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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

# TABLINGS

none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. The Chairperson of the Oversight Committee on the Office of the Premier’s Office and the Legislature (OCPOL), Hon. B W Dhlamini, tabled the Committee’s Oversight Report on the Annual Report of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature (GPL) for the 2022/2023 financial year, as attached:**

**COMMITTEES QUARTERLY OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER’S OFFICE AND THE LEGISLATURE (OCPOL)**

| **Committee Details** | | **Department Details** | |
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| **Name of Committee** | **OCPOL** | **Name of Department** | **GPL** |
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| **Which Quarter** | **Annual Report** | **Hon. Minister / MEC** | **N Mekgwe** |
| **Committee Approvals** | | | |
|  | **Name** | | **Date Approved by Chairperson** |
| **Hon. Chairperson** | **BW Dhlamini** | | **Friday, 24th November 2023** |
| **Adoption and Tabling** | | | |
| **Date of Final Adoption by Committee** | | | **Scheduled date of House Tabling** |
| **Friday, 24th November 2022** | | | **Monday, 4th December 2023** |

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

| **Abbreviation** | **Full Wording** |
| --- | --- |
| APP | Annual Performance Plan |
| CFO | Chief Financial Officer |
| FAMLA | Financial Management Act of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature |
| HR | Human Resource |
| GEYODI | Gender, Youth, Persons living with Disabilities |
| GPL | Gauteng Provincial Legislature |
| GBR | Gender Based Budgeting |
| HDIs | Historically Disadvantaged Individuals |
| ILR | Inter-Legislature Relations |
| MPLs | Members of the Provincial Legislature |
| NDP | National Development Plan |
| PGDP | Provincial Growth and Development Plan |
| PwDs | Persons living with Disabilities |
| RISDP | Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| SOM | Sector Oversight Model |
| SCM | Supply Chain Management |

