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PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

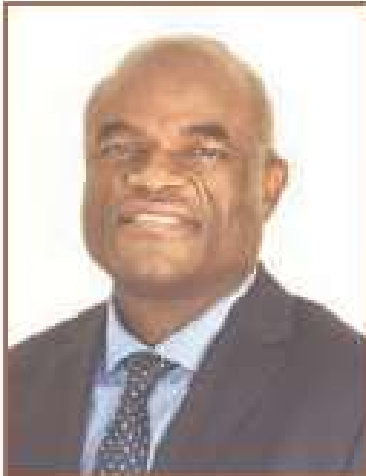
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LIST OF ABBREVIATION / ACRONYMS

AFS	Annual Financial Statements	MISS	Minimum Information Security Standards
AGSA	Auditor General of South Africa	MMS	Middle Management Service
AIDs	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	MPSA	Minister of Public Service and Administration
AO	Accounting Officer	MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
APP	Annual Performance Plan	MTSF	Medium Term Strategic Framework
BACS	Biometric Access Control System	NC	Northern Cape
BBBEE	Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment	NCEDA	Northern Cape Economic Development, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency
CFO	Chief Financial Officer	NCFMTE	Northern Cape Fleet Management Trading Entity
DORA	Division of Revenue Act	NCPA	Northern Cape Provincial Administration
DG	Director General	NSG	National School of Governance
DPME	Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	OHSA	Occupational Health and Safety Act
DPSA	Department of Public Service and Administration	OMF	Operations Management Framework
EHW	Employee Health and Wellness	OTP	Office of the Premier
EXCO	Executive Council	OAG	Office of the Accountant General
GRBPMEA	Gender Responsive Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing	OSD	Occupation Specific Dispensation
		OPCA	Operation Clean Audit

HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	PFMA	Public Finance Management Act
HOD	Head of Department	PGDP	Provincial Growth and Development Plan
HR	Human Resources	PMD5	Performance Management Development System
HRD	Human Resource Development	PPP	Public-Private Partnerships
HRM	Human Resource Management	PSA	Public Service Act
ICT	Information Communication Technology	PSDF	Provincial Strategic Development Framework
IESBA	Ethics Standards Board for Accountants	PSRMF	Public Sector Risk Management Framework
IGCSD	Integrated Governance, Coordination and Service Delivery	PT	Provincial Treasury
IT	Information Technology	SCM	Supply Chain Management
ISA	International Standards on Auditing	SDIP	Service Delivery Improvement Plan
ITSSC	Information Technology Shared Services Centre	SEIA	Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
LEAD	Legal Education and Development	SIU	Special Investigating Unit
KRA	Key Responsibility Area	SMS	Senior Management Service
KKC	Kalahari Kid Corporation	SMT	Senior Management Team
MCS	Modified Cash Standard	SOPA	State of the Province Address
MEC	Member of Executive Council	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation	TB	Tuberculosis
PAA	Public Audit Act	WIL	Work Integrated Learning

2. FOREWORD BY THE PREMIER



Dr Zamani Saul (MPL)
Premier: Northern Cape

It is my singular honour and privilege to present the Annual Report for the 2024/2025 financial year. This report reflects on the Northern Cape Office of the Premier's commitment to transparent, ethical, and accountable governance. Our achievements of this financial year resonate with our dedication in realising the provincial vision of a Modern, Growing, and Successful Province bringing us closer to being South Africa's new growth front.

Fiscal discipline has remained a cornerstone of our operations, evidenced by the expenditure of 98% of our budget with no unauthorised, irregular, fruitless, or wasteful expenditure recorded. This outcome reflects our sound internal controls and a culture of prudent financial management, which is crucial as we navigate persistent fiscal constraints. Our renewed focus on effective governance continues to strengthen public trust and improve service delivery.

Collaboration between departments has improved noticeably, allowing for greater synergy and more integrated governance.

Among our key successes are strengthened support for youth development, digital transformation, and inclusive economic growth. Our bursary and internship programmes have enhanced youth employability and upskilled thousands through learnership and training. Through the PGDP and DDM Frameworks, we have driven job creation and service delivery, supporting SMMEs and enhancing local economies. Technological innovation remains a strategic priority and therefore, have migrated to the SmartGov e-Leave system, and are actively securing external funding and private sector partnership to advance digital transformation. These initiatives contribute meaningfully toward modernising government processes and improving the lives of our citizens.

Despite these successes, challenges persist, particularly around budgetary and capacity limitations. These have impacted staffing and certain planned activities, yet we remain resolute in our tenacity to adapt and overcome.

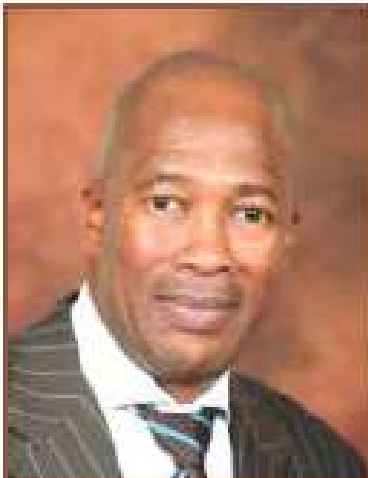
I extend my deepest gratitude to Adv Justice Bekebeke, our Accounting Officer, for his exceptional leadership, and to every committed employee within the Office of the Premier for their tireless contributions. As we continue to build a people-centred Public Service, we remain committed to tackling inequality, poverty, and unemployment, ensuring that our province continues on a path toward inclusive, sustainable development.

DR ZAMANI SAUL (MPL)
PREMIER OF THE NORTHERN CAPE
DATE: 31 AUGUST 2025



3. REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

3.1 OVERVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT



Adv Justice Bekebeke
Accounting Officer

This Annual Report reflects the Office of the Premier's continued commitment to its constitutional and legislative mandate to coordinate, support, and monitor the effective implementation policy and service delivery across the Northern Cape Administration.

The Office of the Premier is strategically located to create an enabling policy environment for effective governance and service delivery, aligned to national and provincial priorities. In pursuit of this mandate, the Department has embarked on a process to reposition itself as the lead institution in the transformation of public service delivery within the province. A key strategic priority over the current medium-term expenditure period is to support all provincial departments in attaining unqualified audit opinions with no findings. This goal is driven through the continued strengthening of governance structures, such as the Operation Clean Audit forum.

During the year under review, the Office of the Premier continued with review of its organisational structure. While the process could not be concluded within the 2024/2025 financial year as initially envisaged, significant progress has been made. Submission to Minister for Public Service Administration for concurrence is scheduled to be finalised in the first quarter of the new financial year. The goal of the review is to ensure that the organisation is appropriately positioned to deliver on its strategic priorities and provide responsive and effective leadership across the provincial administration.

Despite budget constraints, particularly those impacting staffing capacity, the department managed to achieve 93% of its planned targets for the year under review. This is a testament of our officials who had to assume additional responsibilities.

3.1.1 DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

Departmental receipts	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Estimate	Annual Amount Collected	(Over)Under Collection	Estimate	Annual Amount Collected	(Over)Under Collection
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	114	123	(9)	109	115	(6)
Sales of capital assets	67	-	67	64	-	64
Financial transactions in assets and liabilities	-	287	(287)	-	350	(350)
Total	181	410	(229)	173	465	(292)

3.1.2 PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE

Programme name	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	(Over)Under Expenditure	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	(Over)Under Expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Administration	232 270	230 590	1 680	181 535	169 021	12 514
Institutional Development	197 851	191 215	6 636	258 156	239 832	18 324
Policy and Governance	55 936	54 599	1 337	50 383	49 644	739
Total	486 057	476 404	9 653	490 074	458 497	31 577

The department spent 98% of the budget in relation to the final appropriation of the 2024/2025 financial year. The variance was mainly attributable to accruals and commitments as at the reporting date. A rollover application was submitted to Provincial Treasury to that effect.

Administration spent 99% of their final appropriation for 2024/2025 financial year, whilst Institutional Development spent 97% & Policy and Governance spent 98% of their appropriation.

3.1.3 VIREMENTS / ROLLOVERS

The total virements for 2024/2025 financial year amounted to R9.679 million.

3.1.4 UNAUTHORISED, IRREGULAR AND FRITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE

The Department did not incur any unauthorised, irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure for the year under review.

3.2 STRATEGIC FOCUS OVER THE SHORT-TERM PERIOD

The Department's short- and medium-term plans are outlined in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and 2024/2025 Annual Performance Plan.

3.3 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

The Department did not enter into any Public Private Partnership agreements during the reporting period.

3.4 DISCONTINUED KEY ACTIVITIES / ACTIVITIES TO BE DISCONTINUED

No activities were discontinued during this year under review.

3.5 NEW OR PROPOSED KEY ACTIVITIES

No new or proposed activities were implemented during the year under review.

3.6 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

The Department did not conclude any unsolicited bid proposals during the year under review. Supply chain management processes and systems are in place and reviewed annually to prevent irregular expenditure and to ensure good governance.

3.7 GIFTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED IN KIND FROM NON-RELATED PARTIES

No gifts and donations were received during the 2024/2025 financial year.

3.8 EXEMPTIONS AND DEVIATIONS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL TREASURY

No exemptions and deviations were received from National Treasury for the financial year under review.

3.9 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

There were no events after the reporting date.

APPRECIATION AND CONCLUSION

I sincerely express my gratitude to the Premier for his exceptional leadership and unwavering support. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to every dedicated employee of the Office of the Premier, whose commitment and hard work drive the vision of the Northern Cape Administration, ensuring quality service delivery for the people of the Northern Cape Province.

Furthermore, I acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our external stakeholders, including the Audit Committee, Internal Audit Team, oversight bodies, and sector departments. Their support and collaboration play a vital role in strengthening the work of the Office of the Premier, and their dedication is truly appreciated.



ADV. JUSTICE BEKEBEKE
ACCOUNTING OFFICER
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER NORTHERN CAPE
DATE: 31 AUGUST 2025



4. STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONFIRMATION OF ACCURACY FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I confirm the following:

All information and amounts disclosed throughout the annual report are consistent.

The annual report is complete, accurate and is free from any omissions.

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with guidelines on the annual report as issued by National Treasury.

The Annual Financial Statements (Part F) have been prepared in accordance with the modified cash standards and the relevant frameworks and guidelines issued by the National Treasury.

The Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements and for the judgements made in this report.

The Accounting Officer is responsible for establishing and implementing a system of internal control that has been designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the performance information, the human resources information and the annual financial statements.

The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

In my opinion, the annual report fairly reflects the operations, the performance information, the human resource information and financial affairs of the department for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

Yours faithfully



ADV. JUSTICE BEKEBEKE
ACCOUNTING OFFICER
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER NORTHERN CAPE
DATE: 31 AUGUST 2025

5. STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

5.1 VISION

Modern, Growing and Successful Province

5.2 MISSION

To govern the Northern Cape Provincial Administration towards alleviating the triple burdens of underdevelopment namely inequality, poverty and unemployment for the people of the Province through a people-centered Public Service.

5.2 VALUES

As the Office of the Premier, our work is guided by the following values:

- » Transparency
- » Integrity
- » Equity
- » Professionalism
- » Patriotism
- » Accountability
- » Responsiveness
- » Respect
- » Diversity
- » Collaboration – linked to social compacting
- » Ethical leadership of the provincial agenda
- » Transformation
- » Rule of Law – Adherence to the Constitution
- » Passionate /Impact Driven/Focus on Impact
- » Innovation

6. LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MANDATES

The Office of the Premier is centrally positioned within the provincial government and derives its mandates from the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996). The department acts in accordance with Section 125 and Section 127 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and acts in accordance with Section 7(3) of the Public Service Act.

6.1 CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE

In accordance with Section 125 of the Constitution: The Premier exercises executive authority, together with the other members of the Executive Council, by:

- » implementing provincial legislation in the Province;
- » implementing all national legislation within the functional areas listed in Schedule 4 or 5 except where the Constitution or an Act of Parliament provides otherwise;
- » administering in the Province, national legislation outside the functional areas listed in Schedule 4 and 5, the administration of which has been assigned to the provincial executive in terms of an Act of Parliament;
- » developing and implementing provincial policy;
- » co-ordinating the functions of the provincial administration and its departments;
- » preparing and initiating provincial legislation; and
- » performing any other function assigned to the provincial executive in terms of the Constitution or an Act of Parliament;

In accordance with Section 127 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa the following functions are assigned specifically to the Premier:

- ▶ assenting to and signing Bills;
- ▶ referring a Bill back to the provincial legislature for reconsideration of the Bill's constitutionality;
- ▶ referring a Bill to the Constitutional Court for a decision on the Bill's constitutionality;
- ▶ summoning the legislature to an extraordinary sitting to conduct special business;
- ▶ appointing commissions of inquiry;
- ▶ calling a referendum in the Province in accordance with national legislation;
- ▶ appoint members of the Executive Council, assigns their powers and functions, and may dismiss them.

6.2 CORE LEGISLATIVE MANDATE (DIRECTOR-GENERAL)

Our core legislative mandate is derived from Section 7(3) (c) of the Public Service Act, 1993 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), which provides as follows:

- i) In addition to any power or duty entrusted or assigned by or under this Act or any other law to the head of the Office of a Premier (DG), the said head shall-
- ii) subject to section 125 (2) (e) of the Constitution, be responsible for intergovernmental relations on an administrative level between the relevant province and other provinces as well as national departments and national government components and for the intra-governmental co-operation between the relevant Office of the Premier and the various provincial departments and provincial government components, including the co-ordination of their actions and legislation; and
- iii) be responsible for the giving of strategic direction on any matter referred to in section 3 (1), but shall in respect of a provincial department of the relevant province exercise no power or perform no duty which is entrusted or assigned by or under this Act or any other law to the head of the provincial department.

Section 3(1) of the Public Service Act, which sets out the areas in regard to which the Director-General as Head of the Office of the Premier must give strategic direction, are the establishment of norms and standards, in the province, relating to-

- (a) the functions of the public service;
- (b) the organisational structures and establishments of departments and other organisational and governance arrangements in the public service;
- (c) the conditions of service and other employment practices for employees;
- (d) labour relations in the public service;
- (e) health and wellness of employees;
- (f) information management in the public service;
- (g) electronic government;
- (h) integrity, ethics, conduct and anti-corruption in the public service; and
- (i) Transformation, reform, innovation and any other matter to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the public service and its service delivery to the public.

6.3 LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY MANDATES

The mandate of the Office of the Premier is to:

- ▶ Act as a centre for strategic coordination in government by identifying and addressing major impediments to the effective implementation of government's programme of action, which is aimed at eliminating poverty, unemployment and inequality; and

- ▶ Support the Premier in leading government's programme, aimed at advancing radical social and economic transformation to promote job creation and inclusive growth.

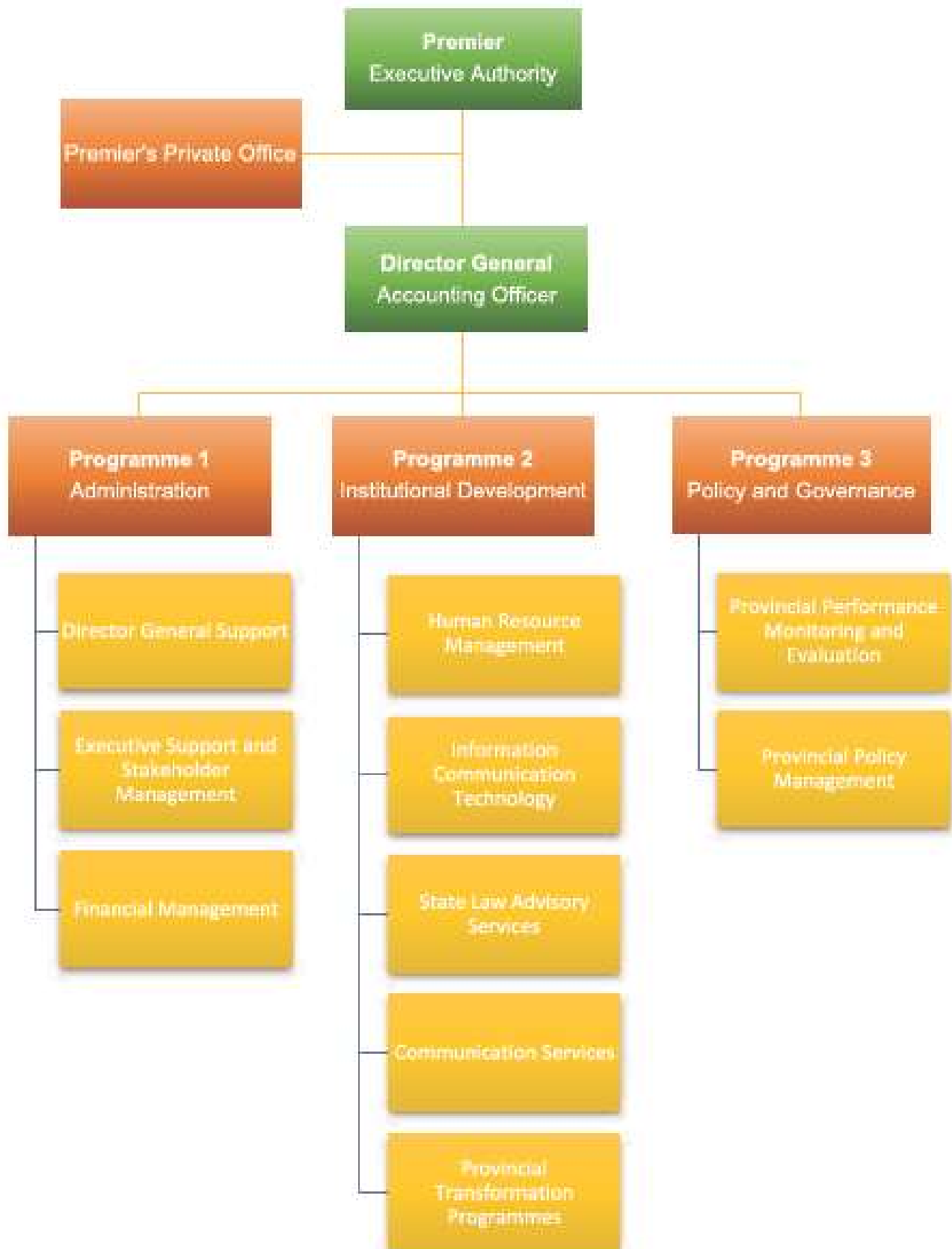
Below are the legislative and other mandates that the Office of the Premier is responsible for implementing, managing and overseeing. The Office of the Premier is thus centrally positioned within the Provincial Government of the Northern Cape Province and derives its mandates from the following legislative and regulatory frameworks:

- ▶ African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC);
- ▶ African Union Agenda 2063;
- ▶ African Union Heads of States Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa 2004;
- ▶ Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA);
- ▶ Beijing Platform of Action (1995);
- ▶ Child Friendly Communities (for Local Government);
- ▶ Collective Bargaining Resolutions (Agreements) and Directives;
- ▶ Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination Against Women and Children (CEDAW);
- ▶ Corporate Governance of ICT Policy Framework;
- ▶ Cybercrimes and Cybersecurity Bill of 2016;
- ▶ Electronic Communication and Transaction, 2002 (Act No. 25 of 2002);
- ▶ Employment Equity Act;
- ▶ Framework for Managing Programme Performance Information, National Treasury May 2007;
- ▶ Framework on gender responsive Planning, budgeting, Monitoring Evaluation and Auditing;
- ▶ Guide for the Implementation of Provincial Quarterly Performance Reports 2009;
- ▶ Government Wide Enterprise Architecture Framework;
- ▶ Human Resource Development Strategy SA 2010-2030;
- ▶ Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act 13 of 2005;
- ▶ ICT Security Standards and Guidelines;
- ▶ Job Access Strategic Framework;
- ▶ Labour Relations Act;
- ▶ Medium Term Strategic Framework 2019-2024;
- ▶ Minimum Information Security Standards;
- ▶ MTSF Integrated Monitoring Framework 2019-2024;
- ▶ National Archives and Records Service Act of South Africa 43 of 96;
- ▶ National Child Participation Framework;
- ▶ National Development Plan 5 Year Implementation Plan 2019-2024;
- ▶ National Development Plan – Vision 2030;
- ▶ National Digital Skills Strategy;
- ▶ National e-Strategy (ISAD Plan);
- ▶ National Monitoring and Evaluation Framework White paper of October 2009;
- ▶ National Plan of Action for Children in South Africa
- ▶ National Strategic Intelligence Act (NSIA);
- ▶ National Strategic Planning Green Paper of September 2009
- ▶ New Growth Path
- ▶ Northern Cape Information Society Strategy;
- ▶ Occupational Health and Safety Act;

- ▶ PAIA: Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000;
- ▶ PAJA: Promotion of Administrative of Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000);
- ▶ PAMA: Public Administration Management Act, 2014 (Act No. 11 of 2014)
- ▶ Policy Framework for Government –Wide Monitoring and Evaluation, Presidency November 2007
- ▶ POPI: Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013;
- ▶ Provincial Information Security Policy;
- ▶ Public Service Act;
- ▶ Public Finance Management Act (PFMA);
- ▶ Public Service Regulations;
- ▶ Revised Framework for Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans, DPME 2019
- ▶ Revised National Evaluation Policy Framework 2019;
- ▶ Rights of Women in Africa (AU Women's Protocol)2004;
- ▶ S.A. Connect: South Africa's Broadband Strategy;
- ▶ SADC Declaration;
- ▶ SITA: State Information and Technology Act 88 of 98;
- ▶ Skills Development Act;
- ▶ Skills Development Levies Act;
- ▶ South Africa's National Policy Framework for Women's Empowerment of Gender Equality;
- ▶ Statistics Act 6 of 1999;
- ▶ Strategic Framework for Gender Equality within the Public Service (2006-2015);
- ▶ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's);
- ▶ The promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act, No 4 of 2000;
- ▶ United Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC);
- ▶ United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- ▶ White Paper on the Post School Education and Training System (PSET);
- ▶ White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- ▶ Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill



6.4 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

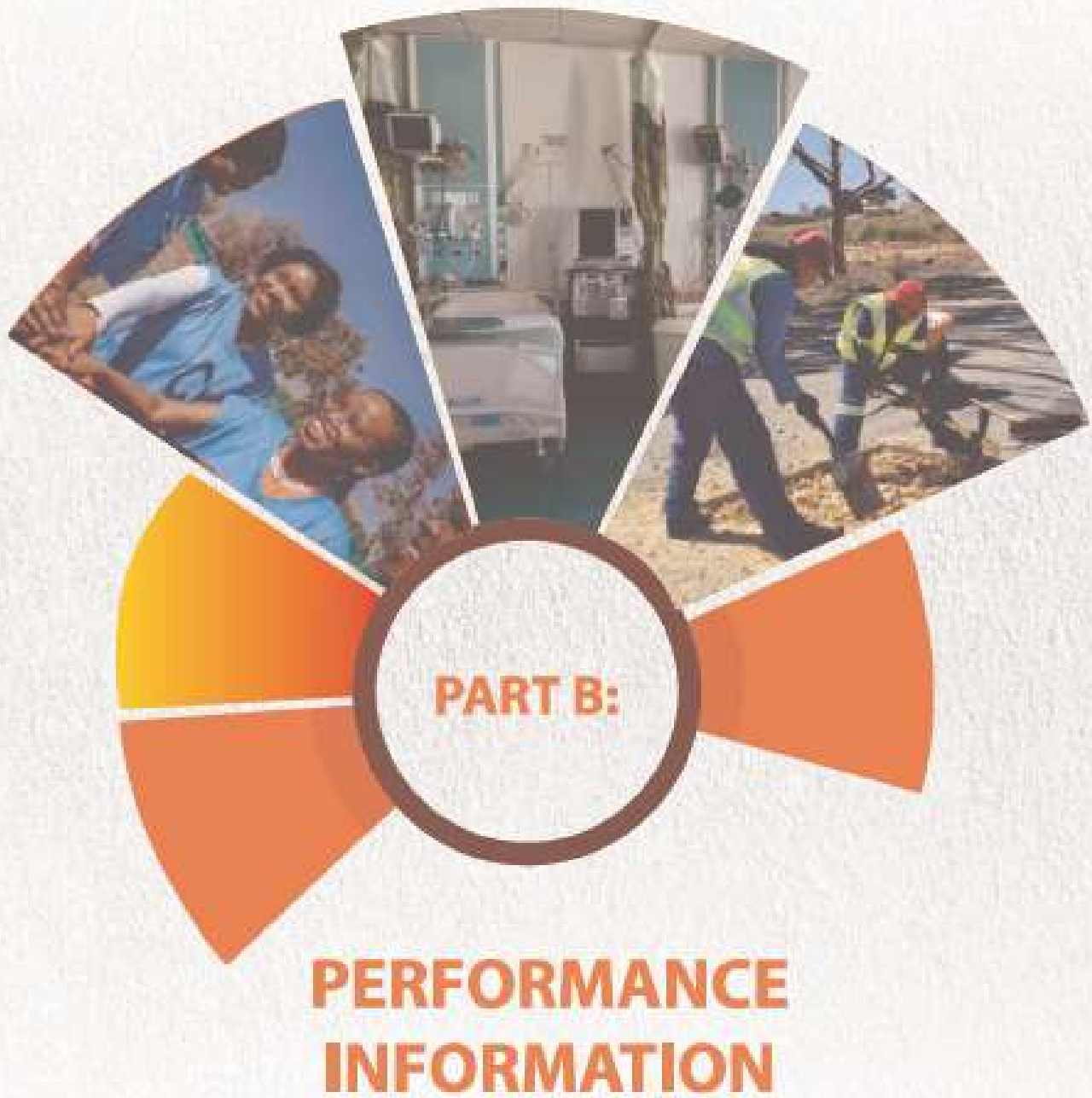


7. ENTITIES REPORTING TO THE PREMIER

The table below indicates the entities that report to the Premier during the financial year under review. Related party transactions are included in the disclosure notes to the Financial Statements (Part F).

