806</b>	<b>157 905</b>		<b>1 201 450</b>	<b>12 359</b>		
Vision: A radically transformed, modernised and re-industrialised economy in Gauteng, manifesting decent work, economic inclusion, and equity								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>244 086</b>	<b>140 407</b>	<b>91 320</b>			<b>12 359</b>		
To provide strategic leadership, support and transversal, business solution to enable the MEC, HOD and Gauteng Department of Economic Development group to effectively deliver on the mandate of the Department								
<b>2. Integrated Economic Development Services</b>	<b>229 532</b>				<b>229 532</b>			
To ensure radical economic transformation that addresses the triple policy imperatives of decent work, an inclusive economy and equality.								
of which								
Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts	229 532							229 532
Gauteng Enterprise Propeller	229 532							229 532
<b>3. Trade and Sector Development</b>	<b>769 315</b>				<b>769 315</b>			
To ensure re-industrialization that addresses the triple policy imperatives of decent work, an inclusive economy and equality.								
of which								
Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts	769 315							769 315
Gauteng Growth and Development Agency	668 812							668 812
Gauteng Tourism Authority	100 503							100 503
<b>4. Business Regulation and Governance</b>	<b>134 156</b>	<b>49 740</b>	<b>4 343</b>		<b>80 073</b>			
To create a seamless business regulation and good governance environment that promotes ethical conduct, transforms industry, realises sustainable revenue generation, and contributes towards achievement of Transformation, Modernisation and Re-Industrialisation goals.								
of which								
Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts	80 073							80 073
Gauteng Liquor Board	79 627							79 627
Gauteng Gambling Board	446							446
<b>5. Economic Planning</b>	<b>235 431</b>	<b>50 659</b>	<b>62 242</b>		<b>122 530</b>			
To provide thought leadership to transform and re-industrialize the Gauteng City Region through policy and strategy development.								
Transfers to Public corporations and private enterprise	122 530							122 530
<b>4. Health</b>	<b>67 042 497</b>	<b>42 738 563</b>	<b>19 872 702</b>		<b>1 834 132</b>	<b>2 597 100</b>		
Vision: A responsive, innovative, and sustainable healthcare system delivering people-centered quality care.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>1 915 488</b>	<b>627 252</b>	<b>659 627</b>		<b>316 642</b>	<b>311 967</b>		
The purpose of this programme is to conduct strategic management and overall administration of the Gauteng Department of Health through the sub-programmes Office of the MEC and Management								
of which								
National conditional grants								
National Tertiary Services Grant	301 578							301 578
<b>2. District Health Services</b>	<b>22 756 387</b>	<b>13 992 896</b>	<b>7 647 331</b>		<b>890 853</b>	<b>225 307</b>		
The purpose of the programme is to render primary health care services, district hospital services, comprehensive HIV and AIDS care and nutrition. It includes the delivery of priority health programmes.								
of which								
National conditional grants								
District Health Programmes Grant	6 097 851							6 097 851
Human Resources and Training Grant	116 207							116 207
Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Integrated Grant	12 635							12 635
National Health Insurance Grant	96 985							96 985
Transfers to Municipalities	449 751							449 751
Transfers to Non-profit institutions	405 721							405 721
<b>3. Emergency Medical Services</b>	<b>2 244 019</b>	<b>1 218 221</b>	<b>481 174</b>		<b>2 300</b>	<b>542 324</b>		
The purpose of the programme is to render pre-hospital emergency medical services, including inter-hospital transfers and planned patient transport services rendering of pre-hospital EMS including inter-hospital transfers and planned patient transport.								
<b>4. Provincial Hospital Services</b>	<b>13 370 085</b>	<b>9 918 759</b>	<b>3 259 761</b>		<b>17 427</b>	<b>174 138</b>		
Delivery of hospital services, which are accessible, appropriate, effective and provide general specialist services, including specialised rehabilitation services, as well as a platform for training health professionals and research								
of which								
National conditional grants								
National Tertiary Services Grant	34 166							34 166
Human Resources and Training Grant	518 453							518 453

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<b>5. Central Hospital Services</b>	23 426 595	16 089 263	6 326 045		389 616	621 671		
Provide a highly specialised health care service, a platform for training health workers and a place of research, and to enable these hospitals to serve as specialist referral centres for regional hospitals and neighbouring provinces.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions</i>	343 000							343 000
<i>National conditional grants</i>								
<i>National Tertiary Services grant</i>	5 150 490							5 150 490
<i>Human Resources and Training Grant</i>	1 284 132							1 284 132
<b>6. Health Sciences and Training</b>	935 254	588 313	117 242		216 923	12 776		
Rendering of training and development opportunities for clinical and non-clinical employees of the Department of Health through sub-programmes Nurse training college, Emergency medical services training college, Bursaries, and Other Training.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>	27 354							27 354
<b>7. Health Care Support Services</b>	497 023	245 951	247 517		371	3 184		
The purpose of this programme is to render support services required by the department to realise its aims through sub-programmes Laundry Services, Food Supply Services and Medical Trading Account (Medical Supplies Depot)								
<b>8. Health Facilities Management</b>	1 897 646	57 908	1 134 005			785 733		
The purpose of this programme is to plan, provide and equip new facilities/assets, upgrade and rehabilitate community health centres, clinics, district, provincial, specialised, and academic hospitals, and other health-related facilities, and also to undertake life cycle management of immovable assets through maintenance of all health facilities								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>National conditional grants</i>								
<i>Health Facility Revitalisation</i>	1 145 575							1 145 575
<b>5. Education</b>	68 000 575	52 074 344	7 139 898		6 658 365	2 127 968		
Vision: Every learner feels valued and inspired by our innovative education system.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	5 044 531	4 062 730	956 088		7 226	18 487		
To provide overall management of the education system in accordance with the National Education and Information Policy.								
<b>2. Public Ordinary School Education</b>	49 730 222	42 039 547	4 759 104		2 929 389	2 182		
To provide public ordinary education from Grades 1 to 12, in accordance with the South African Schools Act								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>National conditional grants</i>								
<i>HIV/AIDS (Life Skills Education)</i>	38 696							38 696
<i>National School Nutrition</i>	1 213 637							1 213 637
<i>Maths, Science and Technology</i>	64 491							64 491
<i>Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions</i>	2 767 669							2 767 669
<b>3. Independent School Subsidies</b>	1 080 961				1 080 961			
To provide independent ordinary education from Grades 1 to 12, in accordance with the South African Schools Act								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions</i>	1 080 961							1 080 961
<b>4. Public Special School Education</b>	5 164 104	4 051 950	36 497		1 075 597	60		
To provide compulsory public education in special schools in accordance with the South African Schools Act and White Paper 6 on inclusive education.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>National conditional grants</i>								
<i>Learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities</i>	39 627							39 627
<i>Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions</i>	1 070 380							1 070 380
<b>5. Early Childhood Development</b>	2 635 927	1 396 230	258 524		980 753	420		
To provide early childhood education at Grade R and earlier levels in accordance with White Paper 5.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions</i>	980 753							980 753
<i>Early Childhood Development Grant</i>	370 541							370 541

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<b>6. Infrastructure Development</b>	2 828 683	52 000	814 508			1 962 175		
To provide and maintain infrastructure facilities for the administration and schools								
of which								
National conditional grants								
Education Infrastructure	2 368 000							2 368 000
Early Childhood Development Grant	28 588							28 588
<b>7. Examination and Education Related Services</b>	1 516 147	471 887	315 177		584 439	144 644		
To provide training and support to all education institutions.								
of which								
National conditional grants								
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant	6 420							6 420
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions	433 893							433 893
Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts	150 546							150 546
<b>6. Social Development</b>	5 458 504	2 448 397	955 771		1 950 832	103 504		
Vision: A caring and self-reliant society								
<b>1. Administration</b>	722 081	413 853	281 602		10 309	16 317		
To provide political and strategic direction and leadership, and to guide and support the development of policy frameworks and guidelines for the implementation of priority programmes.								
of which								
Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts	7 049							7 049
<b>2. Social Welfare Services</b>	874 710	102 264	63 480		690 366	18 600		
To provide integrated developmental social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.								
of which								
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions	689 826							689 826
National conditional grants								
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant	12 123							12 123
<b>3. Children and Families</b>	2 227 225	1 401 643	303 426		474 069	48 087		
To provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations								
of which								
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions	473 209							473 209
<b>4. Restorative Services</b>	826 180	192 753	91 648		521 279	20 500		
To provide integrated developmental social crime prevention and anti-substance abuse services and victim empowerment programme to the most vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.								
of which								
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions	521 181							521 181
<b>5. Development and Research</b>	808 308	337 884	215 615		254 809			
To provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate the empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.								
of which								
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions	254 465							254 465

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<b>7. Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs</b>	<b>551 389</b>	<b>385 262</b>	<b>150 620</b>		<b>9 792</b>	<b>5 715</b>		
Vision: Sustainable, Smart, Inclusive Cities and Communities in the Gauteng City Region.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>153 004</b>	<b>100 053</b>	<b>46 144</b>		<b>1 092</b>	<b>5 715</b>		
The programme aim is staff capacitation for the department to conduct the pivotal role that it has to play. This will involve capacity building in technical, professional and leadership skills. The assumption is that once staff are adequately skilled, they will implement the interventions as conceptualised. An effective, efficient, and responsive Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) can be easily determined by establishing the number of effective core business applications, systems and processes developed and automated during the five years. The major assumption made is that the correct business applications, systems, and processes will be developed and automated so that these will jointly contribute to the effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of COGTA in meeting the needs of its stakeholders.								
<b>2. Local Governance</b>	<b>257 558</b>	<b>208 955</b>	<b>47 903</b>		<b>700</b>			
The Local Governance Programme seeks to strengthen the developmental state by enhancing participatory governance and institutional stability, as well as by building the capacity and capability of local government to achieve its constitutional mandate. The goal of the programme is to promote and facilitate viable and sustainable local governance in line with Pillar 4: Transformation of State and Governance.								
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>	<b>120 261</b>	<b>61 407</b>	<b>50 854</b>		<b>8 000</b>			
The purpose of the programme is to coordinate, facilitate and promote integrated development and planning in municipalities to ensure that services are delivered in an integrated and sustainable manner in line with transformation of the state and governance.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>Transfers to Municipalities</i>	<i>8 000</i>							<i>8 000</i>
<b>4. Traditional Institutional Development</b>	<b>20 566</b>	<b>14 847</b>	<b>5 719</b>					
The programme promotes and facilitates viable and sustainable traditional institutions by enhancing the capacity of traditional leadership and local governance institutions in line with Pillar 4: Transformation of the State and Governance.								