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

| **ii. [Executive Summary]** |
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| **Summary of GPL Achievements for the period under review** |
| The Committee’s oversight report outlines the performance of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature (GPL) for the 2022/23 financial year. The GPL’s performance in the implementation of the Annual Performance Plan (APP) targets reflects 83 % achievement with a total of 20 performance targets achieved out of the 24 that were planned.  The targets not achieved are 1 adopted Committee Inquiries Report, 100% implementation of Leadership Implementation Plan, 100% achievement of milestones in the Human Resource (HR) Strategy’s Annual Implementation Plan and 80% achievement of milestones in the annual implementation plan of the Integrated Communication Strategy. It is report that Committee Inquiries could not be achieved due to extended delays in sourcing technical experts and the cost of implementation/service from bidders was more than available budget.  The 92 % implementation of Leadership Implementation Plan is due to a suitable leadership and coaching expert being identified later than anticipated, resulting in delays in initiating the project. The project was initiated in quarter 4 of the 2022/2023 FY and will be concluded in quarter 3 of the 2023/2024.  The achievement of milestones in the HR Strategy’s Annual Implementation Plan outputs was not implemented due to dependency on the Value Creation initiative that is still underway. All outputs not achieved will be implemented in the next reporting period.  The 77% achievement of milestones in the annual implementation plan of the Integrated Communication Strategy was due to the rresponsiveness of the market and planned events rescheduled. The GPL reported that the targets that were not achieved will be incorporated into the 2023/24’s implementation plan for execution and the mitigation plans have been put in place to ensure integration.  In terms of the budget expenditure performance for the year under review, the GPL was allocated a total amount of R825.163million which is an increase from the R795.70 million allocated in the previous financial year. The GPL managed to spend R756.188 million, underspending by R68.975 million and this represents 91.6% expenditure pattern compared to 88 % in the 2021/22 FY.  The main factors that led to under-spending are Compensation of Employees at R24 million because of unfilled vacancies due to hiring freeze whilst the value creation project is being implemented, outstanding 2021/22 pay-progression for P07 and P08 employees; and lower than budgeted payments for 2021/22 pay-progression for P09 to P16 staff members who did not fully comply with IPMS policy and therefore not benefiting from the full 1.5% pay progression that was budgeted for. Goods and services underspent by R31.1 million due to Committee activities that could not be undertaken because of the congested institutional programme, the Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) onsite training in Italy which was postponed to April 2023 and special operational projects.  Capital assets underspent by R13.9 million due to the expiry of the tender validity for the audio-visual equipment for Caucus rooms, late delivery of laptops for staff, delayed delivery of motor vehicles due to backlog from Toyota South Africa and delayed delivery of the generator due to stock shortages in the country.  During the year under review the GPL adopted 159 SOM oversight reports and 21 focused intervention studies were conducted. Out of the 494 passed resolutions 352 responses were received and 185 were closed. The Petitions Standing Committee tabled 128 new petitions for consideration against the planned target of 120 petitions. Out of these, 117 petitions were adopted, 9 were rejected, and 2 were deferred for further consultation with affected stakeholders. A total of 27 Bills were consider and 107 public education workshops were conducted against the 40 planned The GPL conducted 5 Sector Parliaments, which included among others the Interfaith Parliament and Senior Citizens Parliament, with the aim to foster inclusivity, empower diverse voices, and emphasise our dedication to a shared, brighter future through public participation.  The Committee notes that the GPL continued to facilitate collaboration to strengthen governance and cooperation with the local and national spheres of government. Initiatives geared to improving compliance with good governance principles and ethics were implemented such as an Ethics Workshop in collaboration with the National Prosecuting Authority.  The GPL continued to provide support to Members by rolling out capacity building. The Members’ training that was planned for the year was implemented in line with the approved plan and included the Members’ Induction Programme, which focused on providing both basic information and in-depth knowledge on the core business areas of the institution including roles and responsibilities of Members, functional training areas in the parliamentary procedures and practices, as well as instruments of the sector oversight model.  A report that details the degree of Members’ efficacy in making laws as well as identifying possible challenges in the law-making process was consolidated and tabled to governance structures to ensure that the laws passed are indeed responsive to the needs to the people of Gauteng.  It is noted that to strengthen the compliance of various enterprises interested in providing services to the legislature, the GPL conducted a workshop with micro businesses to raise awareness about the compliance requirements. In term of Preferential Procurement Targets, for Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs), the GPL achieved 63.01% against a 60% target, Women 29.7 % against a 30% target, Youth 9.40 % against a 10% target, People with disabilities (PwDs) 1.51 % against a 0.2% target and Township Economy 54.90 against a 10% target. In the previous year the GPL exceeded these targets.  The Committee commends the GPL for receiving a Clean Audit in the year under review as this is the third year in succession. |
| **Summary of strategic challenges experienced by the GPL during the period under review – and measures in place to address them** |
| None |
| **Summary of the main strategic risks forecast by the Institution during the period under review – and measures in place to manage them** |
| None |
| **Summary of the requests for Intervention by the Department for the period under review - and what the Committee is doing / has done to address this** |
| None |
| **Summary of the undertakings / Commitments by GPL / Department to address oversight findings of the Committee requiring attention** |
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# INTRODUCTION

Annual reports remain key reporting instruments for Departments and all accounting entities to report their performance targets and spending on the budget against the Annual Performance Plans (APPs). This report was developed in accordance with the Sector Oversight Model (SOM). This conceptual model provides that the annual report process assists the Committee to formulate ideas for the coming budget. The Committee assessed the 2022/23 Annual Report of the GPL by determining the levels of performance at the end of the financial year and evaluates whether the GPL has delivered on the commitments made in the APPs against the budget.

# PROCESS FOLLOWED

* The Speaker of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature formally referred the Annual Report for 2022/23 FY to the Committee for consideration and reporting.
* The Committee deliberated the research analysis on the Annual Report of the GPL on Thursday, 21st September 2023.
* The Committee received a presentation from GPL on the Annual Report on Thursday, 26th October 2023 and deliberated and adopted its oversight report on Friday, 24th November 2023.

