

# **REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

As stated in Rule 218 sub-rule (1) (2) and (3) of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, the Member of the Executive Council responsible for a provincial department must table quarterly reports of the department to the Speaker, within 30 calendar days after the end of a quarter.

The Committee considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report of the Department of Social Development (the Department) for the 2015/16 financial year, reporting period July –September 2015. Interaction with the Department was aimed at assessing the Department's performance for the quarter, in relation to its 2015/16 Annual Performance Plan (APP).

## **2. METHOD OF WORK**

The Speaker referred the Department's second (2<sup>nd</sup>) quarterly report to the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development for consideration and report back to the Legislature, as contemplated in Rule 218 (4) of the Rules and Orders of Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (the Rules).

On 03 December 2015, the Committee met with the Department to deliberate and scrutinize in detail the aforementioned document. The Committee then met on 17 February 2016, to consider the draft Committee report.

### **3. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

- Not all planned targets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter were achieved; however there is improvement in terms of performance for the second quarter as compared to the first quarter.
- The expenditure in the first quarter was below the 25% benchmark and has improved to be within the accepted margin for the second quarter at 49.2%.

### **4. BROAD OVERVIEW BY THE MEC**

MEC NS Mtsweni appreciated the oversight conducted by the Committee. In her overview she report that:

- The Department visited Old Age Homes and Children's Homes to monitor and engage with staff management board and beneficiaries in July 2015;
- The Ministerial Committee on Foster Care visited the province from 01 September to 02 October 2015 in Bushbuckridge, to addressing challenges on foster care services among other issues;
- The Department successfully held the Provincial Golden Games in Ermelo on 02 September 2015 with music added as a category of games;
- The Department had a World Population Day in Bhuga on 10 July 2015;
- The Department linked young people with job opportunities through LULAWAY during the International Youth Day on 24 August 2015 in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality;
- The Department launched Hlayisani Centre of Hope at Bhuga on 20 August 2015. It was an official opening of the VEP (Victim Empowerment Programme) centre for women and children that were victims of domestic violence.

## 5. DELIBERATIONS ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTERLY REPORT

After the MEC's overview, the HOD was requested to brief the Committee on the progress made on the implementation of the APP's strategic objectives of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Thereafter the Committee interacted with the Department on the following:

### PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

The programme has three sub-programmes which are Office of the MEC, Corporate Management and District Management.

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Adjusted Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
	<b>R'000</b>		
<b>Total(s)</b>	<b>259 368</b>	<b>131 208</b>	<b>50.6%</b>

### Financial Management

During the Nkomazi pre-TLP visit, the Committee noted that most DSD projects were non-functional and others were closed due to late payments; the Committee wanted to know what measures had been put in place to ensuring that payments are processed on time and that Non Profit Organisations (NPOs) are assisted with the compilation and submission of accurate claims. The Department reported that for the period under review there were claims which funds were not transferred to Non Profit Organisations (NPOs) largely due to the following factors:

- Budget reprioritisation within the Department;
- Inactive and inaccurate banking account of the NPOs and;
- Incomplete documentation submitted.

The Department outlined the following as measures to addressing the challenges:

- Provide support to ensuring that claims are supported by all documentation from all NPOs including those with challenges of submitting complete and accurate documentation.
- Provide Training to capacitate NPOs on governance and financial management matters.

The Committee noted that 'Payments for capital assets' overspent by 15.8%; indicating similar trends as reported in the first quarter. The Department reported that there was over-expenditure which was attributed to the once-off payment of R9.0 million for Microsoft licence renewal in the first quarter. The Committee enquired why the same reason was given for the over-expenditure in the second quarter if it was a once-off payment. The Department reported that though the once-off payment was done in the first quarter, it has financial implications on all the quarters of the financial year in terms of financial reporting.

### **Vacancies**

The Committee requested the Department to explain on the proposed rationalization process as a measure put in place to address the three vacant Director posts, in relation to the abolishment of all vacant posts in the Department as reported in the first quarter. The Department reported that the proposed rationalisation process is aimed at ensuring effective utilisation of human resources within the Provincial Administration, thus vacant posts of senior management in the Department will be filled through the rationalisation process. This process is managed in the Office of the Premier.