Name of Entity	Legislative Mandate	Financial Relationship	Nature of Operations
Mme Re Ka Thusa Trust Fund	Trust Deed	Premier is the patron of the fund. OTP makes annual transfers to the trust fund.	Financial assistance for previously disadvantaged women to empower them to become economically active.





1. AUDIT GENERAL'S REPORT: PREDETERMINED OBJECTIVES

The AGSA currently performs certain audit procedures on the performance information to provide reasonable assurance in the form of an audit conclusion. The audit conclusion on the performance against predetermined objectives is included in the report to management, with material findings being reported under the Predetermined Objectives heading in the Report on other legal and regulatory requirements section of the auditor's report.

Refer to page 83 of the Report of the Auditor General, published as Part F: Financial Information.

2. OVERVIEW OF DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE

To govern the Northern Cape Provincial Administration towards alleviating the triple burdens of underdevelopment namely inequality, poverty and unemployment for the people of the Province through a people-centered Public Service.

2.1 SERVICE DELIVERY ENVIRONMENT

The Office of the Premier is strategically positioned to create an enabling policy environment and support effective policy implementation at provincial level. It aims to reposition itself as the lead institution in transforming public service delivery within the province and to ensure that the organization is appropriately positioned to provide strategic leadership, advice, and implementation support to provincial sector departments.

The Provincial Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate has concluded the analysis reports on provincial service delivery, and the findings have been shared with the relevant departments. Additionally, a presentation regarding the John Taolo Gaetsewe report was delivered at the technical cluster meeting. A draft Delivery Agreement to intended to guide the performance management of the Executive Council has also been finalized.

For the current financial year, our primary focus continues to revolved around harnessing the potential of cutting-edge technologies to enhance government service delivery while addressing fiscal constraints. To support this the Province has adopted an Integrated Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation approach across all performance areas. This approach is aligned with the three pillars of the provincial vision of a modern, growing, and successful province, as well as the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP). It has also enabled the Office of the Premier to:

- Track progress of deliverables in support of the Vision of the Province: A modern, growing, successful province.
- Ensure the National Development Plan and the MTDP are translated into effective service delivery programmes within the Province.
- Assess real change and improvement in the lives of citizens through the Frontline Service Delivery Programme and Citizen-Based Monitoring.
- Triangulate data from different M&E systems, as well as external M&E systems, to provide a holistic picture of government performance and its impact on citizens.
- Provide detailed progress reporting and feedback on the monitoring of successes and challenges on provincial priorities, sector priorities, and plans.
- Track the development impacts of government policies, plans, and programmes through evaluation studies informed by monitoring data.
- Support the Premier and his Executive during the Premier Bilateral Engagements on provincial/sector performance.

Through integrated reporting and performance monitoring, the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (PM&E) unit has consistently produced consolidated quarterly performance analysis for each department. These reports track the departmental progress against government priorities, which are linked to the provincial vision. In addition to highlighting areas of underperformance the report also provides recommendations to enhance service delivery and support the implementing priority programmes. The outcomes of the quarterly analysis are shared with both the Heads of Departments and the Provincial Executive Council to inform decision-making.

Service delivery performance verification has been conducted through the Frontline Service Delivery Monitoring (FSDM) programme, supplemented by triangulation against sector-specific secondary data. Additionally, quarterly analyses and assessments of sector development indicators were used to validate information for the draft 30-year review report of the Province. However, due to ongoing capacity and budget constraints, Evolution Studies, for purposes of tracking the long-term developmental impacts of policies and programmes remain pending.

In terms of performance implementation, departmental Annual Performance Plan for the 2nd quarter of the 2024/25 financial year achieved a pre-audited performance of 72.54%, with a year-to-date average of 70.55% as of September 2024. The finalization of the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024-2029 is expected to complete the framework for completion of integrated monitoring and evaluation (M&E) requirements. However, the moratorium on filling posts continues to limit M&E capacity, affecting the ability to monitor performance effectively across all 11 provincial departments. With the MTDP now approved by the DPME, integrated M&E processes will commence in alignment with priorities and outcomes. Departmental M&E coordination and support will be reassessed based on the current capacity constraints.

The Office of the Premier achieved an overall performance of 93%% for the 2024/2025 financial year, with the remaining 7% of non-achievement attributed to specific challenges. These include two underperforming indicators under Provincial Transformation Programmes and Labour Relations in Programme 2, which were affected by cost-containment measures and advocacy programmes not conducted; in Programme 3, two indicators under Provincial Policy Coordination also contributed to underperformance, relating to unapproved service delivery charters and only partially achievement of visits to provincial department and municipalities.

2.2 SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) has developed a new Service Delivery Improvement Plan (SDIP) framework and has commenced extensive training across all provinces to support its implementation. This training is intended to assist departments in developing and reviewing their Service Delivery Charters. While training for the Northern Cape Province was initially scheduled for the 2024/2025 financial year, it has been deferred to the 2025/2026 financial year. Departments are now expected to submit their reviewed Service Delivery Charters by the end of September 2025. Following this, departments will be required to submit their revised draft SDIPs, with final approval to be completed via the National School of Government's (NSG) web-enabled system.

2.3 ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

The organisational environment of the Northern Cape Office of the Premier is shaped by its mandate to coordinate and oversee the functions of the provincial administration. This includes implementing national and provincial legislation, developing and executing provincial policies, and ensuring effective inter-governmental relations.

To leverage its unique strategic position at a provincial level, the department has conducted a review of its organisational structure. Although this process has been extremely challenging due to significant fiscal constraints, it is now nearing completion. It is envisaged that the Executive Authority will be able to approve the final product during the first quarter of the new financial year and submit to the MPSA for consideration and concurrence. The second phase of the review process will be the implementation process. This process will include, amongst others, the review of the job descriptions, and job evaluation will be done to determine the appropriate post levels.

The Office of the Premier is confronted with challenges such as budget constraints, which impact its capability to sufficiently staff its department. In its tireless determination to address this, additional responsibilities have been assigned to management-level staff, and efforts are ongoing to secure additional funding. Notable progress was made in complying with the Employment Equity Act, particularly with targets for women at the Senior Management Service (SMS) level and persons with disabilities within the province.

2.4 KEY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

During the 2024/2025 financial year, the office primarily engaged with the draft Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP), which shaped strategic priorities and operational focus. Towards the end of the financial year, the MTDP was finalized and approved, solidifying policy direction and implementation frameworks. No other significant legislative changes were made during this period.

3. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES

The strategic focus of the Northern Cape Province for the next five years (2025–2030) is to drive sustainable economic growth, improve education and healthcare, enhance infrastructure, promote social welfare, and ensure environmental sustainability. The Province also continues to focus on creating synergy between Provincial Departments through improved co-ordination in the provincial administration. The NC OTP prides itself in the following achievements:

3.1 BURSARIES

During the 2024/2025 academic year, the department achieved significant progress in the administration of bursary applications. A substantial number of applications were received before the due date and thoroughly reviewed. The selection process was guided by an established criteria including academic performance, financial need, amongst other considerations. The successful candidates were duly notified and required to enter into a contractual agreement, outlining the terms and conditions of the bursary.

The Human Resource Strategy Transversal Coordination hosted an HRD Forum to review key reports, including the NSG Cadet & Youth Development Report and Plan, along with a comprehensive transversal bursary report. In alignment with the strategic goals, a monitoring report on the implementation of the NC Human Resource Development Strategy Implementation Plan was submitted. This was accompanied by a detailed report from Transversal Bursaries outlining the bursary allocation process and outcomes.

3.2 PROVINCIAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030

The Northern Cape Provincial Growth and Development Plan (PGDP) 2030 aims to drive socio-economic transformation in the province. Efforts have been made to boost local economies and create jobs, predominantly through support for small and medium enterprises (SMMEs) and cooperatives. Infrastructure Investments, including roads, schools, and healthcare facilities, have improved service delivery and accessibility. During the reporting cycle, programmes which focused on education and skills training have been expanded. These programmes targeted youth and women to enhance employability and economic participation. In addition, initiatives to build safer communities and promote social cohesion have been strengthened, with various community-based programmes.

In 2024/2025 the Northern Cape continued to advance the implementation of the District Development Model (DDM), with strong focus on integrated governance and coordinated service delivery. This model seeks to address socio-economic challenges across the province by promoting inclusive development eliminate poverty, reduce unemployment, and inequality through various infrastructure projects and community-based initiatives.

The Executive Secretariat successfully digitalized business processes, enhancing efficiency through the rollout of a tablet system for distributing meeting packs to Members of the Executive Council for Exco meetings. While PFMA Audit Rectification Plans Reporting to the Executive Council sessions were postponed, efforts are underway to plan similar sessions for supporting Provincial Departments in achieving Clean Audits. An Inter-Cluster Meeting addressed SOPA 2025 priorities per Cluster, emphasizing integrated planning and implementation in support of the MTDP and DDM.

3.3 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The internship programme of the Office of the Premier is a strategic initiative designed to provide practical skills training opportunities to unemployed qualified youth and those who have completed their theoretical coursework at accredited institutions of higher learning. The aim is to enhance youth employability while contributing to service delivery. The Northern Cape Office of the Premier (NC OTP) remains committed to strengthen and implement this programme to support youth development and economic participation.

Through various projects and initiatives, the Northern Cape Administration continues to provide training opportunities that improves the prospects of young people accessing sustainable employment. This forms part of our boarder commitment to the empowerment of youth, women, children, and people living with disabilities. In alignment with Priority 2 under the Vision, "Growing" the department is focused on enhancing skills to drive economic growth and the persistent challenge of youth unemployment and empowerment. As part of this commitment, the Youth Employment and Empowerment Strategy has been developed and is currently awaiting stakeholder feedback. In addition, targeted skills development and training interventions has been implemented to support youth categorized as NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training). During the year under review the following interventions were implemented: 3,037 learnerships, 838 internships, and 3,718 skills programmes.

Furthermore, under Priority 2 under the Vision "Successful" the department focussed on fostering social cohesion and nation-building through the implementation of a gender, youth, and disability-responsive framework for planning, budgeting, monitoring, evaluation, and auditing. With stakeholder feedback pending, the vision remains aimed at achieving success and inclusivity.

3.4 INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS

In response to ongoing financial constraints, the department is intensifying efforts to secure additional funding through the PMTEC (Planning, Monitoring and Technical Evaluation Committee) processes. Comprehensive proposals are being developed and submitted to underscore the critical importance of ICT budget allocations, particularly in support of the ITSSC (Information Technology Shared Services Centre) and Thusong Service Centres. Parallel to this, the department is actively pursuing strategic partnerships with the private sector to co-fund key projects. These collaborations aim to harness external expertise and resources that complement our internal efforts, ultimately strengthening the impact and reach of our initiatives.

Furthermore, the unit is exploring opportunities to apply for external funding and grants from both national and international organisations that support digital transformation and public service improvement. These funding avenues are particularly valuable in facilitating the adoption of cost-effective technologies and process streamlining. As part of our broader strategy, we are also engaging local communities and stakeholders to build a robust support base. These engagements are instrumental in advocating for our funding requirements while promoting transparency and accountability. Innovative funding models, including crowdfunding, are being explored to diversify our funding portfolio. This approach aims to open new pathways for resource mobilisation, enabling the department to mitigate financial limitations and enhance service delivery through the efficient and innovative use of technology.

4. INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

4.1 PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

Purpose of the Programme: The purpose of the programme is to provide strategic leadership and oversee the implementation of provincial legislative frameworks and government programmes.

This programme accommodates the Ministry and the Office of the Director General and is comprised of the following sub-programmes and units.

1.1 Premier Support

Purpose: Provide advisory and administrative support to the Premier in executing the constitutional mandate.

1.2 Director-General Support

Purpose: Provide technical, administrative and secretariat support to the Director-General.

The sub-programme comprised of the following units:

1.2.1. Office of the Director-General

1.2.2. Security and Records Management

1.2.3. Provincial Council on AIDS-Secretarial

1.3 Executive Support and Stakeholder Management

Purpose: Manage and oversee the provisioning of Executive support services and co-ordinate the implementation of stakeholder management programmes.

The sub-programme is comprised of the following units:

1.3.1. Executive Council Support

1.3.2. Stakeholder Management

1.4 Financial Management

Purpose: Provide internal financial accounting, management accounting, supply chain management (SCM) and asset management services to the Office of the Premier.

Outcomes, outputs, output indicators, targets and actual achievements

Programme 1 had 12 targets for the year under review. All 12 targets were achieved with 3 of those targets being over-achieved. The details of actual achievements are outlined in the tables below.

Sub-programme: 1.2.1. Office of the Director-General								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Revised departmental risk register	Number of approved Departmental Risk Register submitted	Approved Risk Register	Approved Risk Register	Approved Risk Register	Approved Risk Register	None	None

Sub-programme: 1.2.2: Security and Records Management

Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Assessed information and security support systems	Number of quarterly security threat assessment reports	4 Reports	4 Reports	4 Reports	4 Reports	None	None
	Suitability for Employment	Percentage of new staff screened for employment suitability	100% of new staff	100% of new staff	100% of new staff	100% of new staff	None	None
	Compliance with the Anti-Corruption Framework	Number of quarterly Provincial Anti-Corruption programmes	4 Provincial Anti-Corruption Programmes	4 Provincial Anti-Corruption Programmes	4 Provincial Anti-Corruption Programmes	4 Provincial Anti-Corruption Programmes	None	None

Sub-programme: 1.2.3: Provincial Council of AIDS – Secretariat

Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Local and Ward AIDS Councils at District Level Supported	Number of districts supported in the establishment of Local and Ward AIDS Councils	5	5	5	5	None	None
	Stakeholder engagements on HIV, AIDS, TB and STI responses in the province	Number of stakeholder engagements coordinated	14 stakeholder engagements	12 stakeholder engagements	12 stakeholder engagements	12 stakeholder engagements	None	None

Sub-programme: 1.3.1. Executive Council Support								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Meetings of the Executive Council coordinated and managed	Number of reports on the implementation of Executive Decisions	New Indicator	New Indicator	4 Reports on the implementation of Executive Council decisions	4 Reports on the implementation of Executive Council decisions	None	None

Sub-programme: 1.3.2. Stakeholder Management								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Functional Intergovernmental relations	Number of stakeholder engagements coordinated	New Indicator	17	8	20	+12	Overachievement is attributed to additional international engagements related to opportunities for the NC province.
		Number of protocol services rendered in the province	New Indicator	30	9	19	+4	Overachievement is attributed to unplanned engagements / events

Sub-programme: 1.A. Financial Management								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Audited Annual Report	Audited Annual Report	New Indicator	New Indicator	Unqualified audit outcome without emphasis of matters	Unqualified audit outcome without emphasis of matters	None	None
	Supplier payments	Percentage of uncontested invoices paid within 30 days of receipt date	100%	100%	100%	100%	None	None
	Targeted designated groups procurement	Percentage on preferential procurement spend on enterprises owned by targeted groups	New Indicator	71 % preferential procurement spend on enterprises owned by targeted groups	60 % on preferential procurement spend on enterprises owned by targeted groups	63% on preferential procurement spend on enterprises owned by targeted groups	+3% on preferential procurement spend on enterprises owned by targeted groups	The overachievement is attributed to improved internal controls.

Strategy to overcome areas of under performance

Indicators in Programme 1 relates mostly to internal functions and support services to the executive council and none of these areas experienced under-achievements. However, the over-achieved targets reflect protocol services, stakeholder engagements and targeted groups procurement, which will be reviewed in the 2026-2027 planning cycle.

Linking performance with budgets

The table below depicts actual expenditure against the final appropriation for the period under review and previous financial year Programme 1 and its sub-programmes. The uniformed budget structure implemented by National Treasury unfortunately prohibited the move of budget allocation of Stakeholder Management (previously known as Intergovernmental Relations and still reported as such in terms of the budget allocation) from Programme 3 to Programme 1. Hence the budget will be reported on under Programme 3. The budget was expended towards the achievement of the outputs related to contractual obligations, compensation of employees and goods and services. Contract obligation is centralised under Programme 1. The bulk of the budget was spent on compensation of employees given the fact that personnel implemented the APP outputs. The variance is mainly attributable to commitments at reporting date; a rollover application was submitted to Provincial Treasury to that effect.

Sub-programme expenditure

Sub-Programme Name	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	Over/Under Expenditure	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	Over/Under Expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Premier Support	72 448	70 746	1 702	62 258	61 228	1 030
Director-General Support	65 700	65 700	-	51 027	58 477	12 350
Executive Council Support	8 834	8 835	(1)	8 759	8 767	(8)
Financial Management Support	87 310	87 310	-	82 483	82 144	339
Total	294 292	292 591	1 701	284 527	289 616	5 089

4.2 PROGRAMME 2: INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Purpose of the Programme: The purpose of the programme is to strategically lead the province towards long term planning for human capital, towards a developmental orientated public service and provision of advisory legal services.

The programme comprised of the following sub-programmes and units:

2.1 Human Resource Management

Purpose: Provide strategic leadership through integrated coordination of human resource management systems, practices and policies towards a capable, ethical and developmental provincial administration.

The sub-programme is comprised of the following units:

- 2.1.1. Human Resource Administration
- 2.1.2. Human Resource Strategy and Transversal Co-ordination
- 2.1.3. Performance Management and Capacity Development
- 2.1.4. Provincial HR Planning, Organisational and Operations Design
- 2.1.5. Labour Relations
- 2.1.6. Employee Health and Wellness

2.2 Information Communication Technology**Purpose:**

To provide professional Information Technology services as an enabler to the Office of the Premier and other provincial departments to ultimately improve service delivery through e-Government initiatives.

2.3 State Law Advisory Services

Purpose: To render legal advisory support services to the Premier, Executive Council, Heads of Departments, and Municipalities to ensure that constitutional obligations are met.

2.4 Communication Services**Purpose:**

To provide an efficient and effective communication service to enable the Premier, Executive Council and Heads of Departments to communicate governments services through the media and other communications platforms.

2.5 Provincial Transformation Programmes

Purpose: To mainstream, coordinate, monitor and evaluate programmes in terms of women, children and people with disabilities to address inequalities and restore the moral fibre of society and to act as secretariat for the Provincial Transformation Programmes Forum.

Outcomes, outputs, output indicators, targets and actual achievements

Programme 2 had 35 targets for the year. Only 33 targets were achieved with 2 of those targets being under-achieved. The details of actual achievements are outlined in the tables below.

Sub-programme: 2.1.1. Human Resource Administration								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Maintain the vacancy rate of 10% or less of the Office of the Premier	Maintain vacancy rate of 10% or less	New Indicator	New Indicator	Maintain Vacancy rate of 10%	Maintain Vacancy rate of 8%	Maintain Vacancy rate of +2%	The overachievement is attributed to improved internal controls.
	Compliance Monitoring to the Public Service HRA related Norms and Standards	Number of monitoring reports on provincial compliance to the Public Service HRA related norms and standards	New Indicator	2 Reports	2 Reports	2 Reports	None	None

Sub-programme: 2.1.2. Human Resource Strategy and Transversal Co-ordination								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Provincial HRD Strategy	Monitoring report on the Provincial HRD Strategy Implementation Plan	New Indicator	1 Monitoring Report	1 Monitoring Report	1 Monitoring Report	None	None
	Provincial HRD Stakeholder co-ordination & engagement Sessions conducted	Number of HRD Forums on integrated planning and co-ordination	New Indicator	New Indicator	6 HRD Forums conducted	6 HRD Forums conducted	None	None
	Provincial compliance report on the submission of HRD Plans to DPSA	Report on compliance by provincial departments with the submission of HRD plans	New Indicator	New Indicator	1 Report	1 Report	None	None
	Provincial bursary programme implemented	Annual report on bursaries awarded to unemployed youth	New Indicator	1 Report	1 Report	1 Report	None	None

Sub-programme: 2.1.3. Performance Management and Capacity Building								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Improved compliance provincially with PMDS policy prescripts	Number of Provincial compliance reports on the implementation of PMDS provincially	New Indicator	3 Reports	3 Reports	3 Reports	None	None
	An OTP Workplace Skills Plan	Number of approved OTP Workplace Skills Plan submitted to PSETA	New Indicator	1 Approved OTP Workplace Skills Plan	1 Approved OTP Workplace Skills Plan	1 Approved OTP Workplace Skills Plan	None	None
	Implementation of the directive on youth development	Number of OTP status reports submitted to DPSA	New Indicator	1 Report	1 Report	1 Report	None	None

Sub-programme: 2.1.4. Provincial HR Planning, Organisational and Operations Design								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Implementation of approved Provincial Organisational Design Strategy monitored.	Number of reports on the implementation of the approved Provincial Organisational Design Strategy	New Indicator	4 Quarterly reports on the implementation of the approved Provincial Organisational Design Strategy submitted for approval.	4 Quarterly reports on the implementation of the approved Provincial Organisational Design Strategy submitted for approval.	4 Quarterly reports on the implementation of the approved Provincial Organisational Design Strategy submitted for approval.	None	None
	Compliance of provincial departments with the 2021 HR Planning Directive monitored.	Number of reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2021 HR Planning Directive.	New Indicator	2 bi-annual reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2021 HR Planning Directive submitted for approval.	2 bi-annual reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2021 HR Planning Directive submitted for approval.	2 bi-annual reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2021 HR Planning Directive submitted for approval.	None	None
	Compliance of provincial departments with the 2014 Directive on PSA and PSR delegations	Number of reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2014 Directive on	New Indicator	4 Quarterly Reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2014 Directive on	4 Quarterly Reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2014 Directive on	4 Quarterly Reports on compliance of provincial departments with the 2014 Directive on	None	None

Sub-programme: 2.1.6. Provincial HR Planning, Organisational and Operations Design								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
	monitored.	PSA and PSR delegations.		PSA and PSR delegations submitted for approval	PSA and PSR delegations submitted for approval.	PSA and PSR delegations submitted for approval.		

Sub-programme: 2.1.5. Labour Relations								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Promotion of Sound Employee Relations	Number of quarterly FOSAD reports submitted to DPSA	New Indicator	4 Reports	4 Reports	4 Reports	None	None
	Labour Relations Advocacy	Number of labour related advocacy conducted	New Indicator	4	4	3	-1	The under-achievement is attributed to budget cuts and cost containment. This target will be aligned to the budget in the outer years.

Sub-programme: 2.1.6. Employee Health and Wellness								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Learning Network Sessions	Number of policy support learning network sessions	4	5	4	5	+1	Over-achievement is due to a collaboration with DP&A to assess, monitor and provide hands-on technical assistance to departments in the Northern Cape Province.
	Prevention Programmes	Number of health prevention programmes facilitated	12	12	8	13	+5	Over-achievement is attributed to additional prevention programmes intended to address complex societal challenges in order to improve health outcomes
	e-Health information messages	Number of e-Health prevention information Facilitated	8	9	9	10	+1	Over-achievement is attributed to additional prevention programme intended to address complex societal challenges in order to improve health outcomes

Sub-programme: 2.2, Information Communication Technology								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and co-ordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape	Corporate Governance of ICT documents for Office of the Premier.	Number of departmental ICT documents (Policies, Charters, Plans, Frameworks, Manuals and Strategies) reviewed in the Office of the Premier	7 departmental ICT documents	7 departmental ICT documents	7 departmental ICT documents	7 departmental ICT documents	None	None
Provincial Administration and its Departments	Digital solutions for improved service delivery.	Number of departmental services e-enabled, based on the Service Delivery Model	2 departmental services	4 departmental services	2 departmental services	2 departmental services	None	None
	Cyber and Information Security Awareness Workshops.	Number of provincial workshops hosted on information security and privacy protection responsibilities	2 Workshops	2 Workshops	2 Workshops	2 Workshops	None	None
	Provincial government websites.	Number of Northern Cape Provincial Government Departments websites reviewed	4 Departments	4 Departments	4 Departments	4 Departments	None	None
	ICT Projects	Number of reports on the Provincial ICT Projects coordinated	4 Reports	4 Reports	4 Reports	4 Reports	None	None
	Awareness through Provincial Thusing Services Outreach Programmes	Number of Thusing Service Centre Outreach Programmes	4 Outreach Programmes	4 Outreach Programmes	4 Outreach Programmes	4 Outreach Programmes	None	None

Sub-programme: 2.3. State Law Advisory Services								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Provision of legal assistance to municipalities in order to support and strengthen the capacity of municipalities to manage their own affairs	Number of reports submitted on legal assistance provided to Municipalities in the Province	New Indicator	4	4	4	None	None
	Coordination of provincial legal services	Number of analytical reports in coordination of provincial legal services matters	4	4	4	4	None	None
	Provision of Legal advice and support	Number of reports submitted on the provision of legal support to NCRA	4	4	4	4	None	None
	Provision of legal support to the provincial Executive	Number of reports on legal assistance provided to and on behalf of the Executive Council, Premier and members of the Executive	New Indicator	4	4	4	None	None

Sub-programme: 2.4, Communication Services								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Effective communication of government with a coherent message to the citizenry	Number of Media Communication reports on Executive Council Initiatives	New Indicator	4 Reports	4 Reports	4	None	None

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Sub-programme: 2.5. Provincial Transformation Programmes

Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	An all – inclusive society	A Provincial consolidated report on the implementation of the White Paper on the Rights of Person with Disabilities	New Indicator	1 Provincial report	1 Provincial report	1 Provincial report	None	None
	An ethical and developmental state	Number of engagements on the implementation of the Charter of Positive Values	4 Reports	4	4	8	+4	Over-achievement is attributed to additional engagements to ensure effective implementation
	Women Empowerment and Gender Equality	Number of consolidated reports on the implementation of the Provincial Plan on Gender Based Violence and Femicide	4 Consolidated Reports	4 Consolidated Reports	4 Consolidated Reports	4 Consolidated Reports	None	None
		Number of Monitoring reports on the implementation of Sanitary Dignity Framework	4 Monitoring reports	4 Monitoring reports	4 Monitoring reports	4 Monitoring reports	None	None
	Child rights considerations	Number of monitoring reports on Children's Rights Delivery Plans	New Indicator	4 Monitoring reports	4 Monitoring reports	4 Monitoring reports	None	None
	Establish the recognition, promotion, protection of the rights of Women, Children and Persons with disabilities, and change management including restoration of moral fibre	Number of Advocacy Programmes coordinated	8 Advocacy Programmes	8 Advocacy Programmes	8 Advocacy Programmes	8 Advocacy Programmes	-1	The department engaged Provincial Legislature to partner with on the International Women's Day, as a means to shared resources and address cost containment. However, Provincial Legislature had to prioritise the SDPA. Advocacy programmes will be aligned to the allocated budget in the outer years.
		Number of consolidated reports on the implementation of the GRPMEA	2 Reports	2 Reports	2 Reports	2 Reports	None	None

Strategy to overcome areas of under performance

There were no deviations to the planned targets. However, the underperformance of the 2 indicators were negatively affected by the budget cuts in the year under review. These will be aligned to the allocated budget in the next financial year.

