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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# TABLINGS

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. The Acting-Chairperson of the Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee, Hon. M J Kanyane, tabled the Committee’s Oversight Report on the Third Quarterly Performance Report of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2021/2022 financial year, as attached:

**COMMITTEES QUARTER OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PERFORMANCE**

**Adopted Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Oversight Report on the 3rd Quarterly Report of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2021/2022 Financial Year**

| **Committee Details** | **Department / Entity Details** |
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| **Name of Committee** | **Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio** | **Name of Department / Entity** | **Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development** |
| **Which Financial Year** | **21/22** | **Dept. Budget Vote Nr.** | **11** |
| **Which Quarter** | **3rd**  | **Hon. Minister / MEC** | **Mr Parks Tau**  |
| **Committee Approvals** |
|  | **Name** | **Date Considered by Committee** |
| **Hon. Acting Chairperson** | Mr Mpapa Kanyane  |  |
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| **Date of Final Adoption by Committee**  | **Scheduled date of House Tabling** |
| **Thursday, 17th March 2022** | **Thursday, 24th March 2022** |

**NOTES:**

* When expressing monetary amounts, please use South African Rand only “R” and express the full Rand amount with no cents
* When expressing percentage, please use the “%” sign and round off to two (2) decimal places
* When analysing Department / Entity performance, please do NOT copy and paste the Department / Entity performance / budget tables. These need to be analyzed.
* In the Executive Summary, include just the strategic or high level “Snap-shots” of the required information. Details will be provided later in the report under “Programme Achievement”

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ABBREVIATIONS

| **Abbreviation** | **Full Wording** |
| --- | --- |
| AEL | Atmospheric Emission License  |
| APP | Annual Performance Plan |
| BkB | Bontle Ke Botho |
| DALRRD | Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development |
| DBSA | Development Bank of South Africa |
| DDM | District Development Model |
| GDARD | Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| GDED | Gauteng Department of Economic Development |
| GEYODI | Gender, Youth, Persons living with Disabilities |
| GPEMF | Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework |
| GGT-2030 | Growing Gauteng Together – Our Vision 2030 |
| CoGTA | Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs |
| GPG | Gauteng Provincial Government |
| GPL | Gauteng Provincial Legislature |
| GWIS | Gauteng Waste Information System  |
| IDMS | Infrastructure Delivery Management System |
| IGR | Intergovernmental Programme  |
| SOM | Sector Oversight Model |
| MEC | Member of Executive Council |
| MTEF | Medium-Term Economic Framework  |
| MTSF | Medium Term Strategic Framework  |
| NAIES | National Atmospheric Inventory System  |
| NDP | National Development Plan |
| PAPA | Performing Animals Protection Act  |
| PGDP | Provincial Growth and Development Plan |
| POE | Portfolios of Evidence  |
| PPP | Preferential Procurement Plan |
| PPECB | Perishable Product Export Control Board  |
| PRAAD | Policy Reasonable Accommodation and Assistive Devices |
| PwDs | Persons living with Disabilities |
| RISDP | Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| TER | Township Economy Revitalisation  |
| TID | Technical Indicator Description |
| TMR | Transformation, Modernization and Reindustrialisation  |

# SUMMARY

| **ii. [Summary of the report]** |
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| **[Note: Only snapshots or “One-Liners” or Bullet Points of the most important / strategic achievements. No details please]** |
| ***Strategic Priorities****High level summary of Committee’s overall assessment of the Department / Entity achievement of relevant strategic priorities for the period under Review* |
| The Committee noted that the Department's focus is on harnessing and maximising the economic potential of the province's agricultural sector and ensuring food security for all. Moreover, Agriculture has been identified as one of the Province's eleven key economic sectors. The Department committed to ensure that the sector is involved with all interventions to radically transform, modernise, and reindustrialise Gauteng. Apart from the alignment of its programmes and policies to the Gauteng Provincial Government’s (GPG) Transformation, Modernization and Reindustrialisation (TMR), the department also ensures alignment to the National development Plan (NDP). The Department planned for and reported on a total of 65 indicators as at the end of the third quarter. Overall, the Department achieved 72% (35) of its third quarter targets. 28% (18) of targets were not achieved for the third quarter. This can be attributed to non-achievement in Programme 1: Administration (1), Programme 2: Agriculture and Rural Development (12) and Programme 3: Environmental Affairs (5).  |
| ***Department / Entity APP Achievement****An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity Non-Financial Performance is sound and prudent* |
| T**he Committee is concerned that the Department continues to battle with delivering on targets related to infrastructure and capital funded projects**. |
| *An analysis on whether (and if so, the extent to which) the Department / Entity Programmes / Projects are indeed achieving its Strategic Objectives / Service Delivery Outcomes for the period under review.* |
| The **Committee notes with concern that the Department has consistently been under performing even before the Covid 19 pandemic**. The Committee continues to encourage the Department to ensure that the service delivery mandate is achieved. |
| ***Department / Entity Project Management****Overall Summary on management and delivery of Department / Entity Projects* |
| **The Committee continues to note with concern on the various capital funded projects that the Department is managing in the current financial year and over the Medium-Term Economic Framework (MTEF) period which have run for a long period without completion.** The Committee also noted that the Department made a slight improvement on the extent of APP targets achieved and scored **75%** in the current quarter compared to **66%** in quarter 2.  |
| ***Financial Performance****An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity Financial Performance is sound and prudent* |
| The Committee noted that the Department spent **R234 509 000** of the quarter appropriation (**R263 163 000**) which is the equivalent of **89,11%** of budget for the quarter. The Administration programme spent **R68 187 000** of **R55 430 000** which is **123,01%** of quarter budget. The Agriculture and Rural Development programme spent **R85 019 000** of **R131 771 000** which is **64,52%** of quarter budget and the Environmental Affairs programme spent **R81 303 000** of **R75 962 000** equivalent to **107,03%** of quarter budget. The year-to-date effect of budget utilization means that none of the 3 programmes have utilized their budget to levels commensurate with this stage in the budget cycle, that is **±3%** of quarter budget. Whilst the Administration and Environmental Affairs Programmes exceeded their quarter budgets by **23 and 7%** respectively**,** which was meant to make up for the underutilisation over the preceding two quarters, the Agriculture and Rural Development programme continues to fall short of the straight-line expenditure graph for the quarter under review. The Committee supposes that it is of utmost importance for the Department to take the Portfolio Committee in its confidence and map out a plan on how they will make up for the underutilisation over the remaining last quarter of the current financial year, especially the Agriculture and Rural Development programme as well as to fill the committee in, on the current commitments made especially for programme 2, which will impact positively on expenditure levels once effected.  |
| ***Resolutions Management****An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Department / Entity Resolutions Management* |
| Resolutions due have been received and will be analysed and presented in the meeting dated Wednesday, 16th March 2022.  |
| ***Petitions Management****An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Department / Entity Petitions Management* |
| The Department did not consider any petitions for the quarter under review. |
| ***Public Engagements****An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Department / Entity Public Engagements* |
| **The Committee noted that the Department coordinated the following Stakeholder Engagements for the reporting period under review:** 1. ***BkB (Bontle Ke Botho) Cleaning Programme: 6th & 13th of October 2021 -*** The service delivery as was coordinated by the department in consultation with the Emfuleni Local Municipality which included activities to handover Emfuleni waste management fleet and BkB (Cleaning and Greening), as a result of the waste dumping sites that were mushrooming around the targeted communities. The main objective of the service delivery in Emfuleni was to launch/handover the waste management fleet to Emfuleni, plant trees and conduct a clean-up in the area.