The Committee noted that the 2014/15 Annual Report indicated only one vacant position of Director: Planning. The Committee then enquired on the other two vacant posts. The Department reported that the one post indicated in the Annual Report of 2014/15 on page 231 under table 3.3.3 relates to the post filled during the fourth and last quarter of the 2014/15 financial year. However, table 3.3.1 on page 231 of the

same Annual Report shows the number of vacant SMS posts which are six in total as listed below:

- Salary level 14: 1 post - Chief Financial Officer
- Salary level 13: 5 posts
  - Director Planning
  - District Director Nkangala
  - District Director Ehlanzeni
  - Director Information Technology
  - Director Communication

## **PROGRAMME 2: SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES**

This programme has been reworked and some sub-programmes were channelled to programme 3 and 4. The change currently is that, the youth and children matters are dealt with separately. The programme focuses on some part of the vulnerable groups; the elderly, people with disabilities and those affected by HIV and AIDs.

<b>Social Welfare Services</b>	<b>Main Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure %</b>
	<b>R'000</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276 870</b>	<b>155 261</b>	<b>56.1%</b>

### **Elderly people**

With concern, the Committee noted that there is a recurring problem around targets on elderly people reached through social work services and the reasons given are that there are fewer referrals. In as much as it is a good/positive thing that there are few cases of abuse that are referred to the Department of Social Development, the

Committee asked if the Department was convinced that all abuse cases are reported accordingly and whether communities know of the Department's assistance on the abuse of elderly people. The Department reported that abuse cases on the elderly are complex; however, communities are encouraged to report such cases. As part of the many platforms used to inform communities, the Department outlined the following:

- The Department conducts awareness campaigns on the rights of older persons. All the districts and local fora are taken through the protocol on management of elderly abuse;
- The Department also conducts radio talks on services available as well as the rights of older persons;
- The Department distributes the Charter on the Rights of Older Persons to all service providers for older persons.

Noting that during the MEC's political overview, she reported that the Department successfully held the Provincial Golden Games in Ermelo on 02 September 2015; the Committee enquired on how the elderly persons from rural areas were assisted in participating on the golden games. The Department reported that, the Department has Older Persons Forums in all districts; there are also Older Persons Centers in most villages and further conducts radio talks. However, the Department reported that they will intensify their services under this sub-programme.

### **People with disabilities (PWDs)**

The Committee also noted that targets on the coordination of fora and advocacy/capacity building workshops for PWD were not achieved and there is a need for skills development as noted during oversight visits. The Committee asked if PWDs are aware of these services. The Department reported that the unit on services for PWDs had coordinated all disability fora in the period under review, however, only two (02) against the targeted five (05) advocacy campaigns were

achieved. People with disabilities through their Disabled People's Organisations are informed on any matter on disability, policies and other related matters. However, the unit could not achieve all set target during the quarter due to time constraint challenges imposed by other urgent programmes which the unit had to support and carry. The unit has put in place plans to achieve these target during the third quarter and that will include skills development, workshop on disability mainstreaming, advocacy campaign on radio stations and other platforms to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are protected and promoted at all times in the province.

The Department further reported that they had a scheduled meeting with the Forum for PWDs on Tuesday 08 December 2015 to engage on matters within the sector of PWDs.

### **PROGRAMME 3: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

This programme is aimed at the improvement of the lives of children and the youth in the province. It has the following sub-programmes:

- Care and services to families;
- Child care and protection services;
- Early Childhood Development;
- Child and youth care centres;
- Community-Based care services for children.

