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ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

TABLINGS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Chairperson of the Community Safety Portfolio Committee, Hon. A A Ndlovana, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Detail of Vote 10 (Community Safety) of the Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill [G004-2021] for the 2021/2022 financial year, as attached:

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE PROVINCIAL ADJUSTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL, BUDGET VOTE 10 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

Committee Details		Department Details	
Name of Committee	Community Safety Portfolio Committee	Name of Department	Department of Community Safety
Financial Year	2021/22 FY	Dept. Budget Vote Nr.	Vote 10
		MEC	Hon. Faith Mazibuko
Committee Approvals			
	Name	Signed	Date
Hon. Chairperson	Hon. Alpha Ndlovana		14 th March 2022
Adoption and Tabling			
Date of Final Adoption by Committee		Scheduled date of House Tabling	
14 th March 2022		15 th March 2022	

COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

15th March 2022,

The Chairperson of the Community Safety Portfolio Committee, Hon. Alpha Ndlovana, tables the Committee Report on the Assessment of the Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill of the Department of Community Safety for the 2021/22 Financial Year as follows:

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the Committee's assessment of the Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill of the Department of Community Safety for the 2021/22 financial year.

At the beginning of the 2021/22 financial year the Department received **R962.3 million**, post the budget adjustment period the overall allocation increased to **R981 million**. This indicates increase of **R18.7 million**.

The Committee had noted the report by the Department that the R18.7 million was not an additional allocation received from the provincial fiscus but resulted from funds which were rolled over from its 2020/21 allocation and monies recovered from other organs of state which were owed to the Department.

Of the three programmes of the Department, only two received additional funds, whilst in some programmes funds were reprioritized and reallocated to activities which needed additional resources. An additional allocation of R10.4 million from funds which were rolled over from the 2020/21 financial year, was allocated to programme two for payment of the previous financial year's accruals. A further R8.2 million of the funds which were recovered from other organs of state was allocated to programme three to enhance traffic management and road safety interventions.

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- 2.1. The Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill [G002-2022] for 2021/22 financial year was tabled for consideration, deliberation and reporting by the MEC for Finance; Hon. N Nkomo-Ralehoko at a Housing Sitting held on 09 March 2022.
- 2.2. The Committee convened a special virtual meeting on the 11th of March 2022 to receive the research analysis on the 2021/22 Budget Adjustment Report of the Department of Community Safety. The Department of Community Safety also appeared before the Committee at this meeting and presented its adjusted budget to the Committee for further scrutiny.
- 2.3. The Committee considered and adopted its report on the 2021/22 Adjusted Budget of the Department of Community Safety at a virtual meeting held on the 14th of March 2022.

3. COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY

The Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill [G002-2022] for 2021/22 financial year was tabled by the MEC for Finance; Hon. N Nkomo-Ralehoko at a Housing Sitting held on 09 March 2022.

The referral of the report to the Committee was not aligned with the standard procedure of referral of reports as adopted by the Legislature. As a result, the Committee was not afforded reasonable time to conduct a thorough assessment of the budget adjustments made by the Department. Also, due to time constraints participation by Members of the Committee was highly affected.

4. OVERSIGHT ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

a) Priorities

The Department's mandate is focused on achieving outcome three (3) of the National Development Plan (NDP) "All people are and feel safe". The Department has prioritized the following outputs in the 2021/22 financial year.

- Reduction in priority crimes,
- Reduction in crimes against women and children,
- Social crime prevention,
- Crime perception management,
- Effectiveness and integration of the Criminal Justice System,
- Reduction in corruption, and
- Reduction in road fatalities.

The Department also reported that the budget was aligned with the TMR agenda of the new administration, which was aimed to accelerate social transformation, transformation of the state and governance, modernisation of the public service and radical economic transformation.