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<b>8. Human Settlements</b>	<b>5 728 727</b>	<b>529 750</b>	<b>484 857</b>		<b>4 658 078</b>	<b>56 042</b>		
Vision: To create integrated and sustainable human settlements within a smart Gauteng City Region.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>546 863</b>	<b>218 338</b>	<b>320 514</b>		<b>1 969</b>	<b>6 042</b>		
The main goal of this Programme is to strengthen and align the department's ability to deliver on its mandate. It enables the department's business units to perform efficiently by providing corporate support (human resources, financial management, supply chain, information, and communication technology (ICT), risk management and facilities' management and support). The Programme ensures effective leadership, management, and administrative support of the core business divisions through continuous refinement of organisational strategy and structure, in compliance with appropriate legislation and practice. The Programme outputs are in line with government's Outcome 12, which seeks to achieve "An efficient, effective and developmental-oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship".								
<b>2. Housing Needs, Research and Planning</b>	<b>134 566</b>	<b>118 482</b>	<b>15 984</b>		<b>100</b>			
The purpose of this Programme is to facilitate and undertake housing delivery planning; identify housing needs; provide a regulatory framework for housing delivery; develop policy guidelines; provide provincial inputs on housing legislation and any amendments to these; develop provincial multi-year housing delivery plans; ensure alignment of housing plans with IDPs, and conduct research into the demand for housing. The Programme promotes the effective and efficient delivery of provincial and local government housing programmes; integrated redevelopment of urban communities at scale, and sustainable local economies. It performs a number of transversal functions, including quality assurance, research and development and inputs into policy development, and planning and housing support.								
<b>3. Housing Development</b>	<b>4 818 591</b>	<b>152 020</b>	<b>2 112</b>		<b>4 614 459</b>	<b>50 000</b>		
The core focus of the Housing Development Programme is to build integrated, cohesive, and sustainable communities by ensuring that innovative services and infrastructure are provided to create sustainable human settlements. The Programme's emphasis is on the provision of individual subsidies and housing opportunities for beneficiaries, in accordance with the National Housing Policy. This programme promotes effective and efficient delivery of provincial and local housing programmes. It concentrates on the integrated redevelopment of urban communities at scale and cultivating sustainable local economies. The Programme's outputs are reflected in government's Outcome 8, which seeks to achieve "Sustainable human settlement and improved quality of household life"								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>National conditional grants</i>								
<i>Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant for Provinces</i>	<i>789 818</i>							<i>789 818</i>
<i>Human Settlements Development Grant</i>	<i>3 873 312</i>							<i>3 873 312</i>
<i>Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant</i>	<i>1 232</i>							<i>1 232</i>
<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>								
<i>Gauteng Partnership Fund</i>	<i>1 218 507</i>							<i>1 218 507</i>
<b>4. Housing Assets and Property Management</b>	<b>228 707</b>	<b>40 910</b>	<b>146 247</b>		<b>41 550</b>			
The purpose of the Programme is to promote home ownership in historically disadvantaged communities. It coordinates, manages, and oversees the maintenance of departmental immovable assets in the form of flats, hostels, and vacant stands, and encourages and supports the provision of tools and personnel to maintain these departmental immovable assets. The department motivates, guides, and manages the provision of tenure for occupants, and promotes home ownership through sectionalisation of flats. It disposes of the department's commercial properties.								
<i>of which</i>								
<i>National conditional grants</i>								
<i>Human Settlements Development Grant</i>	<i>161 389</i>							<i>161 389</i>

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<b>9. Roads and Transport</b>	<b>9 735 819</b>	<b>856 155</b>	<b>1 014 799</b>		<b>5 805 871</b>	<b>2 058 994</b>	
Vision: Growing Gauteng together through smart mobility -2030							
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>318 015</b>	<b>238 871</b>	<b>64 597</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>14 347</b>	
To provide the Department with overall management and administrative, strategic, financial, and corporate support services in order to ensure that it delivers on its mandate in an integrated, efficient, effective, and sustainable manner.							
<b>2. Transport Infrastructure</b>	<b>3 193 491</b>	<b>366 260</b>	<b>872 002</b>		<b>3 100</b>	<b>1 952 129</b>	
To promote accessibility and the safe, affordable movement of people, goods and services through the delivery and maintenance of transport infrastructure that is sustainable, integrated and environmentally sensitive, and which supports and facilitates social empowerment and economic growth.							
<i>of which</i>							
<i>National conditional grants</i>							
<i>Provincial Roads Maintenance</i>	<i>1 573 564</i>						<i>1 573 564</i>
<i>Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant</i>	<i>8 524</i>						<i>8 524</i>
<i>Transfers to Provinces and Municipalities</i>	<i>2 100</i>						<i>2 100</i>
<b>3. Transport Operations</b>	<b>3 174 855</b>	<b>36 696</b>	<b>5 400</b>		<b>3 132 759</b>		
To plan, regulate and facilitate the provision of integrated land transport services through co-ordination and co-operation with national planning authorities, Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the private sector in order to enhance the mobility of all communities, particularly those currently without or with limited access.							
<i>of which</i>							
<i>National conditional grants Public Transport Operations</i>	<i>3 112 386</i>						<i>3 112 386</i>
<i>Transfers to Public corporations and private enterprise</i>	<i>3 112 386</i>						<i>3 112 386</i>
<i>Non-profit institutions</i>	<i>19 973</i>						<i>19 973</i>
<b>4. Transport Regulation</b>	<b>380 046</b>	<b>214 328</b>	<b>72 800</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>92 518</b>	
To ensure the provision of a safe environment through the regulation of traffic on public infrastructure, law enforcement, implementation of road safety education and awareness programmes, and the registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers.							
<b>5. Gautrain Rapid Rail Link</b>	<b>2 669 412</b>				<b>2 669 412</b>		
To plan, design and construct the Rapid Rail Link and ensure efficient management and implementation of the Gautrain. The management of the concession agreement will remain one of the most important functions of the Gautrain Management Agency (GMA). The agreement was concluded between the province, through the Department of Roads and Transport, on the one hand and the concessionaire on the other hand, for the design, construction, and operation of the railway line for the Gautrain Rapid Rail Project.							
<i>of which</i>							
<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>							
<i>Gautrain Management Agency</i>	<i>2 669 412</i>						<i>2 669 412</i>
<b>10. Community Safety</b>	<b>2 362 718</b>	<b>1 732 623</b>	<b>522 823</b>		<b>4 897</b>	<b>102 375</b>	
Vision: To realise Gauteng as a province where people feel and are safe.							
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>184 638</b>	<b>150 709</b>	<b>28 155</b>			<b>5 774</b>	
To provide strategic direction and to support the organisation through corporate support (which includes human capital resources), financial management, supply chain management, risk management, legal services and strategic planning monitoring and evaluation.							
<b>2. Provincial Secretariat for Police Service</b>	<b>271 856</b>	<b>145 959</b>	<b>117 692</b>		<b>934</b>	<b>7 271</b>	
The programme aims to give effect to the constitutional mandate of the department relating to the promotion of good relations between the police and the community.							
<i>of which</i>							
<i>National conditional grants</i>	<i>8 342</i>						<i>8 342</i>
<i>Expanded Public Works Programme Incentive Grant for Provinces</i>	<i>1 906 224</i>	<i>1 435 955</i>	<i>376 976</i>		<i>3 963</i>	<i>89 330</i>	
<b>3. Traffic Management</b>							
The main aim of the programme is to integrate and coordinate traffic law enforcement, reduce road fatalities, and support the South African Police Service crime prevention initiatives in the province.							
<i>of which</i>	<i>214</i>						<i>214</i>
<i>Transfers to Provinces and Municipalities</i>							

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<b>11. Agriculture and Rural Development</b>	<b>647 304</b>	<b>340 276</b>	<b>286 786</b>		<b>5 343</b>	<b>14 899</b>		
Vision: An economically transformed agricultural sector, ensuring sustainable development for healthy food, food security and prosperous rural and urban communities in Gauteng								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>149 885</b>	<b>79 549</b>	<b>66 027</b>		<b>1 066</b>	<b>3 243</b>		
To provide leadership, management, efficient and effective financial management, human resource management and development, facilities management services, professional legal services and enforcement services, communication, and awareness as well as knowledge and project management services to the department								
of which								
Departmental agencies and accounts	670							670
<b>2. Sustainable Resource Use and Management</b>	<b>18 944</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>8 210</b>			<b>256</b>		
The Sustainable Resource Management Component provides a support service and professional expertise on best practices in managing and conserving natural resources and land, to private and public landowners, across a variety of land uses.								
of which								
National conditional grants								
Land Care Programme Grant: Poverty Relief And Infrastructure Development	5 758							5 758
<b>3. Agricultural Producer Support and Development</b>	<b>260 794</b>	<b>121 757</b>	<b>134 427</b>			<b>4 610</b>		
The overall objective of the programme is to provide support to farmers through agricultural development programmes. Sub-programmes for this programme include Farmer Settlement and Development, Extension and Advisory Services and Food Security.								
The strategic objectives of the component are:								
1. To render agricultural extension services to small and emerging farmers in the province by implementing the Provincial Agricultural revamped strategy.								
2. To provide comprehensive agricultural support to beneficiaries of land reform and agrarian projects								
3. To present a forum for interaction between farmers and service providers through farmers' and information days by drawing on skills and expertise of service providers, agricultural and academic institution								
4. To organise farmers into commodity focused study groups.								
5. To improve the level of record keeping by farmers.								
6. To coordinate the Female Farmer of the Year competition and encourage women farmers to partake.								
7. To engage farmers' unions and associations in strategic planning of agriculture in the province.								
8. To provide technical agricultural support in the commonage project cycle for all beneficiaries.								
of which								
National conditional grants								
Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme	111 615							111 615
Grant: Ilimal/Letsema Projects Grant	41 609							41 609

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<b>4. Veterinary Services</b>	104 190	78 684	23 439		97	1 970		
To ensure the reduction of the risk of outbreaks of controlled diseases, trade sensitive animal diseases and zoonotic diseases. These diseases negatively impact the agriculture economy, food security and trade in live animals and products of animal origin. Control and risk reduction of these diseases are important to livestock enterprise sustainability and safe protein security								
<b>5. Research and Technology Development Services</b>	65 680	26 154	32 116		4 090	3 320		
The overall objective of the programme is to provide adaptive research and facilitate development and availability of agricultural technologies for addressing agricultural productivity challenges of animals and plants.								
The strategic objectives of the component are:								
1. The Research and Technology Development Services is responsible for the provision of agricultural production support and development in terms of animal and plant production and research services.								
2. The component is furthermore critical with regard to the provision of resource planning and utilisation services and agricultural Information Systems.								
3. The component is furthermore responsible for Agricultural Mechanisation, irrigation, land use planning and farm structures functions.								
4. Additional programmes that the component currently manages include biotechnology as well as the Agricultural Disaster Risk Management.								
of which								
Higher education institutions	4 000							4 000
<b>6. Agricultural Economic Services</b>	37 100	15 990	19 520		90	1 500		
To provide timely and relevant agricultural economic services to the sector in support of sustainable agricultural and agri-business development to increase economic growth. The Department's clients expect of this Programme to provide advice and support ranging from farm level to sector level based on sound scientific principles and research								
<b>7. Rural Development</b>	10 711	7 664	3 047					
The overall objective of the programme is to provide a strategic framework that will facilitate and co-ordinate the implementation of sector policies and strategies concerned with the development of rural communities and support the implementation of poverty alleviation mechanisms and the need to create a developmental environment that will contribute to enabling rural communities and households to achieve sustainable livelihoods								
<b>12. Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation</b>	1 013 402	365 275	271 778		349 398	26 951		
Vision: An active, creative, and modernised Gauteng City Region contributing to sustainable socio-economic growth and social cohesion.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	165 503	110 423	49 992		1 500	3 588		
The aim of the Administration programme is to provide political and strategic direction and to support the department by providing corporate management services. It primarily contributes to the department's strategic goal: A capable and activist administration which contributes to a modern developmental state to promote good governance.								
<b>2. Cultural Affairs</b>	219 055	80 607	63 330		73 680	1 438		
The aim of the Cultural Affairs Programme is to identify, develop, support, promote, preserve, and protect arts and heritage resources in the province. In doing so, the programme contributes to the department's strategic goals by:								
• Enhancing the implementation of integrated and sustainable arts, culture, and recreation programmes								
• Transforming Gauteng economically through creative and cultural industries								
Veterinary Services								
National conditional grants								
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant								
Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts	40 888							40 888
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions	32 792							32 792
Transfers to Provinces and Municipalities								
<b>3. Library and Archives Services</b>	320 714	30 035	54 364		219 653	16 662		
The purpose of the programme is to establish and maintain community libraries that provide access to knowledge, resources, and services to meet the needs of individuals and groups for education, information, and personal development. Libraries, as knowledge hubs, achieve the broad imperatives of socio-economic development and nation building.								
of which								
National conditional grants								
Community Library Services	184 727							184 727
Transfers to Provinces and Municipalities	215 803							215 803
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions	3 500							3 500
<b>4. Sport and Recreation</b>	308 130	144 210	104 092		54 565	5 263		
The aim of this programme is to promote sport and recreation and school sport, facilitate talent identification; promote sport development and high performance to make Gauteng the Home of Champions.								
of which								
National conditional grants								
Mass Sport and Recreation Participation Programme	3 042							3 042
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces	54 565							54 565
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions								