Linking performance with budgets

The table below depicts the actual expenditure against the final appropriation for the period under review and the previous financial year of Programme 2 and its sub-programmes. The uniformed budget structure implemented by National Treasury unfortunately prohibited the move of budget allocation of Provincial Transformation Programme (previously known as Special Programmes and still reported as such in terms of the budget allocation) from Programme 3 to Programme 2. Hence the budget will be reported on under Programme 3. The budget was expended towards the achievement of the outputs related compensation of employees and good and services. The bulk of the budget was spent on the compensation of employees given the fact that personnel implemented the APP outputs. The variance is mainly attributable to commitments at reporting date; a rollover application was submitted to Provincial Treasury to that effect.

Sub-programme expenditure

Sub - Programme Name	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	(Over)/Under Expenditure	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	(Over)/Under Expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Strategic Human Resources	148 022	139 167	8 855	92 390	87 371	5 019
Information Communication Technology	25 497	24 533	964	18 613	18 613	-
Legal Services (State Law Advisory Services)	10 565	10 329	236	10 094	10 067	39
Communications	14 006	13 488	518	132 883	119 878	13 005
Programmes Support	4 761	3 698	1 063	4 174	3 919	261
Total	197 851	191 215	6 636	258 158	239 832	18 324

4.3 PROGRAMME 3: POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

Purpose of the Programme: The purpose of the programme is to strategically manage policies and strategies throughout the province, through research, development and support the implementation of a sustainable provincial growth and development plan, and monitor and evaluate performance against provincial plans.

The programme comprised of the following sub-programmes and units:

3.1 Provincial Performance Monitoring and Evaluation

Purpose: To provide an integrated performance monitoring and evaluation function directed at improving implementation of provincial plans and programmes.

The sub-programme is comprised of the following units:

- 3.1.1. Provincial Service Delivery Programmes Monitoring and Evaluation
- 3.1.2. Provincial Performance Information Monitoring and Evaluation

3.2 Provincial Policy Management

Purpose: To facilitate and coordinate macro and transversal planning, policy and research across government. The sub-programme is comprised of the following units:

- 3.2.1. Provincial Strategic and Spatial Planning
- 3.2.2. Provincial Policy Coordination
- 3.2.3. Provincial Research and Development Services

Outcomes, outputs, output indicators, targets and actual achievements

Programme 3 had 9 targets for the year, of which only 7 targets were fully achieved and 2 targets thereof over-achieved. The other 2 targets were not achieved. The details of actual achievements are outlined in the tables below.

Sub-programme: 3.1. Provincial Performance Monitoring and Evaluation								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Improved performance on planned provincial priorities	Number of Integrated M&E analysis reports on provincial service delivery.	New Indicator	3 Reports	4 Reports	4 Reports	None	None
		Number of BI Annual reports on the co-ordination of Evaluations as per the National Evaluation Policy Framework (NEPF)	New Indicator	2 Reports	2 Reports	2 Reports	None	None
		Number of system reports on the utilisation of the Provincial Web Based Reporting System	New Indicator	1 Report	1 Report	1 Report	None	None

3.2 Provincial Policy Management

Sub-programme: 3.2.1 Provincial Strategic and Spatial Planning								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Implementation of Provincial Growth and Development Plan Vision 2040	Number of Advisory Memorandums submitted to the Executive Authority on the Implementation of the Provincial Growth and Development Plan and Provincial Spatial Development Framework	5 Memos	4 Memos	4 Memos	6 Memos	+2 Memos	Urgent progress reports needed on pressing provincial matters regarding the progress of implementation of SPLUMA and Progress on the PSDP Review Project.

Sub-programme: 3.2.2 Provincial Policy Coordination								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2022/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Assessed Policies	Number of assessments of Provincial and Municipal Policies aligned to the PGDP	New Indicator	2 Assessments	2 Assessments	2 Assessments	None	None
		Number of assessments of Provincial and Municipal Policy aligned to the National Policy Development Framework	New Indicator	1 Assessment	1 Assessment	1 Assessment	None	None
	Municipal and departmental Change Management Engagement Programme	Number of Batho Pele Change Management Engagement Programme roll-out to municipalities and departments	New Indicator	0 Programme	1 Programme	0 Programme	-1 Programme	The engagements had to be limited to departments only, because of the budget cuts. A new approach will be followed in the next financial year.
		Number of departments with approved service delivery charters within the Provincial Administration	0 Departments	0 Departments	4 Departments	0 Departments	4 Departments	Review of SDIPs was not finalised given the revised submission date issued by DPSA.

Sub-programme: 3.2.3 Provincial Research and Development Services								
Outcome	Output	Output Indicator	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2023	Audited Actual Performance 2023/2024	Planned Annual Target 2024/2025	Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2025	Reasons for deviations
Integrated service delivery goals achieved through strategic leadership and coordination of the effective functioning of the Northern Cape Provincial Administration and its Departments	Research towards the implementation of the Provincial Growth and Development Plan and the institutionalisation of the Integrated Governance, Coordination and Service Delivery (IGCSD) Model	Number of Research position papers	19	8	4	5	+1	Over-achievement is attributed to additional research which was required to inform policy planning decision making.

Strategy to overcome areas of under performance

Two targets were not achieved in Programme 3. These relates to Batho Pele Change Management Engagement Programme and approved service delivery charters (refer to tables above for details). The biggest contributing factor to this under performance is lack of human capacity. Combined by the continuous budget cuts. A new approach will be followed to implement the planned targets under Batho Pele Change management. The review of the organizational structure aims to address ongoing capacity challenges and unsure that the departments is adequately resourced to meet its strategic objective.

Linking performance with budgets

The table below depicts the actual expenditure against the final appropriation for the period under review and previous financial year Programme 3 and it's sub-programmes. The uniformed budget structure implemented by National Treasury unfortunately prohibited the move of budget allocation, therefore the budget allocation for Intergovernmental Relations (now Stakeholder Management under Programme 1) and Special Programmes (now Provincial Transformation Programme under Programme 2) are still reported on under Programme 3. The budget was expended towards the achievement of the outputs related to compensation of employees and good and services. The bulk of the budget was spent on the compensation of employees given the fact that personnel implement the APP outputs.

Sub-programme expenditure

Sub-Programme Name	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	(Over)/Under Expenditure	Final Appropriation	Actual Expenditure	(Over)/Under Expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
*Special programmes (Provincial Transformation Management)	23 277	22 873	304	22 040	22 040	-
*Intergovernmental Relations (Stakeholder Management)	5 389	5 379	10	5 184	5 184	-
Provincial Policy Management	24 214	23 332	882	20 297	19 770	527
Programme Support	3 686	2 815	141	2 862	2 650	212
Total	56 566	54 599	1 337	50 383	49 644	739

5. TRANSFER PAYMENTS

5.1 TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC ENTITIES

Name of Public Entity	Key Outputs of the public entity	Amount transferred to the public entity	Amount spent by the public entity	Achievements of the public entity
South African Broadcasting Corporation	Television License	R1 104	R1,104	Viewing Services

5.2 TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO ALL ORGANISATIONS OTHER THAN PUBLIC ENTITIES

The table below reflects the transfer payments made for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Name of transferee	Type of organisation	Purpose for which the funds were used	Did the dept. comply with s 38 (1) (j) of the PFMA	Amount transferred (R'000)	Amount spent by the entity	Reasons for the funds unspent by the entity
Mme Re Ka Thuso	Trust	Financial assistance for previously disadvantaged women to empower them to become economically active	Yes	8,841	8,841	-

The table below reflects the transfer payments which were budgeted for in the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, but no transfer payments were made.

Name of transferee	Purpose for which the funds were to be used	Amount budgeted for (R'000)	Amount transferred (R'000)	Reasons why funds were not transferred
None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. CONDITIONAL GRANTS

The Office of the Premier neither paid nor received any conditional grants for the 2024/2025 financial year.

7. DONOR FUNDS

The Office of the Premier did not receive donor funds for the 2024/2025 financial year.

8. CAPITAL INVESTMENT

8.1 CAPITAL INVESTMENT, MAINTENANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Infrastructure projects	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Final Appropriation R'000	Actual Expenditure R'000	(Over)/Under Expenditure R'000	Final Appropriation R'000	Actual Expenditure R'000	(Over)/Under Expenditure R'000
New and replacement assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Existing infrastructure assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Upgrades and additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Rehabilitation, renovations and refurbishments	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Maintenance and repairs	132	132	-	293	293	-
Infrastructure transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Current	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	132	132	-	293	293	-



1. INTRODUCTION

The Office of the Premier continues to uphold a strong standard of ethical leadership, which has remained consistent over recent years. This commitment positions the department favourably in promoting sound governance practices. Central to this is the responsible management of public finances and resources, ensuring that governance structures are in place to utilise state resources effectively, efficiently, and economically. This approach reinforces public trust and affirms the department's accountability in stewarding taxpayer-funded assets.

2. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Office of the Premier is committed to maintain an effective and efficient risk management system in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) section (38)(1)(a)(i), Treasury Regulation 3.2.1 and Public Sector Risk Management Framework (PSRMF). The governance documents such as the risk management strategy and risk management policy are current and approved.

The department has an approved Risk Management Policy and Strategy in place, which provides a structured framework for identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks. These documents are readily accessible and guide all risk related activities across the department. The policy ensures that risk management is embedded in operational planning and decision-making processes, promoting a culture of accountability and resilience.

Quarterly risk assessments were conducted in collaboration with unit heads to identify new and emerging risks. This regular review process allows the department to remain alert in its response to changing risk conditions and ensures that mitigation strategies are continuously evaluated for effectiveness. The assessment reports informed decision-making and helped maintain alignment with the department's strategic objectives.

Oversight of the risk management system was provided by the Risk & Ethics Management Committee, which meets quarterly to assess the adequacy of controls and advise on mitigation efforts. The Audit Committee further strengthened governance by offering independent oversight and monitoring the effectiveness of the department's risk management practice. Together, these committees ensured that risks are managed within acceptable levels and that accountability structures are upheld.

To track progress, the Risk Manager prepared quarterly performance reports detailing the implementation of mitigation plans. These reports were presented to the Risk and Ethics Management Committee and serve as a key tool for evaluating improvements in risk management. Where performance gains are not yet realized, the department remains committed to refining its strategies and enhancing its risk response to drive continuous improvement.

3. FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

During the 2024/2025 reporting cycle, the Office of the Premier maintained its commitment to upholding integrity and ethical governance through the implementation of its Anti-Corruption, Ethics, and Whistleblowing Management Plan. This plan, which forms part of three-year strategic framework reviewed in 2024, outlines proactive measures to prevent fraud and corruption. It includes the adoption of the Anti-Corruption Whistleblowing and Ethics Policy, which guides the department's approach to ethical conduct and consequence management.

To facilitate confidentiality, the Office of the Premier actively promoted the use of the National Anti-Corruption Hotline, which allows whistle blowers to report suspected fraud and corruption anonymously. This mechanism ensures the protection of individuals who come forward with information, thereby fostering a culture of transparency and accountability. Once a report is received, the department ensures that all allegations are investigated thoroughly and appropriate action is taken in line with established procedures.

Awareness and education, remain key pillars of the department's Anti-Corruption strategy. Regular communication was shared with employees via email, and posters were displayed on notice boards to reinforce the importance of ethical conduct. Additionally, the Office of the Premier observed dedicated Anti-Corruption and Ethics Days, marked by the use of banners and promotional materials to engage staff and promote vigilance. Notably, during the 2024/2025, no incidents of fraud, corruption, or unethical behaviour were reported, reflecting the effectiveness of the department's preventative measures and commitment to ethical governance.

4. MINIMISING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Office of the Premier continues to enforce measures to promote transparency and integrity in the procurement process. All members of departmental bid committees, including the secretariat (comprising officials from Supply Chain Management) are required to declare their interests before each meeting by signing a declaration of interest register. Where a conflict of interest is identified, the affected member is recused from the evaluation process. Provincial Treasury participates in all departmental bid committee meetings to fulfil its oversight responsibilities.

Annually, all Senior Management Service, Middle Management Service, and Occupational Specific Dispensation members, as well as all Supply Chain Management officials, are required to disclose their financial interests via the electronic Disclosure system administered by the Department of Public Service and Administration. A 100% compliance rate was achieved by the stipulated deadline. Control measures are in place to prohibit officials from conducting business with organs of state. Where discrepancies are detected, investigations are initiated, and appropriate action is taken in line with the Public Service disciplinary code and procedures.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Office of the Premier adheres to the principles outline in Chapter 2 of the Public Service Regulations, 2016, which define the Code of Conduct. This Code obliges the department to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and ethical behaviour in the workplace, reinforcing its commitment to eradicating corruption and promoting effective governance. To enhance ethical conduct among employees, the department regularly undertakes awareness initiatives centered on the Coded Conduct. When breaches occur, internal disciplinary processes are promptly activated to address and correct the misconduct.

6. HEALTH SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

During the 2024/25 financial year, the Office of the Premier reaffirmed its commitment to promoting a safe, healthy, and compliant working environment, in line with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993). The health, safety, and well-being of employees remained a strategic priority throughout the reporting period. The Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Committee, comprising representatives from both management and organised labour, remained fully functional and continued to advise the Senior Management Team on key health and safety matters. To maintain strong governance oversight, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) remained a standing agenda item of the Departmental Risk and Ethics Committee.

In compliance with legislative requirements, the Office renewed the term of Health and Safety Representatives and undertook several capacity-building initiatives. Accredited training was provided to designated staff in fire-fighting, first aid, and the roles and responsibilities of SHE Representatives, thereby enhancing the Department's state of readiness and ensuring alignment with statutory obligations.

The OHS Committee remains active, fully constituted, and adequately trained. Regular meetings were held to identify, monitor, and mitigate occupational health and safety risks. Environmental and occupational hazards are being addressed through progressive implementation of risk mitigation measures, reaffirming the Office's commitment to maintaining a safe, healthy, and legally compliant workplace for all employees. The Office took deliberate steps to address the findings of the initial multi-disciplinary risk assessment that was conducted in the prior year. Recommendations arising from this assessment are systematically implemented to ensure a safe working environment. Furthermore, the air quality assessment, initiated in the previous financial year, was concluded during the reporting period. A dedicated task team was established to review the findings and develop an implementation plan. The resulting action plan is now being monitored by the OHS Committee to ensure timeous and effective execution.

7. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

During the year under review the Office of the Premier appeared before the Standing Committee on Premier and Legislature Affairs and submitted reports on the performance of the Office of the Premier.

Date of meeting	Matters raised by parliamentary committee	How the department has addressed the matters
2 April 2024	Third Quarterly Report 2023/2024 Financial Year	The Department responded to the recommendation issued by the Committee and submitted the required reports accordingly.
27 August 2024	Annual Performance Plan and Budget 2024/2025	Department responded to the recommendation made by the Committee and submitted the required reports.

8. SCOPA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No	Subject	Details	Response by the department	Resolved (yes/no)
N/A	Resolution of the Annual Report 2023/2024 financial year	The Committee recommended that 1) the Department must strengthen the leadership of provincial departments to improve the provincial administration audit and service delivery through constructive collaboration, oversight mechanism and coordination to promote accountability, good governance and ethical leadership	One of the key pillars of the 6th Administration was good governance, which led to the revival of Operation Clean Audit. The primary goal of this initiative was to enhance good governance, strengthen financial management for operational efficiency and promote accountability within the government. The number of Clean Audits in the Northern Cape Province has steadily increased over the years. The province received six (6) Clean Audits, three (3) unqualified with findings and three (3) qualified opinions for the 2023/2024 audit season. All departments are required to table their Audit Rectification Plans to the Internal Audit, external Audit Committee, as well as the Executive Council as part of monitoring and evaluating the progress of the implementation.	Yes

Resolution No	Subject	Details	Response by the department	Resolved (yes/no)
		2) A comprehensive report on the structural changes implemented to the building of the Office of the Premier.	No material structural changes were implemented at the office space occupied by Office of the Premier during the 2023/24 financial year. Expenditure incurred was as a result of procurement of security equipment after an assessment by SAPS on the security requirements for accommodation occupied by the Premier of the Province, procurement of customised office furniture and IT infrastructure. Payments were processed to the landlord as a result of a paragraph in the signed lease agreement between the landlord and the organ of state procuring on behalf of the OTP, stating that all workmanship in terms of improvements, renovations and modifications to the building is at the sole prerogative of the property owner.	Yes

Resolution No	Subject	Details	Response by the department	Resolved (yes/no)
		3) Status report of the Organisational Structure, not fit for purpose, given additional functions despite budget constraints.	To address the current capacity constraints and budgetary limitations the department has embarked on a review process of the Organisational Structure. This structural review process forms part of a broader project designed to ensure strategic alignment between strategy, structure and budget. The process is well advance and Proposed Organisational Structure will be submitted to the MPSA for consideration and approval	Yes

9. PRIOR MODIFICATIONS TO AUDIT REPORTS

None

10. INTERNAL CONTROL UNIT

The Office of the Premier does not have an Internal Audit Control Unit within the department. However, preventative, detective and management controls are embedded in the department's organisation-wide business processes for execution by line function officials.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

Purpose and mandate

The Internal Audit Function (IAF) has been performed by the "Provincial Internal Audit Service". The function was setup under section 38(1)(a)(ii) and 76(4)(e) of the PFMA as a shared function for the Northern Cape Provincial Administration, and in terms of paragraph 3.2.3. of the Treasury Regulations. The function fulfills an independent assurance function and is housed within Provincial Treasury.

In light of Treasury Regulation 3.2.6, which stipulates that internal audit must be conducted in accordance with the Standards™ set by the Institute of Internal Auditors, the IAF is guided by the International Professional Practices Framework® (IPPF®) published by the Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA); to act independently and objectively in providing assurance and advisory services in respect of the department's overall governance, risk management, and internal control processes. The IAF's functional reporting to the audit committee (AC) as prescribed by the PFMA is intended to protect its independence and objectivity.

The AC is established as prescribed by the PFMA and its core functions and responsibilities are spelled out in the Treasury Regulations and the AC Charter, approved by the Executive Authority. The AC plays a pivotal role in assessing, and based on such assessment, advising the Accounting Officer and Executive Authority regarding:

- the effectiveness of the department's overall governance, risk management and internal control system;
- the effectiveness of the internal audit function;
- the adequacy, reliability and accuracy of financial and performance information produced by the department
- accounting and auditing concerns identified through internal and statutory audits; and
- the department's compliance with legal and regulatory provisions.

The AC thus assists the department in enhancing its integrity and operational effectiveness through good governance and adherence to the legislative, accounting, and auditing frameworks.

Vision and strategy

The IAF placed emphasis on the department's strategic priorities and focus areas to assist them to reach their objectives. Assignments was specifically conducted on the core mandate of the department, projects and infrastructure spending.

Various assurance and advisory assignments were conducted to assist with the initiatives to achieve clean audits. Specific attention was given to those areas that attracted qualifications from the AGSA and non-compliance findings. The audit action plans were reviewed for completeness and adequacy. Thereafter, follow-up assignments were conducted to review the implementation of the audit action plans, internal audit recommendations as well as audit committee recommendations.

The IAF continued to assist in the digitization processes of institutions and include such training and demonstration activities in their interactions with clients. The aim is to assist in improving the information technology maturity levels and to promote the use of technology to create efficiency.

Charter, methodology and internal audit plans

The IAF is guided by an internal audit charter, endorsed by the Accounting Officer and approved by the Audit Committee and performs its functions as provided in the PFMA and the internal audit charter. The IAF reviewed its methodology to be aligned to the Global Internal Audit Standards 2024. The IAF compiles a rolling three-year risk-based plan and prepares an annual plan after taking consideration of the risks facing the department, strategic objectives, the department's mandate, audit issues and inputs by management. The AC reviewed and approved the plans.

Independence and objectivity

The independence of internal audit is considered by the Chief Audit Executive and AC on an ongoing basis. It has been determined and confirmed that the IAF has remained independent and objective of all operational functions and that the functional reporting to the AC and administrative reporting to the Treasury Head of Department have enabled appropriate organisational positioning. Internal Audit has access to all stakeholders as well as free and unrestricted access to all areas within the department.

Internal audit modality

A shared internal audit model is in place, stationed in Provincial Treasury and operates in 4 clusters of 3 departments each. This contributed positively to independence.

Staffing

Several appointments were made during the year which reduced the internal audit vacancy rate to 14% at year-end. Consequently, a revised internal audit plan was developed and approved by the Accounting Officer and Audit Committee during the year to respond to the change in capacity.

Training and development of internal audit staff took place through bursary program of the Department, courses at the IIA, free online training as well as on the job training. The collective skills and experience of IAF staff are appropriate.

Quality Assurance and Improvement Program

The compulsory 5-yearly external quality assurance review was concluded in December 2022. The outcome was again the highest rating, namely general conformance to the Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. For the last 11 consecutive years, the Auditor-General did not raise any negative findings during their annual review of Internal Audit. The IAF's annual self-assessment indicate general conformance to the Standards.

Stakeholder relationships

The IAF maintains combined assurance agreements with the Office of the Premier (performance information), the Northern Cape Provincial Treasury (Infrastructure unit, FIMS unit, Accounting Services) and the Auditor General (regulatory and ISA units).

Clean audit drive

Internal Audit aligned its processes to meet the vision of the Operation Clean Audit drive. Internal audit reviewed the completeness and adequacy of the AGSA audit action plan and furthermore conducted follow up audits in November and March to monitor the implementation thereof.

Planned and completed audits

Assignment	Status	Type
AFS & Annual Report	Completed	Assurance
Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)	Completed	Assurance
IA - quarterly follow up	Completed	Assurance
Supply Chain Management (SCM)	Completed	Assurance
IA - quarterly follow up	Completed	Assurance
AGSA - adequacy review	Completed	Assurance
Leave Management	Completed	Assurance
Performance Information	Completed	Assurance
Asset Management	Completed	Assurance
IA - quarterly follow up	Completed	Assurance
Bursary Management	Completed	Assurance
Transfer payments	Completed	Assurance
Risk, Fraud and Ethics	Completed	Assurance
IA - quarterly follow up	Completed	Assurance
AGSA - effectiveness review	Completed	Assurance

A total of 15 out of 15 audits (100%) have been completed.

Roll-overs

There was no roll-over during the period under review.

Ad-hoc projects

There were no ad hoc audits requested during the period under review.

Internal audit recommendations

Internal audit findings were communicated timely and management implemented measures to mitigate the risks. Significant matters identified during the year were reported to the AC.

Value-Add

A few requests were received from the department and the audit was completed for the period under review.

Limitations

None

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Purpose and mandate

Throughout the year under review, the Audit Committee (AC) operated in terms of an approved AC Charter, which was the committee's approved terms of reference. The AC reports to the Accounting Officer and Executive Authority.

Independence

The AC operated freely in exercising its independence.

Protecting the independence of the IAF

The AC has reviewed the organizational positioning, and all aspects related to the independence of the IAF, including what safeguards were in place to protect the independence of internal auditors, as well as from threats and victimization. The AC had no reason to intervene to protect internal auditors during the period under review.

Performance against statutory duties

The AC fulfilled its functions and responsibilities as set out in the PFMA, Treasury Regulations, Global Internal Audit Standards™ and the approved AC Charter. The AC has, as part of its oversight responsibility on a quarterly basis, followed up on audit findings to ensure that issues raised were addressed timely.

Further information relating to the AC, as required by the PFMA and Treasury Regulations is included in the Audit Committee's Report, which is incorporated in the annual report of the Department.

Combined assurance

The AC provided oversight on the combined assurance process and the maturity of combined assurance.

Resolution of AC recommendations

AC is satisfied regarding how its recommendations are received and implemented.

AC performance evaluation

The AC conducts an annual evaluation of its own performance and effectiveness during the period under review. A satisfaction survey from its key stakeholders was also done. The key outcomes were found to be satisfactory for both these processes.

Audit committee Composition & Meeting Attendance

The AC has the appropriate number of persons, mix of skills and experience, and balance between internal and external members to fulfil its mandate considering the size, geographic dispersion, supply chain and general complexity of the department.