1. ***World Food Day: 14 October 2021 -*** Through this service delivery engagement, the Department celebrated the World Food Day and assisted communities with agricultural implements
2. ***GPG Market Access Programme for Small holder farmers: 19 October 2021 -*** The engagement was aimed at exposing the youth of Merafong to the programmes and opportunities available in the two departments (Gauteng Department of Economic Development (GDED) and Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD).
3. **MECs Launch-planting season for grains: 21 October 2021 -** Through this service delivery implementation, The Department aimed at launching and creating awareness about the summer grains planting season for the farmers.

Through Public Education Programmes, the Department continues to actively participate in the Intergovernmental Programme (IGR) Coordination Sub-Work stream meetings as convened by Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) for the 5 (Five) Districts including the vaccine roll out plan. The Department further actively participated in the Ward Based War Rooms as per drafted schedules by COGTA . Moreover, the Department through the IGR coordination was able to implement the DDM One Plan as facilitated by COGTA . |
| ***International Agreements****Overall Summary on Department / Entity implementation of relevant Internal Agreements / Treaties [Only if applicable] [Applicable only to OCPOL / OoP]* |
| The Department reported that they had plans for international trips. However, they were put on hold due to Covid- 19 restrictions and budget constraints. The Department is in the process of reviewing and finalizing international trips. |
| ***GEYODI Empowermente****Overall Summary on Department / Entity achievement on actual GEYODI empowerment in communities* |
| The Department reported that the procurement target relating to Youth and People with Disabilities (PwD) and Township was not achived. However, the target for Women was achieved. Although the Department targeted business owned by designated groups when requests for procurement for </= R500 000 are made, the Department did not achieve the target that was set. The Department’s biggest expenditure is currently on contracts that are already secure through an open tender process and transversal contracts. The department ‘s tenders planned for the financial year are still at the Bid Specification and Evaluation Stage, Probity Audits haves been appointed to assist with the Bid Specification Report. The Committee acknowledges that the Department has put measures in place to pursue a more targeted and deliberate approach towards businesses owned by designated groups. |
| ***Fiduciary Compliance****Overall Summary on Department / Entity Compliance with fiduciary requirements* |
| The format of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s 3rd Quarterly report of 2021/22 financial year is in compliance with standard requirements (targets per quarter, expenditure per programme, expenditure per economic classification). However, it should be noted that the new structure of the report makes no provision for revenue generated, economic classification but, makes provision for an update on the status of capital projects the Department is involved in.  |
| ***Capacitated Department / Entity****An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity is adequately capacitated and resourced to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates* |
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| The Committee has always been of the view that all Departmental critical vacant positions should be filled in order to ensure that service delivery imperatives are attained.  |
| ***Any other Committee Focus Area (if relevant / applicable and Requirement)****High level summary of any other area of Department / Entity performance with respect to its Quarter Report that the Committee wishes to report on, which is not already included in any of the above Focus Areas.* |
| None reported  |
| ***Summary of Committee Findings****High level summary of Committee findings. Broadly, which aspects do they relate to* |
| The Committee continuously observes that the Department fails to spend its annual budget and never meets its planned targets. Moreover, there is ’;* Lack of improvement on spending the allocated budget, continuous underperforming, and not achieving planned targets.
* Failure to support the Township Economy Revitalization (TER) strategy and implementation thereof.
* Continuous failure to align its budget with its planned targets, as under expenditure is observed in Agriculture and Rural Development and Environmental Affairs Programme.
* Lack of completing infrastructure projects and spending in goods and services due to tender processes that are being implemented through the open tender system
* Failure to complete capital funded projects and keep them operational
* With respect to Landcare]; there’ is
* Failure to identify available land for agricultural purposes/production
* Lack of assisting small holder farmers to gain access to land
* Failure to identify land that needs to be rehabilitated
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| ***Summary of Committee Recommendations****High level summary of Committee Recommendations. Broadly, which aspects do they relate to* |
| The Committee recommends that the Department provide; * Operational plans in place to ensure that the Agricultural Sector is supported.
* Comprehensive report on the implementation of the Township Economy Revitalization to support the planned target of percent on township spending.
* Provide detailed quarterly reports on how it will align all its Departmental targets with its expenditure, and how the service delivery mandate will be achieved.
* Progress report on the implementation of capital funded projects by Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA)
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# INTRODUCTION

The Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee exercises oversight and scrutiny over the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development herein referred to as the Department. This includes planning, budgeting, financial management and reporting by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. In line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996), the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) (1999) creates the basis on which oversight by Legislatures should be exercised. It clearly outlines areas of service delivery that should be reported on, including the responsibilities of officials and the role of the Legislature in cases where reports have to be tabled. This report primarily focuses on examining whether the budget allocated for the Department is aligned to key government strategic priorities. Furthermore, the report assesses whether the objectives of the Department correlate with the intended outputs as well as outcomes. The Portfolio Committee intends to interrogate and assess the overall departmental performance through in year monitoring and make findings on the performance of Departmental programmes during the 3rd Quarter for the 2021/22 FY. The Gauteng Provincial Legislature’s oversight methodology stipulates that when analysing the budget, the variables of the Sector Oversight Model (SOM) must be considered. Given that SOM variables are interrelated, priorities, inputs (capital and current), outputs and outcomes should be considered one against the other.

# PROCESS FOLLOWED

* The Speaker formally referred the 3rd Quarterly Performance Report of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2021/22 financial year to the Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee for consideration and reporting.
* At the meeting held on the Tuesday, 15th February 2022 the Committee Researcher tabled an analysis of the performance report of the 3rd Quarter. On Thursday, 3rd March 2022, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development presented the 3rd Quarterly Performance Report for the 2021/22 financial year to the Portfolio Committee focusing on the departmental financial and non-financial performance.
* On Wednesday, 16th March 2022, the Portfolio Committee deliberated and adopted the draft Committee Oversight Report on the 3rd Quarter performance of the Department. The report was submitted to the Proceedings Unit for tabling and consideration by the House.

# OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

| **1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review]** |
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| The committee noted and acknowledged the following entity achievements under the period under review:**Entity achievement of relevant strategic priorities for the period under Review:****Transformed agri-food value chains through increased participation of previously disadvantaged farmers in Commercial agriculture – the Department reported that** Sixty one (61) smallholder producers supported in Sedibeng and West Rand, Ninety (90 smallholder producers supported and Thirty (30) women producers supported, One thousand eight hundred and fourty seven (1 847) epidemiological units visited and thirteen thousand six hundred and sixty-three (13 663) laboratory tests performed. Five thousand three hundred and eighty-one (5 381) export control certificates issued. **Improved environmental protection to achieve sustainable development -** 82% of permits were issued within legislated timeframes, 94% of completed EIA applications were finalised within legislated timeframes, 100 percent of waste licence applications were finalised within legislated timeframes**Effective Rural Development coordination, monitoring, and evaluation to improve the social and economic livelihoods of rural communities -** Seven (7) queries resolved via email on GPG Common Platform that were requesting funding, farming information, land and municipality support complaint. Five (5) sustainable rural enterprises were supported, No Stakeholders were supported with COVID 19 Awareness Training. Eight (8) stakeholders contributed to the implementation of Rural Development programme through quarter 3 progress reports**Transformed agri-food value chains through increased participation of previously disadvantaged farmers in Commercial agriculture -** Three hundred and eighty-seven (387) subsistence women producers supported. Four hundred and ninety-one (491) subsistence producers supported. |

# 2 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF APP TARGETS

| **2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]** |
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| **Number of APP targets relevant for this Quarter** |
| 65 |
| **Number of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter** |
| 49 |
| **Percentage of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter** |
| 75% |
| **Percentage of APP achievement for the previous Quarter (for Comparison)** |
| The Department achieved 69% in the 1st Quarter and achieved 66% in the 2nd Quarter and 75% achievement under the quarter under review.  |
| **Main areas in the APP that have experienced non-achievement or over achievement during this Quarter** |
| The Department set a target of 65 Annual Performance Plan (APP) targets for the quarter under review. Overall, 49 targets were achieved denoting a 75% achievement and 16 (25%) were not achieved. The Administration Programme had the lowest number of unachieved targets at 1 whilst the Agriculture and Rural Development programme recorded the highest number of unattained targets (12) and the Environmental Affairs Programme recorded 5 unachieved targets. |
| **Main reasons provided by the Department / Entity for non-achievement or over achievement of its APP during this Quarter** |
| The department managed to spend R234,5 million of the projected Expenditure of R263,2 million that equals to 89% for the 3rd quarter for the 2021/22 financial year. The main under expenditure is in programme 2 (50%), under Goods and Services, this under expenditure can be attributed to Pprocurement process (RFQ) and Tender process still unfolding. The CASP and IIlima/Letsema Business plans wereas only approved in June 2021 and the Gauteng Landcare 2021-22 business plan was approved in August 202?. The Department is currently expediting procurement processes to ensure that the Budget allocated to GDARD is committed for the 2021-2022 Financial year and that the Budget is spendt on Department Priorities as planned. The over expenditure under CoE for the 3rd quarter can be attributed to the payment of performance bonuses or level 1-12 and the over expenditure under Capital Assets for infrastructure projects at Abe Bailey and Suikerbosrand Diepkloof farm for construction of fence, the invoice amounts was more thant was projected. **The Committee is still concerned with the non-completion of infrastructure projects that have to be implemented by DBSA.**  |
| **Measures in place (with timeframes) to correct the deviation in targets for this Quarter and to prevent recurrence of such or similar deviation** |
| The Department reported that the following mitigating measures will be implemented to remedy the under expenditure.* The CASP and IiIlima/Letsema Business plans wereas only approved in June 2021 and the Gauteng Landcare 2021-22 business plan was approved in August 2022.
* New Organisational structures not yet approved, inadequate procurement officials, which weakens the capacity and capability of procurement to support the Department Mandate.
* Poor implementation of Annual Procurement pPlan, Ineffective and inefficient implementation of SCM processes which highly affects service delivery, causing underspending by cancellation of some tenders and delays in tender processes.