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<b>13. E-Government</b>	<b>1 541 580</b>	<b>498 788</b>	<b>1 028 784</b>		<b>10 556</b>	<b>3 452</b>		
Vision: A smart Gauteng City Region that provides efficient quality services to citizens								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>278 192</b>	<b>181 642</b>	<b>92 681</b>		<b>417</b>	<b>3 452</b>		
To provide executive leadership, oversight, accountability, and corporate support services.								
<b>2. Information Communication Technology (ICT) Shared Services</b>	<b>1 125 236</b>	<b>180 069</b>	<b>935 497</b>		<b>9 670</b>			
Establishment of an ICT e-Government governance structure for the Department and the broader GCR as well as building ICT infrastructure, developing applications, promoting ICT skills development, and facilitating innovation and research. Build an enabling ICT infrastructure and platform for common GCR e-Services according to a standardised approach for a connected GCR government. Promotion of the usage of e-Government services by citizens, businesses and government entities through transformation and incentive programmes. Conclusion of private and public partnerships and the implementation of incubation and innovation programmes								
of which								
Transfers to Higher Education Institutions	9 514							9 514
<b>3. Human Resource Services</b>	<b>138 152</b>	<b>137 077</b>	<b>606</b>		<b>469</b>			
To modernise HR business processes within the GPG through provisioning of ICT systems, promoting their optimal utilisation and producing analytical HR information useful for the purposes of decision-making.								
<b>14. Gauteng Provincial Treasury</b>	<b>787 853</b>	<b>669 385</b>	<b>115 535</b>		<b>1 621</b>	<b>1 312</b>		
Vision: Pioneers in fiscal prudence and good governance								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>173 975</b>	<b>141 786</b>	<b>29 256</b>		<b>1 621</b>	<b>1 312</b>		
To provide effective and ethical leadership, management, and administrative support to enable the department to deliver on its mandate								
<b>2. Sustainable Fiscal Resource Management</b>	<b>118 559</b>	<b>90 378</b>	<b>28 181</b>					
To ensure the effective and efficient administration of fiscal resources.								
<b>3. Financial Governance</b>	<b>137 584</b>	<b>127 085</b>	<b>10 499</b>					
To promote accountability through substantive reflection of financial activities as well as compliance with financial norms and standards as prescribed in the PFMA								
<b>4. Provincial Supply Chain Management</b>	<b>116 895</b>	<b>102 927</b>	<b>13 968</b>					
To promote and enforce transparency and effective supply chain management								
<b>5. Municipal Financial Governance</b>	<b>85 737</b>	<b>63 610</b>	<b>22 119</b>					
To oversee, assist and support all delegated municipalities with the implementation of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act.								
<b>6. Gauteng Audit Services</b>	<b>155 103</b>	<b>143 591</b>	<b>11 512</b>					
To render audit services to the GPG departments.								
<b>15. Infrastructure Development</b>	<b>3 648 084</b>	<b>1 281 636</b>	<b>1 098 419</b>		<b>1 200 943</b>	<b>67 086</b>		
Vision: To be the trusted provider of integrated and SMART public infrastructure and property management solutions that transform the spatial landscape and improve the quality of life of the people of Gauteng.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>668 589</b>	<b>298 372</b>	<b>333 217</b>		<b>4 000</b>	<b>33 000</b>		
The purpose of this programme is to provide strategic leadership to the department and to support the core programmes in their efforts to implement the mandate of the department. This includes the provision of strategic and operational support services for the MEC and the HOD, provision of financial management and supply chain management services, provision of corporate support services including human resource management, information systems management, internal and external communications, strategic planning and monitoring and evaluation as well as legal services and security management, and the provision of internal audit and organisational risk management services								
<b>2. Public Works Infrastructure</b>	<b>2 783 195</b>	<b>854 280</b>	<b>698 137</b>		<b>1 196 692</b>	<b>34 086</b>		
This Public Works Infrastructure Programme is responsible for providing the core services that are mandated to the Department. This includes being the implementer of infrastructure and maintenance projects on behalf of all GPG Departments. Maintenance projects include renovations, refurbishments and upgrading. In the case of the Provincial Department of Health, it also includes the implementation of day-to-day, routine/preventative and emergency maintenance at all health facilities in the Province with the exception of Jubilee Hospital and Odi Hospital which are maintained by the Provincial Department of Health.								
of which								
Transfers to Municipalities	1 130 884							1 130 884
Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts	65 808							65 808
Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency	65 808							65 808
<b>3. Expanded Public Works Programme</b>	<b>196 300</b>	<b>128 984</b>	<b>67 065</b>		<b>251</b>			
The purpose of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is to manage the implementation of programmes and strategies that lead to the development and empowerment of communities and contractors. This includes the provincial management and co-ordination of the Expanded Public Works Programme. The EPWP is a nationwide programme aimed at the reorientation of public-sector spending in favour of projects that create more work opportunities								
of which								
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant	14 631							14 631

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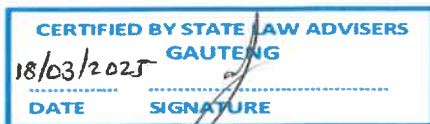
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<b>16. Environment</b>	<b>611 453</b>	<b>335 364</b>	<b>186 477</b>		<b>80 784</b>	<b>8 828</b>		
Vision: A resilient Gauteng that protects and manages its environment and natural assets to ensure sustainability.								
<b>1. Administration</b>	<b>153 985</b>	<b>87 874</b>	<b>61 619</b>		<b>930</b>	<b>3 562</b>		
To provide leadership, management, efficient and effective financial management, human resource management and development, facilities management services, professional legal services and enforcement services, communication, and awareness as well as knowledge and project management services to the department								
of which								
Departmental agencies and accounts	730							730
<b>2. Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination</b>	<b>43 351</b>	<b>30 285</b>	<b>12 892</b>			<b>174</b>		
The programme is responsible for the sustainable development mandate of the GDoENV, i.e., the protection and management of Gauteng's natural and environmental resources and ecosystems. Based on the new strategic direction for the 5th term of governance, greater emphasis will be placed on the economic growth and development elements e.g., fast-tracking EIA application approvals, eco-tourism, development of alternative energy sources/supply to provide long term energy security, waste management and the development of green technologies and processes								
<b>3. Compliance and Enforcement</b>	<b>54 679</b>	<b>50 834</b>	<b>3 554</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>193</b>		
The programme is responsible for monitoring and enforcement of compliance with environmental legislation and environmental authorisations, permits or licences issued by the department. Improving compliance with environmental legislation is the key area focus for the programme, which is achieved through continued implementation of various interventions aimed at ensuring that the growing trend of non-compliance and non-adherence to environmental legislative framework is dealt with effectively. Based on the new strategic direction for the 7th term of governance, greater emphasis will be placed on improved compliance with the environmental legislation, which includes ensuring that there is compliance with environmental legislative obligations by licensed facilities and, also, compliance with the administrative enforcement notices issued to address and rectify the discovered non-compliance								
<b>4. Environmental Quality Management</b>	<b>80 217</b>	<b>54 125</b>	<b>25 024</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>1 025</b>		
The purpose of the programme is to establish legislation, policies, norms, standards and guidelines for environmental impact management, air quality management and management of waste and pollution at provincial and local spheres of government. Key areas of delivery include promoting less and better- managed waste, contributing to the management of environmental impacts from mining and related activities, and promoting sustainable land use management.								
The programme comprises the following sub- programmes								
• Impact Management								
• Air Quality Management								
• Pollution and Waste Management								
<b>5. Biodiversity Management</b>	<b>190 373</b>	<b>88 627</b>	<b>18 407</b>		<b>79 524</b>	<b>3 815</b>		
The programme Conservation is responsible for promoting the equitable and sustainable use of ecosystem goods and services; and contributing to economic development by managing biological diversity and its components, processes, habitats, and functions. This contributes to the protection and enhancement of environmental assets and natural resources through biodiversity protection.								
of which								
National conditional grants								
EPWP Incentive Grant	9 313							9 313
Provinces and municipalities	400							400
Departmental agencies and accounts	78 359							78 359
Cradle of Humankind	45 991							45 991
Dinokeng	31 053							31 053
<b>6. Environmental Empowerment Services</b>	<b>88 848</b>	<b>23 619</b>	<b>64 981</b>		<b>189</b>	<b>59</b>		
To empower communities to manage natural resources through job creation, skills development, and awareness opportunities								
<b>TOTAL FOR THE PROVINCE</b>	<b>171 448 033</b>	<b>105 609 396</b>	<b>33 857 664</b>		<b>24 661 331</b>	<b>7 319 642</b>		

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS ON THE GAUTENG PROVINCIAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Section 215(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (the “Constitution”), provides for national, provincial, and municipal budgets and budgetary processes that must promote transparency, accountability and the effective management of the economy, debt, and the public sector.

Section 215(2) of the Constitution enjoins Parliament to enact national legislation which must prescribe the following:

- (a) the form of national, provincial, and municipal budgets;
- (b) when national and provincial budgets must be tabled; and
- (c) that budgets in each sphere of government must show the sources of revenue and the way in which proposed expenditure will comply with national legislation.

Section 215(3) of the Constitution requires that budgets in each sphere of government must contain—

- (a) estimates of revenue and expenditure, differentiating between capital and current expenditure;
- (b) proposals for financing any anticipated deficit for the period to which they apply; and
- (c) an indication of intentions regarding borrowing and other forms of public liability that will increase public debt during the ensuing year.

Section 226(1) of the Constitution establishes the Gauteng Provincial Revenue Fund for the Province of Gauteng into which all money received by the Gauteng Provincial Government (“GPG”) must be paid, except money reasonably excluded by an Act of Parliament. Section 226(2) of the Constitution provides that money may be withdrawn from the Gauteng Provincial Revenue Fund only—

- (a) in terms of an appropriation by a provincial Act; or
- (b) as a direct charge against the Fund when it is provided for in the Constitution or a provincial Act.

Revenue allocated through the GPG to local government in terms of section 214(1) of the Constitution is a direct charge against the Gauteng Provincial Revenue Fund in terms of section 226(3) of the Constitution.

Section 26 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) (the “PFMA”), gives effect to section 226(2) read with section 215(2) of the Constitution by providing for annual appropriations by Parliament and each of the provincial legislatures, and enjoins Parliament and the Gauteng Provincial Legislature to appropriate money for the 2025/26 financial year for the requirements of the State and the Province of Gauteng, respectively.

