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ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

TABLINGS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Chairperson of the Health Portfolio Committee, Dr. M R Phaladi-Digamela, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Detail of Vote 04 (Health) of the Gauteng Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill [G004-2021] for the 2021/2022 financial year, as attached:

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ADJUSTED APPROPRIATION BILL 2021/22FY

Committee Details		Department Details	
Committee	Health Portfolio Committee	Department	Department of Health
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Adoption and Tabling			
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1. ABBREVIATION

Abbreviation	Full Wording
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ANC	Antenatal Care
APP	Annual Performance Plan
ART	Anti-Retroviral therapy/ treatment
ARV	Anti-retroviral
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
CARMMA	Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality
CPIX	Consumer Price Index
CHC	Community Health Centre
CHW	Community Health Worker
CCMT	Comprehensive Care Management and Treatment
CCMD	Central Chronic Medication Distribution
DHS	District Health System
DCST	District Clinical Specialist Teams
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
FY	Financial Year
GPA	Gauteng Programme of Action
GDH	Gauteng Department of Health
HAART	Highly Active Antiretroviral Treatment
HAST	HIV and AIDS, STIs and TB
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency virus
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
MDR	Multi Drugs Resistance
MMC	Male Medical Circumcision
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
NCD	Non-Communicable diseases
NDOH	National Department of Health
NHI	National Health Insurance
NHLS	National Health Laboratory Service
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NSDA	Negotiated Service Delivery Agreement
NIART	Nurse initiated Antiretroviral Therapy
NRP	Nurse Resuscitation Programme
NSP	National Strategic Plans
OSD	Occupational Specific Dispensation
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PAC	Picture Archiving Communication system
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act
PHC	Primary Health Care
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
QHP	Quality Health care Programs
SALGA	South African Local government Association
STP	Strategic Transformation Plan
STIs	Sexual Transmitted Infections
TB	Tuberculosis
TMR	Transformation Modernisation Reindustrialisation
XDR	Extreme Drug Resistance
WBOT	Ward Based Outreach Teams
WHO	World Health Organisation

HEALTH PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

15 March 2022,

The Hon. Chairperson of the Health Portfolio Committee, Dr Rebecca Phaladi-Digamela tables the Committee's oversight report on the Vote 4 of the Gauteng Department of Health's adjusted Appropriation Bill for the 2021/22 FY as follows:

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Health Portfolio Committee carefully assessed the department's adjusted budget allocation for effective oversight. The purpose was to determine whether the adjusted allocation correspond with the provincial priorities of the Gauteng Department of Health for the 2021/22 financial year. This report seeks to highlight the Committee's assessment of the department's adjusted budget allocation. The assessment done was based on the Gauteng Provincial Legislature's oversight framework, the Sector Oversight Model (SOM).

The Portfolio Committee on Health presents its Oversight Report on the adjusted appropriation Bill of the Gauteng Department of Health for 2021/22 financial year. The Department's total appropriation increased from **R56 505 266 000** to **R59 625 510 000** during the adjustment budget process in 2021/22.

The Committee takes notice of the major assumptions included in the amended budget for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by employing staff and assistant nurses to help with the COVID-19 immunization campaign, wards, high-care units, patient observation, and other health-care-related responsibilities.

The oversight role of the Portfolio Committee, as prescribed in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Standing Rules of the Gauteng Legislature, makes it imperative for the Committee to provide an assessment of the state of the revised budget allocation

3. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- a. The Speaker formally referred the Gauteng Department of Health's Adjustment Appropriation Bill for 2021/22FY to the Health Portfolio Committee for consideration and reporting.
- b. On Friday, 11 March 2022, the Researcher presented the impact analysis to the Health Portfolio Committee.
- c. On Friday, 11 March 2022, the Gauteng Department of Health presented the detail of the Bill to the Health Portfolio Committee.

- d. On Monday, 14 March 2022, the Committee deliberated and adopted the Oversight Report on the Detail of Budget Vote 4 of the Gauteng Department of Health's Provincial Adjustment Appropriation Bill.