# OVERSIGHT ON GPL ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

| **1.1 [GPL achievement on relevant National / Global Priorities for the Q under review]** |
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| *Committee’s overall assessment of GPL achievement on relevant National / Global Priorities for the Q under review for the Q under Review* |
| The National Development Plan is a long-term perspective that aims to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030. These can be achieved through promoting partnerships throughout society. The GPL participates in both the National and Gauteng Speakers forums. This is aimed at enhancing effectiveness of this institution in discharging its responsibilities aimed at improving service delivery.  The Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) are aimed at ending poverty, building peaceful societies, and promoting prosperity while also protecting the environment for current and future generations. These goals were adopted as an integral part of the “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” by all Member States of the United Nations in 2015[[1]](#footnote-1). If these goals are to be achieved in any country, the country’s parliament has a significant role to play. The Gauteng Provincial Legislature has a constitutional responsibility to support and monitor the implementation of the SDGs. This will be achieved through ensuring that the legislation passed is responsive to the needs of the people, the budgets passed are in line with the SDGs and there is adherence to accountability.  Monitoring the progress towards the achievement of the SDGs, as well as tracking where and how these funds are spent to curb corruption and assess the impact of these initiatives on the lives of the people of the province. Recognising the valuable contribution and centrality of public participation as an interface between the people and elected representatives, the GPL is in the process of re-engineering its PP mechanism for an inclusive governance system. The resolution tracking as an instrument of monitoring implementation of House resolutions by the Executive and implementing agencies remains essential in ensuring the attainment of SDGs.  The Agenda 2063 is a strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of the continent over the next 50 years. It is built on and seeks to accelerate the implementation of past and existing continental initiatives for growth and sustainable development. As indicated earlier, Parliaments have a critical role to play in driving and fostering people centred development that is reflective and responsive to the needs of the people. Through its co-operative governance function, the GPL continues to participate at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. This association exists to develop, promote, and support parliaments and provincial legislatures in areas of good governance. They learn from each other in a wide range of parliamentary strengthening and public outreach mechanisms. These are valuable in ensuring accountability and a participatory governance system. |

## 1.2 GAUTENG LEGISLATURE’S ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES

| **1.2 [GPL achievement on relevant Provincial Priorities for the Q under review]** |
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| *Committee’s overall assessment of Departmental achievement of specific and relevant Provincial Priorities for the Q under Review* |
| None |