<b>Children and Families</b>	<b>Adjusted Final Budget R'000</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
<b>Total(s)</b>	<b>455 532</b>	<b>219 979</b>	<b>48.3%</b>

## **Foster Care**

The Committee noted that the planned targets on foster care reviews were not achieved and asked if there were plans put in place to ensuring that the planned target on foster care reviews are achieved. The Department reported that the under-achievement on foster care reviews was in the main due to the delay in finalisation of the reviews. The Department indicated that this is multi-sectoral, as there are other stakeholders involved. In order to address the challenge, the Department is reportedly doing the following:

- A case by case analysis of all foster care cases needing reviews is done on a monthly basis to ensure that all foster care reviews that need to be conducted are done timeously;
- There are weekly meetings between the Department and the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) at sub-district level to monitor the progress made on the review of foster care orders;
- The courts are now placing children in foster care for a longer period and this will minimise the number of foster care reviews conducted;
- The Ministerial Committee on Foster Care has been appointed to assist in addressing some of the challenges in relation to Foster Care reviews. The Ministerial Committee was in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality during the month of September 2015.

## **Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Partial Care**

The Department reported that the target on the number of children between 0-5 years of age accessing registered ECD programme was not achieved; 8674 was planned but 5196 achieved. The Department indicated that this is attributed to the lack of qualified practitioners. The Committee enquired on the completion date of the 800 people enrolled for training in the ECD Institutes. The Department reported that



the basic training in ECD which is level 1 for 600 practitioners will be completed in December 2015 while the accredited ECD NQF level 4 for 200 practitioners will be completed in June 2016. The Department indicated that the training is done by the Department of Education, however, the recruitment for training of the ECD practitioners is done jointly with DSD and priority is given to the practitioners in community based ECD centres that are already in operation but with caregivers without qualifications.

The Committee also noted that the targets on registered partial care sites were not achieved; twenty-six (26) were planned but only twenty-three (23) were achieved. The Department indicated that the reason was that the three sites did not meet the required norms and standards. The Committee asked what steps were taken by the Department to assist the sites to ensure that they meet the required norms and standards. The Department reported that the non-compliance with norms and standards is due to inadequate infrastructure which needs capital to construct new facilities; however, organizations were advised to apply for lottery funding for infrastructure development. The Department is also prioritizing ECD infrastructure through the partnership with National Development Agency (NDA) and Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport. The Department further reported that engagements with municipalities are underway to encourage them to include ECD infrastructure in their Integrated Development Plans (IDPs).

The target on ECD policy development was not achieved and was shifted to the fourth quarter; the Committee requested the Department to give a progress report on the policy development. The Department reported that the delays in finalizing the policy is due to the fact that the managers had to do a lot of desktop research as there is no such policy nationally that could be used as a frame of reference. The draft policy is being finalized and consultations will be concluded by January 2016.

The Committee asked as to what led to the over-achievement of 56.8% in the sub-programme ECD and Partial care considering that not all planned targets were

achieved. The Department reported that the over expenditure is mostly on the compensation of employees; due to the misalignment of the budget and programme structure. However the Department reported that the process to correct the misalignment is underway.

### **Community-based Care Services for Children**

The Committee requested the Department to give a progress report on the state of readiness of the new sites for the ISIBINDI model centres planned to start operating in the third quarter. The Department reported that the new sites planned for 2015/16 have been identified and care workers are being capacitated on how the Isibindi Model has to be implemented. Recruitment of young people for training as Child and Youth Care Workers is in process.

The Committee further asked on the impact the delay will have on the third quarter's performance. The Department reported that the delay in starting with the operation of the new sites will have an impact on the number of children reached through Isibindi Model. The children in need of this service are currently receiving support through the drop in centres to ensure that they do not get disadvantaged by the delays in the starting of the additional sites. However, these children cannot be registered under the Isibindi Model.

The Committee also noted that the underachievement is due to the fact that the new sites for the ISIBINDI model centres were planned to start operating in the third quarter.

### **Office on the Rights of the Child (ORC)**

The Department reported that the target on the 'mainstreaming of children's rights issues' of fifteen (15) could not be achieved. The Committee requested the

Department for a briefing on this sub-programme, taking the following points into consideration:

- What informed the target of fifteen (15); considering the Strategic Partners as indicated on page 93-96 of the APP (eighteen (18) Departments, three (03) District Municipalities, eighteen (18) Local Municipalities and seven (07) Chapter 9 Institutions);
- Children's Rights Framework and Plan of Action followed;
- Personnel in the Office on Rights of the Child and the 'expert technical skills' that they have as per the mandate of the office (p. 92 of the APP).

