

**REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND
TRANSPORT; COMMUNITY SAFETY, SECURITY AND LIAISON
TLP OVERSIGHT VISITS TO DR JS MOROKA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY 19
SEPTEMBER 2018 (DPWRT)**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Legislature conducted the programme of Taking the Legislature to the People (TLP) as from 18 to 21 September at the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. The Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport; Community Safety, Security and Liaison (the Committee) visited Road Pankop Clinic and Mmametlake Hospital and further conducted a public hearing in Katjibane on Thursday 20 September 2018 where a number of issues relating to roads and related matters were raised.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE VISITS

The following objectives shaped the oversight visits to the projects of the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport:

- To evaluate the progress made on projects reflected in the Annual Performance Plan (APP) implemented by the department. The Legislature seeks to ascertain whether provincial government delivers services effectively and efficiently within the respective municipalities.
- To determine the extent to which public funds are efficiently, economically and effectively used by the department in the implementation of its projects.

3. METHOD OF WORK

In preparation for the TLP, the research section conducted pre-site visits to the municipality in early August 2018. Comprehensive research reports were compiled that informed the Committee's programme. The Committee conducted oversight visits to Pankop Clinic and Mmametlake Hospital in Mmametlake area on Wednesday 19 September 2018. The Committee further participated during the joint public hearing of the Economic and Social Cluster of the Legislature on Thursday, 20 September 2018.

4. OVERSIGHT ON GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS

4.1 Pankop Clinic

4.1.1 Project background

The project is situated in an area called Masobye falling under Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. The project is for the construction of a new Pankop Clinic and 2x2 accommodation unit, Guard House, Palisade fence, Paving and Parking, Electricity and associated external work. This project was awarded to QDS projects for a total amount of R51 209 751.80. The project started 13 October 2017 and the planned completion being was scheduled for 12 October 2018. It was reported that the project is behind scheduled and the practical completion with approved extension of time anticipated to be on the 16 January 2019. The Committee requested the department to report on the status quo of the project and the department reported that the project is currently left with 22% of work to completion

The department further indicated that there are no major challenges experienced so far with the project. In terms of labour statistics, the project has a total of 37 personnel who are involved on site, of which 10 were male, 13 were female, 14 of which were youth with no persons with disabilities.

4.1.2 Deliberation during the TLP Oversight visit

- The Acting HOD was not present during site visits, due to ill health and Mr SA Mbatha was delegated to act on behalf of the acting HOD.
- The Principal urgent presented on behalf of the department while the senior officials from the department were present.
- The contractor was not present on site, only the foreman and site engineer who availed themselves to respond to the Committee's questions and/or concerns.
- The Councillor reported that the project was very slow due to community disruption and late of payments, however, it was reported that the issue of community disruption and late payment was resolved.
- The Committee noted that there was a need for the department to educate community on the issue of 30% allocation of dividend benefit of awarded tenders.
- During the meeting the sub-contractor Ms Dimakatso Morulane reported that QDS is the only contractor who gave local subcontractors jobs. She also emphasised that as the sub-contractor they need skills from contractors.

4.1.3 Findings

The Committee made the following findings:

- a) It was reported that the project is behind scheduled and the practical completion with approved extension of time anticipated to be on the 16 January 2019.
- b) The Principal urgent presented on behalf of the department while the senior officials from the department were present.
- c) The contractor was not present on site, only the foreman and site engineer who availed themselves to respond to the Committee's questions and/or concerns.
- d) The Committee noted that there is a need for the department to educate community on the issue of 30% allocation of dividend benefit of awarded tenders.

4.1.4 Recommendations

The Committee made the following recommendations:

- a) The department must ensure that the project is completed as per the set date.
- b) The department must ensure that in the absent of the HOD the official delegated to act is authorised to take decisions and make presentation to the Committee.
- c) The department must ensure that the contractor responsible for the project is available to the site more especially when the Committee do oversight to any project.
- d) The department must ensure that communities are well inform on how the 30% allocation works.

4.2 Mmametlake Hospital

The project is situated in an area called Mmametlake falling under Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. The project is specifically meant for alterations and additions to existing Mmametlake Hospital. It was for the construction of the following:

- Plant Rooms, ground man's workshop, mechanical workshops
- Supply Chain
- Mortuary, laundry
- Nursing Accommodation
- Antenatal, Postnatal, Nursery, Paediatric, doctors on call
- Kitchen and secondary Gate house
- Theatre, Pharmacy X-Ray
- Admission and Casualty
- Surgical Wards, Labour Ward an OPD

This projects was awarded to Clear Choice Builders for a total allocation of R442 337 000.00 of which R384 771 000.00 allocated for construction while R 57 566 000.00 allocated for Consultants fees and the consultant being Afro Architectural. According to the department the project was conceptualized in 2012/13 financial year and its design and procurement completed in the 2013/14 financial year.

The construction of the projects started 19 August 2015 and the revised date for completion is 19 October 2018.

4.2.1 Deliberation during the TLP Oversight visit

The Committee made the following Observations:

- a) The Committee appreciated the good work done by the department
- b) The Committee noted that the project was at 97% completion.
- c) The contractor committed to complete the project on the revised completion date of 19 October 2018

4.2.2 Findings

The Committee made the following findings with regard to the construction of the Hospital:

- a) The project is at 97% completion and contractor is on schedule to complete the project on the revised completion date of 19 October 2018.

4.2.3 Recommendations

The Committee made the following recommendation:

- a) The department must ensure that the project is completed on the agreed revised date.

5. Public Hearing

During the public hearing the Community amongst others, raised the following issues:

- (a) . The Community requested the department to tarred the main road between

Lefiswane to Radijoko

- (b) . Mr Bongani Mahlangu requested the department to patch the potholes from Emvuleni to Babibi .
- (c). Mr Simon Macheke requested the department to upgrade Kungutsha High School and build tar road from Nokaneng to Chester
- (d). The Community requested the department to build a bridge from Mabuyan to Elugononweni at Siyabuswa.

6. Cross- Cutting Recommendations

6.1 The Committee noted all the concerns raised by the community and further recommended to the department to investigate possibilities of meeting the above raised needs of the community and also provide progress report to the Committee as a matter of urgency.

7. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, Hon. GC Shabalala extends her appreciation to Members of the Committee, departmental officials, all stakeholders and the support staff of the Legislature for their participation during this oversight visit to the communities of the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, in enhancing the oversight role of the Legislature. The Portfolio Committee tables this report to the House for adoption with its recommendations. Unless otherwise stated, the department should provide progress reports on all issues raised to the Portfolio Committee by **23 November 2018** and thereafter on a quarterly basis.



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