# 2. OVERSIGHT ON GPL’S FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| **2. [GPL’s Financial Performance for the period under review]** |
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| **Overall Summary on GPL’s Financial Performance** |
| ***An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the GPL’s Financial Performance is sound and prudent*** |
| In terms of the budget expenditure performance for the year under review, the GPL was allocated a total amount of R825.163million which is an increase from the R795.70 million allocated in the previous financial year. The GPL managed to spend R756.188 million, underspending by R68.975 million and this represents 91.6% expenditure pattern compared to 88 % in the 2021/22 FY. |
| **THE DETAILS ON GPL’S FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE** |
| **Actual amount (in Rands) allocated to the GPL as budget for this entire Financial Year** |
| R825.163million |
| **Actual amount (in Rands) spent by the GPL only during the Year under review** |
| R756.188 million |
| **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** |
| 91.6 % |
| **An analysis of how the % budget expenditure compares with the % APP achievement** |
| While the GPL needs to ensure effective spending in line with the planned targets, the institution has achieved 83 % of the planned targets, with a budget spend of 91.6 % |
| **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 main challenges that led to under-spending are Compensation of Employees at R24 million because of unfilled vacancies due to hiring freeze whilst the value creation project is being implemented, outstanding 2021/22 pay-progression for P07 and P08 employees; and lower than budgeted payments for 2021/22 pay-progression for P09 to P16 staff members who did not fully comply with IPMS policy and therefore not benefiting from the full 1.5% pay progression that was budgeted for.  Goods and services underspent by R31.1 million due to Committee activities that could not be undertaken because of the congested institutional programme, the Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) onsite training in Italy which was postponed to April 2023 and special operational projects.  Capital assets underspent by R13.9 million due to the expiry of the tender validity for the audio-visual equipment for Caucus rooms, late delivery of laptops for staff, delayed delivery of motor vehicles due to backlog from Toyota South Africa and delayed delivery of the generator due to stock shortages in the country. |
| **Mitigating measures by the GPL to remedy over / under expenditure** |
| The Committee noted that the following measures to prevent over/ under expenditure have been put in place:   * Early warning reports are sent to Programmes on the 1st and 15th of each month to prompt Programmes to spend in line with the projections for the month. * Expenditure reports are sent to Programmes and Committees monthly to track progress against budget implementation. * Projections are compared to actual expenditure - this tool also allows Programme Managers to identify gaps timeously and institute the necessary plans to achieve the identified objectives. * All requisitions are released based on compliance with approved spending plans, relevant policies and Acts and availability of funds. * Each Programme and Committees are allocated Budget Officers to improve financial management and to ensure continuous support and advise on financial matters. |
| **The GPL’s achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review** |
| 0 |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days** |
| Monthly financial reports were produced and submitted to the Executive Authority in line with the provisions of FMPPLA and there was monitoring of invoice payments within 30 days. |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful, and irregular expenditure** |
| None. |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes** |
| The Supply Chain Management (SCM) Policy and Procedure Manual was implemented throughout the year to ensure that SCM services are provided in a professional and efficient manner in compliance with Supply Chain Management Regulations issued in terms of the Financial Management of Parliament Act, 2009 (Act No. 10 of 2009) (FMPA SCM reg.) |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to reduction of fraud and corruption in all SCM / procurement processes** |
| A routine monitoring was conducted to ensure strict adherence to the SCM processes and all relevant prescripts. |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to ongoing clean audits** |
| The GPL received a Clean Audit opinion. |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants (where applicable)** |
| None |