Section 27(2) of the PFMA requires the member of the Executive Council responsible for finance in the Province of Gauteng (the “MEC”) to table a Provincial Annual Budget for

2025/26 financial year in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature not later than two weeks after the tabling of the National Annual Budget by the Minister in accordance with section 27(1) of the PFMA, unless the Minister approves an extension of time for the tabling of the Provincial Annual Budget. The Minister tabled the National Annual Budget for the 2025/26 financial year on Wednesday, 12 March 2025.

Furthermore, section 28(1) of the PFMA requires the Minister and the MEC to annually table in the National Assembly and in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, respectively, a multi-year budget projection of—

- (a) the estimated revenue expected to be raised during each year of the multi-year period; and
- (b) the estimated expenditure expected to be incurred per vote during each year of the multi-year period differentiating between capital and current expenditure.

The Gauteng Provincial Appropriation Bill, 2025, encompasses the Provincial Annual Budget for the 2025/26 financial year, in accordance with the above-mentioned prescripts of the Constitution and the PFMA.

## II. BACKGROUND

The tabling of the 2025 MTEF takes place in an economy with prolonged weak economic growth, but through structural reforms and the government of national unity, continuous efforts are being employed to respond to socio-economic challenges and to resolve longstanding economic and fiscal challenges.

The Province of Gauteng remains committed to achieving the vision articulated in the Growing Gauteng Together 2030 Plan (“GGT2030”). The Statement of Intent pronounced post the National and Provincial elections on 14 June 2024, outlines the foundational principles and basic minimum programme of priorities for the 7th Administration.

The Provincial Annual Budget is focused on ensuring the sustained resourcing of the following three strategic priorities which are aligned to national government:

- **Strategic Priority 1: Inclusive economic growth and job creation** has been identified to enhance rapid, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth to create jobs.
- **Strategic Priority 2: Improved living conditions and enhanced health and wellbeing** seeks to focus on a more just society and reduced poverty, and a skilled and healthy workforce, quality living environments and basic services.
- **Strategic Priority 3: A capable, ethical, and developmental state** which seeks to build a capable, ethical, and developmental state in support of enhanced efficiencies and service delivery, and an enabling environment for inclusive economic growth.

Furthermore, the GPG has identified key provincial outcomes and interventions to achieve the outcomes which are centred around addressing the challenges and problems faced by Gauteng residents.



Gauteng is faced with increased pressure on its fiscal framework due to high debt levels, weak economic growth, and an increase in the public sector wage bill. In response to these challenges the province has implemented a budget strategy which aims to reduce the provincial budget deficit and mitigate the risks to the fiscal framework through robust debt management, revenue maximisation and the advancement of fiscal sustainability. Service delivery interventions were, however, cushioned from deeper cuts since the fiscus was supplemented through provincial financing and the implementation of stricter cost containment measures. Emerging policy priorities and cost pressures are primarily funded through the reprioritisation of budget and trade-offs in policy options.

The Gauteng Provincial Appropriation Bill, 2025, represents the estimates of the provincial expenditure in relation to current expenditure, transfer payments and capital expenditure for each vote and each main division of a vote for the 2025/26 Financial Year.

### III. DISCUSSION

#### A. Macro-economic context

The global economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic highlights persistent weak growth, uneven growth prospects for global regions, geopolitical tensions, and rising debt as key challenges. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects global gross domestic product (“GDP”) growth of 3.2% in 2024 from 3.3% in 2023 and revert to 3.3% in 2025. This slowdown is primarily driven by economies grappling with tight monetary policies, constrained credit availability, and subdued international trade. Growth prospects for 2024 and beyond suggest an uneven recovery, with Emerging Market and Developing Economies (“EMDEs”) showing more robust growth and advanced economies experiencing a relatively muted recovery.<sup>1</sup>

Advanced economies are estimated to have grown at 1.7% in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Projections are that growth will improve marginally to 1.9% in 2025. Strong growth from economies such as Canada, the United Kingdom, and the Euro area supports the improvement of growth in advanced economies.

Growth for the EMDEs is estimated at 4.2% in 2024 and projections are that growth will stabilise at the same rate in 2025. More substantial growth of 4.6% is anticipated for China in 2025, primarily due to the carryover effects from 2024 and the fiscal package announced in November. This will counteract the negative impact of heightened trade policy uncertainties and the property market on investment. In India, growth is projected to be solid at 6.5% in 2025 and 2026. GDP growth in Sub-Saharan Africa is anticipated to rise from 3.6% in 2023 to 4.2% in 2024. Growth is expected to improve to 4.4% in 2025 as supply limitations gradually ease and the adverse effects of previous weather shocks gradually fade.



<sup>1</sup> International Monetary Fund. (2025). World Economic Outlook Update Global Growth: Divergent and Uncertain 2025 January. Washington, DC, United States.

South Africa's economic performance has been underpinned by structural challenges. Among other factors, these include the shortage of electricity and logistical constraints. Economic activity grew by 0.1% in the first quarter of 2024, before growing by 0.3% in the second quarter, while the third quarter growth declined by 0.3%. According to Stats SA's fourth quarter GDP data, the country's economic growth is estimated at 0.6% in 2024. National Treasury projects growth to rise by 1.9% in 2025 before slowing to 1.7% in 2026. Growth is projected at 1.9% in 2027. Furthermore, the budget deficit as a proportion of GDP is estimated at 5% for the 2024/25 financial year, and it is forecast to slow down to 4.6% in the 2025/26 financial year. Expectations are that the deficit will slow further to 3.8% in the 2026/27 financial year, before reaching 3.5% in the 2027/28 financial year.<sup>2</sup>

Domestic inflationary pressures have decelerated from the supply side shock from the peak of 7.8% in July 2022. Consumer inflation continued to dip below the target range in 2024, reaching 2.8% in October, before rising to 3% in December. Headline consumer inflation reached 3.2% in January 2025. Inflation averaged at 4.4% for 2024 and is projected to be 3.9% for 2025. In response to the declining inflation, the South African Reserve Bank began its rate-cutting cycle from September 2024. The repurchase rate was reduced by 25 basis points at every meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee and subsequently in January 2025.<sup>3</sup>

Gauteng's economy is estimated to grow by 1.3% in 2024, before rising to 1.8% in 2025 and reaching 2% in 2026. The growth rates for 2024 and 2025 are supported by increases in the finance and community services sectors. Furthermore, the trade sector is expected to grow by 0.5% before reaching 2.5%, owing to improved consumer confidence, supporting the estimated growth. The transport sector is estimated to increase by 2.5% in 2024 and to reach 2.4% in 2025, as ports, rail, and other logistics deficiencies continue to diminish. The construction sector was forecast to grow by 4.7% in 2024, and is expected to slow to 1.8% in 2025, recovering from a decline of 0.1% in 2023 and owing to improvements in investor confidence.

Although there was improvement in the country's business sentiment in 2024, following the formation of the Government of National Unity, economic activity is expected to remain weaker. This does not bode well for revenue collection, which is projected to have a shortfall of R16.7 billion for the 2024/25 financial year. In addition to other factors, this will lead to a decline in Gauteng's Provincial Equitable share (PES) allocations, affecting the already limited provincial fiscal resources. To increase revenue collection for the 2025/26 financial year, National Treasury has proposed a 0.5 percentage point increase in the Value Added Tax (VAT) and a further increase of 0.5 percentage point in the 2026/27 financial year. This will result in the VAT increasing to 15.5% in the 2025/26 financial year and to 16% in the 2026/27 financial year. This fiscal challenging period



<sup>2</sup> National Treasury. (2025). National Budget Review: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Pretoria, South Africa.

<sup>3</sup> South African Reserve Bank. (2024). Statement of Monetary Policy Committee – January 2025. Pretoria, South Africa.

requires prudent financial management in the country and its regions, while ensuring the provision of basic services to households.<sup>4</sup>

Further downside risks include food prices that are vulnerable to weather-related shocks and logistical challenges. However, on the upside, the possibility of a quicker rate of disinflation and interest rate reductions than assumed in the baseline forecast could boost demand in the country.

## **B. Key budget principles**

Due to slow economic growth the budget is again formulated within a tight fiscal environment, hence the following principles guided the allocation of budgets to provincial departments:

- (1) Curbing the growth in the provincial budget deficit;
- (2) Responding to data changes in the provincial equitable share which culminated in a reduction to the provincial transfers from the national;
- (3) Ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability in the challenging socio-economic environment through maximising own revenue collection, donor funding, blended financing, public-private partnerships, trade-offs and downscaling or stopping of programmes;
- (4) Unlocking allocative efficiency by repositioning existing plans and budgets to respond to GPG's policy priorities within the constrained fiscal envelope;
- (5) Realisation of efficiencies in the provincial procurement processes;
- (6) Focusing on "ready-to-deliver" infrastructure projects that contribute to the elevated priorities;
- (7) Extending to provincial entities the implications of data changes on provincial equitable share, and allocative efficiencies;
- (8) Funding accruals as a first charge against the department's budget allocation; and
- (9) Protecting the vulnerable members of society.

## **C. Funding the Gauteng Medium -Term Development Plan 2024-2029**

The focus of the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) is on ensuring the sustained resourcing of the three strategic priorities of the Gauteng Medium-Term Development Plan 2024-2029. The following are the key interventions with their respective budget allocations.

### **C.1 Gauteng Office of the Premier**



The allocation of the Gauteng Office of the Premier is R569.2 million in the 2025/26 financial year and it totals R1.8 billion over the MTEF. This funding will enable the Gauteng Office of the Premier to lead the GPG in the implementation of the Gauteng Medium-Term Development Plan (GMTDP) 2024-2029, and in focusing on combating

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<sup>4</sup> National Treasury. (2025). National Budget Review 2025: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Pretoria, South Africa.

crime, boosting economic growth, ensuring energy stability, and investing in education and skills development.

The allocation includes R53.5 million in the 2025/26 financial year and a total of R165.2 million over three years to provide for the provincial forensic audits. This provision will contribute towards the set target of finalising 80% of reported fraud and corruption forensic investigation cases in the 2027/28 financial year. This provision will also contribute towards the target for the 2025/26 financial year concerning the recovery of 20% value of assets lost through financial misconduct.

To fight crime, lawlessness and corruption in the province, the budget provides R9.1 million in the 2025/26 financial year and a total of R28.1 million over the MTEF for strengthening the institutionalisation of integrity across the system of government.

## **C.2 Gauteng Provincial Legislature**

The budget of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature is R1.2 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, and it accumulates to R3 billion over the MTEF to propel confidence in democracy and improve the quality of life of Gauteng's residents.

The total budget includes funding political parties and constituency support. This is to support the increase in the number of political parties represented in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature from six to eleven, in order to enable them to fulfil their role as public representatives in the 7<sup>th</sup> Administration. This funding totals R551.7 million over the MTEF. Funding for political parties is increased over the MTEF to provide for the increase in the number of seats for the members of provincial legislature by seven from 73 seats to 80 seats in the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

To enable the Gauteng Provincial Legislature to deliver its core business services, which include law-making, oversight over the executive and public participation in the legislature processes, R337.1 million is allocated in the 2025/26 financial year. This amount decreases to R292.1 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R303.4 million in the 2027/28 financial year. The Gauteng Provincial Legislature continues to develop and implement laws that create an enabling environment to better Gauteng citizens' lives through public participation processes or public hearings, citizens responsibility campaigns and various other programmes of the legislature committees.