4. OVERALL ADJUSTMENTS

The Department's total appropriation increased by **R3 120 244 000** from **R56 505 266 000** to **R59 625 510 000** during the adjustment budget process in 2021/22.

The funding for the National Conditional Grant has been increased from **R955 802 000** to **R5 965 355 000** to fund the mental and oncology care. The funds were transferred from the National Health Insurance Indirect Grant to the Mental Health Component. The Committee welcomes the **R4 500 000** allocated for the provision of Primary Health Care services towards Community Health Workers, in order to purchase uniforms. According to the revised budget, a total of **R555 444 000** has been adjusted and dedicated to pay for the Human Resource Response Plan as part of the overall health response plan to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Statutory Human Resource Training and Development conditional grant was awarded **R113 300 000** for the employment of health professionals, including **R74 600 000** for the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative to appoint health personnel and assistant nurses. The Mental Health Services Component has been granted **R 7 000 000** for the employment of more mental health specialists in the department.

The Committee notes the gap identified for the fire event infrastructure project at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital hence the allocation of **R21 300 000**, even though the matter has since been escalated for administering by National government.

5. PROGRAMME INFORMATION

PROGRAMME 1 – ADMINISTRATION

The Committee is encouraged to see that the budget for this initiative has been increased from **R1 242 528 000** to **R1 292 275 000**. Although the budget has been increased, the department is expected to overspend on the program, since **R1 770 864 000** had already been spent by the end of January 2022. LAN Infrastructure installation has been reported to be 100 percent complete across the targeted 33 CHCs, allowing for the adoption of HIS and PACS.

The Committee has expressed concern over the department's increasing accruals. The accruals challenge has been a long-standing subject with little progress observable to it. Furthermore, the number of medicolegal cases does not appear to be diminishing, putting a strain on the department's budget. The department is expected to design a well-thought-out strategy for addressing these issues, as well as a method for reporting progress on these concerns to the Committee, on a quarterly basis.

PROGRAMME 2 – DISTRICT HEALTH

The budget for the District Health Services has been increased from **R19 596 571 000** to **R20 476 521 000**. As at the end of the January 2022, actual expenditures totalled **R16 197 279 000**. The HIV, TB, and Malaria and community outreach grant is **R5 967 355 000**, while the Statutory Human Resources, Training, and Development Grant is **R30 345 000**, and the National Health Insurance Grant is **R49 859 000**, according to the amended budget.

This allocation, as per the department, will guarantee the adjustment of employee compensation budgets with additional staffing needs owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROGRAMME 3 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

This program's budget allocation increased from **R1 566 846 000** to **R1 619 305 000**, with **R1 209 882 000** spent at the completion of Quarter 3.

PROGRAMME 4 – PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

This program's adjusted allocation has increased from **R10 622 660 000** to **R11 081 898 000**, according to the department. The National Services Tertiary Grant was set at **R39 136 000**, while the Statutory Human Resources, Training and Development Grant was priced at **R406 333 000**.

The budget will also be used to align employee remuneration with increased staffing needs owing to the COVID-19 epidemic.

PROGRAMME 5: CENTRAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

The amended budget for the Central Hospitals program is **R20 992 307 000**, higher than the previous allocation of **R19 602 614 000**.

The National Tertiary Services Grant is **R5 195 287 000**, while the Statutory Human Resources, Training and Development Grant is **R1 064 384 000**. Transfers to non-profit institutions are **R282 000 000**.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the updated budget would realign employee remuneration with higher staffing demands for specified beds within central and tertiary institutions. Funds are also being redirected to COVID-19 programs. Higher demand for drug dispensing and increased expenditures for consumable supplies (PPEs) for staff and patients are among these activities.

Given the department's history of overspending on this program, the Committee observes that the budget increase is appropriate since it will have a significant impact on service delivery, especially because critical deliverables for COVID-19 are scheduled.

PROGRAMME 6: HEALTH SCIENCES AND TRAINING

This program's budget was increased by the department from **R1 207 990 000** to **R1 285 400 000**. Transfers to departmental agencies and accounts total **R24 636 000**, with **R16 309 000** going to Transfer Higher Education Institutions.