Furthermore, the Department's plans and budget supports the Growing Gauteng Together 2030 Plan and will implement interventions linked to the priority, Safety, Social Cohesion and Food Security. The GGT 2030 interventions of the department are as follows:

- Developing initiatives that target a significant reduction in poverty, inequality, and unemployment such as Tshepo 1 million welfare to be upscaled,
- Creating a platform for youth ownership in our province through co-production of social spaces – building sporting, arts, cultural and development opportunities, and
- Improving policing and community safety efforts, with particular emphasis on gender-based violence and supporting the rights of women, youth, senior citizens, people with disabilities, military veterans and the LGBTIQ+ community.

b) Measurement of service delivery impact / Achievement

The utilization of the budget by the Department will be assessed on a quarterly basis based on the resources and the desired outcomes. The quarterly assessments are part on the Committee's oversight mandate to determine the impact of the programmes implemented by the Department. This will include the assessment of the budget with expected outputs and in relation to the national and provincial priorities.

5. OVERSIGHT ON ADJUSTED BUDGET ALLOCATION

The Department was allocated **R962.3 million** at the beginning of the 2021/22 financial year. Post the budget adjustments, the overall allocation moved to **R981 million**, increasing by R18.7 million.

The Department reported that the R18.7 million difference was not an additional allocation received from the provincial fiscus but resulted from funds which were rolled over from the Department's budget of the 2020/21 financial year and monies recovered from other organs of state which were owed to the Department.

Programme 1: Administration

The programme was allocated R169.6 million at the beginning of the financial year. The Department reported that although there was no additional funding allocated to this programme; R11 million was reprioritized within the programme to address spending pressures which were experienced on software licence, bursaries, and Information Technology (IT) infrastructure at the new office building that the Department was moved to.

Programme 2: Provincial Secretariat for Police Service

At the beginning of the financial year R241 million was allocated to this programme. After the budget adjustment period, the allocation went up to R251.4 million. The difference of R10.4 million was reported to be funds which were rolled over from the 2020/21 financial year; for payment of assets which were not delivered by the end of the 2020/21 period, resulting to accruals.

It was also reported that R74 million was reprioritized within the programme to fund amongst others capital assets related to g-fleet and procurement of vehicles for the Gauteng SAPS which were intended to improve visible policing.

Programme 3: Traffic Management

The programme received an additional allocation of R8.2 million. These were solely funds which were recovered from other organs of state which were owed to the Department. The programme's allocation thus increased from R551.6 million which was received at the beginning of the financial year to R559.9 million. Also, R32.2 million was reprioritized within the programme, to fund capital assets related to g-fleet for vehicles utilised by Traffic officers.

6. COMMITTEE CONCERNS/OBSERVATIONS

The Committee made the following observations and concerns:

- i. The Committee is concerned that a substantial amount of the Department's allocation is expended on g-fleet lease.
- ii. The Committee noted the recovery of R8.2 million which was owed to the Department by other organs of state.

7. PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made recommendations as follows:

- i. The Department must provide a detail report on its expenditure related to G-fleet.
- ii. The Department must provide a report on how it intends to utilise the R8.2 million which was recovered from other organs of state.

The Committee request to receive the report on the above recommendations by the **29 April 2022**.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I Hon. Alphina Ndlovana; the Chairperson of the Community Safety Portfolio Committee thank the MEC of Community Safety; Hon. Faith Mazibuko, HOD Ms Nonstikelelo Sisulu and their management team for their cooperation during the consideration of the 2021/22 Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill of the Department of Community Safety.

I further acknowledge and express my gratitude to Members of the Committee for their cooperation and diligence in the assessment of this report; namely, Hon. N Mhlakaza-Manamela; Hon. S Nkosi-Malobane, Hon. S Khanyile; Hon. M Shackleton; Hon. C Bosch; Hon. J Hoffman and Hon. N Radebe.

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9. ADOPTION

In accordance with Rule 117 (2) (c) read together with Rule 164, I, Chairperson Alphina Ndlovana recommend that the Committee Oversight Report on the Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill of the Department of Community Safety for the 2021/22 Financial Year be adopted by the House, taking into consideration the concerns and proposed recommendations made in this report.