## **C.3 Gauteng Department of Economic Development**

In alignment with the GMTDP priority of fostering inclusive economic growth and job creation, the Gauteng Department of Economic Development is allocated R1.6 billion for the 2025/26 financial year, with a total allocation of R4.9 billion over the MTEF.

To promote investment in the development of industrial and economic infrastructure, and prioritise the economic development of townships, deteriorating areas, and peri-urban

areas, R22.6 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R63.7 million over the 2025 MTEF have been allocated towards the implementation of industrial parks.

To position Gauteng as a premier investment destination, the Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA) is allocated R668.8 million for the 2025/26 financial year and R2 billion over the 2025 MTEF to drive trade and investment promotion. The GGDA aims to facilitate R28 billion in foreign direct investment during the 2025/26 financial year and R120 billion over the next five years. The GGDA's trade facilitation efforts will focus on expanding exports from Gauteng to strategic markets, with a target of increasing the share of national exports facilitated by the GGDA to R5.3 billion. Additionally, the GGDA will support companies based in the Gauteng City Region (the "GCR") in accessing and expanding into new and existing markets across the continent and globally. These investments will enhance the province's competitiveness and create employment opportunities. Furthermore, 35 expansion opportunities will be matched with GCR-based companies. Infrastructure development is a crucial driver of economic activity in Gauteng. In the upcoming financial year, the GGDA will undertake six strategic economic infrastructure projects across the region during the 2025/26 financial year, and a total of fourteen in the next five years. R160 million is allocated for these strategic economic infrastructure projects in the 2025/26 financial year and R490 million is allocated over the 2025 MTEF. These projects include the refurbishment of 10 existing Industrial Parks and the completion of the Constitution Hill Visitor Centre, Bio-Park Phase 3, and the "We the People's Park" Vaal SEZ (Heidelberg site).

To transform Gauteng into a single, multi-tiered mega special economic zone, R70 million is allocated in the 2025/26 financial year and a total of R165.2 million over the MTEF for the Tshwane Automotive Special Economic Zone (TASEZ). Phase Two of the Tshwane TASEZ will include a mixed-use precinct and a Centre of Excellence Campus for skills development and SMME empowerment. The Centre will focus on automotive skills, green economy training, New Energy Vehicle-linked skills, practical and theoretical education, high-tech education, and entrepreneurial incubation.

The allocation to the Gauteng Tourism Authority is R100.5 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R328.5 million over the 2025 MTEF. The allocation is directed towards the following areas:

- **Destination Marketing:** This focuses on promoting Gauteng's diverse tourism offerings and enhancing brand recognition in both domestic and international markets;
- **Bidding and Hosting:** This initiative aims to identify, attract, and secure significant business events within the tourism and investment sectors. The goal is to stimulate demand and promote economic growth; and
- **Destination Management and Development:** This ensures sustainable planning, development, and management of Gauteng's tourism infrastructure. It aims to balance tourism growth with environmental and social sustainability.



The department will continue promoting the Township Economic Development Act, 2022 (Act No. 2 of 2022), which mandates that the government and local retail industries procure goods and services from township businesses. Projects planned for the 2025 MTEF period include the High Impact Partnership Delivery Model Programme, and the Clothing, Textile, Leather, and Footwear sector development Programme. A total of R33 million has been set aside for the 2025/26 financial year.

The Gauteng Enterprise Propeller (“GEP”) will receive R229.5 million in the 2025/26 financial year, and an additional R410 million will be allocated over the subsequent two years to provide financial support to small, medium, and micro enterprises (“SMMEs”). GEP will offer business development support through applications processed at its five regional offices in Gauteng. These offices aim to help communities access government services closer to home, in line with the National Government’s Regional Development Model.

Providing financial assistance through loans and grants to small businesses remains a key component of GEP's services. The GEP will continue to implement both financial and non-financial support primarily through its Investment Management, Regional Operations, and Enterprise Support programs. Loans and grants will remain available during the upcoming period.

#### **C.4 Gauteng Department of Health**

The Gauteng Department of Health receives R67.1 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and a total R141.9 billion over the MTEF to strengthen the public health system to deliver patient-centred, equitable care, with an emphasis on underserved communities. This includes modernising infrastructure, digitising health records, improving governance mechanisms, and building capacity to address both communicable and non-communicable diseases effectively.

The department will improve the quality of public health services through infrastructure upgrades, the Ideal Clinic and Ideal Hospital realisation programmes, and the roll-out of the queue management systems. The electronic queue management system and e-digitisation is allocated R70 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R70 million in the 2026/27 financial year.

To improve the patient experience of care, the department has set aside R2.2 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R4.2 billion over the MTEF to improve response times for emergency medical services and planned patient transport.

The department intends to continue to digitise health systems to enable real-time decision-making and efficient service delivery. In this regard, the department is in the final stage of completing the implementation of a Health Information System with R81.4 million availed in the 2025/26 financial year.



To strengthen mental health and rehabilitation services by integrating them into primary health care and a plan to expand acute bed capacity up to 287 beds, R484.1 million is allocated in the 2025/26 financial year and R1 billion over the MTEF for key initiatives such as additional mental health acute beds, the appointment of district mental health teams and filling of mental healthcare posts.

The department plans to build capacity to address both communicable and non-communicable diseases effectively. In relation to improved maternal and child health programmes, the department aims to improve access to antenatal and postnatal care, reduce adolescent pregnancies, and reduce child deaths from pneumonia, diarrhoea, and malnutrition. This intervention is allocated R38.4 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R81.5 billion over the MTEF.

To enhance HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis (“TB”) care the department will enhance antiretroviral therapy retention, viral suppression, and TB treatment success, while reducing incidence. R6.9 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R14.1 billion over the MTEF is allocated towards achieving the 90-90-90 HIV targets and reduce AIDS-related deaths. In addition, TB treatment services receive R413.3 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R881.1 million over the MTEF to reduce TB mortality and incidence through improved treatment success rates and reduced loss-to-follow-up.

### **C.5 Gauteng Department of Education**

The Gauteng Department of Education is allocated R68 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and a total of R211.150 billion over the MTEF for expanded access to quality basic education and early childhood development (ECD) and improved education outcomes for women, girl, youth, and persons with disabilities. The focus will be on the provisioning of quality ECD services, delivering of high-quality education across the Foundation, Intermediate, Senior and the Further Education and Training Phases, changing of the education landscape to accelerate relevant and quality learning, and the creation of a safe schools environment and the promotion of social cohesion.

The ECD strategy will focus on stabilising and expanding access to 0-to-4-year-olds programmes, universalising Grade R in schools and improving the quality of ECD programmes across the board. The overall ECD strategy is allocated R2.6 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R8.2 billion over the MTEF of which R876 million is for ECD subsidies, R245 million is for access to ECD programmes and R1.5 billion is for Grade R in schools.

To improve the matric pass rate as well as Bachelor passes in the Gauteng Province, R542 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R1.8 billion over the MTEF is allocated to the Secondary School Improvement Programme (SSIP) and the Further Education and Training strategy. Targeted professional development programmes focusing on content knowledge, pedagogical skills, and the use of technology in teaching will further enhance the SSIP.



School safety is a critical priority in the delivery of quality basic education, hence R191 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R590 million over the MTEF is allocated to school safety interventions with an emphasis on the National School Safety Framework. Pro-poor interventions including school nutrition and scholar transport receive R2.4 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R7.8 billion over the MTEF. The department will continue to expand and enhance Schools of Specialisation to strengthen the skills base. R112.6 million is allocated for Schools of Specialisation in the 2025/26 financial year accumulating R353.2 million over MTEF.

The department plans to enhance its commitment to e-learning by investing in robust internet infrastructure and digital tools that support innovative educational platforms through the establishment of e-classrooms which receive R1.2 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R2.6 billion over the MTEF.

## **C.6 Gauteng Department of Social Development**

The Gauteng Department of Social Development receives R5.4 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and a total of R16.9 billion over the MTEF to secure social compacts and partnerships to build a skilled and capable workforce, implement a 'single window' urban poverty and hunger elimination approach and strengthen support for homeless and vulnerable persons.

The department implements the Provincial Strategy on Homelessness by reaching out to homeless people through mobile drop-in services for which R276.6 million is allocated over the MTEF to provide, among other things, meals, medical support, clothing, and shelters.

Food security programmes receive R191.7 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R591 million over the MTEF to reach as many vulnerable individuals within the province as possible. The key emphasis to enhance the impact of Bana Pele interventions will be on streamlining approaches to refer vulnerable children through the provincial automated indigent register, aligned with the Bana Pele profiled beneficiaries. In support of the Bana Pele programme, the Department allocates R158.9 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R449.8 million over the MTEF for dignity packs (toiletries). School uniforms to disadvantaged children receives R154.6 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R458.9 million over the MTEF. The department's programmes continue to promote the protection, development, and well-being of children through the provision of Child and Youth Care Centres and allocates R444.6 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R1.4 billion over the MTEF to this intervention. Community-based child and youth care prevention and early intervention services support vulnerable children at home and in the community through safe parks, and life skills programs receive R36.5 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R98.4 million over the MTEF.

The Substance Use Disorder treatment services in state funded rehabilitation centres, outpatient centres as well as community-based services receive R337.1 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R1.0 billion over the MTEF. In strengthening aftercare

services, the department established centres of excellence across the province for which R41.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R129 million over the MTEF is made available. The department will continue refurbishing the Dr Florence and Fabian facility and repurposing Mabutho Hlatshwayo Child and Youth Care Centre as an additional state-owned substance abuse facility to increase capacity for rehabilitation services. An amount of R11.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R29.3 million over the MTEF is set aside for this purpose.

The department's contribution to secure social compacts and partnerships within the Post Sector Education and Training arena is embedded on comprehensive skills development, through the integration of skills development initiatives within its various service offerings. An amount of R172.5 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R509.3 million over the medium term is made available for skills development programmes.

### **C.7 Gauteng Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs**

The Gauteng Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs contribution to the GMTDP is to strengthen integrated planning and cooperative governance and improve oversight and coordination at the centre of government. For the 2025/26 financial year, the department receives an allocation of R551.3 million and R1.7 billion over the MTEF.

To build a capable, ethical, and developmental state, the department is allocated an amount of R48.6 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R150.3 million over the MTEF from the provincial equitable share to provide support such as multi-disciplinary experts to address gaps in the revenue value chain to municipalities in the province. Additionally, the department allocates an amount of R24.7 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R76.4 million over the MTEF towards programmes that will support development and integrated planning and improving oversight as part of building a capable, ethical, and developmental state in support of outcome 3.1 of the MTDP.

The Community Development Workers programme receives an amount of R14.3 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R44.1 million over the MTEF to promote public participation and ensure ward committees are in place by promoting participation in community based local governance processes through outreached programmes and Integrated Development Plan coordinating processes. To provide coordination and improving oversight by supporting municipalities to maintain functional disaster management centers and disaster response and relief interventions, R61.4 million for the 2025/26 financial year and R189.6 million over the MTEF is made available by the province for the Provincial Disaster Management Centre.

### **C.8 Gauteng Department of Human Settlements**

The Gauteng Department of Human Settlements is primarily responsible for building integrated human settlements and is allocated R5.7 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R16.5 billion over the MTEF. The GMTDP chapter on Human Settlements focuses

on the provision of access to inclusionary human settlements opportunities. The programmes supporting the GMTDP includes the optimisation of the use of land through the Rapid Land Release Programme with an allocation of R50 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R114 million over the MTEF; providing security of tenure through the issuance of title deeds is allocated R39.4 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R118 million over the MTEF; and the urban renewal programme is allocated R144.7 million for the same period. Hostel redevelopment as an elevated priority receives an amount of R298.4 million in the 2025/26 financial year.