The Department reported that the relocation of the Programme from Office of the Premier to Department of Social Development required internal structural and systemic adaptation processes. The strategic thrust of ORC is guided by international, regional/continental and national child rights imperatives. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and State of the Nation Address, State of the Province Address, National Development Plans, Millennium Development Goals and the National Plan of Action for South African Children (covering the period 2012 – 2017) serve as guiding tools for mainstreaming. Since 2015 marks the end of the MDG era the Office will imbue the new 2030 Sustainable Development Goals imperatives. The Department further reported that on personnel, as transferred from the Office of the Premier; only two posts are active and filled; namely Deputy Director and 1X Admin Officer Support. And the 'Expert technical skills' relates to mainstreaming mandate and oversight function which they have been doing.

### **Child and Youth Care Centre**

The Committee noted that the under-achievement on the Child and Youth Care centres (33.4%) is due to the misalignment of the budget and programme structure as reported by the Department.

## Expenditure

The Committee noted that both goods and services and payment of capital assets overspent by 54.7% and 63.7% respectively. The Committee then enquired on the factors that led to the over-expenditure and the measures put in place to prevent this from happening in the third quarter. The Department reported that on Goods and Services, overspending is due to intensification of awareness campaigns and popularisation of ECD guidelines which impacted on goods and services items. On Payment of Capital Assets, the Department reported that Infrastructure delivery has improved, leading to frequent spending on projects, failure to pay service providers on time could lead to interest claims. However, Contractors are still within their contract amounts. The Department further reported that the projects are multiyear projects but in the current financial year, the implementation has improved, hence the expenditure above the norm of 50% as at end of second quarter, at 54.7% and 63.7% respectively.

## PROGRAMME 4: RESTORATIVE SERVICES

Programme 4, is aimed at social crime prevention and anti- substance abuse services to restore families. Sub-programmes are:

- Crime prevention and support;
- Victim Empowerment;
- Substance abuse, prevention and rehabilitation.

Restorative services	Adjusted Final Budget R'000	Actual Expenditure	Percentage %
Management & support	64 125	13 990	21.8%
Social crime prevention and	46 067	24 211	52.6%

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Victim Empowerment Programme	17 729	8 188	46.2%
Substance abuse	31 388	15 523	49.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159 309</b>	<b>61 912</b>	<b>38.9%</b>

### Crime prevention and support

Noting that not all unachieved targets reflects a 'negative' performance for the department; the Committee requested the Department to explain how non-achievement under the sub-programme 'Crime Prevention and Support' should not be taken as a negative performance indicator. The Department reported that Crime Prevention and Support sub programme depends highly on the South African Police Services and Courts for referrals of children in conflict with the law. Children who are referred to the Department for assessments are those that have committed crimes and cannot be prosecuted without an assessment report from a Social Worker.

The Department indicated that the performance is not regarded as negative when fewer children under the age of 18 years are arrested and are not going through the criminal justice system. The Department is intensifying and up-scaling its prevention services to minimise the number of children committing crime.

### Substance abuse, Prevention and Treatment

The Committee noted that the access to in-patient treatment services target was not achieved irrespective of the outcry by communities for such centres, with poor performance at Gert Sibande District. The Committee asked if this was because Gert Sibande district has less cases of substance abuse. The Department reported that the scourge of substance abuse is a challenge throughout the Province. Referrals to the In-patient Treatment Centre are both voluntary and compulsory committal by courts. The Department reported that Mkhondo Alathia Treatment

Centre has designated beds for women and men; however, fewer women were referred to the Centre by the courts and other referring agencies. The trend is that more females are opting for Community based services rather in-patient.

### **Expenditure**

The Committee requested the Department to give an account on the continuous slow expenditure, especially on:

- Management and support (21.8%);
- Compensation of employees (35.2%); enquiring when the relocation of personnel from programme 2 was going to be concluded;
- Payment of capital assets (3.2%). Enquiring if the implementation process on the following projects was on track (Swartfontein, George Hoffmeyer and eThokomala).

