

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17 MAY 2016

(OFFICE OF THE PREMIER)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mpumalanga Legislature is duly vested with a mandate to maintain oversight of provincial executive authority and any organ of state and all provincial executive authority including provincial organs of state are accountable to it in compliance with section 114 of the constitution. The legislature is independent and performs its functions impartially without prejudice enshrining the rule of law.

In terms of Standing Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature 2013, the **Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and People with Disabilities** (the committee), is established in terms of Rule 135 (h) and has powers to conduct oversight on transversal issues affecting designated groups. The Committee is composed of a multiparty representation and is empowered to develop mechanisms to conduct oversight over provincial departments and public institutions.

The select committee is vested with the power to monitor, investigate and enquire into and make recommendations concerning any organ of state or constitutional body regarding transversal and transformation matters to ensure a province free from gender discrimination and inequalities in promotion of the Bill Of Rights.

The committee in accordance with Rule 119 may summon any person to appear before it to give evidence on oath/ affirmation, or to produce documents and permit oral evidence. The committee may compel an institution or a person to comply with summon subject to the rules and orders or a provincial legislation.

The Legislature seeks to establish whether provincial government delivers services effectively and efficiently within the respective local municipality areas.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The Committee met with the Office of the Premier to assess progress made by the province on issues relating to youth programmes for the 2016/17 financial year and the achievements made for 2015/16 in the following areas of work:

- Youth Economic Empowerment
- Social Cohesion programmes for youth
- Unemployment
- Education and Skills development
- Internship and Learnerships programmes

3. METHOD OF WORK

The Committee invited the office of the Premier (Youth Desk) as per the programme of the Legislature and quarterly target of the committee to a committee meeting held on 17 May 2016 and was considered on the 12 August 2016 for adoption.

4. PRESENTATION MADE BY OFFICE OF THE PREMIER ON YOUTH ISSUES

The Chief Director Mr. Solly Dlamini presented the delegation to the committee and allowed Mr. Desmond Moela the director of the youth desk in the office of the premier to take the committee through the presentation.

In his presentation, he first outlined the achievements made by departments on the 2015/16 financial year as follows:

4.1 ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT/COOPERATIVES

The committee noted the progress made by department of Economic development and Tourism on the Tyre initiative, supporting 3 outlets owned by youth. The Ntuli Tyres in Nkangala; Skroof Tyres in Ehlanzeni and Mogolo Thapelo Tyres in Nkangala which was reported to be having a shortage of Technical support and equipment in the previous meeting.

Furthermore the committee noted that there are 25 Young people undergoing training on phase 1, 2 and 3 as well as on the job training for the tooling initiative and welcomed the initiative of the department in rolling out the programme to Gert Sibande District in the 2015/16 financial year, and that the roll out to Nkangala will take effect in the 2016/17 financial year.

The Committee also welcomed the employment opportunities created by Department of Human Settlement for 228 young people in the Nkangala District, though the unavailability of budget for stipends still pose a serious challenge as this young people are heading families and stipends can make a difference in their lives.

The matter of 443 young people linked to work opportunities through the 84 Youth Development Centres funded by Department was noted but the challenge was the filling of vacancies left by the youths that got better jobs. It was indicated that the vacancies will be filled in the 3rd quarter. The committee wanted a progress in this regards as the previous report about the matter indicated that those vacancies should have been filled already.

BURSARIES AWARDED

The committee raised a serious concern on the challenges raised by the department of Education stating that most potential youth do not make efforts to apply in institutions of higher learning to pursue their studies and further appealed to all stakeholders to intensify this programme (WHAT PROGRAMME) to schools. The committee further indicated requested that students should be encouraged to apply even if they do not have money, to avoid disappointment when results are in their favour.

EDUCATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The committee noted the educational awareness programmes on substance abuse that has already reached 28 institutions without any challenges. The Committee appealed to the department of Social development that the awareness programme must not be a once-off campaign but to continuously educate the young people whose future is being destroyed by substance abuse.