Informal settlements are a key focus of the GMTDP through the provision of access to inclusionary opportunities and an allocation of R790 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R1.3 billion over the MTEF is set aside for the improvement and upgrading of informal settlements across the province. The provision of housing opportunities through Mega Housing Projects that includes the servicing of stands, receive R3.3 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R10.7 billion over the MTEF.

To maintain state assets, an allocation of R161.4 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R446.8 million over the MTEF is set aside. Furthermore, an amount of R59.5 million is earmarked for the payment of rates and taxes, and water and lights, in the 2025/26 financial year. Also included in the department's allocation for the 2025/26 financial year is an Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) grant amount of R1.2 million for job creation initiatives.

The department will continue to implement the Hostel Redevelopment Programme in this term by providing accessible and dignified housing opportunities to deserving residents. To this end an amount of R298.4 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R710.9 million over the MTEF is allocated for the maintenance and upgrade of the hostels.

### **C.9 Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport**

The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport's mandate is primarily for the provision of an integrated transport system which is safe, reliable, and affordable, which delivers equitable access to opportunities and enhances the quality of life for the people of Gauteng. The Department is allocated R9.4 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R27.6 billion over the MTEF. The GMTDP priority of inclusive economic growth and job creation focuses on the provision of strategic transport infrastructure supporting inclusive access to socio-economic opportunities for the people of Gauteng.

Programmes supporting the GMTDP include the Transport Infrastructure Programme with an allocation of R3.2 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R8.3 billion over the MTEF; the upgrade and rehabilitation of strategic road infrastructure to improve safe accessibility to special economic zones is allocated R560 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R832 million over the MTEF; whereas the Provincial Road Maintenance Programme which focuses on the maintenance of the provincial road network is allocated R3.1 billion for the MTEF period. Also included in the allocation for the department for

the 2025/26 financial year is an EPWP grant amount of R8.5 million for job creation initiatives.

The provision of safe, reliable, and affordable public transport is a key focus through the provision of access to inclusionary socio-economic opportunities and an allocation of R3.1 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R9.8 billion over the MTEF is set aside for subsidisation of bus services across the province.

#### **C.10 Gauteng Department of Community Safety**

The Gauteng Department of Community Safety receives R2.3 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R6.8 billion over the 2025 MTEF for protecting, safeguarding, and securing communities through improved policing and community safety efforts and establishing a safe learning environment.

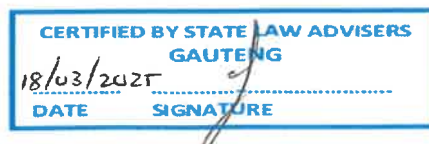
School safety interventions will include conducting school safety operations which include conducting random school searches and rendering awareness programmes on anti-substance abuse. An amount of R28.3 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R92.2 million over the MTEF is allocated for the school safety programme.

The department will continue to monitor the performance of police stations and metropolitan police departments to ensure that quality service is provided to the citizens of the province. An amount of R42.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R142.5 million over the MTEF is allocated to police oversight and monitoring.

The department will continue to deploy the Gauteng Traffic Wardens (GTWs) across the province to strengthen police visibility. In addition, the GTWs under the supervision of Gauteng Traffic Police and South African Police Service will be deployed to all central business districts within the province to restore law and order. An amount of R1.1 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R3.2 billion over the MTEF is allocated for compensation of employees including tools of trade. An amount of R12 million is allocated in the 2025/26 financial year to establish the Provincial Integrated Command Centre. The department will continue to deploy helicopters to support ground force for which R108 million is availed in the 2025/26 financial year and R340.1 million over the MTEF.

In addition, R63.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R198.2 million over the MTEF is allocated towards the continuous implementation of the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide strategic plan.

The department will conduct traffic law enforcement operations aimed at enforcing compliance with traffic regulations and conduct road safety awareness programmes. The focus will be on public transport operations, road safety education programs in schools and reducing the high fatality rate amongst pedestrians. The department will reinstate the 24/7 shift, which will involve increased policing of identified hazardous routes. A total



amount of R787.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R2.3 billion over the MTEF is allocated for reducing road fatalities.

### **C.11 Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**

The department receives R647 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R1.9 billion over the MTEF to respond to GMTDP priority interventions among other things, the decent employment through inclusive economic growth, to position Gauteng as an agro-processing hub, and to revitalise the agricultural sector.

An amount of R100 million over 5 years is set aside for implementation of agrologistics infrastructure, in order to position Gauteng as a leader in agro-processing and food security. The department allocates R78 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R246 million over the MTEF to remain a strong player in control of diseases in agricultural exports with meat product exports through providing, technical and financial support to 40 Small Medium Micro Enterprises agro-processing enterprises. A total of R40 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R126 million over the MTEF is allocated for 50 smallholder farmers supported to be commercial farmers; a total of 40 agro-processors will be commercialised through financial and technical support and an amount of R10 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R30 million over the MTEF is set aside. A total amount R12 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R40.5 million over the MTEF is set aside for 600 tons per annum on volume of produce aggregated and traded in the smallholder farmer markets. The department will launch five blended financing instruments, including an agro-processing fund that provides grants and loans to agripreneurs with an amount of R40 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R150 million over the MTEF.

### **C.12 Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation**

The department receives R1.013 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R3.146 billion over the MTEF to integrate arts and sports into community development plans and thus contribute to a healthier, more vibrant province and investing in the promotion of arts and culture to celebrate our diversity and cultivate an environment where every citizen feels valued and included.

The department will integrate arts and culture into educational settings in supporting extra-curricular activities in the life of each learner in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Education. These schools will be provided with arts and culture equipment and cultural attire under the guidance and arts legends and role models in the entertainment sector. In addition, the Wednesday Sports League programme will continue to be implemented in no-fee paying schools for which R10.9 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R33.9 million over the MTEF is made available. Learners participating in school sports and Gauteng-based athletes will be recognised during the Annual Gauteng Sport Awards for which R6 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R18.8 million over the MTEF is set aside.



The department, through strategic partnerships, will bid for and host national and international sport, arts, and culture events such as professional boxing, the Westrand Marathon, and the Soweto Marathon through an allocation of R40.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R126 million over the MTEF.

Mass participation programmes to promote a healthy lifestyle within communities will be conducted including, but not limited to, the Premier's Social Cohesion Monate Holiday programmes, the six Indigenous games tournaments, and Move for Health for which R7.9 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R24.9 million over the MTEF is set aside. To promote nation-building and social cohesion, the Department will host the Annual Mandela Remembrance Walk and six O.R Tambo Soncini Games, and has allocated R15 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R43.2 million over the MTEF to this intervention.

### **C.13 Gauteng Department of e-Government**

The Gauteng Department of e-Government is allocated R1.5 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, which accumulates to R4.8 billion over the MTEF, to work towards the expansion of Information Communication Technology (ICT) connectivity across the province.

The allocated amount includes R488.3 million in the 2025/26 financial year and total of R1.5 billion over the MTEF to fund the Gauteng Provincial Network to provide and maintain ICT and network infrastructure. The allocated amount also includes R11.6 million in the 2025/26 financial year or a total of R35.8 million over the MTEF to continue the programme of expanding the Wi-Fi hotspots in all townships to a projected three hundred sites. This programme aims to contribute towards improving the living conditions in townships, informal settlements, and hostels. Furthermore, an amount of R30 million in the 2025/26 financial year, which totals R92.7 million over the MTEF, is allocated for the installation of Close Circuit Television cameras in township areas in the Gauteng Province to strengthen the battle against crime, corruption, vandalism, and lawlessness.

### **C.14 Gauteng Provincial Treasury**

The Gauteng Provincial Treasury is allocated R787.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year. This amount totals R2.4 billion over the MTEF. The work of the Gauteng Provincial Treasury will ensure that the provincial strategies are funded through projects and other initiatives that are aligned to the theme adopted by the 7th Administration of the GPG.

The department receives R18.7 million over the MTEF, of which R6 million is allocated in the 2025/26 financial year, to provide capacity support for the timely planning and delivery of infrastructure projects in Gauteng Province.

An amount of R12.3 million is set aside for the implementation of support interventions to improve municipal financial management practices at delegated municipalities through

the deployment of municipal finance experts who provide technical support in the 2025/26 financial year.

An amount of R110.9 million is allocated for provincial supply chain management in the 2025/26 financial year. This amount accumulates to R345.5 million over the MTEF. Businesses owned by women, youth, military veterans, and persons with disabilities are among the beneficiaries of training to be provided to township-based suppliers. This budget will also contribute towards the implementation of the Gauteng Township Economy Revitalisation Strategy and the Procurement Policy to assist provincial departments and entities to achieve the 60% preferential procurement spend on township enterprises.

### **C.15 Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development**

The Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development receives R3.6 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R10.7 billion over the MTEF. The department intends to support the economy through revitalising Central Business Districts into vibrant economic hubs in a manner that ensures that precinct developments are completed to accommodate GPG departments and regional offices in GPG owned facilities.

The department continues to strive to reduce youth unemployment by strengthening public employment programmes through various job creation interventions such as the National Youth Service Programme which receives R96.4 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R298 million over the MTEF.

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) training receives R234 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R723.7 million over the MTEF to create 7000 work opportunities. This is allocated for the payment of stipends to beneficiaries across all 22 public bodies by 2027.

The department's budget for devolution of property rates is R1 billion in the 2025/26 financial year and R3.4 billion over the MTEF. This allocation will be used to pay municipalities for properties that are owned by the GPG.

The department's budget for provincial infrastructure is R162.9 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R519 million over the MTEF. This is to ensure that GDID provides quality maintenance services for the assets within its custodianship. Included in this budget is an amount of R34 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R53 million over the MTEF which the department aims to use to support a GCR that is more compact and complex through social infrastructure investment and delivery by maintaining social infrastructure of GPG.

### **C.16 Gauteng Department of Environment**



The department receives R525 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R1.5 billion over the MTEF to respond to MTDP priority interventions which include, among other things,

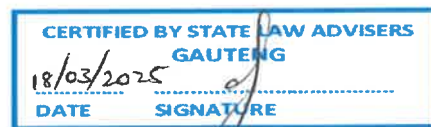
strengthening integrated spatial and built environment planning and coordination and ensuring sustainable land use management.

A total of R81 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R256 million over 2025 MTEF is allocated to mainstream climate change adaptation and mitigation within the province. This will be used to mitigate air pollution which impacts on human health and wellbeing, to procure waste receptacles and to support waste recycling facilities and buy-back centres. Funds to the value of R33 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R81 million over the MTEF are allocated to keep Gauteng clean through the Bontle Ke Botho initiative which includes coordinating various clean-ups campaigns, tree planting and creating green spaces to help absorb pollutants and reduce urban heat effects contributing to carbon sequestration and greening efforts in the rest of GCR specifically targeting townships, informal settlements, and hostels.

To protect, care for and maintain Gauteng's natural environment and its critical biodiversity areas an amount of R26 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R74 million over the MTEF is allocated to implement the biodiversity economy programme which is enhanced environmental resilience and sustainability, and the preservation of Gauteng's natural resources. This total budget also funds the appointment of EPWP participants for poverty alleviation interventions. To ensure sustainable land use management an amount of R15.9 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R51 million over the MTEF period is set aside. The department will continue to strengthen strategic water resource protection through implementation of wetlands conservation interventions to increase the aquatic ecosystem protection level and funds with the value of R2.5 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R8 million over the MTEF is allocated for this purpose.