Name	Qualifications	Professional Affiliation	Date appointed	No. of meetings attended	Has the AC member declared private and business interest in every meeting?	Is the AC member an employee of an organ of state?	No. of other AC's that the member served on during the reporting period (whether it is in the public sector or not)	No. of other governance structures the member served on during the reporting period. E.g. Boards, Risk Committee, IT Committee etc. whether in this or other institutions.
Mr. K. Maja	- MSc. - B.Compt (Hons) - B.Com (Accounting)	SA	01/12/2023 – 31/11/2024	4 out of 4	Yes	No	3	1
Mr. D. Patsiyachy	- Bsc Degree. - Executive Development Programme. - Post Graduate HCE - Information Technology Management Leadership in the Connection Economy Certificate - Capability Maturity Model - People and Capability Maturity Model Integration for Development and Information - Technology Management for Government and Software and Project Management Certificate	-	01/12/2023 – 31/11/2024	4 out of 4	Yes	No	1	0
Adv. S. Khokong	- BA (Law) - LLB - BA (Hons) - Master's in Business Leadership	Legal Practice Council Professions Bar	01/12/2023 – 31/11/2024	4 out of 4	Yes	No	2	0
Mr. W. Molelewa	- Bachelor of Laws. - Bachelor of Laws Financial Planning. - Master of Laws (LLM) - Block: Internal Auditing. - Block: Cost & Management Accounting - National Diploma: Cost & Management Accounting	-	01/12/2023 – 31/11/2024	4 out of 4	Yes	Yes	0	1

In terms of the PFMA, section 77(b), an Audit Committee must meet at least twice a year. In addition, Treasury Regulations, section 3.1.16 provides that an Audit Committee must meet at least annually with the Auditor General. The Audit Committee met four times during the year in compliance with the PFMA and also met with the Auditor General.

Remuneration of Audit Committee Members

The National Treasury rates were used as basis and amended to include remuneration for preparation time, research and overhead costs. A fixed rate per meeting is used. External AC members were not employed by organs of state and were remunerated in accordance with the National Treasury guidelines, with payments limited to meeting attendance rates. The internal members were not remunerated, but their contributions were recognised in performance evaluations. All meetings during the reporting period were held virtually. No additional reimbursements were incurred. The total cost of AC remuneration was provided for under Programme 6 of the Provincial Treasury budget.

The total Audit Committee remuneration for Department amounted to R140 000 for the 2024/25 financial year.

12. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR 2024/25

The Audit Committee has adopted formal terms of reference, as its Audit Committee Charter and has regulated its affairs in compliance with this charter, and has discharged its responsibilities in terms of its charter as contained therein, in line with the requirements of section 38(1)(a) of the PFMA and Treasury Regulation 3.1.8-3.1.16

The Audit Committee has functioned without hindrance or limitations throughout the financial year.

1. Part 1 – Audit Committee reflections – 2024/25

1.1 Purpose, mandate and values of the Audit Committee

Vision Statement

To be a trusted, collaborative, and value-adding assurance partner that strengthens governance, risk management, and control across all Northern Cape Provincial Departments.

Strategy Statement

Through a shared internal audit service model, we will deliver coordinated, risk-based, and high-quality audit services that support each department's strategic objectives while promoting efficiency, accountability, and continuous improvement across the province. The AC is established as prescribed by the PFMA and its core functions and responsibilities are spelled out in the Treasury Regulations and the Audit Committee Charter, approved by the Executive Authority. The AC plays a pivotal role in assessing, and based on such assessment, advising the Accounting Officer and Executive Authority regarding:

- the effectiveness of the department's overall governance, risk management and internal control system;
- the effectiveness of the internal audit function;
- the adequacy, reliability and accuracy of financial and performance information produced by the department
- accounting and auditing concerns identified through internal and statutory audits; and
- the department's compliance with legal and regulatory provisions.

1.2 Strategic focus

To provide audit committee oversight to provincial government department.

1.3 Independence

The Audit Committee operated freely in exercising its independence.

Protecting the independence of the Internal Audit Function

The Audit Committee has reviewed the organizational positioning, and all aspects related to the independence of the Internal Audit function, including what safeguards were in place to protect the 77 independence of internal auditors, as well as from threats and victimization. The Audit Committee had no reason to intervene to protect internal auditors during the period under review.

1.4 Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest declare declared during the period under review.

1.5 Positioning of internal audit

The internal audit function is housed as a shared internal audit function under the Northern Cape Provincial Treasury.

The Audit Committee achieved the target as set out per the Annual Performance Plan for the period under review.

1.6 Audit Committee evaluation

The Audit Committee conducts an annual evaluation of its own performance and effectiveness during the period under review and achieved a total score of 90%. A satisfaction survey from its key stakeholders was also done and achieved a total score of 77%. The key outcomes were found to be satisfactory for both these processes.

1.7 Key challenges and solutions

Concerns were raised about budget cuts affecting information and communication technology (ICT) resources and cyber security and implementation of internal audit findings.

High accruals reported for the period under review.

2. Part 2 – Audit Committee Composition and Attendance

The audit committee consists of four (4) members. The committee is properly constituted, with a balanced representation of independent members with a diverse and appropriate mix of qualifications, skills, and experience. The committee convened four(4) times during the year with four (4) being ordinary meetings and no special meetings:

Name (Position)	Qualification	Is the AC member an employee of an organ of state?	Number of ordinary meetings attended
Mr. K. Maja	• MBL • B.Compt (Hons) • B.Com (Accounting) • CIA	No	4
Adv. S. Kholong	• BA (Law) • LLB • BA (Hons) • Master's in Business Leadership	No	4
Mr. D. Padayachy	• Bsc Degree • Executive Development Programme • Post Graduate HDE • Information Technology Management • Leadership in the Connection Economy Certificate • Capability Maturity Model - People and Capability Maturity Model • Integration for Development and Information	No	4
Mr. W Molelekwa	• Bachelor of Laws (LLB) • Bachelor of Law: Financial Planning, • Master of Laws (LLM) • Btech: Internal Auditing, • Btech: Cost & Management Accounting • National Diploma: Cost & Management Accounting	Yes	4

3. Part 3 – Audit Committee Focus Areas

3.1 Effectiveness of the Internal Control Systems

From the various reports and assessments of Internal Audit, it can be concluded that the internal control environment is partially adequate and partially effective.



*AGSA completeness and adequacy audit and the transfer payment audit received a "0" rating which indicates a compliant rating have been received

3.2 Effectiveness of the Internal Audit Function

The Audit Committee is satisfied as to the effectiveness of the internal audit function during the year and that the internal audit activity has to a large extent addressed the risks pertinent to the Department. During the assessment of the Internal Audit function, it scored a total of 90%. The Internal Audit function transitioned to the Global Internal Audit Standards.

3.3 Activities of the Internal Audit Function

The following internal audit work was completed during the year under review:

- Annual financial statements and annual performance report
- Occupational health and safety
- Consolidated Internal audit follow up – Q1
- Consolidated Internal audit follow up – Q2
- Consolidated Internal audit follow up – Q3
- Consolidated Internal audit follow up – Q4
- Supply Chain Management
- Leave Management
- Asset Management

- Risk, fraud and ethics management
 - Bursary management
 - Transfer payment
 - Auditor General of South Africa – adequacy and completeness
 - Auditor General of South Africa – effectiveness of implementation of audit action plan .3
- Independence

3.4 Effectiveness of Risk Management

The departmental risk management committee did function for the year under review. The chairperson of the risk management committee was occupied during the year and therefore risk management committee did meet on a quarterly basis for the year under review and the implementation of risk mitigation action plans are being monitored on an ongoing basis.

3.5 Adequacy, Reliability and Accuracy of Financial and Performance Information

From the various reports of the department and assessments of Internal Audit, it can be concluded that the internal control environment is partially adequate and partially effective, however, the efforts of the department have been noted towards enhancing the control environment.

3.6 Accounting and Auditing Concerns Identified as a Result of Internal and External Audits

The following were areas of concern:

- Due to the strategic importance of, and investment in, the modernisation of information and communication technology (ICT) in the department, the audit committee has monitored the risk register and progress reports on the respective action plans during the year under review. The audit committee remains concerned that not all information and communication technology (ICT) risks are being addressed or mitigated, in implementing the new systems.
- Discrepancies were noted on asset management with regards to the move to the new office building.
- Room for improvement of internal controls have also been identified in terms of bursary management and leave management.
- Non-compliance identified with Occupational Health and Safety Act

Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Provisions

Internal Audit included audit assignments in the approved internal audit plan that covered compliance with legislation. All internal audit reports have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and areas of non-compliance have been identified and action plans have been compiled accordingly and are included in the follow up audits of both Internal Audit and the Auditor General of South Africa, which are being monitored by the Audit Committee throughout the period under review.

In-Year Management and Monthly/Quarterly Report

The department has reported monthly and quarterly to the Treasury as is required by the PFMA.

3.7 Combined Assurance

The Internal Audit function maintains combined assurance agreements with the Office of the Premier (performance information), the Northern Cape Provincial Treasury (Infrastructure unit, FIMS unit, Accounting Services) and the Auditor General (regulatory and ISA units). The Audit Committee provided oversight on the combined assurance process and the maturity of combined assurance.

4. Evaluation of Annual Financial Statements

The Audit Committee has:

- Reviewed and discussed the audited Annual Financial Statements prepared by the department with the AGSA and the Accounting Officer for inclusion in the Annual Report;
- Reviewed the AGSA Audit Report;
- Reviewed the AGSA's Management Report and management's responses thereto;
- Reviewed the Department's compliance with legal and regulatory provisions;
- Reviewed significant adjustments resulting from the audit and
- Reviewed the outcome of the evaluation of the AFS

5. External Audit

On a quarterly basis the Audit Committee writes a report to the Executive Authority and Head of Department which highlights the issues that needs attention or improvement within the Department's performance. The Audit Committee met with the Accounting Officer in the Audit Committee meetings.

6. Auditor-General's Report

The Audit Committee concurs and accepts the conclusion of the Auditor General Report on the annual financial statements, and is of the opinion that the audited financial statements be accepted and read together with the report of the Auditor-General.

The Auditor-General also reported on material irregularities and potential losses under investigation. The Audit Committee requested the Auditor-General to provide progress quarterly and to ensure the Audit Committee role in oversight over this process is acknowledged Auditor-General guidance.

7. Conclusion

The Audit Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the management of the department, Auditor General of South Africa and internal audit for the co-operation and information they have provided to fulfil our mandate and enable us to compile this report.



Mr. K. Maja
Chairperson of the Audit Committee
Office of the Premier
31 July 2025

13. B-BBEE COMPLIANCE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following table has been completed in accordance with the compliance to the BBEE requirements of the BBEE Act of 2013 and as determined by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Has the department applied any relevant Code of Good Practice (B-BBEE Certificate Levels 1-8) with regards to the following		
Criteria	Response Yes/No	Discussion (include a discussion on your response and indicate what measures have been taken to comply)
Determine qualification criteria for issuing of licenses, concessions or other authorizations in respect of economic activity in terms of any law?	No	Not applicable to department
Developing and implementing a preferential procurement policy?	Yes	Procurement by the department is governed by the Preferential procurement legislation and regulations issued by National Treasury. Furthermore, issues pertaining to preferential procurement are included in the departmental supply chain management policy. This policy is reviewed annually with updates from National and Provincial Treasury.
Determine qualification criteria for sale of state-owned enterprises?	No	Not applicable to department
Developing criteria for entering into partnerships with the private sector?	No	Not applicable to department
Determine criteria for the awarding of incentives, grants and investment schemes in support of Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment?	Yes	As part of its output indicators, the department channels a minimum of 60% of procurement under goods and services to target designated groups to support Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment. Actual achievement on this output indicator is reported on quarterly to various stakeholders.



HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

The information contained in this part of the annual report has been prescribed by the Minister for the Public Service and Administration for all departments in the public service. Constitution

2. OVERVIEW OF HUMAN RESOURCES

THE STATUS OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE DEPARTMENT

HR remained a key component in the Office of the Premier, focusing on key strategic interventions enabling the achievement of the strategic goals of the organisation. This is realised through the implementation of the approved Human Resource Plan, and its implementation plan, linked to the MTEF.

The MTEF HR Plan 2021/22–2023/24 expired, and a new MTEF HR Plan 2024/25–2026/27 was approved during the 2024/25 financial year. The current, approved MTEF HR Plan remains aligned to the Organisational Functionality Assessment (OFA) findings and Action Plan, which was concluded during 2021, specifically addressing the HR enablers as they relate to service delivery.

The following are the key HR Planning objectives, as outlined in the approved departmental MTEF HR Plan:

- Build co-ordination, management and leadership capability, in order to enhance the skills and professional ethos that underpin a developmental oriented public service.
- Improve organisational efficiency and effectiveness through organisational development.
- Create an enabling healthy workforce for increased productivity and enhanced service delivery in the public service.
- Institutionalise transformation of the workforce, in order to contribute towards the state's goal of fulfilling a developmental and transformative role.
- Ensure adequate workforce in the Department through recruitment, selection and retention strategies and processes.
- Enhanced organisational climate emphasising labour peace and high ethical standards.

The review of the MTEF HRP for 2024/25–2026/27 however proved challenging, due to, amongst other factors, the fact that the 2017 approved organisational structure of the Department was largely not implemented, and the review of the departmental organisational structure at the time.

The Office of the Premier had 260 filled posts, with a vacancy rate of 9%, at the end of 2024/2025. The SMS band showed the highest percentage vacancies at 15%. The Office of the Premier currently employs twenty (20) women at SMS level, which constitutes 50% of the total number of posts at SMS level. For the period under review, the 2.7% of the staff complement of the Department was represented by persons living with disabilities. The employee turnover rate of the Office of the Premier for the current year is 9%, an increase from the previous year's 2.8%.

HUMAN RESOURCES PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

The following priorities dominated the human resource management and development endeavours of the Department during 2024/2025:

- Guidance and support to provincial departments, to enable them to remain under the 10% vacancy rate and maintain adequate staffing levels to achieve objectives;
- Monitoring the implementation of the Northern Cape Human Resource Development Strategy Implementation Plan;
- Co-ordination of the Human Resource Development Strategy within the Northern Cape Province;

- Monitoring and reporting on compliance by provincial departments on their HRD plans;
- Monitoring the implementation of the Provincial PMDS Policy;
- Implementation of the Provincial Organisational Design Strategy;
- Strengthening the Employee Health and Wellness programmes to decrease environmental challenges;
- Creation of a well-managed labour relations environment.

WORKFORCE PLANNING AND KEY STRATEGIES TO ATTRACT AND RECRUIT A SKILLED AND CAPABLE WORKFORCE

The Department is in the process of developing a new MTEF HR Plan for 2024/25 to 2026/27, which will be finalised and approved by the end of August 2024, and which will introduce key strategies to address the human capacity challenges. The successful execution thereof will require strengthened integration of the relevant functions. The new MTEF HR Plan will focus strongly on alignment with the reviewed organisational structure, once approved, as well as the implementation of the reviewed organisational structure, including the review of job roles and descriptions, as well as the grading of positions through the Job Evaluation system.

Capacity Development of employees remained critical and high on the agenda of the Department in its efforts to contribute to government's priority of building a capable and ethical state. For the year under review, eighteen (18) Senior Managers were trained in Ethical Leadership and Executive Oversight programme, Public Service Reorientation Programme, Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure course as part of continuous learning, professional leadership and management development. Additionally, one (1) Senior Manager has been trained in Financial Management for Development Countries as part of the donor-funded international programmes.

Mentoring and Coaching has been incorporated in the reviewed succession plan guide and is at consultation stage. To ensure return on investment on training conducted, the training impact assessment form as been implemented with the view to conduct assessment for process and system improvement. As part of youth development, twenty-four (24) Interns were hosted and placed under mentorship in the Department. Seven (7) of these twenty-four (24) Interns have been appointed through the Recruitment and Selection process.

In response to the National Framework towards the professionalization of the public sector, thirty-nine (39) bursaries were awarded to serving employees of which thirteen (13) successfully completed studies in 2024. Seventeen (17) Food Service Aid and Cleaning staff members were enrolled for a Learnership: General Education and Certificate in Cleaning and Hygiene.

Twenty-Four (24) employees registered or renewed their members with seven professional bodies. The department established partnerships with PSETA, Further Education and Training Institutions and Sol Plaatje University.

HR PRACTICES AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

In pursuit of the vision to become a modern, growing, and successful province, the Northern Cape is embracing digital innovation as a key driver of progress and service delivery. The province's vision is not only about economic growth and infrastructure development, but also about building a capable, responsive, and technology-driven government that meets the evolving needs of its people.

In line with this strategic direction, the Office of the Premier successfully migrated to the SmartGov e-Leave system in October 2024. This milestone marks a major step forward in modernising internal administrative processes and enhancing operational efficiency.

The adoption of the SmartGov e-Leave platform brings numerous benefits to both employees and management. By enabling staff to apply for leave online, the system ensures greater convenience, allowing applications to be submitted and tracked anytime, from anywhere. This shift to a digital platform also results in faster processing and approval times, significantly reducing delays and improving overall responsiveness.

Moreover, SmartGov promotes accurate record-keeping and helps maintain up-to-date leave balances, which strengthens transparency and accountability. The platform also supports environmentally sustainable practices by reducing the reliance on paper-based processes. Ultimately, the implementation of SmartGov e-Leave reflects the Northern Cape Government's ongoing commitment to modernising the public service, fostering a culture of innovation, and delivering high-quality, efficient, and transparent services to both its workforce and the citizens of the province.

Reflecting on the filling of critical vacancies, appointments were made in accordance with the MTEF HR Plan 2021/22 to 2023/24. The Department commenced with a phased-in approach to the filling of identified positions within the envisaged provincial Information Technology Shared Services Centre (ITSSC) structure, with two (2) of the three (3) advertised posts of Director filled in financial year 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, while the remaining one (1) will be filled in the new financial year 2025/2026.

Targeted advertising was introduced to address the challenge of getting adequate applications from people with disabilities and meeting EE targets. The Department is compliant in terms of the required target for the employment of people with disabilities. The current level of representation stands at 2,7%. Females at SMS levels representation stands at 50%.

ETHICS, VALUES, EMPLOYEE AND LABOUR RELATIONS

Ongoing efforts were made during 2024/25 to promote ethical, professional behaviour and address non-compliance with the provisions of the Public Service Code of Conduct, including physical information sessions on the code of conduct, disciplinary code and procedure, grievance procedure as well as the distribution of Circulars on timeframes for referral of unfair labour practice cases and abuse of sick leave, to ensure compliance to time frames for grievances and disputes referrals. Furthermore, information sessions were held with colleagues on the code of good practice: harassment with specific reference to sexual harassment, respectively. Probationary employees who concluded the compulsory induction programme was exposed to the Code of Conduct visa via the Batho Pele principles to enhance professionalisation in the public service.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT

A Service Delivery Model (SDM) was developed and approved. The MTEF HR Plan, as indicated, prioritised digital transformation in the form of IT positions and categorization of specialized IT skills as scarce. The matter was therefore incorporated as far as available funding allowed.

EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

A circular signed by the DG was distributed to OTP SMS members, as well as Departments for the for incorporation of the management KRA, inclusive of Change Management and Gender mainstreaming, into the Performance Agreements of SMS members.

The Office of the Premier recorded a 93% signing and submission of performance agreements for SMS levels for the year under review. The bi-annual and annual performance assessments were also conducted and completed within the prescribed timeframes.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAMME

The Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) Programme remains fully operational within the Office of the Premier, supported by a comprehensive suite of policies which are in place to guide the implementation and promotion of all health promotion interventions. During the year under review, the Office facilitated five Policy Support Network sessions, hosted twelve prevention and awareness programmes, and rolled out various e-health initiatives to strengthen health promotion and disease prevention efforts. In addition, HIV counselling and testing services were made available to employees to support early detection and management.

ACHIEVEMENT AND CHALLENGES FACED BY THE DEPARTMENT

Achievements:

- Concluded performance management processes within the prescribed timeframe.
- Enhanced capacity building programmes, training and allocation of bursaries.
- 13 Bursary holders successfully completed and obtained their formal qualification.
- Hosted and placed twenty-four unemployed youth, to gain work experience, through internships and work integrated learning; 4 were employed permanently and 3 were appointed on contract.
- Twenty-four employees were registered for membership to professional bodies;
- The MTEF HR Plan 2024/25-2026/27, for the Office of the Premier, was reviewed and approved.

Challenges:

- 2017 Approved organisational structure largely not implemented, impacting severely on recruitment, PERSAL clean-up, the review of job descriptions and job evaluation processes.
- Drastic budget cuts, intensifying existing capacity challenges, and ultimately negatively affecting the extent to which the Department can perform.
- Lowering of staff morale, due to an increase in pressure on existing human resources.

The Office of the Premier will prioritise the approval and implementation of the Organisational Structure in the 2025/2026 financial year and continue to mitigate capacity challenges in the absence of funding, for example, through assigning critical functions to employees at management level.

2. OVERVIEW OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The department provides the following key information on its human resources. All the financial amounts are similar to with the amounts disclosed in the annual financial statements.

3.1. PERSONNEL RELATED EXPENDITURE

The following tables summarises the final audited personnel related expenditure by programme and by salary bands. In particular, it provides an indication of the following:

- ✓ Amount spent on personnel
- ✓ Amount spend on salaries, overtime, homeowner's allowances and medical aid.

Table 3.1.1 Personnel expenditure by programme for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Programme	Total expenditure (R'000)	Personnel expenditure (R'000)	Training expenditure (R'000)	Professional and special services expenditure (R'000)	Personnel expenditure as a % of total expenditure	Average personnel cost per employee (R'000)
Administration	230 590	74 241	0	0	32%	833
Institutional Development	191 215	74 561	0	0	40%	814
Policy and Governance	54 599	42 778	0	0	78%	891
Total	476 404	193 521	0	0	41%	746

Table 3.1.2 Personnel costs by salary band for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Salary band	Personnel expenditure (R'000)	% of total personnel cost	No. of employees	Average personnel cost per employee (R'000)
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	3 766	2%	17	221
Skilled (level 3-5)	17 768	9%	57	312
Highly skilled production (levels 6-8)	30 552	16%	60	509
Highly skilled supervision (levels 9-12)	75 555	39%	85	889
Senior and Top management (levels 13-18)	41 379	21%	30	1 379
Contract (Levels 3-6)	1 528	1%	3	509
Contract (Levels 6-8)	6 973	4%	1	6 973
Contract (Levels 9-12)	3 836	2%	2	1 918
Contract (Levels >= 13)	12 570	6%	5	2 514
Total	193 821	-	260	-

Table 3.1.3 Salaries, Overtime, Home Owners Allowance and Medical Aid by programme for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Programme	Salaries		Overtime		Home Owners Allowance		Medical Aid	
	Amount (R'000)	Salaries as a % of personnel costs	Amount (R'000)	Overtime as a % of personnel costs	Amount (R'000)	HOA as a % of personnel costs	Amount (R'000)	Medical aid as a % of personnel costs
Administration	57 115	77%	871	1%	1 624	2%	4 136	5%
Institutional Development	80 115	79%	234	0%	1 802	2%	2 975	4%
Policy and Governance	33 100	77%	1	0%	595	1%	1 814	4%
Total	150 330	79%	1 098	1%	3 821	2%	8 925	5%

Table 3.1.4 Salaries, Overtime, Home Owners Allowance and Medical Aid by salary band for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Salary band	Salaries		Overtime		Home Owners Allowance (HOA)		Medical Aid	
	Amount (R'000)	Salaries as a % of personnel costs	Amount (R'000)	Overtime as a % of personnel costs	Amount (R'000)	HOA as a % of personnel costs	Amount (R'000)	Medical aid as a % of personnel costs
Skilled (level 1-2)	3 487	68%	28	1%	95	3%	868	24%
Skilled (level 3-5)	9 151	62%	369	2%	935	5%	2 380	13%
Highly skilled production (levels 6-8)	19 664	64%	372	1%	1 242	4%	2 707	8%
Highly skilled supervision (levels 9-12)	62 900	62%	319	0%	1162	2%	2 468	3%
Senior management (level 13-16)	33 421	61%	0	0%	353	1%	403	1%
Contract (Levels 3-5)	1 520	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Contract (Levels 6-8)	6 955	100%	8	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Contract (Levels 9-12)	3 821	92%	0	0%	0	0%	48	1%
Contract (Levels >= 13)	11 601	92%	0	0%	0	0%	30	0%
Total	150 330	79%	1 098	1%	3 821	2%	8 925	5%

3.2. EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

The tables in this section summarise the position with regard to employment and vacancies. The following tables summarise the number of posts on the establishment, the number of employees, the vacancy rate, and whether there are any staff that are additional to the establishment. This information is presented in terms of three key variables:

- ✓ Programme
- ✓ Salary band
- ✓ Critical occupations

The vacancy rate reflects the percentage of posts that are not filled.

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Table 3.2.1 Employment and vacancies by programme as on 31 March 2025

Programme	Number of posts on approved establishment	Number of posts filled	Vacancy Rate	Number of employees additional to the establishment
Administration	124	118	0%	0
Institutional Development	109	94	14%	0
Policy and Governance	52	48	7%	0
Total	285	260	8%	0

Table 3.2.2 Employment and vacancies by salary band as on 31 March 2025

Salary band	Number of posts on approved establishment	Number of posts filled	Vacancy Rate	Number of employees additional to the establishment
Lower skilled (1-2)	17	17	0%	0
Skilled (3-5)	83	80	5%	0
Highly skilled production (6-8)	89	81	12%	0
Highly skilled supervision (9-12)	96	87	8%	0
Senior management (13-16)	40	35	13%	0
Total	285	260	8%	0

Table 3.2.3 Employment and vacancies by critical occupations as on 31 March 2025

Critical occupation	Number of posts on approved establishment	Number of posts filled	Vacancy Rate	Number of employees additional to the establishment
Administrative related	128	94	10%	0
Client and information clerks/switchboard/Reception	1	1	0%	0
Communication and information related	3	3	0%	0
Engineers and related professionals	2	1	50%	0
Executive Authority	1	1	0%	0
Financial and Economics related	11	11	0%	0
Financial clerks and credit controllers	12	11	8%	0
Food services aids and waiters	9	9	0%	0
General Assistants and related	17	17	0%	0
Hr & org development & relate professionals	29	27	7%	0
HR Clerks and related	4	3	25%	0
Information technology related	9	8	33%	0
Legal admin and related professionals related	4	4	0%	0
Library mail and related clerks	16	16	0%	0
Messengers, porters and deliveries	4	4	0%	0
Risk management and Security	3	3	0%	0
Secretaries & other keyboard operating clerks	13	13	0%	0
Security and related	3	3	0%	0
Senior managers	38	31	14%	0
Top managers	4	3	25%	0
TOTAL	285	260	8%	0

3.3. FILLING OF SMS POSTS

The tables in this section provide information on employment and vacancies as it relates to members of the Senior Management Service by salary level. It also provides information on advertising and filling of SMS posts, reasons for not complying with prescribed time frames and disciplinary steps taken.