4.2 2016/17 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The committee welcomed with appreciation the progress made since the establishment of the Youth Desk and further indicated that during this financial year, the implementation plan should be intensified as they presented the following programmes earmarked for the youth for 2016/17 financial year:

YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Department	Annual target	Activity	Budget	Responsible Person
DARDLEA	50 EPWP data capturers	Appoint and monitor the 50 EPWP data capturers	1 200 000	Mr. BA Maforah
DCSR	30 Arts and Craft cooperatives	promote heritage culture as part of investment in the cultural and creative industries	600 000	MS JG Dlamini
	153 EPWP	Job Creation	4 888 000	
	52 Employment opportunities	Cluster Coordination to create job opportunities	3 785 000	Ms. H Skaal
DSD	450	Link young people to work/economic opportunities	3 300 000	Mr KC Thete

DEDT	15 Young entrepreneurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recruit 15 young entrepreneurs to submit business proposals or ideas for selection and assessment from the 3 district •Provide support to nominated young entrepreneur to represent the province at the SAB National kick-start competition 	3 000 000	S.S Mhaule DEDT Enterprise Development Unit
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	Manufacturing Fly Ash Incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Coordinate the Fly Ash Incubation Programme 	4 500 000	Mr. A Van Niekerk
	2 Capacity building programmes conducted in the Prioritized Growth Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Develop and support Programme for incubation •Relocating of incubators to new site 	Mpumalanga Stainless Steel Initiative 600 000 Mpumalanga Tooling Initiative: 6 000 000	MSI: Mr .S. Chauke MTI: Mr .H. Venter
OTP	• Young women empowerment programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Coordinate the young women empowerment programme 	Operational	Mr DL Moela
DCSSL	Renew contracts for 534 Tourist Safety Monitors	Renew contracts and support Tourist Safety Monitors to be effective in the fight against crime	14 994 720	Acting General Manager: Oversight

DHS	Appointment of 10% Youth owned Contractors	Establishment of database for youth owned contractors	1 31 464 500	Mr. Thabo Mashile
	Youth Brigade Programme (200 Youth)	Recruit and orientate youth on the Youth Brigade Programme	200 1 320 000	Ms. Sweetness Shabangu
		Establishment of 4 Youth Brigade: 1X Digwale. 1 X Mgobodzi 2 x Nhlazatshe		
DPWRT	350 NYS beneficiaries	Implementation of EPWP Award tenders to qualifying youth	300 000	EPWP and Change Management Section
Provincial Treasury	16 Female Youth Entrepreneurs	Financial heath workshop	15 000	Ms. SD Sithole Mr. A Zulu
	2 Youth Legacy Projects	Provide 2 X 4 plate stoves	10 000	

SOCIAL COHESION

Department	Annual target	Activity	Budget	Responsible Person
DCSR	1 Mpumalanga Cultural Festival	Host the Mpumalanga Cultural Festival	12 000	Mr. AS Mkhwanazi
	8 National commemorative days	events	10 927	
	110 000 people actively participating in organized sport	Coordination	1 517 000	Mr. MS Lekgoathi
OTP	Establish Provincial Youth Development War Room	Establishment of Provincial Youth Development War Room	4 000 000	Mr. DL Moela
DCSSL	60 Educational Awareness Campaign 4 Integrated Crime prevention programmes	Human Trafficking, Drugs and substance abuse campaigns Roll out initiative to fight against Youth crime such as contact crime through victim friendly facilities	Operational	Acting Chief Director: Civilian Oversight
DPWRT	4 Youth Events	Coordinate Youth symposiums	20 000	Change management Section
DARDLEA	4 Workshop to be conducted	conduct information sharing session to able youth to interact with all ethnic groups	20 000	Mr. KV Nkwalase

DSD	5000 Youth	Youth participation in Mobilisation Programme	Operational	Mr. KC Thete
DoE	Career Exhibition for 26 000 Grade 11-12 learners	Conduct Career Exhibition	12 000 000	Ms. PN Mbatha
	Career Awareness Programme for Grade 10 learners in all 04 Districts (16 Circuits)	Conduct Career Awareness Programme for Grade 10 learners	200 000	

EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Department	Annual target	Activity	Budget	Responsible Person
DCSR	90 Visual Arts and Craft practitioners	Capacity Building	450 000	Ms. P Zitha
	Training for 120 young people	Club Development Programme	1.234	Mr ZS Sibanyoni
DPWRT	3 Youth Training Programme	Coordinate training and development for Youth within the department	100 000	HRD and Change Management Section DoE and Change Management Section
	4 Career Guidance Sessions in Schools		20 000	
		Coordinate Career guidance sessions		
DARDLEA	Workshop 33 Youth Secretaries on Executive secretary and retreat Programme	Workshop 33 Youth Secretaries Advanced Management Development Programme	3 000 000	Ms. MS Mbatha
DSD	Life Skills Workshop for 90 young people	Provide Workshop	operational	Mr KC Thete
DoE	80 Learner Support Agents (LSA) on contract	Appointment of out of school Youth as Learner Support Agents (LSA) on contract receiving a stipends	3 255 000	Acting Director: Curriculum Enrichment