#### IV. PROVINCIAL FISCAL FRAMEWORK

##### A. Provincial Revenue



**Table 1: Provincial Fiscal Framework**

R thousand	Medium-term estimates		
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Transfer receipts from national</b>	<b>162 899 208</b>	<b>166 878 574</b>	<b>173 373 713</b>
Equitable share	133 979 469	138 934 364	144 160 521
Conditional grants	28 919 739	27 944 210	29 213 192
<b>Provincial own receipts</b>	<b>8 368 192</b>	<b>8 754 690</b>	<b>9 148 651</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>171 267 400</b>	<b>175 633 264</b>	<b>182 522 364</b>
Direct charges	(96 257)	(102 994)	(106 071)
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>171 171 143</b>	<b>175 530 270</b>	<b>182 416 293</b>
Total payments	171 448 033	175 189 797	180 533 644
<b>Surplus/(deficit) before financing</b>	<b>(276 890)</b>	<b>340 473</b>	<b>1 882 649</b>
<b>Provincial financing</b>	<b>5 752 972</b>	<b>4 639 256</b>	<b>3 313 837</b>
<i>Deficit</i>	276 890	-	-
<i>eToll</i>	5 476 082	4 639 256	3 313 837
<b>Surplus/(deficit) after financing</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

According to Table 1 Gauteng receives R162.9 billion in the 2025/26 financial year in the form of transfers from the national government, which is made of both provincial equitable share and conditional grants. Transfers from national government are projected to increase to R173.4 billion in the 2027/28 financial year.

The Provincial Equitable Share (PES) amounts to R133.9 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, R138.9 billion in 2026/26 and R144.2 billion in 2027/28 growing by an annual average rate of 4% in the outer years of the MTEF. The PES has been adjusted downwards due to the impact of new data updates in the PES formula which resulted in an overall decline of R6.2 billion in the PES over the 2025 MTEF. However, additions have also been made to the PES, as part of the continued support provided to the province to respond to pressures emanating from the public sector wage agreement. An average of R1 billion per annum was added to the PES for the improvement of conditions of service. In addition, R207.6 million is added to the PES for the teacher's assistants programme in the 2025/26 financial year which is part of the Presidential Employment Stimulus.

The conditional grant allocation of the province contributes 17% to the overall total of transfers from the National Government. The final conditional grant allocation considers structural changes to the conditional grants and additions to cater for pressures emanating from compensation of employees due to the 2025 public sector wage agreement.

Provincial own receipts contribute an average of 5% to the gross revenue available and is appropriated in its entirety for the planned expenditure of the province. The direct charges against the Provincial Revenue Fund are for the remuneration of public office bearers in line with the relevant legislative prescripts.

Provincial financing amounts to R5.7 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, R4.9 billion in the 2026/27 financial year, and reduces to R3.3 billion in the 2027/28 financial year.

## B. Conditional grants



**Table 2: Summary of conditional grants by Vote**

Department / Grant	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Medium-term estimates</b>			
<b>R thousand</b>			
<b>Health</b>	<b>14 758 092</b>	<b>15 405 227</b>	<b>16 101 994</b>
District Health Programmes Grant	6 097 851	6 378 266	6 666 739
<i>Comprehensive HIV, AIDS Component</i>	5 474 810	5 726 382	5 985 366
<i>District Health Component</i>	623 041	651 884	681 373
Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	1 145 575	1 118 565	1 169 148
National Health Insurance Grant	96 985	99 348	103 840
National Tertiary Services Grant	5 486 234	5 801 563	6 063 968
Human Resources & Training Grant	1 918 792	2 007 485	2 098 299
<i>Statutory Human Resources Component</i>	847 368	886 598	926 709
<i>Training Component</i>	1 071 424	1 120 887	1 171 590
EPWP Integrated Grant	12 655	-	-

Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant	-	-	-
<b>Education</b>	<b>4 130 000</b>	<b>3 700 486</b>	<b>3 867 890</b>
Early Childhood Development Grant	399 129	436 526	457 403
<i>Maintenance component</i>	28 588	49 009	52 366
<i>Subsidy Component</i>	370 541	387 517	405 037
Education Infrastructure Grant	2 368 000	1 863 534	1 946 885
HIV and Aids (Life Skills Education) Grant	38 696	40 468	42 289
National School Nutrition Programme Grant	1 213 637	1 251 086	1 307 635
Maths, Science and Technology Grant	64 491	67 445	70 495
Learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities Grant	39 627	41 427	43 183
EPWP Integrated Grant	6 420	-	-
Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant	-	-	-
<b>Social Development</b>	<b>12 123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
EPWP Integrated Grant	12 123	-	-
<b>Human Settlements</b>	<b>4 825 748</b>	<b>4 352 020</b>	<b>4 548 819</b>
Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG)	4 034 701	4 086 865	4 271 675
Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant for Provinces	789 815	265 155	277 144
EPWP Integrated Grant	1 232	-	-
<b>Roads and Transport</b>	<b>4 694 474</b>	<b>4 001 533</b>	<b>4 182 574</b>
Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant	1 573 564	746 556	780 405
Public Transport Operations Grant	3 112 386	3 254 977	3 402 169
EPWP Integrated Grant	8 524	-	-
<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>8 342</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
EPWP Integrated Grant	8 342	-	-
<b>Agriculture and Rural Development</b>	<b>158 982</b>	<b>174 498</b>	<b>186 107</b>
Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant	111 615	122 953	129 231
Ilima/Letsema Projects Grant	41 609	45 523	50 582
Land Care Programme Grant: Poverty Relief and Infrastructure Development	5 758	6 022	6 294
EPWP Integrated Grant	-	-	-
<b>Environment</b>	<b>9 313</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
EPWP Integrated Grant	9 313	-	-
<b>Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>308 034</b>	<b>310 446</b>	<b>325 808</b>
Community Library Services Grant	184 727	191 054	200 098
Mass Sport and Recreation Participation Programme Grant	120 265	119 392	125 710
EPWP Integrated Grant	3 042	-	-
<b>Infrastructure Development</b>	<b>14 631</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
EPWP Integrated Grant	14 631	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 919 739</b>	<b>27 944 210</b>	<b>29 213 192</b>

Table 2 provides a summary of the conditional grant allocation of provincial departments for the 2025 MTEF. Conditional grants increase from a total of R28.9 billion in the 2025/26 financial year to R29.2 billion in the 2027/28 financial year.

Some of the changes to the conditional grants include structural changes to existing conditional grants after the conditional grant system review. Similarly to the PES,

additional allocations have been made to several conditional grants to support the province in addressing the additional costs of implementing the 2025 public sector wage agreement.

### **Community Library Services Grant**

As part of the conditional grants review process, the Community Library Services Grant will be phased into the PES over two years. The cost of employees' components will be transferred to the PES in the 2026/27 financial year, while the capital component will be determined through further engagements during the 2025/26 financial year. During this transition, no new libraries will be built. The focus will instead be on completing ongoing projects and prioritising the operationalisation of libraries already constructed.

### **Provincial Road Maintenance Grant**

Funds will be reprioritised over the 2025 MTEF from the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant to the S'hamba Sonke Programme within the Department of Transport. The funds will be used to augment the existing funds allocated towards providing technical support services for the monitoring of road maintenance projects implemented by provinces.

### **Comprehensive Agricultural Support Grant**

Over the 2025 MTEF, funds are reprioritised from the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant to national government. This funding will be used to augment funding for the Blended Finance Scheme that is administered by the Department of Agriculture. Within the same conditional grant, funds are made available from the infrastructure portion to fund extension officers in the extension recovery planning services portion of the grant.

### **Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Integrated Grant for Provinces**

For the 2025 MTEF, the Expanded Public Works Integrated Grant for Provinces is consolidated with the Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces as part of the conditional grant review reforms.



### **C. Provincial receipts**

**Table 2: Summary of provincial own receipts by Vote**

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>R thousand</b>	<b>Medium-term estimates</b>		
Office of the Premier	425	444	464
Economic Development	1 398 723	1 463 065	1 528 903
Health	614 276	642 532	671 446
Education	44 976	47 045	49 162
Social Development	4 790	5 010	5 235
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	445	465	486
Human Settlements	1 036	1 084	1 133
Roads and Transport	5 463 038	5 714 338	5 971 483
Community Safety	39 018	42 169	44 067
Agriculture and Rural Development	8 116	8 519	8 902

Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	429	449	469
e-Government	904	946	989
Gauteng Provincial Treasury	746 447	780 784	815 919
Infrastructure Development	35 869	37 519	39 207
Environment	9 700	10 321	10 786
<b>Total provincial own receipts by Vote</b>	<b>8 368 192</b>	<b>8 754 690</b>	<b>9 148 651</b>

Table 3 summarises provincial own revenue collection estimates over the 2025 Medium-Term Revenue Framework (MTRF). The total provincial own revenue collection is expected to increase from R8.3 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, to R8.7 billion in the 2026/27 financial year, and R9.1 billion in the 2027/28 financial year.

Provincial own revenue is mostly generated by Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, Gauteng Department of Economic Development, Gauteng Department of Health, and Gauteng Provincial Treasury. Revenue is generated through the collection of motor vehicle licensing fees, gambling taxes, health patient fees and interest earned on provincial reserves.

The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport is the principal party in the provision of motor vehicle licence. The Department will collect motor vehicle licence fees totalling R5.4 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, R5.7 billion in the 2026/27 financial year, and R5.9 billion in the 2027/28 financial year. This revenue contributes approximately 65% to the total provincial own revenue.

The Gauteng Department of Economic Development contributes the second largest share to provincial own revenue through gambling taxes. Gambling tax revenue includes casino and horse racing taxes which contribute 16% to the revenue collected in the province. The annual revenue will increase from R1.4 billion in the 2025/26 financial year to R1.5 billion in the 2027/28 financial year. The revenue projections are based on the previous financial year's performance, the number of punters that visit gambling establishments, and inflation adjustments.

The Gauteng Department of Health projects to collect patient fees amounting to R614 million in the 2025/26 financial year, which will increase to R671.4 million in the 2027/28 financial year. The department contributes 7% to the total revenue collected. The charges for patient fees are informed by the Uniform Patient Fee Structure (UPFS) which is determined by the National Department of Health.

The total revenue to be collected by Gauteng Provincial Treasury amounts to R746.4 million in the 2025/26 financial year, increasing to R780.7 million in the 2026/27 financial year, and R815.9 million in the 2027/28 financial year. Interest revenue that is generated on positive bank balances is the main revenue source for the department.

About 2%, or R147.8 million, of the total own revenue provincial collection comes from the Gauteng Departments of Infrastructure Development, Gauteng Department of



Agriculture and Rural Development, Gauteng Department of Environment, Gauteng Department of Education, and the Gauteng Department of Community Safety.

The projected total revenue of the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development increases from R35.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year to R39.2 million in the 2027/28 financial year. The main revenue source for the department is property rental fees.

The Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development projects to collect R.8.1 million in the 2025/26 financial year, R8.5 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R8.9 million in the 2027/28 financial year. The Department collects revenue from veterinary services.

The Gauteng Department of Environment projects to collect R9.7 million in the 2025/26 financial year, R10.3 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R10.7 million in the 2027/28 financial year. The Department collects revenue from, among other things, nature reserves, application fees for threatened and protected species, permits for wild animals and plants.