Table 3.3.1 SMS post information as on 31 March 2025

SMS Level	Total number of funded SMS posts	Total number of SMS posts filled	% Of SMS posts filled	Total number of SMS posts vacant	% Of SMS posts vacant
Director/General/ Head of Department	1	1	100%	0	0%
Salary Level 18	0	0	0%	0	0%
Salary Level 15	2	2	100%	0	0%
Salary Level 14	7	7	100%	0	0%
Salary Level 13	28	23	88%	5	12%
Total	38	33	92%	5	8%

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Table 3.3.2 SMS post information as on 30 September 2024

SMS Level	Total number of funded SMS posts	Total number of SMS posts filled	% Of SMS posts filled	Total number of SMS posts vacant	% Of SMS posts vacant
Director/General/ Head of Department	1	1	100%	0	0%
Salary Level 16	0	0	0%	0	0%
Salary Level 15	3	2	67%	1	33%
Salary Level 14	8	7	88%	1	13%
Salary Level 13	28	28	100%	0	0%
Total	40	38	95%	2	5%

Table 3.3.3 Advertising and filling of SMS posts for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

SMS Level	Advertising	Filling of Posts	
	Number of vacancies per level advertised in 6 months of becoming vacant	Number of vacancies per level filled in 6 months of becoming vacant	Number of vacancies per level not filled in 6 months but filled in 12 months
Director/General/ Head of Department	0	0	0
Salary Level 16	0	0	0
Salary Level 15	0	0	0
Salary Level 14	0	0	0
Salary Level 13	2	2	0
Total	2	2	0

Table 3.3.4 Reasons for not having complied with the filling of funded vacant SMS - Advertised within 6 months and filled within 12 months after becoming vacant for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Reason for vacancies not advertised within six months
All vacant funded SMS post were filled within 6 months after becoming vacant
Reason for vacancies not advertised within twelve months
N/A

Table 3.3.4 Reasons for not having complied with the filling of funded vacant SMS - Advertised within 6 months and filled within 12 months after becoming vacant for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Reason for vacancies not advertised within six months
N/A
Reason for vacancies not filled within six months
Applications for SMS posts could not be filed because women applicants did not meet the minimum requirements (Employment equity targets) of the post which required the Department to explore alternative recruitment methods.

3.4. JOB EVALUATION

Within a nationally determined framework, executing authorities may evaluate or re-evaluate any job in his or her organisation. In terms of the Regulations all vacancies on salary levels 9 and higher must be evaluated before they are filled. The following table summarises the number of jobs that were evaluated during the year under review. The table also provides statistics on the number of posts that were upgraded or downgraded.

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Table 3.4.1 Job Evaluation by Salary band for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Salary band	Number of posts on approved establishment	Number of jobs evaluated	% of posts evaluated by salary bands	Posts Upgraded		Posts Downgraded	
				Number	% Of posts evaluated	Number	% Of posts evaluated
Lower Skilled (Levels 1-2)	17	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	63	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	69	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	98	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%
Senior Management Service Band A	28	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%
Senior Management Service Band B	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Senior Management Service Band C	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Senior Management Service Band D	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	285	2	1%	1	0%	0	0%

The following table provides a summary of the number of employees whose positions were upgraded due to their post being upgraded. The number of employees might differ from the number of posts upgraded since not all employees are automatically absorbed into the new posts and some of the posts upgraded could also be vacant.

Gender	African	Asian	Coloured	White	Total
Female	0	0	1	0	1
Male	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	1
Employee with a disability					0

The following table summarises the number of cases where remuneration bands exceeded the grade determined by job evaluation. Reasons for the deviation are provided in each case.

Table 3.4.3 Employees with salary levels higher than those determined by job evaluation by occupation for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Occupation	Number of employees	Job evaluation level	Remuneration level	Reason for deviation
N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total number of employees whose salaries exceeded the level determined by job evaluation				
Percentage of total employed				0%

Table 3.4.4 Profile of employees who have salary levels higher than those determined by job evaluation for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Gender	African	Asian	Coloured	White	Total
Female	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of Employees whose salaries exceeded the grades determine by job evaluation					None
Employee with a disability					None

3.5. EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

This section provides information on changes in employment over the financial year. Turnover rates provide an indication of trends in the employment profile of the department. The following tables provide a summary of turnover rates by salary band and critical occupations.

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Table 3.5.1 Annual turnover rates by salary band for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Salary band	Number of employees at beginning of period – 1 April 2025	Appointments and transfers into the department	Terminations and transfers out of the department	Turnover rate
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	17	2	0	0%
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	59	5	4	7%
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	61	2	7	11%
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	69	5	5	9%
Senior Management Service Band A	24	6	3	13%
Senior Management Service Band B	7	1	0	0%
Senior Management Service Band C	2	0	1	50%
Senior Management Service Band D	1	0	1	100%
TOTAL	260	21	24	9%

Table 3.5.2 Annual turnover rates by critical occupation for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Critical occupation	Number of employees at beginning of period April 2025	Appointments and transfers into the department	Terminations and transfers out of the department	Turnover rate
Administrative related	93	7	5	5%
Client and information clerks/switchboard/reception	1	0	0	0%
Communication and information related	3	0	0	0%
Engineers and related professionals	1	0	0	0%
Executive Authority	1	0	0	0%
Financial and Economics related	10	1	3	30%
Financial clerks and credit controllers	11	0	1	9%
Food services aids and waiters	9	2	1	11%
General Assistants and related	17	0	0	0%
HR & org development & related professionals	27	3	3	11%
HR Clerks and related	3	1	1	33%
Information technology related	5	0	1	20%
Legal admin and related professionals related	5	0	0	0%
Library mail and related clerks	19	1	3	16%
Risk management and Security	3	0	0	0%
Secretaries & other keyboard operating clerks	13	0	0	0%
Security and related	3	0	0	0%
Senior managers	32	5	4	13%
Top managers	4	1	2	50%
TOTAL	260	21	24	9%

The table below identifies the major reasons why staff left the department.

Table 3.5.3 Reasons why staff left the department for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Termination type	Number	% of total Resignations
Death	4	17%
Resignation	7	29%
Expiry of contract	3	13%
Retirement	7	29%
Transfers to other Public Service Departments	1	4%
Dismissals	2	8%
TOTAL	24	
Total number of employees who left as a % of the total employment	24 of 260	9%

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Table 3.5.4 Promotions by critical occupation for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Occupation	Employees 1 April 2023	Promotions to another salary level	Salary level promotions as a % of employees by occupation	Progressions to another notch within a salary level	Notch progression as a % of employees by occupation
Administrative related	53	1	1%	0	0%
Client and information clerks/switchboard/Reception	1	0	0%	0	0%
Communication and information related	3	0	0%	0	0%
Engineers and related professionals	1	0	0%	0	0%
Executive Authority	1	0	0%	0	0%
Financial and Economics related	10	0	0%	0	0%
Financial clerks and credit controllers	11	0	0%	0	0%
Food services aids and waiters	6	0	0%	0	0%
General Assistants and related	17	0	0%	0	0%
Hr & org development & relate professionals	27	0	0%	0	0%
HR Clerks and related	3	0	0%	0	0%
Information technology related	5	1	20%	0	0%
Legal admin and related professionals related	5	1	20%	0	0%
Library mail and related clerks	19	0	0%	0	0%
Risk management and Security	3	0	0%	0	0%
Secretaries & other keyboard operating clerks	13	0	0%	0	0%
Security and related	3	0	0%	0	0%
Senior managers	32	0	0%	0	0%
Top managers	4	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL	244	1	1%	1	0%

Table 3.5.5 Promotions by salary band for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Salary Band	Employees at 1 April 2023	Promotions to another salary level	Salary bands promotions as a % of employees by salary level	Progressions to another notch within a salary level	Notch progression as a % of employees by salary bands
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	17	0	0%	0	0%
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	50	0	0%	0	0%
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	61	3	5%	0	0%
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	66	3	3%	0	0%
Senior Management (Level 13-16)	34	1	3%	0	0%
TOTAL	268	7	3%	0	0%

3.6. EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

Table 3.6.1 Total number of employees (including employees with disabilities) in each of the following occupational categories as on 31 March 2025:

Occupational category	Male				Female				Total
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	African	Coloured	Indian	White	
Legislators, senior officials and managers	31	16	2	2	40	19	1	7	118
Professionals	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Technicians and associate professionals	12	2	0	0	28	6	0	3	46
Clerks	8	7	0	0	25	8	1	1	50
Elementary occupations	4	0	0	0	20	5	0	0	33
Total	66	26	2	2	111	39	2	11	263
Employees with disabilities	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	7

Table 3.6.2 Total number of employees (including employees with disabilities) in each of the following occupational bands as on 31 March 2025:

Occupational band	Male				Female				Total
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	African	Coloured	Indian	White	
Top Management	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Senior Management	6	4	2	0	4	6	1	4	28
Professionally qualified and experienced specialists and mid-management	13	5	0	2	11	4	0	3	36
Skilled technical and academically qualified workers, junior management, supervisors, foreman and superintendents	14	7	0	0	22	8	1	1	53
Semi-skilled and discretionary decision making	21	10	0	0	20	14	0	4	101
Unskilled and defined decision making	7	0	0	0	21	6	0	0	34
Total	63	27	2	2	111	41	2	12	263

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Table 3.6.3 Recruitment for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Occupational band	Male				Female				Total
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	African	Coloured	Indian	White	
Senior Management	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	5
Professionally qualified and experienced specialists and mid-management	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Skilled technical and academically qualified workers, junior management, supervisors, foreman and superintendents	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Semi-skilled and discretionary decision making	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	5
Unskilled and defined decision making	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	5	4	0	0	8	4	0	0	21

Table 3.6.4 Promotions for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Occupational band	Male				Female				Total
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	African	Coloured	Indian	White	
Senior Management, Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Professionally qualified and experienced specialists and mid-management	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Skilled technical and academically qualified workers, junior management, supervisors, foreman and superintendents	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Semi-skilled and discretionary decision making	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	5
Employee with disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3.6.5 Terminations for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Occupational band	Male				Female				Total
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	African	Coloured	Indian	White	
Senior Management, Permanent	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Professionally qualified and experienced specialists and mid-management, Permanent	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Skilled technical and academically qualified workers, junior management, supervisors, foreman, Permanent	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	7
Semi-skilled and discretionary decision making, Permanent	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	11	3	0	0	7	2	0	1	24

Table 3.6.6 Disciplinary action for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Disciplinary action	Male				Female				Total
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	African	Coloured	Indian	White	
Under influence of intoxicating substance / Abscondment	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gross insubordination/ Dereliction of Duty	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Insubordination	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unauthorized use of state vehicle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Table 3.6.7 Skills development for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Occupational category	Male				Female				Total
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	African	Coloured	Indian	White	
Legislators, senior officials and managers	5	3	0	0	1	4	1	0	20
Professionals	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Technicians and associate professionals	11	0	0	0	33	0	2	1	62
Clerks	13	0	0	0	21	7	1	1	45
Service and sales workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skilled agriculture and fishery workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Labourers and related workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elementary occupation	2	0	0	0	12	3	0	0	17
Irregular	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	3	0	0	67	14	2	1	151
Employee with disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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3.7 SIGNING OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS BY SMS MEMBERS

All members of the SMS must conclude and sign performance agreements within specific timeframes. Information regarding the signing of performance agreements by SMS members, the reasons for not complying within the prescribed time frames and disciplinary steps taken is presented here.

Table 3.7.1 Signing of Performance Agreements by SMS members as on 31 May 2024

SMS Level	Total number of funded SMS posts	Total number of SMS members	Total number of signed performance agreements	Signed performance agreements as % of total number of SMS members
Director-General/Head of Department	1	1	1	100%
Salary Level 16	0	0	0	0
Salary Level 15	3	3	3	100%
Salary Level 14	5	5	4	80%
Salary Level 13	20	20	20	80%
Total	32	32	32	84%

Table 3.7.2 Reasons for not having concluded performance agreements for all SMS members as on 31 March 2025

Reasons
2 SMS MEMBERS WAS IN A CONTRACT POSITION AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

Table 3.7.3 Disciplinary steps taken against SMS members for not having concluded performance agreements as on 31 March 2025

Reasons
NA

3.8 PERFORMANCE REWARDS

To encourage good performance, the department has granted the following performance rewards during the year under review. The information is presented in terms of race, gender, disability, salary bands and critical occupations.

Table 3.8.1 Performance Rewards by race, gender and disability for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Race and Gender	Beneficiary Profile			Cost	
	Number of beneficiaries	Number of employees	% of total within group	Cost (R'000)	Average cost per employee
African					
Male	0	0	0%	0	0
Female	0	0	0%	0	0
Asian					
Male	0	0	0%	0	0
Female	0	0	0%	0	0
Coloured					
Male	0	0	0%	0	0
Female	0	0	0%	0	0
White					
Male	0	0	0%	0	0
Female	0	0	0%	0	0
Total	0	0	0%	0	0

Table 3.8.2 Performance Rewards by salary band for personnel below Senior Management Service for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Salary band	Beneficiary Profile			Cost		Total cost as a % of the total personnel expenditure
	Number of beneficiaries	Number of employees	% of total within salary bands	Total Cost (R'000)	Average cost per employee	
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Skilled (level 3-6)	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Highly skilled production (level 6-8)	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Highly skilled supervision (level 9-12)	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

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Table 3.8.3 Performance Rewards by critical occupation for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Critical occupation	Beneficiary Profile			Cost	
	Number of beneficiaries	Number of employees	% of total within occupation	Total Cost (R'000)	Average cost per employee
Administrative Related	0	0	0%	0	0
Client Information Clerks /Switchboard/ Reception	0	0	0%	0	0
Communication and Related	0	0	0%	0	0
Engineers and related professionals	0	0	0%	0	0
Executive Authority	0	0	0%	0	0
Finance and Economics	0	0	0%	0	0
Financial Clerks and Credit	0	0	0%	0	0
Food Service Aid	0	0	0%	0	0
General Assistant	0	0	0%	0	0
HR and OD	0	0	0%	0	0
Human Resources Clerks	0	0	0%	0	0
IT and Related	0	0	0%	0	0
Legal Admin and Related	0	0	0%	0	0
Library Mail and Related	0	0	0%	0	0
Psychologists and Related	0	0	0%	0	0
Risk Management and Security	0	0	0%	0	0
Secretaries & Other	0	0	0%	0	0
Security Officers	0	0	0%	0	0
Senior Managers	0	0	0%	0	0
Top Management	0	0	0%	0	0
Total	0	0	0%	0	0

Table 3.8.4 Performance related rewards (cash bonus), by salary band for Senior Management Service for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Salary band	Beneficiary Profile			Cost		Total cost as a % of the total personnel expenditure
	Number of beneficiaries	Number of employees	% of total within salary bands	Total Cost (R'000)	Average cost per employee	
Band A	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Band B	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Band C	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Band D	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

3.9 FOREIGN WORKERS

The tables below summarise the employment of foreign nationals in the department in terms of salary band and major occupation.

Table 3.9.1 Foreign workers by salary band for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Salary band	01 April 2024		31 March 2025		Change	
	Number	% Of total	Number	% of total	Number	% Change
Lower skilled	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Highly skilled production (Ley. 5-8)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Highly skilled supervision (Ley. 9-12)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Contract level 5-12	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Contract level 13-16	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Table 3.9.2 Foreign workers by major occupation for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Major occupation	01 April 2024		31 March 2025		Change	
	Number	% Of total	Number	% Of total	Number	% Change
Administrative Office workers	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

3.10 Leave utilisation

The Public Service Commission identified the need for careful monitoring of sick leave within the public service. The following tables provide an indication of the use of sick leave and disability leave. In both cases, the estimated cost of the leave is also provided.

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Table 3.10.1 Sick leave for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Salary band	Total days	% Days with Medical certification	Number of Employees using sick leave	% Of total employees using sick leave	Average days per employee	Estimated Cost (R'000)
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	583	60%	57	28%	19	98
Contract (Levels 3-6)	17	71%	3	1%	6	50
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	472	87%	63	26%	9	818
Contract (Levels 6-8)	55	84%	12	8%	5	33
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	488	70%	43	35%	7	1 358
Top and Senior management (Levels 13-16)	135	79%	19	9%	7	706
Total	1660	80%	207	100%	8	3 131

Table 3.10.2 Disability leave (temporary and permanent) for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Salary band	Total days	% Days with Medical certification	Number of Employees using disability leave	% of total employees using disability leave	Average days per employee	Estimated Cost (R'000)
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	96	100%	3	17%	48	122
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	54	100%	4	33%	14	98
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	209	100%	5	42%	52	557
Senior Management (Levels 13-16)	8	100%	1	8%	8	47
TOTAL	367	100%	13	100%	31	824

The table below summarises the utilisation of annual leave. The wage agreement concluded with trade unions in the PSCBC in 2000 requires management of annual leave to prevent high levels of accrued leave being paid at the time of termination of service.

Table 3.10.3 Annual Leave for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Salary band	Total days taken	Number of Employees using annual leave	Average per employee
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	228	17	13
Skilled Levels 3-5	1341	57	24
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	1757	60	30
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	2431	85	29
Senior management (Levels 13-16)	492	30	23
Contract (Levels 3-6)	88	3	22
Contract (Levels 6-8)	30	1	30
Contract (Levels 9-12)	51	2	26
Contract (Levels 13-16)	13	5	3
TOTAL	6448	280	28

Table 3.10.4 Capped leave for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Salary band	Total days of capped leave taken	Number of Employees using capped leave	Average number of days taken per employee	Average capped leave per employee as on 31 March 2024
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	0	0	0	0
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	0	0	0	37
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	0	0	0	56
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	8	1	8	13
Senior management (Levels 13-16)	0	0	0	44
TOTAL	8	1	8	28

The following table summarise payments made to employees as a result of leave that was not taken.

Table 3.10.5 Leave pay-outs for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Reason	Total amount (R'000)	Number of employees	Average per employee (R'000)
Annual - discounting with resignation (work days)	280	5	56
Annual - discounting: contract expiry (work days)	36	1	36
Annual - gratuity: death/retirement/medical retirement (work)	495	11	45
Capped - gratuity: death/retirement/medical retirement (work)	425	6	71
TOTAL	1237	23	64

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3.11 HIV/AIDS & HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMMES

The Public Service Commission identified the need for careful monitoring of sick leave within the public service. The following tables provide an indication of the use of sick leave and disability leave. In both cases, the estimated cost of the leave is also provided.

Table 3.11.1 Steps taken to reduce the risk of occupational exposure

Units/categories of employees identified to be at high risk of contracting HIV & related diseases (if any)	Key steps taken to reduce the risk
Interns	Implement programmes on behaviour change communication for non-communicable diseases • HCT screening • Condoms distributed

Table 3.11.2 Details of Health Promotion and HIV/AIDS Programmes (tick the applicable boxes and provide the required information)

Question	Yes	No	Details, if yes
1. Has the department designated a member of the SWS to implement the provisions contained in Part VI E of Chapter 1 of the Public Service Regulations, 2001? If so, provide her/his name and position.	✓		Bonnie Thekiso/ K Moremi Director - Employee Health and Wellness
2. Does the department have a dedicated unit or has it designated specific staff members to promote the health and wellbeing of your employees? If so, indicate the number of employees who are involved in this task and the annual budget that is available for this purpose.	✓		One Senior Manager One Manager: Registered Counsellor, Post Vacant since the beginning of Quarter 3 2023/2024 Financial year. Two Assistant Directors: Occupational Health Nurse And SHERQ Two support staff personnel Goods and Services R 292 000-00 Compensation of Employees R 2 762 000-00
3. Has the department introduced an Employee Assistance or Health Promotion Programme for your employees? If so, indicate the key elements/services of this Programme.	✓		Behaviour Change Communication Programme Occupational Health Services Psycho-Social Intervention
4. Has the department established (a) committee(s) as contemplated in Part VI E.5 (a) of Chapter 1 of the Public Service Regulations, 2001? If so, please provide the names of the members of the committee and the stakeholder(s) that they represent.	✓		Health and Safety committee members appointed and Active.
5. Has the department reviewed its employment policies and practices to ensure that these do not unfairly discriminate against employees on the basis of their HIV status? If so, list the employment policies/practices reviewed.		✓	Policies/practices are under review
6. Has the department introduced measures to protect HIV-positive employees or those perceived to be HIV-positive from discrimination? If so, list the key elements of these measures.	✓		EHW Framework, including four policies, protected the rights of employees against stigma and discrimination
7. Does the department encourage its employees to undergo Voluntary Counselling and Testing? If so, list the results that you have achieved.	✓		HIV counselling and Testing services offered for April 2024-March 2025. Total Females tested: 130 Total males tested: 67 Grand Total tested: 197
8. Has the department developed measures/indicators to monitor & evaluate the impact of its health promotion programme? If so, list these measures/indicators.	✓		1. Policy Support Learning Networks (3) 2. Number of Health Prevention Programmes (12) • 30 Financial wellness • 30Atty Wellness Machine programs for baseline tests and followup GEMS Day Celebration Programmes, which comprised of following activities: 1. Session on Mental Illness Awareness 2. Speaker on unpacking the GEMS benefit 3. A fun walk 4. Interdepartmental Sports Activities (Netball, Soccer & Volleyball) 5. GEMS member services 6. Health and Wellness Screening Services 7. Zumba Session

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Question	Yes	No	Details, if yes
			- HIV, TB, ASTI wellness intervention - Health Education Session on Chronic Diseases - Mental Health Awareness Session - CHW in Partnership with Oral Hygiene Healthcare Centre. Rendered a variety of specialist services ranging from Dental, Physio, Orthodontic, audio, diabetic services - GEMS wellness screening - Planned Health and Wellness on Obesity Awareness in collaboration with Financial Institutions (Old Mutual, SANLAM, Metropolitan & Liberty life) who rendered financial wellness services on a snowphone basis. - Life line: HIV, TB, STI and HIV prep Education and Testing. - Aarun Health: in an effort to accelerate fight against TB, Aarun health screened Employees for TB and Test on site - In an effort to deal with stress related to financial Financial Wellness session were held with Old Mutual, Standardbank and Capital Legacy.
			II. Number of e-health prevention Promotions (10) - Flu Vaccination - Obesity awareness - TB awareness - Nutrition Week - Prostate cancer Awareness - Breast cancer awareness - Kidney awareness month - Post Control - Abby Electronic Health Prevention information on Diabetes, weight loss and Diet
Question	Yes	No	Details, if yes
			Abby Electronic health prevention information on Hypertension

3.12 LABOUR RELATIONS

The Public Service Commission identified the need for careful monitoring of sick leave within the public service. The following tables provide an indication of the use of sick leave and disability leave. In both cases, the estimated cost of the leave is also provided.

Table 3.12.1 Collective agreements for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Total number of Collective agreements	2
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The following table summarises the outcome of disciplinary hearings conducted within the department for the year under review.

Table 3.12.2 Misconduct and disciplinary hearings finalised for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Outcomes of disciplinary hearings	Number	% Of total
Written warning	1	33%
Final written warning	1	33%
Dismissal	1	33%
Total	3	100%

Table 3.12.3 Types of misconduct addressed at disciplinary hearings for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Type of misconduct	Number	% Of total
Under influence of intoxicating substance	1	25%
Absenteeism	1	25%
Insubordination / Dereliction of Duty/ Failure to comply with leave determination	1	25%
Gross Dishonesty/ Unauthorized use of state vehicle/ Gross negligence	1	25%
Total	4	100%

Table 3.12.4 Grievances lodged for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Grievances	Number	% Of Total
Number of grievances resolved	1	100%
Number of grievances not resolved	0	0%
Total number of grievances lodged	1	100%

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Table 3.12.5 Disputes lodged with Councils for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Disputes	Number	% Of Total
Number of disputes upheld	0	0%
Number of disputes dismissed	1	50%
Total number of disputes lodged	1	100%

Table 3.12.6 Strike actions for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Total number of persons working days lost	0
Total costs working days lost	0
Amount recovered as a result of no work no pay (R'000)	0

Table 3.12.7 Precautionary suspensions for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Number of people suspended	0
Number of people whose suspension exceeded 30 days	0
Average number of days suspended	0
Cost of suspension(R'000)	0

Summary

In the 2024/2025 financial year, the unit recorded a reduction in both disciplinary cases (from five to four) and grievances (from twelve to one) compared to the previous year, indicating improved labour relations and the effectiveness of prior interventions such as awareness programmes on absenteeism and grievance management. Additionally, all grievances were resolved, and no strike actions, precautionary suspensions, or associated costs were incurred, reflecting enhanced workforce stability and compliance. While two collective agreements were signed in 2023/2024, none were concluded in 2024/2025, highlighting a potential strategic focus area for renewed engagement with labour stakeholders to sustain constructive relations. The unit will continue to prioritise preventative measures, employee support programmes, and policy communication to maintain and further improve disciplinary compliance and overall labour harmony.

3.13 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

This section highlights the efforts of the department with regard to skills development.