The Department implemented the following mitigating measures to remedy the under expenditure, The Department is busy with re-alignment or re-structuring SCM directorate and review of structure to include all SCM functions to respond to the increase demand of Department priorities. These structure changes were included in the Departments revised Organisational structure for approval. The Department appointed a Deputy Director Tenders from the 1 July 2021 to assist with the Tender issues and expedite the Tender processes in GDARD, however this Official resigned 30 November 2021.All procurement functions are given priority, the Department Identify tenders which can be implemented through the transversal Contracts from National Treasury and investigate the possibility of applying Treasury Regulation 16A6.6 by using contracts approved by other provincial departments to procure the same goods and services needed by GDARD |
| **A summarized analysis on the Department / Entity performance per Programme for the period under review** |
| This quarter performance information report reflects on the performance of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the end of quarter 3 (i.e. October to December 2021) against predetermined annual and quarterly targets outlined in the 2021/22 Annual Performance Plan (APP). The section below outlines key priority programmes and projects that have been implemented through the Annual Performance Plan (APP) across all budget programmes and expands on key successes and achievements including challenges experienced in the quarter under review. **Administration**The financial management function in the Department improves financial accountability, and compliance to prescripts and regulations. The Department managed to pay 94% of all invoices received within 15 working days for the third quarter of the 2021-2022 Financial year. The main reasons for exceeding the 15 Days were due to Invoices rejected to exception, it was cleared on the following payment run, but exceeded the 15 Working Days. Late submission for RLS02 by end users incorrect fund used on CASP allocations which were picked up during the payment run confirmation and could only be correct in the next payment run. Late submissions of RLS02 will be escalated and reported to managers to apply consequent management and incorrect allocation needed to be identified and corrected before payment run confirmation to avoid payment going to exceptions. These invoices were however processed within 30 working days.With regards to number of work opportunities created through Tshepo 1 Million, a total of 1 043 work opportunities have been created in quarter 3. The target was met after the constraints on executing the Programme were mitigated by creating opportunities and ringfencing for the Tshepo 1 Million Programme. Ntirhisano is a Community Outreach programme initiated by the Provincial Government to address service delivery issues. It is led by the Premier and all Members of the Executive Council in their specific areas. Community members raise their challenges whose resolutions are prioritised through this programme. GDARD continues to participate in the Ntirhisano programme and is mostly responding to challenges related to farmer support, land availability, and waste management. Seven (7) queries and/or complaints were received via emails, walk-ins and GPG Common Platform (Dynamics) and were all resolved. **Agriculture and Rural Development** - The purpose of this programme is to consolidate and enhance the role of the agricultural sector in radically transforming, modernising and re-industrialising Gauteng. The programme is also intended to support viable and sustainable agricultural enterprises, increase access to food security for all, and ensure comprehensive rural development.**Sustainable Resource Management** - The Sustainable Resource Management (SRM) unit is responsible to manage and coordinate the provision of sustainable resource management services. Pertaining to number of hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated, there are no hectares that were covered since the start of the quarter and as result, there were no green jobs created as well. The Invasive Alien plants removal and Soil Care works programme - to create jobs, is in progress. Therefore, the Department will ensure fast-tracking implementation plan through campaigns and expediting outstanding Request for quotations (RFQs). The Department did not establish any agricultural infrastructure in quarter 3. The appointed service provider is onsite, and the project implementation is underway, it is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of quarter 4. More requests from farmers and other government institutions received resulted in 21 farm management plans developed in quarter 3. Furthermore, 1 survey on early warning information with farmers was conducted and no awareness campaigns were conducted due to the unavailability of farmers and delays in the logistical arrangements.**Farmer Support and Development** - The Farmer Support and Development (FSD) Directorate is responsible to expand access to agri-food value chain opportunities, promote agricultural development within the land and agrarian reform initiatives in the province and maximise food security, through provision of sustainable agricultural development support to subsistence, smallholder and commercial farmers, provision of agricultural infrastructure support coordination rendering of extension and advisory services , training and capacity building to farmers.The Department managed to support 90 smallholder producers and 30 women producers with piggery production inputs, grains and vegetable seeds. In Sedibeng and West Rand 61 smallholder producers were also supported with the offerings mentioned above. There were 11 Red Meat commodity producers supported with pasture seeds, 31 Grain commodity producers were also supported with maize and soya bean seeds. The high moisture content on farms and the delivery of grain seeds by the service provider on time resulted in 3 246 hectares planted for food production in this quarter.The various training i.e. Tractor Operation and Maintenance, advanced hydroponics production, agricultural marketing, advanced crop protection, advanced pig production, advanced layer production and advanced vegetable production amongst others conducted by the Department resulted in 440 participants trained in skills development programmes in the sector. Technical advice, support groups, demonstration trials and farmers’ day enabled 349 capacity building activities to be conducted for smallholder farmers and 9 capacity building activities were also conducted for smallholder producers who will be commercialised. The Department managed to support 387 subsistence women producers with production inputs, training and extension and advisory services. The delays in the finalisation of the tender processes resulted in only 491 subsistence producers supported in quarter 3.**Veterinary Services** The Veterinary services (VETS) are assigned with the responsibility of reducing levels of animal disease occurrence and negligible occurrence of zoonotic diseases in the province. The objective is to ensure healthy animals and safe animal products which contribute to the welfare of the people of Gauteng through the provision of required services.The target for visits to Epidemiological units for Veterinary interventions was not reached, and only 1 847 visits were conducted. This non-achievement was due to unavailability of certain essential stock items, and Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute (OVI) lab closure since the 10 December 2021. The Department has achieved its planned target of 300 for number of inspections conducted on facilities producing meat. This saw the Department conducting a total of 399 inspections, and this was due to the relaxation of the Lockdown (level 1) which has enabled full activities in the abattoir to be completed. Export certification is a demand driven derivative and the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions imposed internationally had reduced the normal average levels of trade but there has been an increase in export trade. The number of exports and numbers of certificates issued are depended on the prevailing socio-economic factors within the Republic of South Africa and the recipient importing countries.A total of 13 663 laboratory tests have been conducted in this quarter against a planned target of 13 000. Number of laboratory tests performed according to prescribed standards is dependent on field personnel collecting samples and the laboratory processing the samples and reporting on the results. The Department managed to issue 23 registration licences for Performing Animals Protection Act (PAPA) against the target of 10. All applications were processed as received. **Research and Technology Development Services** - The Research and Technology Development Services (RTDS) Directorate is responsible to render expert and needs based research, development and technology transfer services impacting on development objectives. The Department was able to support 5 Agribusinesses with Business Incubation at the Vaal University of Technology Science Park. There was 1 research presentation made at peer reviewed events and 6 research presentations wereas also made at technology transfer events. Agroprocessing and Agricultural Economics Services - The Agroprocessing and Agricultural Economics Services (AES) Directorate is responsible to manage and coordinate the provision of agriculture, agro-processing and technical services.A total of 30 clients were supported with production economic services to make informed decisions on their farms and produce. The partnership with the Perishable Product Export Control Board (PPECB) resulted in 30 agri-businesses supported to access markets and sell their agricultural produce and 4 agri-businesses were supported with agro-logistics services. The Department managed to support 15 agribusinesses and provided Broader Black Based Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) verification advisory services in City of Tshwane, Sedibeng and West Rand. Furthermore, 110 capacity development initiatives were undertaken targeting agroprenuers and 1 Gauteng Cannabis Industrialisation master plan was developed. The Agro-processing opportunities study group, Information sharing sessions with farmers, Monitoring and evaluation of refrigerated trucks and mobile abattoirs amongst others resulted in 202 agricultural economic information responses offered to farmers and 3 macro-economic reports were compiled in quarter 3.**Rural Development**Gauteng Provincial Government departments continue to report their provision of services in the rural areas of the province. GDARD continues with the coordination of Rural Development Programme in line with the proposed Minister’s performance agreement. This will be done according to the District Development Model which is led by Gauteng Provincial Treasury and Gauteng Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs departments. On average, nine stakeholders (provincial departments, municipalities, national departments, and government entities) contribute to Rural Development. For the quarter under review, a total of 8 stakeholders (GDARD, Gauteng Department of Education, Gauteng Department of Sports Arts Culture and Recreation, Gauteng Department of Social Development, Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development and Midvaal Local Municipality, Department of Water and Sanitation and South African Social Security Agency.) submitted their reports in line with the Rural Development Plan (Outcome 7). With regards to Sustainable rural enterprises supported, the 5 SMMEs in Agriculture workshop were supported with BEE advisory services. The annual target of 10 was achieved. There were two (2) skills opportunities provided in this quarter. A career Guidance Workshop took place on 28 October 2021 at Mahlenga High School and a Virtual financial management training took place on 7-8 December 2021. There were also two transformation agreements facilitated in the five agriculture/agro-processing priority sectors. Two agreements have been initiated (City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality and AFGRI). The draft Gauteng comprehensive Rural Development Strategy has been consolidated after consultation with provincial departments, municipalities and agencies. There were no rural infrastructure projects supported in this quarter. Sokhulumi water tanks and connection of borehole to the reservoir, Specification was approved and submitted for RFQ. Site visit with Infrastructure engineer was done in Devon to erect fence for the community hall. There were no agricultural production initiatives in communal areas and rural nodes supported. Requests for water tanks and production inputs are at procurement stage. Procurement of agricultural production inputs are at RFQ. There were also no hectares of agricultural land released for food production purposes at this stage. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) Land Release Programme is at an advanced stage and Agricultural Land Audit procurement process to identify potential agricultural production properties under the custodianship of Department of Infrastructure Development is at Bid Specification Committee stage. The signing of MoA with CoE and conclusion of Agricultural Land Audit will facilitate the release of land for agricultural production.**Environment Affairs Programme****Compliance and Enforcement** -The objective of this unit is to manage the development, and implementation of environmental compliance monitoring systems, enforcement of legislation and environmental authorisations.The Department exceeded the target for compliance inspections conducted as it achieved 69 against a target of 60. This was due to follow-ups that needed to be undertaken. The administrative enforcement notices target was exceeded due to administrative enforcement action taken against facilities that did not comply with the National Atmospheric Inventory System (NAIES) reporting period. In this regard, the Department issued 81 administrative enforcement notices against a target of 23. However, the target of criminal investigations handed over to the NPA for prosecution was not achieved due to challenges with obtaining suspect and witness statements to complete the investigations. The Department only managed to hand over 6 criminal investigations against a target of 8. On the other hand, the Department did achieve the target S24G applications finalized within 60 days of payment of administrative fine. **Impact Management** - The purpose of this unit is to manage the implementation of environmental impact mitigation to promote sustainable development and a safe healthy environment. The Department only finalised 94% of EIA applications received within legislated time frames due to the EIA application system technical errors.**Air Quality Management**- The objective of this unit is to manage the promotion of sustainable environmental management for improved quality of life by promoting acceptable ambient air quality and manage hazardous substances and other related anthropogenic activities. The Department did not receive any Atmospheric Emission License (AEL) applications and thus none were issued. **Waste Management** - The purpose of this unit is to manage the implementation of waste management strategies and waste information systems, issue waste authorization, support local government to render appropriate waste management services and promote waste minimization in Gauteng. Five (5) waste management licence applications were received and issued within legislated timeframes which translates to 100% achievement for the quarter. More applications were received on the Gauteng Waste Information System (GWIS) hence the target on waste certificates issued was exceeded to 245 against a planned target of 150. The Department issued fourteen (14) Health Care Waste approvals from a target of ten (10) due to more applications received than expected. However, the Department did not achieve the target of 2 buy-back centres upscaled to commercial level due to the due diligence only being completed in Q3. Furthermore, the Department had planned to support 30 recycling facilities and buy-back centres with recycling equipment but achieved 0 performance recycling facilities as the facilities were only supplied with bulk bags (3000 X 1ton bulk bags) which is just a portion of the equipment due to be supplied to the beneficiaries, as per the FY21/22 procurement plan.**Biodiversity Management** - The purpose of this unit is to promote equitable and sustainable use of ecosystem goods and services to contribute to economic development. The Department had planned to rehabilitate 650 hectares of land, but this was exceeded to 720 hectares due to a project linked to the restoration of degraded areas which were previously farm areas and were included on Suikerbosrand as part of the rehabilitation. Furthermore, the Department issued 82% of permits within legislated timeframes against a target of 80%. **Environmental Empowerment Services** - The purpose of this unit is to empower communities to manage natural resources through job creation, skills development and awareness opportunities. The Department conducted eighty (80) environmental awareness activities from a planned target of sixty (60). The target was exceeded due to the graduates programme and the demand for more trees and clean ups during the election period. Additionally, the target of twelve (12) capacity building activities conducted could not be achieved as only nine (9) were done. This is because there were delays in getting approvals for the graduates training. The capacity building activities conducted included greening and bio-fuel. |
| **Summarized information on any unplanned / emerging priorities reported on by the Department / Entity during the period under review** |
| The department did not have emerging priorities for the quarter under review |
| **Summarized information on how the Department / Entity maintains portfolios of evidence to verify its reported performance information** |
| The verification process is intended to ensure that the reports, listings and Portfolios of Evidence (POEs) submitted by the branches are accurate. This is done by cross checking the reports against the supporting listings and POEs. The focus areas that the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (M&E) validates during verification include the following:* POE against TID (as it appears in an approved APP): This verifies whether the submitted POE is the one stipulated in the TID or not.
* Listing against POE: This verifies whether all the POEs are reflected in the listing.
* Dates: This verifies whether the dates contained in the POE fall within the quarter under review.
* Signatures: This verifies whether all the required signatures in the documents are appended or not.
* ID copies: This is to verify the ID numbers of beneficiaries and to support the signature appended on the delivery notes.