# OVERSIGHT ON GPL’S NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| **3. [GPL’s Achievement of APP Targets]** |
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| **Overall Summary on GPL’s Non-Financial Performance** |
| *An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the GPL’s Non-Financial Performance is sound and prudent* |
| The Committee is of the view that GPL performed well during the year under review through countless imperative of the Sector Oversight Model (SOM). |
| **THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE** |
| **Number of APP targets relevant for this FY** |
| 24 |
| **Number of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this FY** |
| 20 |
| **Percentage of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this FY** |
| 83 % |
| **Main areas in the APP that have experienced non-achievement or over achievement during this FY** |
| The targets not achieved are 1 adopted Committee Inquiries report, 100% implementation of Leadership Implementation Plan, 100% achievement of milestones in the HR Strategy’s Annual Implementation Plan and 80% achievement of milestones in the annual implementation plan of the Integrated Communication Strategy. It is report that Committee Inquiries could not be achieved due to extended delays in sourcing technical experts and the cost of implementation/service from bidders was more than available budget.  The 92 % implementation of Leadership Implementation Plan is due to a suitable leadership and coaching expert being identified later than anticipated, resulting in delays in initiating the project. The project was initiated in Q4 of the 2022/2023 FY and will be concluded in Q3 of the 2023/2024.  Achievement of milestones in the HR Strategy’s Annual Implementation Plan outputs was not implemented due to dependency on the Value Creation initiative that is still underway. All outputs not achieved will be implemented in the next reporting period. The 77% achievement of milestones in the annual implementation plan of the Integrated Communication Strategy was due to the responsiveness of the market and planned events rescheduled. |
| **Measures in place (with timeframes) to correct the deviation in targets for this Quarter and to prevent recurrence of such or similar deviation** |
| The GPL reported the Committee Inquiry and milestones in the annual implementation plan of the Integrated Communication Strategy will be incorporated into the next financial year’s implementation plan for execution and the mitigation strategies have been put in place to ensure integration of the outstanding outputs of both the HR Strategy and Leadership Initiative Project into the new financial year’s implementation for seamless execution of these implementation plans. |
| **A summarized analysis on the Department performance per Programme for the period under review** |
| **Leadership and Governance**  The purpose of Programme 1 is to provide overall strategic leadership and direction to the institution. The Committee notes that the Programme performed well as it achieved all its set targets. The 4 quarterly oversight reports on the performance of Committees and 1 annual oversight report on the discharge of the law-making mandate were produced. There was 83 % achievement of targets in Inter-Legislature Relations (ILR) strategy implementation plan and 4 initiatives undertaken to promote ethical conduct.  The Committee further notes that the GPL through this programme facilitated collaboration to strengthen governance and cooperation with the local and national spheres of government. Initiatives geared to improving compliance with good governance principles and ethics were implemented such as an Ethics Workshop in collaboration with the National Prosecuting Authority.  The GPL reported that a report that details the degree of Members’ efficacy in making laws as well as identifying possible challenges in the law-making process was consolidated and tabled to governance structures to ensure that the laws passed are indeed responsive to the needs to the people of Gauteng.  **Office of the Secretary**  The Office of the Secretary serve as the custodian for the development and implementation of strategy. The Committee notes that this Programme achieved all its planned target in the year under review as it was in the previous financial year. The 6-compliance performance information progress reports on the APP were produced, the 5 capacity development sessions were conducted to promote transversal mainstreaming and 2 initiatives to promote ethical were conducted.  During the year under review, this programme ensured that systems are put in place to facilitate the financial disclosures of the public representatives as well as its officials. The Secretariat, together with the Integrity Commissioner, promoted ethical conduct across the institution by raising awareness among the public representatives and officials, as well as facilitating compliance with the Code of Conduct and Disclosures Framework. Furthermore, the feasibility study report of the Space Optimisation Project was completed and submitted to the Accounting Officer and the feasibility study on Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act was also completed.  **Corporate Support Service**  The purpose of this Programme is to provide support to all internal stakeholders. The Programme achieved 2 of its 4 planned targets with 2 partially achieved. The partially achieved targets are 100% implementation of Leadership Implementation Plan and 100% achievement of milestones in the HR Strategy’s Annual Implementation Plan. The GPL reported that the mitigation plans have been put in place to ensure integration of the outstanding outputs of both the HR Strategy and Leadership Initiative Project into the new financial year’s implementation for seamless execution of these implementation.  The Programme continued to provide support to Members by rolling out capacity building. The Members’ training that was planned for the year was implemented in line with the approved plan and included the Members’ Induction Programme, which focused on providing both basic information and in-depth knowledge on the core business areas of the institution including roles and responsibilities of Members, functional training areas in the parliamentary procedures and practices, as well as instruments of the sector oversight model.  **Core Business**  The Core Business provides comprehensive support to the House and its Committees so that they can discharge their Constitutional mandates of oversight and scrutiny over the work of the Executive, law-making, public participation, and co-operative governance**.** This Programme recorded under-achievement with 2 out 11 planned targets not realised. Performance deviation was recorded on adoption of 1 Committee Inquiry Report and achievement of 80% milestones in the annual implementation of the integrated Communication Strategy as only 77% was achieved. The GPL reported that the mitigation plans have been identified to overcome the challenges experienced which include the sourcing of technical expertise in the next reporting period. The outstanding milestones will be incorporated into the next financial year’s implementation plan for execution.  During the year under review the GPL adopted 159 SOM oversight reports and 21 focused intervention studies were conducted. Out of 494 passed resolutions 352 responses received and 185 were closed. The Petitions Standing Committee tabled 128 new petitions for consideration against the planned target of 120 petitions. Out of these, 117 petitions were adopted, 9 were rejected, and 2 were deferred for further consultation with affected stakeholders. A total of 27 Bills were consider and 107 public education workshops were conducted against the 40 planned The GPL conducted 5 Sector Parliaments, which included among others the Interfaith Parliament and Senior Citizens Parliament, with the aim to foster inclusivity, empower diverse voices, and emphasise our dedication to a shared, brighter future through public participation.  **Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**  The Office of CFO’s purpose of the programme is to provide professional financial, risk and supply chain management services for the realisation of the GPL’s strategic goals and objectives. The programme achieved 2 of its planned targets. The GPL received a Clean Audit in the year under review and it is commendable as this is the third year in succession.  It is noted that to strengthen the compliance of various enterprises interested in providing services to the legislature, the Programme conducted a workshop with micro businesses to raise awareness about the compliance requirements. In term of Preferential Procurement Targets, for Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs), the GPL achieved 63.01% against a 60% target, Women 29.7 % against a 30% target, Youth 9.40 % against a 10% target, People with disabilities (PwDs) 1.51 % against a 0.2% target and Township Economy 54.90 against a 10% target.  The programme continued to provide strategic leadership during the annual budgeting process to ensure appropriate and adequate funding of the annual performance plans within a constrained economic environment and coordinated and finalised the budget adjustments for 2022/2023 and budgeting process for the 2023/2024 financial year. In line with Section 51 of FMPPLA, financial reports were prepared monthly and submitted to both internal and external stakeholders within 15 days of each month. |