Table 3.13.1 Training needs identified for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Occupational category	Gender	Number of employees as at 1 April 2025	Training needs identified at start of the reporting period			
			Apprenticeships	Skills Programmes & other short courses	Other forms of training	Total
Legislators, senior officials and managers	Female	57	0	27	0	27
	Male	51	0	12	0	12
Professionals	Female	1	0	3	0	3
	Male	2	0	2	0	2
Technicians and associated professionals	Female	36	0	28	0	28
	Male	17	0	15	0	15
Clerks	Female	36	0	32	0	32
	Male	15	0	13	0	13
Service and sales workers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Skilled agriculture and fishery workers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Labourers and related workers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Interns	Female	25	15	0	0	15
	Male	3	2	0	0	2
Sub Total	Female	157	0	90	0	105
	Male	83	0	42	0	44
Total		240	17	132	0	149

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Table 3.13.2 Training provided for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Occupational category	Gender	Number of employees as at 1 April 2025	Training provided within the reporting period			
			Leaverships	Skills Programmes & other short courses	Other forms of training	Total
Legislators, senior officials and managers	Female	87	0	11	1	12
	Male	61	0	7	1	8
Professionals	Female	1	0	1	0	1
	Male	3	0	4	0	4
Technicians and associate professionals	Female	38	0	37	4	41
	Male	17	0	17	3	20
Clerks	Female	38	0	32	2	34
	Male	15	0	13	1	14
Service and sales workers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Skilled agriculture and fishery workers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Labourers and related workers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0
Interns	Female	25	15	0	0	15
	Male	5	2	0	0	2
Sub Total	Female	167	15	81	7	103
	Male	93	2	41	5	48
Total		260	17	122	12	151

*Bursaries, POP1 ACT Webinar and PSTF Peer Learning Exchange Programme has been captured under "other forms of training". *Skills Programmes/short courses provided exceeded numbers planned in 3.13.1 as a result of NSRF free/open learning training offered during the course of the financial year.

3.14 INJURY ON DUTY

The following tables provide basic information on injury on duty.

Table 3.14.1 Injury on duty for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Nature of injury on duty	Number	% Of total
Required basic medical attention only	0	0
Temporary Total Disablement	0	0
Permanent Disablement	0	0
Fatal	0	0
Total	0	0

3.15 UTILISATION OF CONSULTANTS

No consultants utilised for this financial period

3.16 SEVERANCE PACKAGES

Table 3.14.1 injury on duty for the period 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Salary band	Number of applications received	Number of applications referred to the MPSC	Number of applications supported by MPSC	Number of packages approved by department
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	0	0	0	0
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	0	0	0	0
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	0	0	0	0
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	0	0	0	0
Senior management (Levels 13-15)	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0



PFMA COMPLIANCE REPORT

1. Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful, Unauthorized Expenditure and Material Losses

1.1 Irregular expenditure

(a) Reconciliation of irregular expenditure

Description	2023/2024	2022/2023
	R'000	R'000
Opening balance	4 916	1 685
Adjustment to opening balance	-	3 231
Opening balance as restated	4 916	4 916
Add: Irregular expenditure confirmed	-	-
Less: Irregular expenditure condoned	3 231	-
Less: Irregular expenditure not condoned and removed	-	-
Less: Irregular expenditure recoverable ¹	-	-
Less: Irregular expenditure not recoverable and written off	-	-
Closing balance	1 685	4 916

Reconciling notes

Irregular expenditure to the value of R 3,230,698.08 relating to the 2022/23 financial year that was under assessment for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years and was confirmed during the 2024/25 financial year. The relevant irregular expenditure register has been updated during the fourth quarter of the period under review, to reflect the aforementioned.

During the 2024/25 financial year the department applied for the irregular expenditure to be condoned by Provincial Treasury. Subsequently the department received the approval on 26 May 2025.

(b) Details of non-compliance cases where an institution is involved in an inter-institutional arrangement (where such institution is not responsible for the non-compliance)

Description: Procurement of office accommodation.

¹Transfer to receivables

Total R 38 250 817.03

An inter-institutional arrangement existed between the Office of the Premier (OTP) and Department of Roads and Public Works (DRPW) for the procurement of office accommodation. The procurement process was found to be in contravention of legislation. An opinion was sought from the relevant authority (National Treasury) to determine which institution is responsible for the disclosure of the irregular expenditure and it was concluded that the procuring department (DRPW) must disclose the irregular expenditure for 2023/24, R 16 705 601,27 and for 2024/25, R 21 545 215,76 respectively. The OTP must report on the non-compliance that led to the irregular expenditure.

2. Late and/or Non-Payment of Suppliers

Description	Number of Invoices	Consolidated Value
		R'000
Valid Invoices received	3 051	366 779
Invoices paid within 30 days or agreed period	3 051	366 779
Invoices paid after 30 days or agreed period		
Invoices older than 30 days or agreed period (<i>unpaid and without dispute</i>)		
Invoices older than 30 days or agreed period (<i>unpaid and in dispute</i>)	8	178

Include reasons for the late and or non-payment of invoices, including reasons that the invoices are in dispute, where applicable. *N/A*

3. Supply Chain Management

3.1 Procurement by other Means

Project description	Name of supplier	Type of procurement by other means	Contract number	Value of contract R'000
Diamond and Dorings Festival	African Media Connection	Deviation	AI-893521	200
Rental suite with branding	Griqualand West Rugby Stadium	Deviation	OR-023629	207
Excess payment on vehicle insurance	PC StruwigPanelbeaters	Deviation	OR-023989	4
Renewal of License Discs	Department of Motor Vehicle Registration – License and Testing Department in Kimberley	Deviation	N/A	2
Total				413



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL TO THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON VOTE NO. 1: OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

1. I have audited the financial statements of the Office of the Premier set out on pages 91 to 152, which comprise the appropriation statement, statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025, statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets and cash flow statement for the year then ended, as well as notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

2. In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Office of the Premier as at 31 March 2025, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Modified Cash Standard (MCS) prescribed by National Treasury and the requirements of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999 (PFMA).

Basis For Opinion

3. I conducted my audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the responsibilities of the auditor-general for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

4. I am independent of the Office of the Premier in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International code of ethics for professional accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA code) as well as other ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit in South Africa. I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA code.

5. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matters

6. I draw attention to the matter below. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Underspending of the budget

7. As disclosed in the appropriation statement, the Office of the Premier materially underspent on the budget by R6 636 000 on Programme 12: Institutional Development.

Restatement of corresponding figures

8. As disclosed in note 29 to the financial statements, the corresponding figures for 31 March 2024 were restated as result of an error in the financial statement of the Office of the Premier at, and for the year ended, 31 March 2025.

Change in accounting policy

9. I draw attention to 28 in the financial statements, which deals with change in accounting policy. The details of the change in accounting policy are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Other matter

10. I draw attention to the matters below. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Unaudited supplementary schedules

11. The supplementary information set out on pages 42 to 78 does not form part of the financial statements and is presented as additional information. I have not audited these schedules and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion on them.

Responsibilities of the accounting officer for the financial statements

12. The accounting officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the MCS prescribed by National Treasury and the requirements of the PFMA and for such internal control, as the accounting officer determines what is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

13. In preparing the financial statements, the accounting officer is responsible for assessing the Office of the Premier's ability to continue as a going concern; disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the appropriate governance structure either intends to liquidate the Office of the Premier or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Responsibilities of the auditor – general for the audit of the financial statements

14. My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

15. A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is included in the annexure to this auditor's report. This description, which is located at page 88 forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on the audit of the annual performance report

16. In accordance with the Public Audit Act 25 of 2004 (PAA) and the general notice issued in terms thereof, I must audit and report on the usefulness and reliability of the reported performance against predetermined objectives for the selected programme presented in the annual performance report. The accounting officer is responsible for the preparation of the annual performance report.

17. I selected the following programme presented in the annual performance report for the year ended 31 March 2025, for auditing. I selected a programme that measures the Office of the Premier's performance on its primary mandated functions and that is of significant national, community or public interest.

Programme	Page number	Purpose
Institutional Development	28-37	To strategically lead the province towards long term planning for human capital, towards a developmental oriented public service and provision of advisory legal services
Policy and Governance	37-40	To strategically manage policies and strategies throughout the province, through research, development and support the implementation of a sustainable provincial growth and development plan, and monitor and evaluate performance against provincial plans

18. I evaluated the reported performance information for the selected programme against the criteria developed from the performance management and reporting framework, as defined in the general notice. When an annual performance report is prepared using these criteria, it provides useful and reliable information and insights to users on the Office of the Premier's planning and delivery on its mandate and objectives.

19. I performed procedures to test whether:

- the indicators used for planning and reporting on performance can be linked directly to the department's mandate and the achievement of its planned objectives
- all the indicators relevant for measuring the department's performance against its primary mandated and prioritised functions and planned objectives are included
- the indicators are well defined to ensure that they are easy to understand and can be applied consistently, as well as verifiable so that I can confirm the methods and processes to be used for measuring achievements
- the targets can be linked directly to the achievement of the indicators and are specific, time bound and measurable to ensure that it is easy to understand what should be delivered and by when, the required level of performance as well as how performance will be evaluated.
- the indicators and targets reported on in the annual performance report are the same as those committed to in the approved initial or revised planning documents
- the reported performance information is presented in the annual performance report in the prescribed manner and is comparable and understandable.
- there is adequate supporting evidence for the achievements reported and for the reasons provided for any over- or underachievement of targets.

20. I performed the procedures for the purpose of reporting material findings only; and not to express an assurance opinion or conclusion.

21. I did not identify any material findings on the reported performance information for the selected programmes

Other matter

22. I draw attention to the matter below.

Achievement of planned targets

23. The annual performance report includes information on reported achievements against planned targets and provides explanations for over- and underachievement.

24. The table that follows provides information on the achievement of planned targets and lists the key indicators that were not achieved as reported in the annual report. The reasons for any underachievement of target are included in the annual report on pages 31, 36 & 39.

Institutional Development

Targets achieved: 94%		
Budget spent: 97%		
Key Indicator not achieved	Planned target	Reported achievement
Number of labour-related advocacy conducted	4	3
Number of advocacy programmes coordinated	8	8

Policy and Governance

Targets achieved: 78%		
Budget spent: 98%		
Key Indicator not achieved	Planned target	Reported achievement
Number of Batho Pele Change Management Engagement Programme roll-outs to municipalities and departments	1	0
Number of departments with approved service delivery charters within the Provincial Administration.	4	0

Report on compliance with legislation

25. In accordance with the PAA and the general notice issued in terms thereof, I must audit and report on compliance with applicable legislation relating to financial matters, financial management and other related matters. The accounting officer is responsible for the Office of the Premier's compliance with legislation.

26. I performed procedures to test compliance with selected requirements in key legislation in accordance with the findings engagement methodology of the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA). This engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, I do not express an assurance opinion or conclusion.

27. Through an established AGSA process, I selected requirements in key legislation for compliance testing that are relevant to the financial and performance management of the Office of the Premier, clear to allow consistent measurement and evaluation, while also sufficiently detailed and readily available to report in an understandable manner. The selected legislative requirements are included in the annexure to this auditor's report.

28. I did not identify any material non-compliance with the selected legislative requirements.

Other information in the annual report

29. The accounting officer is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information referred to does not include the financial statements, the auditor's report and the selected programme presented in the annual performance report that has been specifically reported on in this auditor's report.

30. My opinion on the financial statements, the report on the audit of the annual performance report and the report on compliance with legislation, do not cover the other information included in the annual report and I do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion on it.

31. My responsibility is to read this other information and, in doing so, consider whether it is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the selected programmes presented in the annual performance report, or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

32. The other information I obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report is the disclosure of the irregular expenditure. The remaining information is expected to be made available to us after 31 July 2025.

33. If, based on the work I have performed on the other information that I obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have not identified any material findings.

34. When I do receive and read the remaining other information, if I conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, I am required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and request that the other information be corrected. If the other information is not corrected, I may have to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report as appropriate. However, if it is corrected this will not be necessary.

Internal control deficiencies

35. I considered internal control relevant to my audit of the financial statements, annual performance report and compliance with applicable legislation; however, my objective was not to express any form of assurance on it.

36. I did not identify any significant deficiencies in internal control.

Auditor-General

Kimberley

31 July 2025



AUDITOR-GENERAL
SOUTH AFRICA

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Annexure to the auditor's report

The annexure includes the following:

- 1 The auditor-general's responsibility for the audit
- 2 The selected legislative requirements for compliance testing

Auditor-general's responsibility for the audit

Professional judgement and professional scepticism

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout my audit of the financial statements and the procedures performed on reported performance information for selected programmes and on the Office of the Premier's compliance with selected requirements in key legislation.

Financial statements

In addition to my responsibility for the audit of the financial statements as described in this auditor's report, I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office of the Premier's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements. I also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Office of the Premier to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements about the material uncertainty or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion on the financial statements. My conclusions are based on the information available to me at the date of this auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Office of the Premier to cease operating as a going concern
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Communication with those charged with governance

I communicate with the accounting officer regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit. I also provide the accounting officer with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence and, where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

Compliance with legislation — selected legislative requirements

The selected legislative requirements are as follows:

Legislation	Sections or regulations
Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999	Section 1; 38(1)(b); 38(1)(c)(i); 38(1)(c)(ii); 38(1)(d); 38(1)(f); 38(1)(h)(iii); 39(1)(a); 39(2)(a); 40(1)(a); 40(1)(b); 40(1)(c)(i); 43(1); 43(4); 44; 45(b)
Treasury Regulations, 2005	Regulation 4.1.1; 4.1.3; 5.1.1; 5.2.1; 5.2.3(a); 5.2.3(d); 5.3.1; 6.3.1(a); 6.3.1(b); 6.3.1(c); 6.3.1(d); 6.4.1(b); 7.2.1; 8.1.1; 8.2.1; 8.2.3; 8.4.1; 9.1.1; 9.1.4; 10.1.1(a); 10.1.2; 11.4.1; 11.4.2; 11.5.1; 12.5.1; 15.10.1.2(c); 16A3.2; 16A3.2(a); 16A6.1; 16A6.2(a); 16A6.2(b); 16A6.3(a); 16A6.3(b); 16A 6.3(e); 16A6.4; 16A6.5; 16A6.6; 16A7.1; 16A7.3; 16A7.6; 16A8.3; 16A8.4; 16A9.1(b)(ii); 16A 9.1(d); 16A 9.1(e); 16A9.1(f); 16A9.2; 16A9.2(a)(ii); 17.1.1; 18.2; 19.8.4
Construction Industry Development Board Act 38 of 2000	Section 18(1)
Construction Industry Development Board Regulations, 2004	Regulation 17; 25(7A)
National Treasury Instruction No. 5 of 2020/21	Paragraph 4.8; 4.9; 5.3
Second Amendment National Treasury Instruction No. 5 of 2020/21	Paragraph 1
Erratum National Treasury Instruction No. 5 of 2020/21	Paragraph 2
National Treasury Instruction No. 1 of 2021/22	Paragraph 4.1
National Treasury Instruction No. 4 of 2015/16	Paragraph 3.4
National Treasury SCM Instruction No. 4A of 2016/17	Paragraph 6
National Treasury SCM Instruction No. 3 of 2021/22	Paragraph 4.1; 4.2 (b); 4.3; 4.4(a); 4.17; 7.2; 7.6
National Treasury SCM Instruction No. 11 of 2020/21	Paragraph 3.4(a); 3.4(b); 3.9
National Treasury SCM Instruction No. 2 of 2021/22	Paragraph 3.2.1; 3.2.4; 3.2.4(a); 3.3.
National Treasury Practice Note 5 of 2009/10	Paragraph 3.3
National Treasury Practice Note 7 of 2009/10	Paragraph 4.1.2
Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000	Section 1; 2.1(a); 2.1(f)

Legislation	Sections or regulations
Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022	Regulation 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 5.1; 5.2; 5.3; 5.4
Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017	Regulation 4.1; 4.2; 5.1; 5.3; 5.6; 5.7; 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.6; 6.8; 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.6; 7.8; 8.2; 8.5; 9.1; 10.1; 10.2; 11.1; 11.2
Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act 12 of 2004	Section 34(1)
Public Service Regulations, 2016	Regulation 18(1); 18(2); 25(1)(e)(i); 25(1)(e)(iii)
State Information Technology Agency Act 88 of 1998	Section 7(3)

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APPROPRIATION STATEMENT
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Annual Financial Statements

Appropriation per programme									
	2024/25					2023/24			
	Approved Budget	Shifting of Funds	Virement	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Expenditure as % of final budget	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	R'000
Programme									
1. Administration	222,592	(1)	9,679	232,270	230,590	1,680	99,3%	181,535	169,021
2. Institutional Development	206,604	1	(8,754)	197,851	191,215	6,636	96,6%	259,156	239,832
3. Policy and Governance	56,861	-	(925)	55,936	54,589	1,337	97,6%	50,383	49,644
Subtotal	486,057	-	-	486,057	476,404	9,653	98,0%	490,074	458,497
	2024/25					2023/24			
	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure				Final Budget	Actual Expenditure		
	R'000	R'000				R'000	R'000		
TOTAL (brought forward)									
Reconciliation with statement of financial performance									
ADD									
Departmental receipts	229					282			
Actual amounts per statement of financial performance (Total revenue)	486,286					490,366			

GTP AFS for the year ended 31 March 2025

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APPROPRIATION STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Actual amounts per statement of financial performance (Total expenditure)									
								476,404	458,497
Appropriation per economic classification									
	2024/25						2023/24		
	Approved Budget	Shifting of funds	Virement	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Expenditure as % of final budget	Final Budget	Actual expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	R'000
Economic classification									
Current payments	429,763	180	(1,462)	428,481	420,516	7,965	98,1%	361,402	331,109
Compensation of employees	190,057	(1,391)	(457)	196,209	193,921	2,288	98,8%	188,494	186,926
Goods and services	231,706	1,571	(1,005)	232,272	226,595	5,677	97,6%	172,908	144,183
Transfers and subsidies	46,743	(180)	721	47,284	45,596	1,688	96,4%	114,166	114,135
Provinces and municipalities	39	(1)	2	40	40	-	100,0%	55	55
Departmental agencies and accounts	3	(2)	-	1	1	-	100,0%	3	3
Non-profit institutions	8,814	-	-	8,814	8,814	-	100,0%	8,435	8,435
Households	37,887	(177)	719	38,429	36,741	1,688	95,6%	105,673	105,642
Payments for capital assets	8,551	-	184	8,735	8,735	-	100,0%	14,506	13,283
Machinery and equipment	8,551	-	167	9,718	9,718	-	100,0%	13,651	12,388
Intangible assets	-	-	17	17	17	-	100,0%	855	855
Payments for financial assets	-	-	557	557	557	-	100,0%	-	-
Total	488,057	-	-	488,057	476,404	9,653	98,0%	490,974	458,497

QTP AFS for the year ended 31 March 2025

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APPROPRIATION STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Programme 1: Administration									
2024/25								2023/24	
	Approved Budget	Shifting of Funds	Virement	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Expenditure as % of final Budget	Final Budget	Actual expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	R'000
Sub programme									
1. Premier Support	74,316	(3,849)	1,779	72,446	70,765	1,681	97,7%	61,258	61,233
2. Executive Council	7,251	4	(441)	6,814	6,815	(1)	100,0%	6,769	6,767
3. Director-General Support	59,541	2,889	3,270	65,700	65,700	-	100,0%	51,027	38,677
4. Financial Management	81,484	755	5,071	87,310	87,310	-	100,0%	62,481	62,344
Total for sub programmes	222,592	(1)	8,679	232,270	230,590	1,680	99,3%	181,535	180,621
Economic classification									
Current payments	190,860	(1)	10,661	201,510	201,510	-	100,0%	181,384	138,851
Compensation of employees	70,693	(1,280)	5,228	74,641	74,641	-	100,0%	74,418	74,281
Goods and services	120,157	1,279	5,433	126,869	126,869	-	100,0%	76,936	64,570
Transfers and subsidies	25,525	-	632	26,157	24,477	1,680	93,6%	23,619	23,607
Provinces and municipalities	2	(1)	2	3	3	-	100,0%	3	3
Departmental agencies and accounts	3	(2)	-	1	1	-	100,0%	3	3
Non-profit institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Households	25,520	3	830	26,153	24,473	1,680	93,6%	23,613	23,601

OTPAFS for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Payments for capital assets	6,217	-	(2,171)	4,046	4,046	-	100,0%	6,562	6,563
Machinery and equipment	6,217	-	(2,171)	4,046	4,046	-	100,0%	6,175	6,176
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	387	387
Payments for financial assets	-	-	557	557	557	-	100,0%	-	-
Total	222,592	(1)	9,679	232,270	230,590	1,680	99,3%	181,535	169,021

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APPROPRIATION STATEMENT
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Programme 2: Institutional Development									
2024/25							2023/24		
	Approved Budget	Shifting of Funds	Virement	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Expenditure as % of final budget	Final Budget	Actual expenditure
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	R'000
Sub programme									
1. Strategic Human Resource	149,740	(4,844)	(1,874)	143,022	139,167	3,855	97,3%	92,390	87,371
2. Information Communication Technology	19,982	5,048	467	25,497	24,533	964	96,2%	18,613	18,613
3. Legal Services	10,494	51	20	10,565	10,329	236	97,8%	10,096	10,057
4. Communication Services	23,236	(1,863)	(7,367)	14,006	13,488	518	96,3%	132,863	119,878
5. Programme Support	3,152	1,609	-	4,761	3,698	1,063	77,7%	4,174	3,913
Total for sub programmes	206,604	1	(8,754)	197,851	191,216	6,636	96,6 %	258,156	239,832
Economic classification									
Current payments	191,155	181	(11,089)	180,267	173,639	6,628	96,3%	169,481	151,430
Compensation of employees	82,410	(111)	(4,632)	77,667	76,501	1,166	98,5%	75,488	74,798
Goods and services	106,745	292	(6,437)	102,600	97,138	5,462	94,7%	92,993	76,634
Transfers and subsidies	12,403	(180)	63	12,286	12,278	8	99,9%	82,094	82,075
Provinces and municipalities	37	-	-	37	37	-	100,0%	52	52
Departmental agencies and accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-profit institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Households	12,366	(180)	63	12,249	12,241	8	99,9%	82,042	82,023

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Payments for capital assets	3,046	-	2,262	5,298	5,298	-	100,0%	7,581	6,327
Machinery and equipment	3,046	-	2,235	5,281	5,281	-	100,0%	7,113	5,859
Intangible assets	-	-	17	17	17	-	100,0%	468	468
Payments for financial assets									-
Total	206,604	1	(8,754)	197,851	191,215	6,636	96,6%	258,156	239,832

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Programme 3: Policy and Governance	2024/25						2023/24	
	Approved Budget	Shifting of Funds	Virement	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Expenditure as % of final budget	Final Budget
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000
Sub programme								
1. Special Programmes	23 229	-	48	23 277	22 973	304	98,7%	22 040
2. Intergovernmental Relations	5 244	126	17	5 389	5 379	10	99,8%	5 184
3. Provincial Policy Management	25 218	-	(1 004)	24 214	23 332	882	96,4%	20 287
4. Programme Support	3 170	(120)	14	3 056	2 915	141	95,4%	2 650
Total for sub programmes	56 861	-	(925)	55 936	54 599	1 337	97,6%	50 383
Economic classification								
Current payments	47 758	-	(1 054)	46 704	45 367	1 337	97,1%	41 567
Compensation of employees	44 954	-	(1 053)	43 901	42 779	1 122	97,4%	38 588
Goods and services	2 804	-	(1)	2 803	2 588	215	92,3%	2 979
Transfers and subsidies	8 815	-	26	8 841	8 841	-	100,0%	8 453
Provinces and municipalities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental agencies and accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-profit institutions	8 814	-	-	8 814	8 814	-	100,0%	8 435
Households	1	-	26	27	27	-	100,0%	18

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Payments for capital assets	288	-	103	391	391	-	100,0%	363	363
Machinery and equipment	288	-	103	391	391	-	100,0%	363	363
Heritage assets									
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments for financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	56,861	-	(925)	55,936	54,599	1,337	97,6%	50,363	49,644

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1. Detail of transfers and subsidies as per Appropriation Act (after Virement)

Detail of these transactions can be viewed in the note on Transfers and Subsidies, and Annexure 1A-H of the Annual Financial Statements.

2. Detail of specifically and exclusively appropriated amounts voted (after Virement)

Detail of these transactions can be viewed in the note on Annual Appropriation to the Annual Financial Statements.

3. Detail on payments for financial assets

Detail of these transactions can be viewed in the note on Payments for financial assets to the Annual Financial Statements.

4. Explanations of material variances from Amounts Voted (after Virement):

4.1 Per programme

	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Variance as a % of Final Budget
Programme	R'000	R'000	R'000	%
Administration	232,270	230,590	1,680	1%
Institutional Development	197,851	191,215	6,636	3%
Policy and Governance	55,936	54,599	1,337	2%
Total	486,057	476,404	9,653	2%

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4.2 Per economic classification

	Final Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Variance as a % of Final Budget
Economic classification	R'000	R'000	R'000	%
Current payments	428,481	420,516	7,965	1%
Compensation of employees	196,209	193,921	2,288	1%
Goods and services	232,272	226,595	5,677	2%
Transfers and subsidies	47,284	45,596	1,688	4%
Provinces and municipalities	40	40	-	0%
Departmental agencies and accounts	1	1	-	0%
Non-profit institutions	8,814	8,814	-	0%
Households	38,429	36,741	1,688	4%
Payments for capital assets	9,735	9,735	-	0%
Machinery and equipment	9,718	9,718	-	0%
Intangible assets	17	17	-	0%
Payments for financial assets	557	557	-	0%
Total	486,057	476,404	9,653	2%

Virements and shifts were performed as per the appropriation statement above. A roll-over request for R5,315,218.22 was requested from Provincial Treasury for expenditure that was already committed at financial year-end.