PROGRAM 7: HEALTH CARE SUPPORT SERVICES

For the year under review, the budget allocation for Health Care and Support has been revised from **R390 385 000** to **R414 874 000**.

The Committee approves the department's allocation and commitment to assist SMMEs as linen and hospital-related needs suppliers. This is intended to aid in the restructuring of the economy in accordance with the province's ten radical transformation pillars. However, the Committee is concerned over reports of service providers not being paid within the 30-day perimeter. The Committee is also concerned about reports of food shortages at Chis Hani Baragwanath Hospital. The department is asked to offer assurances and steps that have been put in place to guarantee that this does not happen again in the near future, to the Committee.

PROGRAMME 8: HEALTH FACILITY AND MANAGEMENT

The initial allocation for this financial year was **R2 275 672 000**, which has been increased to **R2 462 930 000**. The Extended Public Works Programme Integrated Grant was reported at **R2 218 000**, while the Health Facility Revitalization was recorded at **R965 871 000**.

6. COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS

The Committee is concerned with:

- 6.1 The increasing and insufficient reporting on the Litigation bill.
- 6.2 The increase in the accruals, and the inadequate reporting thereof.
- 6.3 The non-reporting on Anglo Ashanti Hospital.
- 6.4 The nonpayment of service providers within 30 days.
- 6.5 The non-payment of waste collection services in hospitals.
- 6.6 The reported shortages of bread and other shortages, at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospitals and other hospitals.
- 6.7 The HIV, TB, Malaria, and Community Outreach Grant should be restructured to incorporate CHWs and employee salary percentages, so that the grant can aid in the development of people who are currently employed.
- 6.8 Examine the Tertiary Services Grant expenditure pattern, since it consumes a larger amount in the district hospitals.

7. PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that the department should provide detailed reports by **29 April 2022** on the following:

- 7.1 A strategy for dealing with litigation, as well as an enhanced quarterly reporting system to the Committee, which includes reporting on the Litigation Bill, that incorporates mediation as a technique of reducing lawsuits.
- 7.2 As part of an enhanced quarterly reporting process to the Committee, a strategy for reducing the number of accruals being developed, as well as a recovery plan.
- 7.3 Inclusion of Anglo Ashanti Hospital on the Committees quarterly reporting as well as a comprehensive plan on how the facility will be utilized going forward.
- 7.4 A strategy to improve on paying service providers within the 30 days' timeframe and the framework of the reporting to the Committee that is inclusive of a programme for engaging the affected service providers.
- 7.5 A strategy to ensure the prompt payment of waste collection providers for all hospitals.
- 7.6 Steps taken to ensure continuous supply of bread and other supplies at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital and all other hospitals in the province.
- 7.7 A detailed approach for incorporating CHWs and employee wage percentages into the HIV, TB, Malaria, and Community Outreach Grant.
- 7.8 A report on the agreement signed between National and the Gauteng Department of Health as it relates to Tertiary Services Grant expenditure.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairperson wishes to thank the COO, Mr. Lesiba Malotana, and the CFO, Ms Lerato Madyo, for the preparation of the adjusted budget vote 4 presentation and the efforts made in taking the committee through the details of the report and responding to questions raised by members.

Highly appreciated is the role of the Committee Members of the Health Portfolio Committee for their dedication and commitment: B. Mabunda; B. Masuku; M. Letsie; C. Mabala; J. Bloom; and A. Fuchs.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the support staff: Group Committee Co-ordinator Z Pantshwa-Mbalo; Senior Researcher S Nenweli; Senior Committee Coordinator, Ms N Ngidi; Researcher Dr MD Mokonoto; the Committee Coordinator, Ms N August; Committee Administrator, Ms T Msomi, Service Officer, Mr I Ngcobo, Information Officer, Mr W Nsibande; Communications Officer, Mr A Mokoka, and Hansard staff, Mr M Makwela.

9. ADOPTION

In accordance with Rule 168, the Committee hereby recommends that the House adopt the Health Portfolio Committee Oversight report on the Adjusted Department of Health Budget Vote 4 report for 2021/22 FY, taking into consideration the concerns and proposed recommendations made in this report.