In the end, evidence and listings provided must reflect and correspond with the reported figures. If the numbers do not correspond, this is communicated to the branches for correction, resubmission or confirmation of the figures as recounted by M&E. When all of this has been completed, the validated report, listings and POEs get stored on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation’s electronic shared folder which is located on the Department’s internal drive. The internal shared drive is only accessible to M&E and IT officials who have been granted access. |

# 3 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

| 1. **THE DETAILS ON [DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT]**
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| The Committee has continuously observed the lack of project management from the Department in the previous years. The Department has lacked in completing infrastructure/capital funded projects and spending in goods and services due to tender processes that are being implemented through the open tender system. The Committee conducted oversight on some of the outstanding projects and will continue to monitor as some of them date back to the previous Political Term. (The same reporting last time).

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| **Name of the Project**  | **Brief description of the Projet** | **Start date** | **End date** | **Current status**  | **Challenges**  |
| Abe Bailey Nature Reserve: Construction of fence | Construction of fence | 5 Feb 2018 | 2 Jun 2022 | Feasibility | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits has commenced. COVID-19 caused serious delays. |
| Diepkloof Farm in Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve: Supply and installation of fence | Supply and installation of fence | 15 Oct 2019 | 30 Nov 2021 | Project Initiation | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits has commenced. COVID-19 caused serious delays. |
| Rand West Agri park: Upgrading of Agri park | Upgrading of Agri park | 30 Nov 2018  | 1 Nov 2021 | Feasibility | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits has commenced. COVID-19 caused serious delays. |
| Roodeplaat Nature Reserve: Construction of new staff housing, Upgrading of Zeekoeigat Hall and sleeping quarters. | Construction of new staff housing, Upgrading of Zeekoeigat Hall and sleeping quarters. | 18 Jul 2018 | 5 Feb 2024 | Project Initiation | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits has commenced. COVID-19 caused serious delays. |
| Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve: Upgrading of bulk infrastructure | Upgrading of bulk infrastructure | 1 Mar 2018 | 9 Dec 2024 | Project Initiation | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits has commenced. COVID-19 caused serious delays. |
| Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve: Upgrading of Northern Water Line | Upgrading of Northern Water Line | 1 Jul 2005 | 2 May 2022 | Feasibility | DID is not ensuring that PSP provide cash flow projections and schedule indicating timelines to submit all necessary documentation. DID should indicate when the project will progress to implementation phase. |
| Tarlton Agri park: Upgrading of the Agri park | Upgrading of the Agri park | 21 Feb 2018 | 1 Mar 2023 | Project Initiation | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits has commenced. COVID-19 caused serious delays. |
| Vereeniging Fresh Produce Market: Upgrading of the market | Upgrading of the market | 29 Nov 2017 | 28 Nov 2024 | Project Initiation | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits has commenced. COVID-19 caused serious delays. |
| Installation of boreholes and irrigation systems. | Installation of boreholes and irrigation systems. | 31-Aug-19 | 08-Mar-22 | Project Initiation | None. |
| Various Farms – Construction of 63 boreholes. | Various Farms – Construction of 63 boreholes. | 07-Nov-17 | 11-May-22 | Construction | Delay in creating of Purchase Order. Contractor drilled where he was not permitted to drill in Ekurhuleni. Geohydrologist to confirm if any dolomite issues were encountered & borehole fit for use. |
| Various Farms – Construction of 8 Piggery structures. | Various Farms – Construction of 8 Piggery structures. | 07-Nov-17 | 31-Mar-22 | Projection Initiation | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed. IA to submit the sites visits schedule. COVID-19 caused serious delays |
| Procurement and Installation of shade nets x24 locations | Procurement and Installation of shade nets x24 locations | 16-May-18 | 06-Dec-21 | Project Initiation | Project to be implemented by DBSA, however the IPIP was recently completed and sites visits completed. COVID-19 lockdown caused serious delays |
| Construction and commissioning of the 24 broiler house (2500 broilers each) and 6 Layer house (5000 layers each)  | Construction and commissioning of the 24 broiler house (2500 broilers each) and 6 Layer house (5000 layers each)  | 13-Mar-17 | 23-Nov-21 | Construction 76% -99% | Overall construction progress is 82% complete for the sites handed over to the contractor to date. Progress delayed by the COVID -19 lockdown. Implementing Agent is ARC for the projects. Slow progress on sites |
| Construction of 8 Biogas Plants. | Construction of 8 Biogas Plants. | 31-Jul-19 | 30-Jan-24 | Project Initiation | Client forwarded site locations and contacts for additional beneficiaries. Awaiting site visit confirmation from Internal client. COVID-19 lockdown caused serious delays |
| Installation of boreholes and irrigation systems. | Installation of boreholes and irrigation systems. | 31-Aug-19 | 08-Mar-22 | Project Initiation | Draft PIR is requires additional information as new boreholes must be added |
| Construction of new poultry structure (40 000 capacity) | Construction of new poultry structure (40 000 capacity) | 08-Jul-19 | 14-Nov-22 | Project Initiation | PIR to be submitted to GPT by end of November 2020. SUE provided letters for a basic EIA to be done. |