The savings realised under compensation of employees is due to recruitment processes not finalised at financial year-end.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
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	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
REVENUE			
Annual appropriation	1	486,057	490,074
Departmental revenue	2	229	292
TOTAL REVENUE		486,286	490,366
EXPENDITURE			
Current expenditure			
Compensation of employees	3	193,821	186,926
Goods and services	4	226,596	144,184
Total current expenditure		420,517	331,110
Transfers and subsidies			
Transfers and subsidies	6	45,595	114,135
Total transfers and subsidies		45,595	114,135
Expenditure for capital assets			
Tangible assets	7	9,718	12,396
Intangible assets	7	17	856
Total expenditure for capital assets		9,735	13,252
Payments for financial assets	8	557	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		476,404	458,497
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		9,882	31,869
Reconciliation of Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			
Voted funds		9,653	31,577
Annual appropriation		9,653	31,577
Departmental revenue and NRF receipts	12	229	292
Aid assistance			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		9,882	31,869

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
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	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
ASSETS			
Current assets		7,335	27,418
Cash and cash equivalents	8	10	21,480
Prepayments and advances	9	4,282	1
Receivables	10	3,043	5,937
Non-current assets		3,356	4,409
Receivables	10	3,356	4,409
TOTAL ASSETS		10,691	31,827
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities		10,691	31,827
Voted funds to be surrendered to the Revenue Fund	11	9,653	31,577
Departmental revenue and NRF Receipts to be surrendered to the Revenue Fund	12	22	65
Bank overdraft	13	249	-
Payables	14	767	185
TOTAL LIABILITIES		10,691	31,827
NET ASSETS		-	-

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Represented by:			
Recoverable revenue		-	-
TOTAL		-	-

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Recoverable revenue			
Opening balance			
Transfers:			
Irrecoverable amounts written off		-	-
Debts revised		-	-
Debts recovered (included in departmental revenue)		-	-
Debts raised		-	-
Closing balance		-	-
TOTAL		-	-

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PART A: ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the following policies, which have been applied consistently in all material aspects, unless otherwise indicated. Management has concluded that the financial statements present fairly the department's primary and secondary information.

The historical cost convention has been used, except where otherwise indicated. Management has used assessments and estimates in preparing the annual financial statements. These are based on the best information available at the time of preparation.

Where appropriate and meaningful, additional information has been disclosed to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements and to comply with the statutory requirements of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999 (as amended by Act 29 of 1999), and the Treasury Regulations issued in terms of the PFMA and the annual Division of Revenue Act.

1.	Basis of preparation The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Modified Cash Standard.
2.	Going concern The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.
3.	Presentation currency Amounts have been presented in the currency of the South African Rand (R) which is also the functional currency of the department.
4.	Rounding Unless otherwise stated financial figures have been rounded to the nearest one thousand Rand (R'000).
5.	Foreign currency translation Cash flows arising from foreign currency transactions are translated into South African Rands using the spot exchange rates prevailing at the date of payment / receipt.
6.	Comparative information
6.1	Prior period comparative information Prior period comparative information has been presented in the current year's financial statements. Where necessary figures included in the prior period financial statements have been reclassified to ensure that the format in which the information is presented is consistent with the format of the current year's financial statements.
6.2	Current year comparison with budget A comparison between the approved, final budget and actual amounts for each programme and economic classification is included in the appropriation statement.

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7.	Revenue
7.1	Appropriated funds Appropriated funds comprises of departmental allocations as well as direct charges against the revenue fund (i.e. statutory appropriation). Appropriated funds are recognised in the statement of financial performance on the date the appropriation becomes effective. Adjustments made in terms of the adjustments budget process are recognised in the statement of financial performance on the date the adjustments become effective. Appropriated funds are measured at the amounts receivable. The net amount of any appropriated funds due to / from the Provincial Revenue fund at the reporting date is recognised as a payable / receivable in the statement of financial position.
7.2	Departmental revenue Departmental revenue is recognised in the statement of financial performance when received and is subsequently paid into the relevant revenue fund, unless stated otherwise. Departmental revenue is measured at the cash amount received. In-kind donations received are recorded in the notes to the financial statements on the date of receipt and are measured at fair value. Any amount owing to the relevant revenue fund at the reporting date is recognised as a payable in the statement of financial position.
7.3	Accrued departmental revenue Accruals in respect of departmental revenue (excluding tax revenue) are recorded in the notes to the financial statements when: • it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the department; and • the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. The accrued revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable. Write-offs are made according to the department's debt write-off policy.
8.	Expenditure
8.1	Compensation of employees
8.1.1	Salaries and wages Salaries and wages are recognised in the statement of financial performance on the date of payment.
8.1.2	Social contributions Social contributions made by the department in respect of current employees are recognised in the statement of financial performance on the date of payment. Social contributions made by the department in respect of ex-employees are classified as transfers to households in the statement of financial performance on the date of payment.

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8.2	Other expenditure Other expenditure (such as goods and services, transfers and subsidies and payments for capital assets) is recognised in the statement of financial performance on the date of payment. The expense is classified as a capital expense if the total consideration paid is more than the capitalisation threshold. Donations made in kind are recorded in the notes to the financial statements on the date of transfer and are measured at cost or fair value.
8.3	Accruals and payables not recognised Accruals and payables not recognised are recorded in the notes to the financial statements at cost or fair value at the reporting date.
8.4	Leases
8.4.1	Operating leases Operating lease payments made during the reporting period are recognised as current expenditure in the statement of financial performance on the date of payment. Operating lease payments received are recognised as departmental revenue. The operating lease commitments are recorded in the notes to the financial statements.
8.4.2	Finance leases Finance lease payments made during the reporting period are recognised as capital expenditure in the statement of financial performance on the date of payment. Finance lease payments received are recognised as departmental revenue. The finance lease commitments are recorded in the notes to the financial statements and are not apportioned between the capital and interest portions. At commencement of the finance lease term, finance lease assets acquired are recorded and measured at: - the fair value of the leased asset; or if lower, - the present value of the minimum lease payments. Finance lease assets acquired prior to 1 April 2024, are recorded and measured at the present value of the minimum lease payments.
9.	Aid assistance
9.1	Aid assistance received Aid assistance received in cash is recognised in the statement of financial performance when received. In-kind aid assistance is recorded in the notes to the financial statements on the date of receipt and is measured at fair value. CARA Funds are recognised when receivable and measured at the amounts receivable. Aid assistance not spent for the intended purpose and any unutilised funds from aid assistance that are required to be refunded to the donor are recognised as a payable in the statement of financial position.

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9.2	Aid assistance paid Aid assistance paid is recognised in the statement of financial performance on the date of payment. Aid assistance payments made prior to the receipt of funds are recognised as a receivable in the statement of financial position.
10.	Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost in the statement of financial position. Bank overdrafts are shown separately on the face of the statement of financial position as a current liability. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held, other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts.
11.	Prepayments and advances Prepayments and advances are recognised in the statement of financial position when the department receives or disburses the cash. Prepayments and advances are initially and subsequently measured at cost. Prepayments and advances expensed before 1 April 2024 are recorded until the goods, services, or capital assets are received, or the funds are utilised in accordance with the contractual agreement.
12.	Loans and receivables Loans and receivables are recognised in the statement of financial position at cost plus accrued interest, where interest is charged, less amounts already settled or written-off. Write-offs are made according to the department's write-off policy.
13.	Investments Investments are recognised in the statement of financial position at cost.
14.	Financial assets
14.1	Financial assets (not covered elsewhere) A financial asset is recognised initially at its cost plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset. At the reporting date, a department shall measure its financial assets at cost, less amounts already settled or written-off, except for recognised loans and receivables, which are measured at cost plus accrued interest, where interest is charged, less amounts already settled or written-off.
14.2	Impairment of financial assets The department does not make provision for impairment on inter-governmental debt as per paragraph 11(b) of the Prescription Act 68 of 1969.
15.	Payables Payables recognised in the statement of financial position are recognised at cost.
16.	Capital assets

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16.1	Immovable capital assets Immovable assets reflected in the asset register of the department are recorded in the notes to the financial statements at cost or fair value where the cost cannot be determined reliably. Immovable assets acquired in a non-exchange transaction are recorded at fair value at the date of acquisition. Immovable assets are subsequently carried in the asset register at cost and are not currently subject to depreciation or impairment. Subsequent expenditure of a capital nature forms part of the cost of the existing asset when ready for use. Additional information on immovable assets not reflected in the assets register is provided in the notes to financial statements.
16.2	Movable capital assets Movable capital assets are initially recorded in the notes to the financial statements at cost. Movable capital assets acquired through a non-exchange transaction is measured at fair value as at the date of acquisition. Where the cost of movable capital assets cannot be determined reliably, the movable capital assets are measured at fair value and where fair value cannot be determined; the movable assets are measured at R1. All assets acquired prior to 1 April 2002 (or a later date as approved by the OAG) may be recorded at R1. Movable capital assets are subsequently carried at cost and are not subject to depreciation or impairment. Biological assets are subsequently carried at fair value. Subsequent expenditure that is of a capital nature forms part of the cost of the existing asset when ready for use.
16.3	Intangible capital assets Intangible assets are initially recorded in the notes to the financial statements at cost. Intangible assets acquired through a non-exchange transaction are measured at fair value as at the date of acquisition. Internally generated intangible assets are recorded in the notes to the financial statements when the department commences the development phase of the project. Where the cost of intangible assets cannot be determined reliably, the intangible capital assets are measured at fair value and where fair value cannot be determined; the intangible assets are measured at R1. All assets acquired prior to 1 April 2002 (or a later date as approved by the OAG) may be recorded at R1. Intangible assets are subsequently carried at cost and are not subject to depreciation or impairment. Subsequent expenditure of a capital nature forms part of the cost of the existing asset when ready for use.
16.4	Project costs: Work-in-progress

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	Expenditure of a capital nature is initially recognised in the statement of financial performance at cost when paid. Amounts paid towards capital projects are separated from the amounts recognised and accumulated in work-in-progress until the underlying asset is ready for use. Once ready for use, the total accumulated payments are recorded in an asset register. Subsequent payments to complete the project are added to the capital asset in the asset register. Where the department is not the custodian of the completed project asset, the asset is transferred to the custodian subsequent to completion.
17.	Provisions and contingents
17.1	Provisions Provisions are recorded in the notes to the financial statements when there is a present legal or constructive obligation to forfeit economic benefits as a result of events in the past and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made. The provision is measured as the best estimate of the funds required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.
17.2	Contingent liabilities Contingent liabilities are recorded in the notes to the financial statements when there is a possible obligation that arises from past events, and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not within the control of the department or when there is a present obligation that is not recognised because it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.
17.3	Contingent assets Contingent assets are recorded in the notes to the financial statements when a possible asset arises from past events, and whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not within the control of the department.
17.4	Capital commitments Capital commitments are recorded at cost in the notes to the financial statements.
18.	Unauthorised expenditure Unauthorised expenditure is measured at the amount of the confirmed unauthorised expenditure. Unauthorised expenditure is recognised in the statement of changes in net assets until such time as the expenditure is either: • approved by the Provincial Legislature with funding and the related funds are received; or • approved by the Provincial Legislature without funding and is written off against the appropriation in the statement of financial performance; or • transferred to receivables for recovery. Unauthorised expenditure recorded in the notes to the financial statements comprise of • unauthorised expenditure that was under assessment in the previous financial year; • unauthorised expenditure relating to previous financial year and identified in the current year; and • Unauthorised expenditure incurred in the current year.

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19.	Fruitless and wasteful expenditure Fruitless and wasteful expenditure receivables are recognised in the statement of financial position when recoverable. The receivable is measured at the amount that is expected to be recovered and is de-recognised when settled or subsequently written-off as irrecoverable. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure is recorded in the notes to the financial statements when and at amounts confirmed, and comprises of: • fruitless and wasteful expenditure that was under assessment in the previous financial year; • fruitless and wasteful expenditure relating to previous financial year and identified in the current year; and • fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred in the current year.
20.	Irregular expenditure Losses emanating from irregular expenditure are recognised as a receivable in the statement of financial position when recoverable. The receivable is measured at the amount that is expected to be recovered and is de-recognised when settled or subsequently written-off as irrecoverable. Irregular expenditure is recorded in the notes to the financial statements when and at amounts confirmed and comprises of: • irregular expenditure that was under assessment in the previous financial year; • irregular expenditure relating to previous financial year and identified in the current year; and • irregular expenditure incurred in the current year.
21.	Changes in accounting policies, estimates and errors Changes in accounting policies are applied in accordance with MCS requirements. Changes in accounting estimates are applied prospectively in accordance with MCS requirements. Correction of errors is applied retrospectively in the period in which the error has occurred in accordance with MCS requirements, except to the extent that it is impracticable to determine the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the error. In such cases the department shall restate the opening balances of assets, liabilities and net assets for the earliest period for which retrospective restatement is practicable.
22.	Events after the reporting date Events after the reporting date that are classified as adjusting events have been accounted for in the financial statements. The events after the reporting date that are classified as non-adjusting events after the reporting date have been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
23.	Principal-Agent arrangements The department is not a party to a principal-agent arrangement.
24.	Departures from the MCS requirements Management has concluded that the financial statements present fairly the department's primary and secondary information; that the department complied with the Standard. The department did not depart from the MCS requirements.

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25.	Capitalisation reserve The capitalisation reserve comprises of financial assets and/or liabilities originating in a prior reporting period but which are recognised in the statement of financial position for the first time in the current reporting period. Amounts are recognised in the capitalisation reserves when identified in the current period and are transferred to the Provincial Revenue Fund when the underlying asset is disposed and the related funds are received.
26.	Recoverable revenue Amounts are recognised as recoverable revenue when a payment made in a previous financial year becomes recoverable from a debtor in the current financial year. Amounts are either transferred to the Provincial Revenue Fund when recovered or are transferred to the statement of financial performance when written-off.
27.	Related party transactions Related party transactions within the Premier's portfolio are recorded in the notes to the financial statements when the transaction is not at arm's length. The full compensation of key management personnel is recorded in the notes to the financial statements.
28.	Inventories At the date of acquisition, inventories are recognised at cost in the statement of financial performance. Where inventories are acquired as part of a non-exchange transaction, the inventories are measured at fair value as at the date of acquisition. Inventories are subsequently measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value or where intended for distribution (or consumed in the production of goods for distribution) at no or a nominal charge, the lower of cost and current replacement value. The cost of inventories is assigned by using the weighted average cost basis. The department does not hold inventories due to its nature.
29.	Public-Private Partnerships Public Private Partnerships are accounted for based on the nature and or the substance of the partnership. The transaction is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policies. A summary of the significant terms of the PPP agreement, the parties to the agreement, and the date of commencement thereof together with the description and nature of the concession fees received, the unitary fees paid, rights and obligations of the department are recorded in the notes to the financial statements.
30.	Employee benefits The value of each major class of employee benefit obligation (accruals, payables not recognised and provisions) is recorded in the Employee benefits note. Accruals and payables not recognised for employee benefits are measured at cost or fair value at the reporting date. The provision for employee benefits is measured as the best estimate of the funds required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.
31.	Transfer of functions Transfer of functions are accounted for by the acquirer by recognising or recording assets

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	acquired and liabilities assumed at their carrying amounts at the date of transfer. Transfer of functions are accounted for by the transferor by derecognising or removing assets and liabilities at their carrying amounts at the date of transfer.
32.	Mergers Mergers are accounted for by the combined department by recognising or recording assets acquired and liabilities assumed at their carrying amounts at the date of the merger. Mergers are accounted for by the combining departments by derecognising or removing assets and liabilities at their carrying amounts at the date of the merger.

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PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Annual Appropriation

1.1. Annual Appropriation

Included are funds appropriated in terms of the Appropriation Act (and the Adjustments Appropriation Act) for National Departments (Voted funds) and Provincial Departments:

Programmes	2024/25			2023/24		
	Final Budget	Actual Funds Received	Funds not requested / not received	Final Budget	Appropriation Received	Funds not requested / not received
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Administration	232,270	232,270	-	181,535	181,535	-
Institutional Development	197,851	197,851	-	258,156	258,156	-
Policy and Governance	55,936	55,936	-	50,383	50,383	-
Total	486,057	486,057	-	490,074	490,074	-

The annual appropriation for the 2023/24 financial year was restated with R 24,344,896.28 for Programme 2: Institutional Development. The funding was received from merSETA for training programmes in terms of the National Skills Development Strategy. Please refer to Note 29.1.

2. Departmental revenue

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Tax revenue			
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	2.1	123	115
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	2.2	287	350
Total revenue collected		410	465
Less: Own revenue included in appropriation	15	(181)	(173)
Total		229	292

2.1. Sales of goods and services other than capital assets

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Sales of goods and services produced by the department		123	115
Other sales		123	115
Sales of scrap, waste and other used current goods			
Total	2	123	115

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2.2. Transactions in financial assets and liabilities

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Other receipts including Recoverable Revenue		287	350
Total	2	287	350

2.2.1. Gifts, donations and sponsorships received in-kind (not included in the main note or sub note)

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
	<i>Annex 1D</i>		
Donations		1,127	-
Total gifts, donations and sponsorships received in kind		1,127	-

Donations in-kind received for the golf day hosted by the Premier

2.3. Cash received not recognised (not included in the main note)

	2042/25			
Name of entity	Opening balance R'000	Amount received R'000	Amount paid to the revenue fund R'000	Closing balance R'000
Le Grandeur Clinic	-	400	-	400
Total	-	400	-	400

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3. Compensation of employees

3.1. Analysis of balance

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Basic salary		135,483	130,451
Performance award		-	32
Service based		204	355
Compensative/circumstantial		3,039	4,355
Other non-pensionable allowances		30,075	28,592
Total		168,801	163,785

3.2. Social contributions

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Employer contributions			
Pension		16,183	15,806
Medical		8,924	7,504
Bargaining council		33	31
Total		25,120	23,141
 Total compensation of employees		 193,921	 186,926
 Average number of employees		 327	 307

4. Goods and services

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Administrative fees		5,227	10,004
Advertising		2,485	7,406
Minor assets	4.1	533	1,595
Bursaries (employees)		1,082	841
Catering		19,001	9,048
Communication		1,535	7,049
Computer services	4.2	13,927	5,488
Consultants: Business and advisory services		5,136	10,135
Legal services		172	162
Contractors		12,100	3,566

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Agency and support / outsourced services		2,075	578
Audit cost – external	4.3	3,970	3,855
Fleet services		2,636	3,619
Consumables	4.4	1,868	2,678
Operating leases		23,163	18,958
Property payments	4.5	38,614	11,588
Rental and hiring		1,187	1,578
Transport provided as part of the departmental activities		10,572	1,786
Travel and subsistence	4.6	11,934	20,423
Venues and facilities		6,161	5,853
Training and development		62,040	16,500
Other operating expenditure	4.7	1,178	1,674
Total		226,596	144,184

Included in the amount disclosed for Training and Development for the 2024/25 financial year, training and development for non-employees amounts to R 61,485,002.08 for the merSETA and Services Seta skills development projects.

Goods and services for the 2023/24 financial year were restated for prior period errors identified for the line items advertising, communications, consultants, contractors, consumables, operating leases, property payments, training and development and other operating expenditure. The amount of R 24,344,898.28 for the line items Consultants business and advisory services, R 8,660,581.40 and for Training and development for non-employees to R 15,684,316.88 respectively. The funding was received from merSETA for training programmes in terms of the National Skills Development Strategy. Please refer to Note 29.2.

4.1. Minor assets

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Tangible capital assets		533	1,595
Machinery and equipment		533	1,595
Intangible capital assets		-	-
Software		-	-
Total	4	533	1,595

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4.2. Computer services

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
SITA computer services		7,063	5,488
External computer service providers		6,864	-
Total	4	13,927	5,488

4.3. Audit cost - external

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Regularity audits		3,970	3,655
Total	4	3,970	3,655

4.4. Consumables

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Consumable supplies		1,244	1,491
Uniform and clothing		481	340
Household supplies		664	662
Building material and supplies		33	88
Communication accessories		3	155
IT consumables		26	113
Other consumables		37	135
Stationery, printing and office supplies		624	1,187
Total	4	1,868	2,678

4.5. Property payments

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Municipal services		30,068	1,816
Property maintenance and repairs		864	336
Other		7,682	9,436
Total	4	38,614	11,588

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Municipal services include the amount of R 26,985,089.74 for a settlement agreement in terms of a dispute resolution.

4.6. Travel and subsistence

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Local		11,851	18,442
Foreign		83	1,981
Total	4	11,934	20,423

4.7. Other operating expenditure

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Professional bodies, membership and subscription fees		414	411
Resettlement costs		-	61
Other		764	1,202
Total	4	1,178	1,674

5. Payments for financial assets

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Debts written off	5.1	557	-
Total		557	-

5.1. Debts written off

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Nature of debts written off			
Other debt written off			
Inter-departmental debts and third parties		557	-
Total		557	-
Total debt written off	5	557	-

6. Transfers and subsidies

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	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Provinces and municipalities	30	40	55
Departmental agencies and accounts	Annex 1A	1	3
Non-profit institutions	Annex 1B	8,814	8,435
Households	Annex 1C	36,740	105,642
Total		45,595	114,135

6.1. Gifts, donations and sponsorships made in kind (not included in the main note)

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
	Annex 1E		
Gifts, donations and sponsorships made by the department		7,078	9,142
Total		7,078	9,142

7. Expenditure for capital assets

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Tangible capital assets		9,718	12,396
Machinery and equipment		9,718	12,396
Intangible capital assets		17	858
Software		17	858
Total		9,735	13,252

7.1. Analysis of funds utilised to acquire capital assets – Current year

Name of entity	2024/25		
	Voted funds	Aid assistance	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000
Tangible capital assets	9,718	-	9,718
Machinery and equipment	9,718	-	9,718
Intangible capital assets	17	-	17
Software	17	-	17
Total	9,735	-	9,735

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	Voted funds	Aid assistance	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000
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Machinery and equipment	9,718	-	9,718
Intangible capital assets	17	-	17
Software	17	-	17
Total	9,735	-	9,735

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7.2. Analysis of funds utilised to acquire capital assets – Prior year

Name of entity	2023/24		
	Voted funds	Aid assistance	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000
Tangible capital assets	12,396	-	12,396
Machinery and equipment	12,396	-	12,396
Intangible capital assets	856	-	856
Software	856	-	856
Total	13,252	-	13,252

Tangible capital assets for the 2023/24 financial year was restated by R643,647.10 due to incorrect classification under Goods and services. Please refer to Note 29.3.

7.3. Finance lease expenditure included in Expenditure for capital assets

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Tangible capital assets		5,081	5,321
Machinery and equipment		5,081	5,321
Intangible capital assets		-	-
Software		-	-
Total		5,081	5,321

8. Cash and cash equivalents

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Consolidated Paymaster General Account		-	21,470
Cash on hand		10	10
Total		10	21,480

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9. Prepayments and advances

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Staff advances			
Travel and subsistence		-	-
Prepayments (Not expensed)	9.1	4,282	1
Total		4,282	1
Analysis of Total Prepayments and advances			
Current Prepayments and advances		4,282	1
Non-current Prepayments and advances		-	-
Total		4,282	1

9.1. Prepayments (Not expensed)

2024/25					
	Amount as at 1 April 2024	Less: Amounts expensed in current year	Add / Less: Other	Add Current year prepayme nts	Amount as at 31 March 2025
Note	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Goods and services	1	(1)	-	4,282	4,282
Total	1	(1)	-	4,282	4,282

Prepayments and advances include the amount of R 3,301,401.60 and R 984,103.00 and R 15,762.00 as prepayments for the e-leave system, Microsoft software licences and training and development of employees respectively.

2023/24					
	Amount as at 1 April 2023	Less: Amounts expensed in current year	Add / Less: Other	Add Current year prepayme nts	Amount as at 31 March 2024
Note	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Goods and services	1	-	-	-	1
Total	1	-	-	-	1

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10. Receivables

	Note	2024/25			2023/24		
		Current	Non-current	Total	Current	Non-current	Total
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Claims recoverable	10.1	1,224	3,251	4,475	4,259	4,269	8,528
Recoverable expenditure	10.2	83	-	83	-	-	-
Staff debt	10.3	1,736	105	1,841	1,678	140	1,818
Total		3,043	3,356	6,399	5,937	4,409	10,346

10.1. Claims recoverable

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
National departments		-	3
Provincial departments		2,400	5,048
Public entities		2,075	2,336
Private enterprises		-	1,141
Total	10	4,475	8,528

10.2 Recoverable Expenditure

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Salary reversal and tax debt		83	-
Total	10	83	-

10.3. Staff debt

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Ex-officials		129	61
Current officials		1,712	1,757
Total	10	1,841	1,818

11. Voted funds to be surrendered to the Revenue Fund

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	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Opening balance		31,577	16,321
Prior period error		-	-
As restated		31,577	16,321
Transferred from statement of financial performance (as restated)		9,653	31,577
Paid during the year		(31,577)	(16,321)
Closing balance		9,653	31,577

12. Departmental revenue and NRF Receipts to be surrendered to the Revenue Fund

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Opening balance		65	12
Prior period error		-	-
As restated		65	12
Transferred from statement of financial performance (as restated)		229	292
Own revenue included in appropriation		181	173
Paid during the year		(453)	(412)
Closing balance		22	65

13. Bank overdraft

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Consolidated Paymaster General account		249	-
Total		249	-

14. Payables - current

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Amounts owing to other entities		767	120
Clearing accounts	14.1	-	65
Total		767	185

14.1. Clearing accounts

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Description	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
PERSAL		-	65
Total	14	-	65

15. Net cash flow available from operating activities

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Net surplus/(deficit) as per Statement of Financial Performance		9,882	31,869
Add back non-cash/cash movements not deemed operating activities		(22,919)	(4,665)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables		2,894	(1,579)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments and advances		(4,281)	17
Increase/(decrease) in payables – current		582	185
Expenditure on capital assets		9,735	13,252
Surrenders to Revenue Fund		(32,030)	(16,733)
Own revenue included in appropriation		181	173
Net cash flow generated by operating activities		(13,037)	27,184

16. Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents for cash flow purposes

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Consolidated Paymaster General account		(249)	21,470
Cash on hand		10	10
Total		(239)	21,480

17. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

17.1. Contingent liabilities

Liable to	Nature	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Claims against the department		Annex 2	1,122	1,394
Intergovernmental payables		Annex 4	572	592
Other		Annex 2	-	67,900
Total			1,694	69,886

Contingent liabilities are possible obligations that may lead to possible outflows of economic resources depending on the outcome of the processes. There are dependencies on the court roll and finalisation

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thereof. There is no possibility of any re-imbursment in the aforementioned contingencies.