BURSARIES

Department	Annual target	Activity	Budget	Responsible Person
DoE	1500 existing bursaries	Finalize payment of bursars for 2016 academic year Monitor institutions	173 000	Dr CS Mkhabela 013 766 5048
	807 new intake	Adjudicate and approve new		

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	2307 Active bursars seminar		Conduct Seminar in 4 districts during Universities recess		Operational	
	100 new intake for International Studies in Engineering and Medicine		Monitor bursars in International institutions and produce report.	15 000	000	
DoH	10 Medicine Bursaries to Study in Cuba		Recruit, Prepare and Accompany the Students to Cuba	600 000		Director HRD
	250 Nursing Bursaries		Register students at Nursing College	11 000	000	Director HRD and MP Nursing College

INTERNSHIP AND LEARNERSHIPS

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Provincial Treasury	20 Interns	Enroll the interns for experiential Programme	1 505 087	Ms. N Radebe
	41 Bookkeeping interns for schools	Enroll bookkeeping interns for schools	1 487 316	
	19 Work integrated learning (TVET learners)	Monitor the TVET learners	684 000	

	8	Asset and Finalization of the Asset and Financial Management Project	96 000	Ms C Nkonyane
	4	interns on 30 day payment of contractors	435 312	Ms. Z Nkosi
COGTA	120	Learners Recruit Youth learners on Waste Management.	2 700 000	TMN Maribe
	4	Interns Recruit interns on Planning and Local Government	250 000	L K Ngema

HEALTH CARE AND COMBATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Department	Annual target	Activity	Budget	Responsible Person
Provincial Treasury	12 Workshops and support sessions	Coordinate Workshops and support group session	Operational	Ms T Thwala and EY Mnisi
DCSR	3 Sustainable Active Recreation Programmes	Promote healthy lifestyle	1 517 000	Mr.MS Lekgoathi
	Annual Camp for 250 Youth	Capacity building on life skills	3 000 000	
	300 Indigenous Knowledge Practitioners	Capacity building	450 000	Mr I Lubisi
DPRWT	4 Roadshows on Health and Wellness to Youth	Conduct 4 roadshows	Operational	Change Management Section
DoE	4394 Peer learners	Education Capacitate on Co-curricular activities including prevention on HIV, STI and TB as well as on drug and substance abuse.	3 668 250	Acting Director: Curriculum Enrichment
DHS	5 Interns	Recruit 5 Interns	600 000	Ms.Thembi Mashego

The committee welcomed with appreciation the programmes earmarked for the youth for 2016/17 financial year that it is focus driven and noted that under the programme of education and skills development MRTT should play a leading role in training youth in the sector of Artisan skills; as this will allow them to utilize their skills for self-employment in eradicating unemployment.

Furthermore, the initiative of the Youth Desk by including the budget available and the responsible personnel is welcomed by the committee as this will be a good mechanism to ensure that all funds allocated are monitored and spent as budgeted for effective running of the programmes.

4.3.1 FINDINGS

After the deliberations, the Committee made the following findings:

- 1) The department of Education and MRTT on Artisan's Training skills is not taken in to the recognition as skills for youth to be in market and self employed by initiating their own workshops.
- 2) Department's budgets allocated for youth programmes are diverted to other programmes within departments.
- 3) Department of Education campaigns for awareness with regards to applying for admission to institutions of higher learning and to secure bursaries offered by other departments is still a serious concern.
- 4) Departments that do provide bursaries not ensuring that learners are aware of the bursaries as coordinated by department of Education.

4.3.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommend that:

- 1) Departments concerned must encourage youth to take Artisan skills seriously as to other fields of study through MRTT and FET colleges as skilling will play a role in fighting unemployment but also indirectly by providing a stimulus to economic growth and the development of new industries.
- 2) Office of the Premier Youth Desk should monitor that all funds allocated for youth programmes in all departments are utilised effectively and efficiently by monitoring and evaluating the annual performance plan quarterly.
- 3) Department of Education and its stakeholders should strengthen the advocacy campaign in raising awareness for students to apply to institutions of higher learning in time and also take advantage of the bursaries offered by government departments for the benefit of the province in skills based on economy needs.
- 4) All departments must ensure that they play a leading role in ensuring that students do apply bursaries offered and that it must not be department of education role.

4 CONCLUSION

The Chairperson extended her appreciation to Members of the Committee, the office of the Premier Youth Desk management team, and the support staff of the Legislature for their participation during deliberations in enhancing the oversight role of the Legislature.

The Committee tables this report to the House for adoption with its recommendations and that the office of the Premier must submit a progress report on a quarterly basis.



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**CHAIRPERSON: SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN,
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11/10/16
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