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Monday, 14 March 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TABLINGS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Chairperson of the Education Portfolio Committee, Hon. M K Chiloane, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Detail of Vote 05 (Education) of the Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill [G004-2021] for the 2021/2022 financial year, as attached:

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Education Portfolio Committee Oversight Report on the Detail of Vote 5 (Gauteng Department of Education) of the Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill

[G004-2021]

Committee Details		Department Details	
Name of Committee	Portfolio Committee on Education	Name of Department	Department of Education
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		Hon. MEC	Panyaza Lesufi
Committee Approvals			
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Hon. Chairperson	M Chiloane		Monday 14 March 2022
Adoption and Tabling			
Date of Final Adoption by Committee		Scheduled date of House Tabling	
Monday, 14 March 2022		Tuesday, 15 March 2022	

1. ABBREVIATIONS

AG	Auditor General
ANA	Annual National Assessments
APP	Annual Performance Plan
CAPS	Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
COVAC	Committee Oversight and Accountability
DBST	District Based Support Team
DID	Department of Infrastructure Development)
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EHP	Emergency Health Practitioners
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
ESSP	Extra School Support Programme
FET	Further Education and Training
FY	Financial Year
GDE	Gauteng Department of Education
GET	General Education and Training
GPG	Gauteng Provincial Government
GPL	Gauteng Provincial Legislature
MEC	Member of the Executive Committee
PELRC	Provincial Education Labour Relations Council
POSE	Public Ordinary School Education
PSOM	Public Service Oversight Model
SSIP	Secondary School Improvement Programme
TR	Treasury Regulations

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Education Portfolio Committee

15 March 2022,

The Hon. Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Education, Mr Matome Chiloane, hereby tables the Education Portfolio Committee Oversight Report on the Detail of Vote 5 (Gauteng Department of Education) of the Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill for 2021/22 FY as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

The Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) implemented the provincial adjustments budget process in line with the provisions of Section 18(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act (Act No. 1 of 1999) to facilitate the compilation of the 2021/22 provincial adjustment budget according to the provisions of Section 31 of the PFMA. The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) has through this process reprioritised spending plans for the year and further received additional allocation.

This report provides an overview of the Education Portfolio Committee's oversight on the on the Detail of Vote 5 (Gauteng Department of Education) of the 1st Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill. It is informed by Sector Oversight Model (SOM), the Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Model called Programme Evaluation and Budget Analysis (PEBA) and the evaluation is done according to the Committee Oversight and Accountability (COVAC) format.

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

The process that the Committee followed in considering the Gauteng Department of Education's Annual Report was as follows:

2.1 The Honourable Speaker of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature Ms LH Mekgwe, formally referred the of the Details of Vote 5 of the Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill [G004-2021] to the Committee for consideration, deliberation, and reporting on 09 March 2022.

2.2 On 10 March 2022, the Committee Researcher, Mr Joseph Makhura, presented an analysis of the Details of Vote 5 of the Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill.

2.3 At the same meeting, the GDE made a presentation on Details of Vote 5 of the Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill and responded to verbal questions posed by the Committee.

2.4 On 14 March, the committee deliberated and adopted its oversight report on the Detail of Vote 5 (Gauteng Department of Education) of the 1st Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill.

3. OVERALL ALLOCATION ADJUSTMENTS

The 2021/22 FY budget shows that the Department had received funds from both the national and provincial revenue funds in a form of equitable shares and conditional grants totalling **R53,458,053,000.00**. The allocation has been adjusted to **R56, 678, 273,000.00**. The allocation shows an increase of **R3, 220, 220,000,00**.

These funds are comprised of R2.4 billion from national of which R1.3 billion is for the shortfall to address compensation of employees resulting from the implementation of the 2021/22 public sector wage agreement. R1 billion is intended for the implementation of the Presidential Youth Initiative.

The Department further received R378 million from the province to cover the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment

The adjustments also include the appropriation of roll-overs of unspent funds:

1. **Conditional Grant** roll-over of R11.3 million which comprises of R10 million for the National School Nutrition Programme Grant and R1.3 million goes towards the Learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities Grant.
2. **The equitable share** roll-over is to settle commitments from the previous financial year, totaling R461 million and is allocated as follows:
 - R60.7 million for School Furniture
 - R289.5 million for the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative
 - R2.5 million for bursaries awarded to school and office-based staff
 - R35 million for Learner Teacher Support Material
 - R73.3 million for National School Nutrition Programme

With regards to **virements and shifts**, a total of R90 million is released to address budget pressures in Programme 7: Examination and Education Related Services due to the ongoing strengthening of school safety interventions. The Department reports that this is intended to turn around high-risk schools and provide a conducive learning and working environment.

The Committee is of the view that the 2021/22 FY adjusted budget of the Department is in response to tight economic conditions and appears to respond to key priority areas of the Department across the programmes and some of the sub-programmes. The budget of R56.678 billion will assist the Department to achieve the planned targets particularly in priority programmes such as POSE and ECD as well as responding to the challenges posed by the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the Sector. The Committee urges the Department to ensure that the total allocation is effectively utilised by the end of the financial year noting that an under-expenditure of just 2% translates to R1 billion.

4. COMMITTEE CONCERNS AND PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Committee Concerns

1. The Committee is concerned that the Department may not utilise the entire allocation of R56,678 billion by the end of the financial year noting that the adjustment process began approximately 20 days before the end of the financial year.
2. The Committee observed that the Department bursary funds are allocated through agencies such the GCRA and not provided with the necessary support to reach its optimum level in reaching appropriate stakeholders like the youth and those who are disadvantaged.

b) Committee Proposed Recommendations

1. The Committee urges the Department to ensure that the total allocation is effectively utilised by the end of the financial year. A progress report to be submitted by **29 April 2022**.
2. The Committee recommends that the Department should ensure that agencies such as GCRA be capacitated to an optimum level, especially in relation to youth and the disadvantaged. A progress report to be submitted by **29 April 2022**.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Portfolio Committee on Education wishes to thank the MEC for Education, Hon. P Lesufi, and his senior officials for the presentation of the Detail of Vote 5 of the 1st Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill and the substantial and sustained efforts they have made to inform the Portfolio Committee of the details of the adjustments.

The Chairperson, Hon. M. Chiloane, would like to thank the Honourable Portfolio Committee Members: F Hassan; L Makhubela; J Mpisi; K Ramulifho; IE Mukwevho; S Dos Santos; A De Waal Alberts and DK Adams for their dedication and support during this process.

The Portfolio Committee would like to thank the Group Committee Co-ordinator, Ms. Zuziwe Pantshwa-Mbalo, Senior Committee Co-ordinator, Ms. Sharlene Gaya, Committee Co-ordinator, Mr Pheello Mashiloane, Committee Administrator, Mr Thabo Kekana, Senior Researcher, Ms S Nenweli, Committee Researcher, Mr Joseph Makhura, Hansard Recorder, Ms. Raksha Singh and Service Officer, Ms Mavis Nhlapo, Public Participation Officer Thulaganyo Khumalo, Media Officer, Mr. Takalani Ndou and Information Officer, Mr Jacky Letsoalo for the commitment they have shown during the Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill process.

5. ADOPTION

In accordance with Rule 117 (2) (c) read together with Rule 164, the Portfolio Committee on Education hereby presents its Committee Oversight Report on the Detail of Vote 5 (Gauteng Department of Education) of the Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill to the House for adoption, taking into account concerns and proposed recommendations made in the report.