The decrease in contingent liabilities relates to the amount disclosed in respect of Transnet after a mediator was appointed by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs who concluded on this matter.

18. Capital commitments

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Machinery and equipment		-	1,255
Intangible assets		-	-
Total		-	1,255

19. Accruals and payables not recognised

19.1 Accruals

	Note	2024/25			2023/24
		30 Days R'000	30+ Days R'000	Total R'000	Total R'000
Listed by economic classification					
Goods and services		13,093	-	13,093	5,349
Transfers and subsidies		3,732	-	3,732	2,625
Capital assets		343	-	343	439
Total		17,168	-	17,168	8,413

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Listed by programme level			
Administration		12,011	3,887
Institutional Development		5,035	4,383
Policy and Governance		122	143
Total		17,168	8,413

19.2. Payables not recognised

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Listed by economic classification	Note	2024/25			2023/24
		30 Days	30+ Days	Total	Total
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Goods and services		-	-	-	148
Transfers and subsidies		-	-	-	11
Capital assets		-	-	-	21
Other		8	-	8	-
Total		8	-	8	180

Listed by programme level	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Administration		-	138
Institutional Development		8	32
Policy and Governance		-	10
Total		8	180

Included in the above totals are the following:	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Confirmed balances with other departments	Annex 5	112	-
Confirmed balances with other government entities	Annex 5	-	-
Total		112	-

20. Employee benefits

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Leave entitlement		8,380	9,621
Service bonus		3,273	3,365
Performance awards		-	-
Capped leave		2,189	2,446
Long service awards		153	182
Other		532	542
Total		14,507	16,156

In order to ensure fair presentation, the balance of employee benefits was restated. The leave entitlement line item and balance of the employee benefits decreased by R 8,882.69. Please refer to Note 29.5.

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<i>Included in the above totals are the following:</i>	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Confirmed balances with other departments	Annex 4	-	376
Confirmed balances with other government entities	Annex 4	-	-
Total		-	376

Included in the amounts of leave entitlement is negative balances for 2024/25 due to normal leave management due processes. The negative balances are as follows:

<i>Included in the above totals are the following:</i>	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Leave Entitlement	20	210	189
Total		210	189

21. Lease commitments

21.1. Operating leases

	2024/25			
	Specialised military equipment	Land	Buildings and other fixed structures	Machinery and equipment
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Not later than 1 year	-	-	20,074	832
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-	121,726	730
Later than 5 years	-	-	65,766	-
Total lease commitments	-	-	207,566	1,562

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	2023/24				
	Specialised military equipment	Land	Buildings and other fixed structures	Machinery and equipment	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Not later than 1 year	-	-	18,849	724	19,573
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-	88,471	1,173	89,644
Later than 5 years	-	-	119,095	-	119,095
Total lease commitments	-	-	226,415	1,897	228,312

In order to ensure fair presentation, the balance of operating leases was restated. The not later than one year line item and balance of the operating leases note increased by R 8,625.00. Please refer to Note 29.6.

21.2. Finance leases

	2024/25				
	Specialised military equipment	Land	Buildings and other fixed structures	Machinery and equipment	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Not later than 1 year	-	-	-	4,097	4,097
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-	-	2,567	2,567
Later than 5 years	-	-	-	-	-
Total lease commitments	-	-	-	6,664	6,664

	2023/24				
	Specialised military equipment	Land	Buildings and other fixed structures	Machinery and equipment	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Not later than 1 year	-	-	-	4,765	4,765
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-	-	6,191	6,191
Later than 5 years	-	-	-	-	-
Total lease commitments	-	-	-	10,956	10,956

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		2023/24			
	Specialised military equipment	Land	Buildings and other fixed structures	Machinery and equipment	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Not later than 1 year	-	-	18,849	724	19,573
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-	88,471	1,173	89,644
Later than 5 years	-	-	119,095	-	119,095
Total lease commitments	-	-	226,415	1,897	228,312

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21.2. Finance leases

2024/25					
	Specialised military equipment	Land	Buildings and other fixed structures	Machinery and equipment	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Not later than 1 year	-	-	-	4,097	4,097
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-	-	2,567	2,567
Later than 5 years	-	-	-	-	-
Total lease commitments	-	-	-	6,664	6,664

		2023/24			
	Specialised military equipment	Land	Buildings and other fixed structures	Machinery and equipment	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Not later than 1 year	-	-	-	4,785	4,785
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-	-	6,191	6,191
Later than 5 years	-	-	-	-	-
Total lease commitments	-	-	-	10,956	10,956

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22. Unauthorised, Irregular and Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Unauthorised expenditure – current year		-	-
Irregular expenditure – current year		-	-
Fruitless and wasteful expenditure – current year		-	-
Total		-	-

23. Related party transactions

Payments made	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Trusts under the control of the Premier		9,608	48,067
Total		9,608	48,067

23.1 Northern Cape Premier's Education Trust Fund

The primary objective of the Trust Fund is to make higher education opportunities accessible by providing bursaries to academically and financially deserving students studying on a full-time basis at institutions of higher learning situated in the Republic of South Africa and are registered for the field of study as determined by the trustees.

In terms of the deed, the board of trustees are subjected to prior approval by the Premier of the Northern Cape Province, who is a patron to the Northern Cape Premier's Education Trust Fund.

Payments made	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Northern Cape Premier's Education Trust Fund		794	732
Total		794	732

The amount of R 732,146.30 that was omitted for the 2023/24 financial year was included to ensure fair presentation of related party transactions. The Trust is in its final stage of dissolution.

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23.2 Mme Re Ka Thusa Fund

The main objective of the fund is to promote the economic empowerment of women in the province of grant allocations to the qualifying beneficiaries. The Premier appoints the board of trustees.

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Payments made			
Mme Re ka Thusa		8,814	47,335
Total		8,814	47,335

23.3 Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel were identified as having related party relationships as they are having significant influence to the reporting entity (Office of the Premier). The aforesaid personnel are responsible for the strategic direction and operational management and are entrusted with the fiduciary responsibility and significant authority over the reporting entity. Key management personnel also include the Premier as the Executing Authority of Vote 1.

	<i>Note</i>	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Payments made			
Key Management Personnel		28,185	29,414
Total		28,185	29,414

23.4 Disclosure relating to other provincial departments and entities

Related party relationships

The Office of the Premier has related party relationships with the following provincial entities due to the common control by the Provincial Legislature as follows:

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	Note	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
T V Itumeleng	25.1	100	-
Total		100	-

A contingent liability reported during the 2023/24 financial year was finalised, subsequently a provision is recorded as a present obligation is expected to result in an outflow of resources.

25.1. Reconciliation of movement in provisions - Current year

	2024/25		
	T V Itumeleng		Total provisions
	R'000		R'000
Opening balance	-		-
Increase in provision	100		100
Closing balance	100		100

26. Movable Tangible Capital Assets

**MOVEMENT IN MOVABLE TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS PER ASSET REGISTER FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2024/25				
	Opening balance	Value adjustments	Additions	Disposals	Closing balance
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	25,943	-	4,637	(2,386)	28,194
Transport assets	1,255	-	238	-	1,493
Computer equipment	12,192	-	1,800	(1,215)	12,777
Furniture and office equipment	9,024	-	1,936	(226)	10,734
Other machinery and equipment	3,472	-	663	(945)	3,190
FINANCE LEASE ASSETS	7,885	-	427	(20)	8,292
Finance lease assets	7,885	-	427	(20)	8,292
TOTAL MOVABLE TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	33,828	-	5,064	(2,406)	36,486

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23.4.1 Provincial Departments

Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Land Reform and Rural Development;
Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs;
Economic Development and Tourism;
Education;
Health;
Northern Cape Provincial Legislature;
Northern Cape Provincial Treasury
Roads and Public Works;
Social Development;
Sports, Arts and Culture and
Transport, Safety and Liaison

23.4.2 Provincial Entities

Kalahari Kid Corporation (KKC);
Mc Gregor Museum;
Northern Cape Economic Development, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (NCEDA);
Northern Cape Fleet Management Trading Entity (NCFMTE);
Northern Cape Gambling and Liquor Board
Northern Cape Heritage Resources Authority (NCHRA)
Northern Cape Arts and Culture Council

24. Key management personnel

	2024/25 R'000	2023/24 R'000
Political office bearers (provide detail below)	3,184	4,576
Level 15 to 16	7,733	12,001
Level 14	17,268	12,837
Total	28,185	29,414

25. Provisions

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Movable Tangible Capital Assets under investigation

	Number	Value R'000
<i>Note</i>		
Included in the above total of the movable tangible capital assets per the asset register that are under investigation:		
Machinery and equipment	107	2,085
Total	107	2,085

The assets could not be verified during the verification process and have been transferred to the loss control register, which will be resolved during the 2025/26 financial year.

26.1. MOVEMENT IN MOVABLE TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS PER ASSET REGISTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24				
	Opening balance	Prior period error	Additions	Disposals	Closing balance
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	21,441	644	6,431	(2,573)	25,943
Transport assets	1,255	-	-	-	1,255
Computer equipment	9,378	-	4,142	(1,328)	12,192
Furniture and office equipment	8,372	-	1,874	(1,222)	9,024
Other machinery and equipment	2,436	644	415	(23)	3,472
FINANCE LEASE ASSETS	-	7,163	722	-	7,885
Finance lease assets	-	7,163	722	-	7,885
TOTAL MOVABLE TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	21,441	7,807	7,153	(2,573)	33,828

Included in the opening balance for 2023/24 is a prior period error reported for R 7,162,898.12 due to a change in accounting policy made in terms of the Modified Cash Standard requirements. Under finance leases, assets are recorded at the commencement of the lease term rather than at the end of the lease term. The change in accounting policy is applied retrospectively. Additionally, a prior period error was reported for R 643,647.18 for 2023/24 due to capital assets incorrectly classified as minor assets. Please refer to Note 29.3.

26.1.1. Prior period error

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Nature of prior period error	Note	2023/24 R'000
Relating 2023/24 (affecting the opening balance)		7,807
Incorrect classification of machinery and equipment		644
Finance lease assets		7,163
Total prior period errors		7,807

The prior period error reported relates to the incorrect classification of machinery and equipment and a change in accounting policy made in terms of the Modified Cash Standard requirements for finance lease assets. Please refer to Note 29.3.

26.2. Minor assets

MOVEMENT IN MINOR CAPITAL ASSETS PER THE ASSET REGISTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2024/25					
	Specialis ed military assets	Intangibl e assets	Heritage assets	Machiner y and equipme nt	Biologica l assets	Finance lease assets
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Opening balance	-	60	-	7,876	-	132
Value adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	535	-	-
Disposals	-	(8)	-	(172)	-	(132)
Total Minor assets	-	52	-	8,239	-	-

	Specialis ed military assets	Intangibl e assets	Heritage assets	Machiner y and equipme nt	Biologica l assets	Finance lease assets
Number of minor assets at cost	-	105	-	5,001	-	-
Total number of minor assets	-	105	-	5,001	-	-

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Minor capital assets under investigation

	Note	Number	Value R'000
Included in the above total of the minor capital assets per the asset register that are under investigation:			
Machinery and equipment		337	633

The assets could not be verified during the verification process and have been transferred to the loss control register, which will be resolved during the 2025/26 financial year.

MOVEMENT IN MINOR CAPITAL ASSETS PER THE ASSET REGISTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24						
	Specialised military assets	Intangible assets	Heritage assets	Machinery and equipment	Biological assets	Finance lease assets	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Opening balance	-	68	-	7,564	-	-	7,632
Prior period error	-	(8)	-	12	-	-	4
Additions	-	-	-	1,595	-	132	1,727
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,295)	-	-	(1,295)
Total Minor assets	-	60	-	7,876	-	132	8,068

Minor assets were restated due to a change in accounting policy made in terms of the Modified Cash Standard requirements.

	Specialised military assets	Intangible assets	Heritage assets	Machinery and equipment	Biological assets	Finance lease assets	Total
Number of minor assets at cost	-	108	-	4,814	-	-	4,922
Total number of minor assets	-	108	-	4,814	-	-	4,922

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26.2.1 Prior period error

Nature of prior period error	Note	2023/24 R'000
Relating to 2023/24 [affecting the opening balance]		4
Incorrect classification of intangible assets		(8)
Incorrect classification of machinery and equipment		8
Correction of additions for assets transferred in		4
Relating to 2023/24		
Total prior period errors		4

Minor assets were restated due to incorrect classification of intangible assets as machinery and equipment and the correction of the assets transferred in from the Northern Cape Premiers Education Trust Fund. Please refer to note 29.4.

26.3. Movable capital assets written off

MOVABLE CAPITAL ASSETS WRITTEN OFF FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2024/25						
	Specialis ed military assets	Intangibl e assets	Heritage assets	Machiner y and equipme nt	Biologica l assets	Finance lease assets	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Assets written off	-	8	-	172	-	132	312
Total movable assets written off	-	8	-	172	-	132	312

MOVABLE CAPITAL ASSETS WRITTEN OFF FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24						
	Specialis ed military assets	Intangibl e assets	Heritage assets	Machiner y and equipme nt	Biologica l assets	Finance lease assets	Total
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Assets written off	-	-	-	1,295	-	-	1,295
Total movable assets written off	-	-	-	1,295	-	-	1,295

27. Intangible Capital Assets

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MOVEMENT IN INTANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS PER ASSET REGISTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2024/25			
	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals	Closing balance
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
SOFTWARE	7,509	18	(81)	7,466
TOTAL INTANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	7,509	18	(81)	7,466

27.1. MOVEMENT IN INTANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS PER ASSET REGISTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24				
	Opening balance	Prior period error	Additions	Disposals	Closing balance
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
SOFTWARE	7,500	-	856	(847)	7,509
TOTAL INTANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	7,500	-	856	(847)	7,509

28. Changes in accounting estimates and Changes in accounting policies

28.1. Changes in accounting policies

		2023/24				
		Opening balance before the change (1 Apr 2023)	Adjustment of opening balance	Restated opening balance after the change (1 Apr 2023)	Adjustment for 2023/24	Restated closing balance (31 Mar 2024)
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Nature of change in accounting policy	<i>Note</i>					
Finance lease assets						
Movable Tangible Capital Assets	26	-	7,163	7,163	722	7,885
Minor Assets	26	-	132	132	-	132

Included in the opening balances for 2023/24 is a change in accounting policy made in terms of the MCS

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requirements whereby assets under finance leases are recorded by a department at the commencement of the lease term rather than at the end of the lease term. The change in accounting policy is applied retrospectively.

29. Prior period errors

29.1. Revenue (Annual Appropriation)

		2023/24		
	Note	Amount before error correction 2023/24 R'000	Prior period error 2023/24 R'000	Restated Amount 2023/24 R'000
Annual appropriation	1	465,729	24,345	490,074
Net effect		465,729	24,345	490,074

Nature of prior period errors

	Note	2023/24 R'000
Increase in annual appropriation		24,345
Net effect		24,345

In order to ensure fair presentation, annual appropriation was restated to correctly classify the funding received from merSETA for training programmes in terms of the National Skills Development Strategy. Please refer to Note 01.

	2023/24 R'000
Revenue Annual Appropriation	24,345
Net effect	24,345

The retrospective restatement does not have an effect on the unauthorised expenditure and voted funds to be surrendered to Provincial Treasury.

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29.2. Goods and services

		2023/24		
	Note	Amount before error correction 2023/24 R'000	Prior period error 2023/24 R'000	Restated Amount 2023/24 R'000
Advertising	4	5,439	1,967	7,406
Communication	4	7,275	(226)	7,049
Consultants, business and advisory services	4	1,467	8,668	10,135
Contractors	4	3,550	16	3,566
Consumables	4	3,555	(877)	2,678
Operating leases	4	18,466	492	18,958
Property payments	4	11,577	11	11,588
Train & Dev: Non-employees	4	816	15,684	16,500
Other operating payments	4	3,708	(2,034)	1,674
Net effect		55,853	23,701	79,554

Nature of prior period errors

	2023/24 R'000
Increase in goods and services	23,701
Net effect	23,701

In order to ensure fair presentation, goods and services were restated to correctly classify the expenditure for the funding received from merSETA for training programmes in terms of the National Skills Development Strategy. Please refer to note 04.

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	2023/24
	R'000
Expenditure	23,701
Net effect	<u>23,701</u>

The retrospective restatement does not have an effect on the unauthorised expenditure and voted funds to be surrendered to Provincial Treasury.

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29.3. Assets (Movable tangible assets)

		2023/24		
	Note	Amount before error correction 2023/24 R'000	Prior period error 2023/24 R'000	Restated Amount 2023/24 R'000
Machinery and equipment	26	11,752	644	12,396
Net effect		11,752	644	12,396

Nature of prior period errors

	Note	2023/24 R'000
Increase in machinery and equipment		644
Net effect		644

In order to ensure fair presentation, machinery and equipment for the amount of R 643,647.18, incorrectly classified as goods and services were corrected. Please refer to Note 26.

	2023/24 R'000
Machinery and equipment	644
Net effect	644

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29.4. Assets (Minor assets)

		2023/24		
	Note	Amount before error correction 2023/24 R'000	Prior period error 2023/24 R'000	Restated Amount 2023/24 R'000
Machinery and equipment	26	7,564	12	7,576
Intangible assets		68	(8)	60
Net effect		7,632	4	7,636

Nature of prior period errors

	Note	2023/24 R'000
Increase in machinery and equipment	26	12
Decrease in intangible assets	26	(8)
Net effect		4

In order to ensure fair presentation, minor assets for machinery and equipment and intangible assets for the amount of R 8,442.59, incorrectly classified were corrected. Furthermore, the amount of R 4,008.09 was corrected for minor assets transferred in. Please refer to Note 26.

	2023/24 R'000
Machinery and equipment	4
Net effect	4

The retrospective restatement does not have an effect on the unauthorised expenditure and voted funds to be surrendered to Provincial Treasury.

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29.5. Employee benefits

		2023/24		
	Note	Amount before error correction 2023/24 R'000	Prior period error 2023/24 R'000	Restated Amount 2023/24 R'000
Liabilities: Employee benefits	20	16,165	(9)	16,156
Net effect		16,165	(9)	16,156

Nature of prior period errors

	2023/24 R'000
Decrease in leave entitlement	(9)
Net effect	(9)

In order to ensure fair presentation, the balance of employee benefits was restated. The leave entitlement line item and balance of the employee benefits decreased by R 8,8882.69. Please refer to Note 20.

	2023/24 R'000
Expenditure	-
Net effect	-

The retrospective restatement does not have an effect on the unauthorised expenditure and voted funds to be surrendered to Provincial Treasury.

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29.6. Lease commitments

		2023/24		
	Note	Amount before error correction 2023/24 R'000	Prior period error 2023/24 R'000	Restated Amount 2023/24 R'000
Liabilities: Operating leases	21	228,303	9	228,312
Net effect		228,303	9	228,312

Nature of prior period errors

	2023/24 R'000
Increase in operating leases	9
Net effect	9

In order to ensure fair presentation, the balance for operating leases was restated. The operating leases line item not later than 1 year balance was increased by R 8,625.00. Please refer to Note 21.

	2023/24 R'000
Expenditure	-
Net effect	-

The retrospective restatement does not have an effect on the unauthorised expenditure and voted funds to be surrendered to Provincial Treasury.

30. Statement of conditional grants and other transfers paid to municipalities

Name of municipality	2024/25					2023/24			
	GRANT ALLOCATION					TRANSFER			
	DORA and other transfers R'000	Roll overs R'000	Adjustments R'000	Total Available R'000	Actual transfer R'000	Funds withheld R'000	Reallocations by National Treasury / National Department %	DORA and other transfers R'000	Actual transfer R'000
Soi Pstlga Municipality	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	55
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	55

ANNEXURE 1A
STATEMENT OF TRANSFERS TO DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES AND ACCOUNTS

Departmental Agency or Account	2024/25					2023/24			
	TRANSFER ALLOCATION					TRANSFER			
	Adjusted Budget R'000	Roll overs R'000	Adjustments R'000	Total Available R'000	Actual transfer R'000	% of available funds transferred %	Final Budget R'000	Actual transfer R'000	
South African Broadcasting Corporation	1	-	-	1	1	100.0%	3	3	
TOTAL	1	-	-	1	1		3	3	

ANNEXURE 1B
STATEMENT OF TRANSFERS TO NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS

	2024/25						2023/24	
	TRANSFER ALLOCATION			EXPENDITURE				
	Adjusted Budget	Roll overs	Adjustments	Total Available	Actual transfer	% of available funds transferred	Final Budget	Actual transfer
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	R'000
Non-profit institutions								
Transfers								
Mme Re Ka Thusa Trust Fund	8,814	-	-	8,814	8,814	100,0%	8,435	8,435
TOTAL	8,814	-	-	8,814	8,814		8,435	8,435

ANNEXURE 1C
STATEMENT OF TRANSFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS

	2024/25						2023/24	
	TRANSFER ALLOCATION			EXPENDITURE				
	Adjusted Budget	Roll overs	Adjustments	Total Available	Actual transfer	% of available funds transferred	Final Budget	Actual transfer
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	R'000
Household								
Transfers								
Leave Pay-outs	851	-	-	851	851	100,0%	86	86
Discretionary Fund - Premier	20,000	-	-	20,000	18,320	91,6%	15,000	14,987
Gifts and Donations	1,688	-	-	1,688	1,688	100,0%	72,689	72,702
Bursaries (non-employees)	11,812	-	-	11,811	11,903	99,9%	13,889	13,878
Discretionary Fund - MEC	3,998	-	-	4,000	3,998	100,0%	4,000	3,989
TOTAL	38,429	-	-	38,430	36,740		105,674	105,642

ANNEXURE 2
STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Nature of liability	Opening balance 1 April 2024				Liabilities incurred during the year		Liabilities paid / cancelled / reduced during the year		Liabilities recoverable (Provide details hereunder)		Closing balance 31 March 2025	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Claims against the department												
Damages		1,394			200		(472)		-			1,122
TOTAL		1,394			200		(472)		-			1,122
Other												
Transnet Property		67,900			-		(67,900)		-			-
Subtotal		67,900			-		(67,900)		-			-
TOTAL		69,294			200		(68,372)		-			1,122

ANNEXURE 3
CLAIMS RECOVERABLE

Government entity	Confirmed balance outstanding		Unconfirmed balance outstanding		Total		Cash-in-transit at year end 2024/25 ^a	
	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	Receipt date up to six (6) working days after year end	Amount
R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000		R'000
Department								
Economic Development	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Education	-	-	349	726	349	726	-	-
Health	-	-	222	186	222	186	-	-
Health (PCA)	-	-	1,046	3,157	1,046	3,157	-	-
Roads and Public Works	-	-	701	677	701	677	-	-
Sport, Arts and Culture	-	-	-	151	-	151	-	-
Treasury	-	-	82	150	82	150	-	-
SAPS	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	2,400	5,061	2,400	5,061	-	-

Other Government Entities									
EW/SETA	-	-	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	-	-	-
The Phonebook Company	-	-	-	110	-	110	-	-	-
Exilis	-	-	-	1,142	-	1,142	-	-	-
DawidKruiper Municipality	-	-	100	100	100	100	-	-	-
ZF Mgcau Municipality	-	-	100	100	100	100	-	-	-
Mme Re Ka Thusa	-	-	-	150	-	150	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	2,075	3,477	2,075	3,477	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	4,475	8,528	4,475	8,528	-	-	-

ANNEXURE 4 INTERGOVERNMENT PAYABLES

GOVERNMENT ENTITY	Confirmed balance outstanding		Unconfirmed balance outstanding		Total		Cash-in-transit at year end 2024/25 ¹	
	31/03/2025 R'000	31/03/2024 R'000	31/03/2025 R'000	31/03/2024 R'000	31/03/2025 R'000	31/03/2024 R'000	Payment date up to six (6) working days after year end	Amount R'000
DEPARTMENTS								
Current								
SAPS	-	69	134	-	134	69		
Treasury	109	307	-	-	109	307		
National School of Government	3	-	-	-	3	-		
Justice	-	-	25	-	25	-		
Subtotal	112	376	159	-	271	376		
Non-current								
Justice	-	-	245	245	245	245		
National School of Government	-	-	-	179	-	179		
NCFMTE	-	-	168	168	168	168		
Subtotal	-	-	413	592	413	592		
Total Departments	112	376	572	592	684	968		
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENT PAYABLES	112	376	572	592	684	968		

ANNEXURE 5
ANALYSIS OF PREPAYMENTS AND ADVANCES (NOTE 9.1)

Name of Entity	Sector of the entity	Description of the item paid for	Classification category	Total Contract Value	Balance outstanding as at 31 March 2024	Total amount prepaid/advanced in the current year	Less: goods, services or capital assets received in the current year	Add/Less: Other	Balance outstanding as at 31 March 2025
				R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Prepayments									
Infovange	Information Technology	Software licence fees	Goods and services	3,302	-	3,302	-	-	3,302
Microsoft	Information Technology	Software licence fees	Goods and services	1,052	-	1,052	(88)	-	964
National School of Government	Training and development	Training of employees	Goods and services	3	-	3	-	-	3
National School of Government	Training and development	Training of employees	Goods and services	13	-	13	-	-	13
Total prepayments					-	4,370	(88)	-	4,282
TOTAL PREPAYMENTS AND ADVANCES									
					-	4,370	(88)	-	4,282

Prepayments and advances include the amount of R 4,281,266.60 as prepayments for the e-leave system, Microsoft software licences and training and development of employees.



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