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# 4 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| **4 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE** |
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| **Actual amount (in Rands) allocated to the Department / Entity as budget for this entire Financial Year**  |
| **R1,044,811 000** |
| **Actual amount projected by the Department / Entity to be spent only during the Q under review** |
| **R263,163 000** |
| **Actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department / Entity only during the Q under review** |
| **R234,509 000** |
| **Total actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department / Entity (Year to Date), i.e. from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review** |
| **R646,684, 000** |
| **Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure for this Q under Review only** |
| **89%** |
| **Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure (Year to Date), i.e. from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review** |
| **62%** |
| **An analysis of how the % budget expenditure compares with the % APP achievement** |
| Budget expenditure is at 89% and APP achievement is at 75% |
| **If there was over / under spending of greater than 3% of projection, what were the main challenges that led to the over / under spending** |
| The Department manage to spend R234,5 million of its projected Expenditure of R263,2 million that equals to 89% for the 3rd quarter for the 2021/22 financial year. The main under expenditure is in programme 2 (50%), under Goods and Services, this under expenditure can be attribute to Procurement (RFQ) and Tender processes still unfolding. The CASP and IiIlima/Letsema Business plans was only approved in June 2021 and the Gauteng Landcare 2021-22 business plan was approved in August 202?. The Department is currently expediting procurement processes to ensure that the Budget allocated to GDARD is committed for the 2021-2022 Financial year and that the Budget is spentd on Department Priorities as planned. The over expenditure under CoE for the 3rd quarter can be attributed to the payment of performance bonuses or level 1-12 and the over expenditure under Capital Assets for infrastructure projects at Abe Bailey and Suikerbosrand Diepkloof farm for construction of fence, the invoice amounts was more thant was projected.The department’s total allocated budget is R1.044 billion, the department has spent R646.7 million that is equivalent to 62% of its total allocated budget for 2021/22 financial year. Administration (Programme 1) has spent R201.4 million that is equivalent to 74% of its allocated budget, Agriculture and Rural Development (Programme 2) has spent R233.1 million that is equivalent to 50% of its allocated budget. Environmental Affairs (Programme 3) has spent R212.1 million that is equivalent to 70% of its allocated budget. It should also be noted that the Department hasve R210 million commitments on Goods and services (PO and Tenders), when adding the current commitment to the expenditure to date the projected expenditure is at 82% at the end of December 2021. Which is 7% above the project stringline projection of 75% at the end of the 3rd Quarter 2021. |
| **Mitigating measures by the Department / Entity to remedy over / under expenditure** |
| The Committee noted that the identifiable causes of the underspending are the following:* + The CASP and IiIlima/Letsema Business plans was only approved in June 2021 and the Gauteng Landcare 2021-22 business plan was approved in August 2021.
	+ New Organisational structures not yet approved, inadequate procurement officials, which weakens the capacity and capability of procurement to support the Department Mandate.
	+ Poor implementation of Annual Procurement Plan, Ineffective and inefficient implementation of SCM processes which highly affects service delivery, causing underspending by cancellation of some tenders and delays in tender processes.
	+ The Department implemented the following mitigating measures to remedy the under expenditure, The Department is busy with re-alignment or re-structuring SCM directorate and review of structure to include all SCM functions to respond to the increased demand of Department priorities. These structure changes were included in the Departments revised Organisational structure for approval. The Department appointed a Deputy Director Tenders from the 1 July 2021 to assist with the Tender issues and expedite the Tender processes.
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| **The Department / Entity’s achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review** |
| /The Committee noted that the Department did not manage to achieve its procurement target for youth, People with Disabilities (PwD) and Township spend. Although the Department targeted business owned by designated groups when request for procurement for </= R500 000 are made, the department did not achieve the target that was set. The Department’s biggest expenditure is currently on contracts that are already secure through an open tender process and RT contracts. The department ‘s tenders planned for the financial year are still at the BSC and BEC Stage, Probity Auditors haves been appointed to assist with the Bid Specification Report.

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| **PP Spend for Agriculture and Rural Development (Summary) Financial Year 2020-2021**  |
| **Department** | **Financial Year** |  **Female Spend** **R’000** | **% Female** |  **Youth Spend** **R’000** | **% Youth Spend** |  **PWD Spend** **R’000** | **% PWD** |
| Agriculture and Rural Development | 2021/22. Q3 | 35 187 | 47% | 6 696 | 9% | 1 340 | 2% |
| **BEE Target for 2021/2022**  |  **Female = 40%**  |   |  **Youth = 30%**  |  |  **PWD = 4%**  |   |

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| **The Department / Entity’s achievement with respect to township economy / SMME / local procurement for the period under review** |
| The Committee noted with concern that Department did not manage to achieve its procurement target for Township spend of 40% and only achieved 17%. Although the Department targeted township-based businesses when request for procurement for </= R500 000 are made, the impact of this procurement is not enough to achieve the set targets. The Department’s biggest expenditure is currently on contracts that are already secure through an open tender process and RT contracts. The Department will therefore put measures in place to pursue a more targeted and deliberate approach towards businesses owned by Township based business, but it is very challenging because a proper market research or feasibility studies was not conducted to check if it is feasible to subcontract and if the Township based businesses have capacity to provide goods and services as required.