The Department reported that on management and support and compensation of employees, the slow expenditure is attributed to the alignment of the new budget and programme structure in respect of distribution and allocation of professionals.

The Department reported that the process of relocating professionals largely Social Workers and Social Auxiliary Workers is a continuous project. This is largely influenced by staffing changes in proportion to services delivery from time to time. By the end of the reporting period under review, the Department reported that the distribution and allocation lists of professional was reviewed for updating in the Persal system. And this will result in appropriate accounting and reporting of expenditure of employees costs in particular of professionals in line with the new budget and programme structure.

With regard to spending which is below the spending norm on payment of capital assets item (machinery and equipment) for the reporting period, the Department reported that this is largely due to awaiting completion of construction of phase 1 planned for October at Swartfontein Treatment Centre. Orders for procurement of

machinery and equipment for George Hofmeyer and Ethokomala centres have now been forwarded to service providers and waiting for delivering of ordered items.

## **PROGRAMME 5: DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH**

This programme is aimed at the development and research in the province. It has the following sub-programmes:

- Professional and administrative support;
- Youth development;
- Sustainable Livelihood;
- Institutional capacity building;
- Research and demography;
- Population capacity development and advocacy.

<b>Development and research</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget R'000</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
	142 119	68 426	48.1%

### **Poverty Reduction Initiatives**

The target of 200 households earmarked for poverty reduction initiatives was not achieved as planned. The Committee noted that this target was shifted from the first to the second quarter but was still not achieved; the Committee wanted to know what are the procurement challenges that the Department experienced that caused such delays. The Department reported that the actual target for the first quarter was 70 households and 240 people were targeted as beneficiaries. The households were assessed in the first quarter but they could not be supported because the Department needed to find a suitable approach which will be in line with

departmental procurement policies. The Department outlined the following as measures put in place to assist poor households:

- Review of the guidelines for the support of the household and community livelihoods initiatives;
- Review of the procedures for the procurement of equipment and material for the support of household and community initiatives;
- Review of the systems to monitor the supported livelihoods initiatives.

The Department further reported that the process of supporting the household initiatives has since been initiated and to date more than 80 household initiatives have been supported. The Department is in the process of finalizing the assessment of more than 120 household initiatives which are anticipated to be funded in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### **Registration of Non-Profit organisation (NPOs)**

The Committee noted that the target of 871 NPOs that were planned to be registered in the EPWP programme was not achieved; the Committee requested the Department for a briefing on the progress around the new requirements by National Department and to indicate what those requirements are. The Department reported that a total number of 871 NPOs have been identified and implemented within the Department hence recommended participating in the EPWP programme. The Department indicated that following standards set by the Auditor General with regard to the compliance with the Ministerial Determination (MD), most of the NPOs were not registered, especially with regard to the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) and Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA), due to lack of funds. Only 156 ECDs were registered. The MD has since been waved, and the process of registration is underway.



### **Community based research and planning**

The Committee requested the Department to give a progress report on all targets that were not achieved around 'Household Profiling' after noting that household profiled and household linked to interventions were both planned at 2700, however 2162 for profiling and 998 for linking were achieved. The Department reported that the shortfall has been prioritized for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The Department has put a mentoring plan in place to accelerate the process and for support to local offices.

### **Women Development**

The Committee also requested the Department to give progress report on the appointment of service providers for the training of women in social co-operatives as planned targets were not achieved. The Department reported that the Service Provider was appointed and training took place on the week of 16 to 20 November 2015. Only 94 out of the target of 100 Women in Co-operatives were trained from the following Municipalities which are former CRDP Sites except one:

<b>Sub-District/Municipality</b>	<b>Number of Women who attended the training</b>
Dr J S Moroka	11
Thembisile Hani	16
Mkhondo	16
Chief Albert Luthuli	17
Bushbuckridge	17
Mbombela	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>

### **Population policy promotion**

The Committee requested the Department to give a progress report on the trainers, registration and procurement processes that led to the non-achievement of targets

on capacity development as indicated on p.38 of the quarterly report. The Department reported that the service provider was registered and the outstanding three trainings have been conducted – one training in each district. One training session was also conducted with the International Organization for Migration and the second training is scheduled to take place on 08 December 2015. All targets up to the third quarter will be fully achieved.