# OVERSIGHT ON RESOLUTION AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

# INFORMATION ON THE GPL’S IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

| **4.1 [RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT]** | |
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| **Overall Summary on GPL’s Resolutions Management** | |
| *An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of GPL’s Resolutions Management* | |
| The GPL has satisfactorily responded to all passed resolutions in the 2022/23 FY. | |
| **THE DETAILS ON GPL’S RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the GPL during the FY under review** | **With respect to any and all Resolutions that were due in the Year under review, how many Resolutions have been successfully responded to by the GPL** |
| 13 | 0 |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of GPL’s responses to Committee Resolutions** | |
| Satisfactory | |
| **With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Year under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the GPL [with mitigating measures to submission]** | |
| None | |

# INFORMATION ON THE GPL’S IMPLEMENTATION OF PETITIONS REFERRED BY THE GPL

| **4.2 [PETITIONS MANAGEMENT]** | |
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| **Overall Summary on GPL’s Petitions Management** | |
| *An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of GPL’S Petitions Management* | |
| There were no petitions referred to the Committee. | |
| **THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL PETITIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the GPL 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 GPL** |
| None | None |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of GPL’s responses to referred Petitions** | |
| None | |
| **With respect to the Petitions / Action due during the Quarter under review but not yet responded to by the Department, what reasons have been provided by the GPL [with mitigating measures to submission]** | |
| None | |

# OVERSIGHT ON GPL’S PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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| **5. [Oversight on GPL’s Public Engagement]** |
| **Overall Summary on Departmental Public Engagement** |
| *An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of GPL’s Public Engagements* |
| A total of 107 public education workshops and 5 Sector Parliaments were conducted. |
| **THE DETAILS ON GPL’S PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS** |
| The steps / measures the GPL has taken to meaningfully involve the public / stakeholders in the course of its work / service delivery, during the period under review |
| There were no challenges reported. |
| **Summary of Public Education programmes of the GPL during the period under review** |
| None reported |
| **Feedback sessions conducted by the Department** **during the period under review** |
| None reported |