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| **TER Spend Report for Agriculture and Rural Development (Summary) Financial Year 2020-2021**  |
| **Department** | **Financial Year** |  **Total Spend**  |  **% Spend**  |
| GDARD | 2020/2021 |  14 418 | 17% |
| Q3 - Township Spend Target for 2020/2021  | 40% |  |

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| **A summary for the period under review with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days** |
| The Department reported that 94% of invoices were paid within 15 Days for the 3rd Quarter of the 2021-2022 Financial year. For the Month of December 2021 Department paid 86% of invoices within 10 Days. The following are reasons why invoices could not be paid within the 10 and 15 days. Invoices rejected to exception, it was cleared on the following payment run, but exceeded the 15 Working Days. Incorrect fund used on CASP allocations which were picked up during the payment run confirmation and could only be corrected in the next payment run. It must be noted that all invoices were processed within the 30 days period. |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful and irregular expenditure** |
| **Fruitless and wasteful expenditure -** The Department did not identify any Fruitless and wasteful expenditure during the 3rd Quarter of the 2021/2022 financial year.* 1. **Irregular expenditure -** The Department received a Internal Audit Report identifying irregular expenditure for the 3rd Quarter of the 2021-2022 FY. The Department however does have Irregular expenditure amounting to R86.1 million relating to the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Financial years, most of these cases were investigated and the Department is in a process for implementing these findings and recommendations as indicated in the Investigation Report. The Provincial Forensic Audit unit within Gauteng office of the Premier (OOP) is in a process of finalising the rest of these investigations. The Department is busy finalising the submission for R19,7 million Condonement based on the investigation completed and also taken in to consideration implementation of consequent management.
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| **A summary for the period under review with respect to efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes** |
| None reported |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to reduction of fraud and corruption in all SCM / procurement processes** |
| None reported  |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to ongoing clean audits** |
| None for the quarter under review |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants (where applicable)** |
| The Department has spent R42 million of its R 145 million allocated budget, which is equivalent to 29% of its allocation. Total CASP expenditure incurred includes Fencing projects implemented through DBSA and compensation of employees for graduate’s programme stipends. EPWP incentive grant expenditure incurred relates to establishment of Indigenous Ornamental and Food Crops Nurseries, procurement of seed and seedling etc. No expenditure recorded to date for Land care grant, business plan approved only in the month of August. However, most of the budget is committed awaiting delivery of Goods and services to be paid. Conditional Grant have R71 million commitments at the end of the 3rd Quarter, when adding the current Conditional Grant commitment to the expenditure to date, the projected expenditure is at 78% at the end of the 3rd Quarter.  |
| **Program / Sub Programme level financial performance** |
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| **3.1 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY BUDGET EXPENDITURE FIGURES** |
| **Programme** | **Final Appropriation** | **Projected Budged for the Quarter under review** | **Actual Expenditure for the Q Under review** | **Percentage Expenditure for the Q Under review** | **Actual Expenditure (Year to Date)** | **Percentage Expenditure (Year to Date)** |
| **Programme 1: Administration** |  **271,928**  |  **55,430**  |  **68,187**  | **123%** |  **201,408**  | **74%** |
| **Programme 2: Agriculture and Rural development** |  **468,791**  |  **131,771**  |  **85,019**  | **65%** |  **233,170**  | **50%** |
| **Programme 3: Environmental Affairs** |  **304,092**  |  **75,962**  |  **81,303**  | **107%** |  **212,106**  | **70%** |
| **Totals** |  **1,044,811**  |  **263,163**  |  **234,509**  | **89%** |  **646,684**  | **62%** |

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# 5 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

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| **5.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT** |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review** | **With respect to any and all Resolutions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Resolutions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity** |
| 8  | 8 |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to Committee Resolutions** |
| Acceptable – The Department is encouraged to continue improving on unachieved plans |
| **With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Quarter under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]** |
| Analysed resolutions to be presented to the Committee in the meeting of Thursday, 17th March 2022.  |

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| **5.2 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PETITIONS MANAGEMENT** |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review** | **With respect to any and all Petitions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity** |
| 0 | 0 |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to referred Petitions** |
| N/A |
| **With respect to the Petitions / Action due during the Quarter under review but not yet responded to by the Department / Entity, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]** |
| N/A |

# 6 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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| **6. THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS** |
| **The steps / measures the Department / Entity has taken to meaningfully involve the public / stakeholders in the course of its work / service delivery, during the period under review** |
| **The Committee noted that the Department coordinated the following Stakeholder Engagements for the reporting period under review:** 1. ***BkB Cleaning Programme: 6th & 13th of October 2021 -*** The service delivery as was coordinated by GDARD in consultation with the Emfuleni Local Municipality which included activities to handover Emfuleni waste management fleet and BkB (Cleaning and Greening), as a result of the waste dumping sites that were mushrooming around the targeted communities. The main objective of the service delivery in Emfuleni was to launch/handover the waste management fleet to Emfuleni, plant trees and conduct a clean-up in the area.

1. ***World Food Day: 14 October 2021 -*** Through this service delivery engagement, GDARD celebrated the World Food Day and assisted communities with agricultural implements
2. ***GPG Market Access Programme for Small holder farmers: 19 October 2021 -*** The engagement was aimed at exposing the youth of Merafong to the programmes and opportunities available in the two departments (GDED and GDARD)
3. **MECs Launch-planting season for grains: 21 October 2021 -** Through this service delivery implementation, GDARD aimed at launching and creating awareness about the summer grains planting season for the farmers.

Through Public Education Programmes, the Department continues to actively participate in the IGR Coordination Sub-Work stream meetings as convened by COGTA for the 5 (Five) Districts including the vaccine roll out plan. The Department further actively participated in the Ward Based War Rooms as per drafted schedules by COGTA. Moreover, the Department through the IGR coordination was able to implement the DDM One Plan as facilitated by COGTA . |
| **Summary of Public Education programmes of the Department / Entity during the period under review** |
| **Through Public Education Programmes, GDARD coordinated the following education programmes:-*** **Environment Research Symposium on the 15th of October 2021. The Environment Research Symposium**
* The Environment Research Symposium as was held was intended to discuss water, energy, food and biodiversity nexus in GP, expansion and maintenance of climate change corridors and impact of COVID 19 on transportation sector in GP
* ***Outcome(s) Achieved:*** Information and new ideas on the three areas were shared in Commissions which helped to direct research aligned to the theme of the symposium
* GDARD also through Public Education Programmes, coordinated **SMMEs Conferences** on the 25th of October at Vereeniging, Sedibeng District and on the **26th of October** 2021 at Phefeni, City of Joburg

***Outcome(s) Achieved:*** SMMEs empowered on solutions towards improvement.  |
| **Feedback sessions conducted by the Department / Entity** **during the period under review** |
| The Department reported that various Capacity Building programs were conducted in various areas as follows: * During the reporting period under review, GDARD engaged the community of Daveyton on the 24th of November 2021 whereby community members were capacitated on departmental programs. The feedback session as held targeted farmers as part of the community
* **Outcomes(s) Achieved**: Information shared with the targeted community and feedback provided by means of a dialogue between government departments and farmers
* GDARD also participated in a feedback session on the 30th of November 2021, whereby the Sedibeng District was engaged
* In this feedback session, as was held, the exiting ward councillors and various stakeholders were capacitated with information and opportunities offered by GDARD and other government entities
* ***Outcomes(s) Achieved:*** Communities capacitated on necessary departmental programmes, and that included further information sharing by other Stakeholders such as SALGA and other agencies to which the targeted communities benefited from the knowledge shared