## **6. COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

After the deliberations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report of the Department of Social Development for the 2015/2016 financial year, the Committee made the following findings:

- a) On programme 2, targets on the coordination of fora and advocacy/capacity building workshops for PWD were not achieved; plans to achieve this target during the third quarter has been put in place which includes skills development, workshop on disability mainstreaming, advocacy campaign on radio stations and other platforms to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are protected and promoted at all times;
- b) The planned targets on foster care reviews were not achieved due to the delay in finalisation of the reviews; however a plan to achieve this target during the third quarter has been put in place as reflected on Page 8 of the report;
- c) The target on ECD policy development was not achieved and was shifted to the fourth quarter; the draft policy was being finalized and consultations were to be concluded by January 2016;
- d) 8 674 children between 0-5 years of age accessing registered ECD programme was not achieved, only 5 196 were able to access the registered ECD programme due to the shortage of the qualified practitioners. The 600

practitioners that were attending basic training in ECD level 1 were scheduled to complete their training in December 2015; while the accredited ECD NQF level 4 for 200 practitioners will be completed in June 2016;

- e) In preparation for the ISIBINDI model centres planned to start operating in the third quarter, recruitment of young people for training as Child and Youth Care Workers is in process;
- f) The 33.4% under-achievement on the Child and Youth Care centres is due to the misalignment of the budget and programme structure.
- g) The Department was in the process of engagements with municipalities, for the municipalities to include ECD infrastructure in their Integrated Development Plans (IDPs);
- h) On Poverty Reduction Initiatives (programme 5), the target of 200 households earmarked for poverty reduction initiatives was not achieved as planned. The Committee noted that this target was shifted from the first to the second quarter but still not been achieved although plans to achieve it has been outline on page 16 of the report.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

After the findings, the Committee recommended that the Department must:

- a) Strengthen monitoring and evaluation on the plans put in place to achieve the targets on the coordination of fora and advocacy/capacity building workshops for PWDs and also provide a progress report in this regard by 11 March 2016;
- b) Strengthen monitoring and evaluation on foster care services, strengthen relations with all stakeholders on foster care and also provide a progress report in this regard by 11 March 2016;
- c) Provide a detailed progress report on the development of the ECD policy by 11 March 2016;

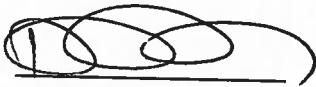
- d) Provide a detailed progress report on the training of the 600 practitioners on ECD Level 01 that are scheduled to complete training in December 2015 as well as the progress report on the accredited ECD NQF level 4 for 200 practitioners which will be completed in June 2016 by 11 March 2016;
- e) Provide a detailed progress report on the recruitment and training of young people as Child and Youth Care Workers for the ISIBINDI Model centres that were planned to start operating in the third quarter – inclusive of the number of the youth in training and the duration of the training by 11 March 2016;
- f) Ensure that the budget is aligned to the programme structure and strengthen monitoring and evaluation and also provide a progress report in this regard by 11 March 2016;
- g) Provide a detailed progress report on the engagements between the Department and the Local Municipalities to include ECD infrastructure in their Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) by 11 March 2016;
- h) Provide the actual reasons that led to the non-achievement of the target on poverty reduction. Further ensure that the measures put in place to addressing poverty are implemented with strengthened monitoring and evaluation; also provide a progress report by 11 March 2016.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

The Chairperson would like to thank the MEC, the HOD and the officials of the Department of Social Development for availing themselves for the deliberations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report of the Department.

The Chairperson would further like to thank Members of the Committee for their active participation and contribution during the deliberations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report of the Department and the Legislature staff for their support and contribution towards the production of this report.

Lastly, the Chairperson requests that the House adopts the report with its recommendations and request the Department to submit the progress report on **11 March 2016.**



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**CHAIRPERSON: PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON  
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