The Gauteng Department of Education's total revenue is estimated at R44.9 million in the 2025/26 financial year, increasing to R47 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R49.1 million in the 2027/28 financial year. Fees for remarking and rechecking of examination scripts are a revenue source for the department, however most of the revenue collected relates to revenue earned from transactions of employees such as commission on insurance and garnishee orders.

Total revenue estimates for the Gauteng Department of Community Safety amount to R39 million in the 2025/26 financial year, R42.1 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R44 million in the 2027/28 financial year. Traffic fines are the main revenue source for the department.

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#### D. 2025 MTEF Budget Allocations

**Table 4: Summary of payments and estimates by Vote**

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>R thousand</b>	<b>Medium-term estimates</b>		
Office of the Premier	1 505 486	1 562 366	1 581 650
Gauteng Provincial Legislature	1 200 122	896 012	917 569
Economic Development	1 612 520	1 714 531	1 574 784
Health	67 042 497	69 476 980	72 165 199
Education	68 000 575	70 229 230	72 920 690
Social Development	5 458 504	5 612 874	5 744 437
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	551 389	576 104	599 831
Human Settlements	5 728 727	5 293 043	5 523 606
Roads and Transport	9 735 819	9 441 956	8 805 293
Community Safety	2 362 718	2 192 644	2 293 257

Agriculture and Rural Development	647 304	664 739	683 689
Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation	1 013 402	1 049 271	1 084 229
e-Government	1 541 580	1 590 304	1 633 175
Gauteng Provincial Treasury	787 853	777 111	819 208
Infrastructure Development	3 648 084	3 529 111	3 594 336
Environment	611 453	583 521	592 691
<b>Total provincial estimates by Vote</b>	<b>171 448 033</b>	<b>175 189 797</b>	<b>180 533 644</b>

According to Table 4 above the total budget appropriated for the Province of Gauteng over the medium term, is R171.4 billion allocated in the 2025/26 financial year, growing by an annual average rate of 3% over the two outer years, thus accumulating to R180.5 billion in the 2027/28 financial year.

The appropriation of budgets to provincial departments includes baseline reductions across provincial departments to give effect to the reductions in PES and to reduce the provincial budget deficit to stabilise public finances. Additions are also made for the priorities of the 7<sup>th</sup> Administration, which was enabled through the province-wide reprioritisation of budget, improvement in conditions of service and infrastructure projects which are allocated based on the readiness of the departments to spend the funds.

#### **E. Summary of equitable share reallocation and reprioritised funding**

**Table 5: Summary of equitable share additional funding (excluding infrastructure and grants)**

<b>R thousand</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
Office of the Premier	10 000
Provincial Legislature	333 467
Economic Development	40 000
Roads and Transport	238 388
Agriculture and Rural Development	24 600
Environment	57 200
<b>Total</b>	<b>703 655</b>

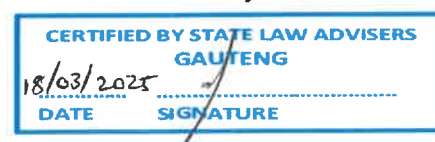
As shown in Table 5 above, reallocations to the budget baselines of certain provincial departments are made in the 2025/26 financial year and it should be noted that they are earmarked for the purpose described below. Furthermore, these additions were enabled through the province-wide reprioritisation of budgets.

- **Gauteng Office of the Premier:** An amount of R10 million is allocated for the Gauteng Investment Conference as this is a priority in the current dispensation.
- **Gauteng Provincial Legislature:** A total amount of R333.5 million appropriated from the retained income of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature for its spending requirements or budget shortfalls in the 2025/26 financial year. Of this total amount R120.5 million is for the procurement of new capital assets, R5 million is for the space optimisation project, R59.6 million is to fund operational costs, R127 million is for the provision of support for political parties and R21.3 million is for critical vacant posts within the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.

- **Gauteng Department of Economic Development:** An amount of R40 million is allocated to support SMMEs.
- **Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport:** A total amount of R238.4 million is allocated, of which R24.6 million is for the Gautrain-Limpopo speed train and R218.4 million is allocated for Gautrain Patronage Guarantee contractual obligations.
- **Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development:** An amount of R24.6 million is allocated for the financial obligations emanating from the 2024/25 financial year.
- **Gauteng Department of Environment:** A total amount of R57.6 million is allocated, of which R10.3 million is to expand the Bontle Ke Botho programme to support the central business district (CBD) revitalisation plan of the province including, supporting the CBD Friday clean-ups and R20 million is for the Greening Programme of the Province in line with the Gauteng 1 million Trees Programme. The balance of R2.5 million is for the Review of the Provincial Integrated Waste Management Plan for regulatory compliance, R2.9 million is for the development of waste minimisation regulations, R3.5 million is for the Buy-back Centre Infrastructure Programme, R10 million is for the Comprehensive Feasibility Study for the Development of an Integrated Waste Management Facility (Eco-Park) and R8 million is for Climate change action plan, Climate Indaba and Climate Finance.

#### **E.5 Function shifts: Provincial Macro-Organisation of the State**

- **Gauteng Department of Economic Development:** The Cradle of Humankind and Dinokeng Game Reserve are transferred from the Gauteng Department of Economic Development to the newly created Gauteng Department of Environment which is the principal provincial department according to the Premier's Notice No 3 of 2024 published in the Provincial *Gazette*, Extraordinary No. 3 of 2024 dated 1 October 2024 which assigns departments, entities and laws or part thereof and powers and functions entrusted by these laws to Members of the Executive Council. Therefore, the total amount of the budget transferred is R78.4 million for 2025/26, R73.6 million for 2026/27 and R77.3 million for 2027/28 in relation to the Cradle of Humankind and Dinokeng Game Reserve trading entities as from 1 April 2025.
- **Gauteng Department of Health:** The budget allocated to the Gauteng AIDS Council is transferred from the Gauteng Department of Health to the Gauteng Office of the Premier in line with the General Notice amending the Determination regarding this transfer and as promulgated under the General Notice 361 of 2022 published in the Provincial *Gazette*, Extraordinary No. 87 dated 16 March 2022. The amount transferred is R142.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year, R149.2 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R150.2 million in the 2027/28 financial year.



- **Gauteng Department of Education:** The budget allocated to the Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) is to follow the migration of GCRA from the Gauteng Department of Education to the Gauteng Office of the Premier in line with the Premier's Notice No 3 of 2024. The amount transferred is R783.2 million in the 2025/26 financial year, R818.9 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R821.7 million in the 2027/28 financial year.
- **Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development:** In line with the Premier's Notice No 3 of 2024, the budget of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is divided to create two separate provincial departments namely the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Gauteng Department of Environment as from 1 April 2025.
- **Gauteng Provincial Treasury:** The Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency is transferred from the Gauteng Provincial Treasury to the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development which is its principal provincial department in line with the Premier's Notice No 3 of 2024. Therefore, an amount of R65.8 million in the 2025/26 financial year, R68.3 million in the 2026/27 financial year and R68.4 million in the 2027/28 financial year is transferred from the Gauteng Provincial Treasury to the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development.

#### F. Summary of GPG Infrastructure Allocations

**Table 6: Summary of infrastructure payments by Vote**

R thousand	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	Medium-term Estimates		
Economic Development	230 000	295 167	130 003
Health	1 775 682	1 892 900	1 929 900
Education	2 828 683	2 649 769	2 622 557
Social Development	189 651	206 079	196 079
Human Settlement	4 825 748	4 352 020	4 548 819
Roads and Transport	2 898 255	2 600 478	1 790 255
Agriculture and Rural Development	10 479	24 625	15 340
Environment	25 454	38 562	24 671
Sports, Arts, Culture & Recreation	26 361	32 633	34 633
Infrastructure Development	177 558	183 062	173 062
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 987 871</b>	<b>12 275 295</b>	<b>11 465 319</b>

In the 2025 MTEF, a budget of R36.7 billion is allocated for the provincial infrastructure programme. This funding is from the Provincial Equitable Share and Conditional Grants.

The Gauteng Department of Health, Gauteng Department of Education, Gauteng Department of Human Settlements and Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport receive an allocation of R34.7 billion (95%) whilst the Gauteng Departments of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development, Gauteng Department of Economic Development, Gauteng Department of Social Development, Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Gauteng Department of Environment account for R2 billion (5%).

A total budget of R23.2 billion is allocated for additional capacity in response to the increasing demand for government services. The R23.2 billion consists of R16.5 billion for the construction of new infrastructure assets and R6.7 billion for the upgrade of existing infrastructure. R12.3 billion is also allocated, of which R10.3 billion is for the maintenance of existing infrastructure assets and R1.9 billion is for the rehabilitation of existing infrastructure assets. The remaining R1.2 billion is for activities required to support the delivery of infrastructure such as route determination for strategic road network and capacity building.

## **V. JOB CREATION IMPLICATIONS**

The Province of Gauteng contributes to job creation through the EPWP Integrated and Incentive Grants, procurement of goods and services as well as infrastructure delivery.

## **VI. ORGANISATIONAL AND PERSONNEL IMPLICATION**

The total amount allocated for compensation of employees amounts to R105.6 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, R110.6 billion in the 2026/27 financial year and R116.1 billion in the 2027/28 financial year.

## **VII. SOCIAL IMPACT**

The allocations to provincial departments will contribute to the achievement of the province's outputs and outcomes. The Bill includes the amounts that are allocated for the GEYODI projects to support and mainstream the Government's programmes that focus on gender-based violence and support the rights of women, youth, senior citizens, people with disabilities, military veterans and the LGBTIQ+ community. It also includes the amounts allocated to address femicide, gender-based violence as well as violence against women and children.

## **VIII. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Gauteng Provincial Main Appropriation amounts to R171.4 billion in the 2025/26 financial year, R175.2 billion in the 2026/27 financial year and R180.5 billion in the 2027/28 financial year. The social sector departments, i.e., the Gauteng Department of Health, the Gauteng Department of Education and the Gauteng Department of Social Development receive the lion's share of the budget and collectively account for an average of 82% of the total budget over the MTEF.

## **IX. COMMUNICATION IMPLICATIONS**

The Gauteng Provincial Main Appropriation Budget will be submitted to stakeholders, including the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, GPG departments and the National Treasury.



## **X. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Provincial Annual Budget is compiled in compliance with formats and timelines prescribed by the National Treasury and is tabled to the Gauteng Provincial Legislature in terms of section 27(2) read with (3) and section 28(1) of the PFMA read with section 215(1) and (3) of the Constitution. The Bill is introduced in terms of section 226(2) of the Constitution read with section 26 of the PFMA.

## **XI. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The Bill has no negative impact on the environment.

## **XII. OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR BODIES CONSULTED**

The Gauteng Provincial Treasury has consulted extensively with all the affected provincial departments about the allocations made in the Gauteng Provincial Main Appropriation.

## **X111. IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The Gauteng Provincial Main Appropriation includes the amounts that the Gauteng Provincial Government's departments will transfer to local government to implement the programmes and projects on their behalf. The Gauteng Provincial Government accordingly publishes such information in the Provincial *Gazette*.

## **XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There is no public participation in the development of the Bill. However, there is public participation once the Bill goes through the legislative processes of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, after it has been tabled at the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.

## **XVI. CLAUSE BY CLAUSE DESCRIPTION OF THE BILL**

Clause 1 of the Bill contains definitions of important expressions, words, phrases, and processes.

Clause 2 contains details about the appropriations for use by the Province for the financial year ending 31 March 2026.

Clause 3 deals with appropriations that are specifically and exclusively listed.

Clause 4 is the short title of the Act.

The Schedule contains details of the appropriations by vote as explained above.