**The Department further provided feedback on its planned plans for January 2022 School reopening as led by GDE*** In the feedback sessions, as were held with GDARD and other government departments, GDARD presented its plan and progress in relation to the School readiness re-opening as follows: -
* MECs deployment to the two identified schools in the City of Joburg (Durban Deep Primary School, Princess High School) and an Early Childhood Development Centre (Christian Day Care Centre), on the 12th of January 2022
* ***Outcome(s) Achieved***: MEC’s meeting with SMT in the morning and a walk about in the school premises
* GDARD rendered Agricultural activities in form of tree planting including provision of seeds towards food gardening to the identified Early Childhood Development Centre
* MEC’s Symbolic tree planting of fruit trees at the identified venues
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# 7 OVERSIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL TREATISE / AGREEMENTS

| **7. DETAILS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES [Applicable only to OCPOL / OoP]** |
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# 8 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

| **8. DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT** |
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| **GENDER** SMS Females = 24 (63%)291 Subsistence women producers supportedProcurement spend on business owned by Woman is currently at 40% | **YOUTH** Procurement spend on business owned by Youth is currently at 30% | **DISABED**PwD = 25 (2.6%)Procurement spend on business owned by Persons with Disabilities | **SENIOR CITIZENS – N/A** |

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# 9 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS

| **9. [DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS]** |
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| **GPL** | The 3rd Quarterly Report for Vote 11 was submitted to the GPL for further processing  |
| **Auditor General (AGSA)** | None for the quarter under review  |
| **Public Service Commission (PSC)** | None for the quarter under review |
| **Compliance with relevant fiduciary Legislation [e.g., PFMA]** | Compliant  |

# 10 OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE

| **10. THE DETAILS ON A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT / ENTITY** |
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| **Detailed information on the current vacancies (at all staff levels)** |
| 1 059 |
| **Current vacancy rate** |
| **103** |
| **Current acting positions (at all Staff levels)** |
| 6 |
| **Terminations during the period under review** |
| 15 |
| **New appointments during the period under review** |
| 18 |
| **Detailed information on the GEYODI / HDI empowerment for the period under review** |
| Total Females in the Department = 499 (52%)SMS Females = 22 (58%)PwD = 25 (2.6%) |
| **Detailed information on any suspensions for the period under review** |
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# 11 OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA

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| **11. THE DETAILS ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA [Only if relevant and applicable]** |
| *Any other area of Department / Entity performance with respect to its Quarter Report that the Committee wishes to report on, which is not already included in any of the above Focus Areas.* |
| N/A |

# 12 COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS

| **12. DETAILED COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS (on each specific Focus Area analysed above)** |
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| * 1. The Department’s continuous practice of creating a sense of dependency for smallholder farmers, as most of them continuously rely on the Department for funding to sustain their agrobusinesses.
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| 12.2 Lack of assisting small holder farmers with accessibility to high value markets in the agricultural supply chain |
| 12.3 Failure to produce long term solutions to address the issue of sustainable food security in the Province.  |
| 12.4 Lack of supplying production inputs on time as there’s always delays in the finalisation of the tender processes which result in subsistence producers not being supported timeously as inputs are provided at a time that is out of sync with farming operations.  |
| 12.5 With respect to Landcare]; there’s  12.5.1 Failure to identify available land for rehabilitation and agricultural production and the implementation thereof 12.5.2 Lack of assisting small holder farmers to gain access to land for agriculture and agro-processing purposes |
| 12.6 Failure to implement projects that will create job opportunities around renewable energy sources as an alternative energy in the Province, particularly on solar panels.   |

# 13 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

| **13 [DETAILED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS]** |
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| **Based on the information set out herein-above as well as the Committee Concerns, the Committee therefore recommends as follows:** |
| **Ref Number** | **Recommendation** | **Type of response expected** | **Due Date** |
| EDEARD/ Q3PR / 001 | Department to provide mechanisms in place on the exit strategy, that will assist small holder farmers with adequate support to help them operate sustainable Agribusinesses after exiting Government programmes. The report should include* if the structures developed, organizations and individuals trained or empowered by the programme continue to function effectively
* if the relevant- agricultural activities are continued in the same or modified forma
* Monitoring and evaluation of the programmes after inception (There is need for a strong monitoring and evaluation unit within the GDARD)
* If the programme impact has been sustained, expanded or improved at the end of the intervention.
 | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 6/05/2022 |
| EDEARD/ Q3PR / 002 | Provide a comprehensive report on how small farmers will be assisted with marketing skills to sustain their farming businesses, i.e the report should include how the farmers will be assisted with cash flow management, banking skills, financial administration, record keeping, compliance basics, and proper business planning. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 6/05/2022 |
| EDEARD/ Q3PR / 003 | Provide a comprehensive report/plan in place to address food security issues in the Province. Also including measures in place to assist Community food gardens to be maintainable.  | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 6/05/2022 |
| EDEARD /Q3PR / 004 | Provide a comprehensive report on the mitigation actions that address the continuous delays in the supply of production inputs to farmers. The report should include;* SCM processes utilized to appoint services providers that are consistent in supplying productions inputs timeously
* Where are those production inputs sourced
* Timelines given to the service providers noting that inputs are seasonal
 | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 6/05/2022 |
| EDEARD /Q3PR / 005 | Provide the Committee with a comprehensive report that includes a list of identified Land for agricultural production, land to be rehabilitated, criteria to be used to assist small holder farmers to gain access to Land.  | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 6/05/2022 |
| EDEARD /Q2PR / 006 | Provide plans in place to create job opportunities on the renewable energy sources as an alternative energy source in the Province. The plans should also include ways on how the Department will ensure that there’s a reduction on the over-reliance on coal which is a finite and environmentally unfriendly resource. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 6/05/2022 |
| **Additional recommendations:**1. Provide a report on the Cooperatives that have been supported during and after Covid, with production input. (and a list of those Cooperatives).
2. Provided a detailed report on the impact that farming projects have on the livelihoods of the farmers.
3. Provide a report on the support that is provided to women in agro-processing
4. Provide status report on the implementation of capital funded projects and completion dates by DBSA.
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| **Explanatory note on the reference numbers for Recommendations (ultimately Resolutions)*** Reference number is in the format : [A] / [B] / [C]
* [A] = The 3 letter Committee identifier. E.g., COGTA/HS can be “CHS”, SRAC can be “SRA”
* [B] = The 4-digit identifier for the SOM Imperative [e.g., Q1PR or Q2PR or FIS1 or APR, or BV. In this case, since this is a Q-Report template, it will either be Q1PR or Q2PR or Q3PR or Q4PR]
* [C] = The 3-digit number of the recommendation in this report [001,002,003 …, 00n]
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# 15 ADOPTION

In terms of Rule 117 (2)(c) read together with 164, the Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee presents the Oversight Report on the 2nd Quarterly Performance Report of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2021/22 financial year and recommends its adoption.