# OVERSIGHT ON GPL’S IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS

| **6. [GPL IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS (Specifically relevant to GPL)** |
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| *Overall Summary on GPL’s implementation of relevant (portfolio specific) Laws / Legislation* |
| The GPL reported that the feasibility study on the Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act was concluded. The study was conducted to test the legislature’s state of readiness to implement the Act, thereby looking at the procedural, structural and capacity issues.  The GPL will follow the necessary procedures to prepare and align accordingly with the recent amended Electoral Act (Act 1 of 2023) which provides for the increase of seats in the Seventh Legislature from 73 to 80  The review of the Petitions Act focusing on, amongst others, the review of its ability to subpoena witnesses and MECs will be concluded, and systems will be put in place to implement the Act’s provisions. to further ensure that the laws of Gauteng meet the needs of its people. |

# OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES

| **7. [DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES]** |
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| *Overall Summary on Departmental implementation of relevant Internal Agreements / Treaties [Only if applicable]* |
| None |

# OVERSIGHT ON GPL’S PROJECT MANAGEMENT

| **8. [GPL’S PROJECT MANAGEMENT]** |
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| *Overall Summary on management and delivery of Institutional Projects* |
| None |

# OVERSIGHT ON GPL’S ACHIEVEMENT ON GEYODI EMPOWERMENT IN COMMUNITIES

| **9. GEYODI EMPOWERMENT** |
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| *Overall Summary on Institution’sl achievement on actual GEYODI empowerment in communities* |
| None. |

# OVERSIGHT ON GPL’S COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY

| **10. [INSTITUTION’S COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY]** | |
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| *Overall Summary on GPL’s Compliance and Quality* | |
| The annual report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines on the annual report as issued by National Treasury. | |
| **THE DETAILS ON GPL’S COMPLIANCE, QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION** | |
| **Auditor General (AGSA)** | The AGSA did not identify material misstatements in the AFS submitted for auditing, mainly due to effective supervision and review controls over the preparation of the AFS and did not identify significant internal control deficiencies in the financial management processes. |
| **Public Service Commission (PSC)** | None |
| **Compliance with relevant fiduciary Legislation [e.g. PFMA]** | The office of the AGSA did not identify any material findings on compliance with the specific matters in key legislation set out in the general notice issued in terms of the Public Audit Act (PAA). |

# OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA

| **11. [ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA] (Only relevant if deemed necessary)** |
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| *Any other area of Departmental 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. |

# OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

| **12.1 [A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT]** |
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| **Overall Summary on a capacitated institution and Good Governance** |
| *An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the GPL is adequately capacitated and resourced to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates* |
| The Committee has previously expressed concerns about the backlog that exists within the GPL petition system and is of the view that the Petition Unit is not capacitated to discharge the mandate of the GPL. |
| **THE DETAILS ON A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT** |
| *Information on the current Departmental Structure and level of implementation thereof* |
| **Detailed information on the current vacancies (at all staff levels)** |
| **Current vacancy rate** |
| 14 % |
| **Current acting positions (at all Staff levels)** |
| Not reported |
| **Terminations during the period under review** |
| 17 |
| **New appointments during the period under review** |
| 18 |
| **Detailed information on the GEYODI / HDI empowerment for the period under review** |
| 3 |
| **Detailed information on any suspensions for the period under review** |
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# OVERSIGHT ON GOOD GOVERNANCE

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| **12.2 [GOOD GOVERNANCE]** |
| **Overall Summary on Good Governance processes at the GPL** |
| *An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the GPL is adequately governed and thus able to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates* |
| During the 2022/2023 financial year, the Legislature Service Board managed to meet five (5) times to consider the financial and non-financial performance information reports, including risk management, compliance and audit matters, and approval of policies that were presented by management. |

# OVERSIGHT ON POSITIVE OUTCOMES OF GPL ACTIVITIES

| **13. [Summarized information on any positive outcomes of Institutional activities during the period under review]** |
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# FINDINGS, CONCERNS and RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no findings, concerns and recommendations identified during this process.

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# ADOPTION

In accordance with Rule 164 of the Standing Rules of the GPL, the Committee hereby presents the report to the House for adoption.

1. UNDP. Parliament’s role in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. A Parliamentary Handbook [↑](#footnote-ref-1)