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**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 Office of the Premier (OoP) for the 2022/2023 financial year, as attached:**

**COMMITTEES ANNUAL OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

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# ABBREVIATIONS & FULL WORDINGS

AGSA Auditor-General South Africa

AOPO Audit on Performance Objectives

APP Annual Performance Plan

AU African Union

BBBEE Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment

BRICS Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

CEOs Chief Executive Officers

CoGTA Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

COVID-19 Coronavirus 2019

COVAC Committee's Oversight and Accountability Framework

CRM Citizen Relationship Management

CDWs Community Development Workers

CGE Commission for Gender Equality

CSD Central Supplier Database

DED Department of Economic Development

DGs Director General

DMV Department of Military Veterans

DPSA Department of Public Service & Administration

DRAM Disability Rights Awareness Month

DSU Delivery Support Unit

EXCO Executive Council

EE Employment Equity

EHWP Expanded Public Works Programme

FFC Financial Fiscal Commission

FY Financial Year

FSDM Frontline Service Delivery Monitoring

GBVF Gender-Based Violence Framework

GBV Gender-Based Violence

GCIS Government Communication Information Services

GCRA Gauteng City Region Academy

GCRO Gauteng City Region Observatory

GCR Gauteng City Region

GDARD Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

GEP Gauteng Enterprise Propeller

G-PPSA Gauteng Public Protector South Africa

GEYODI Gender, Youth and Disability

GGT Growing Gauteng Together

GSDF Gauteng Spatial Development Framework

GIYDS Gauteng Integrated Youth Development Strategy

GPG Gauteng Provincial Government

HDI Historically Disadvantaged Individuals

HoDs Head of Departments

HRD Human Resource Development

ICT Information Communication Technology

IGR Intergovernmental Relations

LGBTIQA+ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual. Transgender, Intersex, Queer/Questioning, Asexual

MECs Member of the Executive Council

MERMS Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Made Simple

MFA Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

MoA Memorandum of Agreement

MoU Memorandum of Understanding

MTSF Medium-Term Strategic Frameworks

MVO Military Veterans and Older Persons

NACH National Anti-corruption Hotline

NDP National Development Plan

OHS Occupational Health & Safety

OTP Office of the Prosecutor

PSC Public Service Commission

PRC People's Republic of China

PwDs People with Disabilities

RFI Request for Information

RRTTs Rapid Response Task Teams

SEIAS Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System

SETA Sector Education and Training Authority

TID Technical Indicator Descriptor

TISH Township, Informal Settlement and Hostels

TMR Transformation, Modernisation and Re-industrialisation

TVET Technical and Vocational Education and Training

SCM Supply Chain Management

SEFA Sector Enterprise Finance Agency

SEZ Special Economic Zone

SIU Special investigating Unit

SLAs Service Level Agreements

SMME Small Medium & Micro Enterprise

SMS Senior Management Services

SOM Sector Oversight Model

Stats SA Statistics South Africa

WAN Wide Area Network

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

| **ii. [Executive Summary]** |
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| **Summary of Departmental Achievements for the period under review** |
| This Committee Oversight Report provides the overview of the overall annual performance of the Office of the Premier for the 2022/23 financial year. The Annual Report stage is critical in providing the Committee with a better understanding of whether the OoP was able to achieve the planned targets in line with the allocated budget in ensuring the realization of the intended outputs and outcomes.  The Annual Report was concurrently considered with the Auditor General Report, and of notable and commendable success is the OoP’s achievement of an unqualified Audit Opinion with no material findings in the year under review which has been consistently maintained in the previous financial years. Based on the Auditor General’s recommendation to the OoP, on areas that requires attention and focus in ensuring the maintenance of audit outcomes, the Committee in its oversight function will be tracking and ensuring corrective measures in instances of non-compliance and errors in the financial statements and the performance reports, which might result in material findings in the future.  The overall performance of the OoP reflected 44 out of 57 APP target achievement and 14 unachieved targets with a budget spending of R741.3 million out of the annual budget of R803.9 million. The Committee’s assessment of the OoP’s budget against target achievements, reflected 92% expenditure against 77% APP deliverables in the year under review. This is a regression in performance when compared to the 2021/22FY where the Office achieved 91% APP targets. However, a slight improvement is noted where the Office incurred 8% underspending when compared to 21% underspending recorded in the 2021/22 FY. The main concern is the OoP’s under-spending that exceeded the 5% threshold for all three delivery programmes in the year under review. In response to the Committee concern relating tothe lowest achievement of APP target in the year under review as opposed to the last 4 financial years; the OoP reported that every target was backed by audited and verified data and in the future, target performance will show improvements.  In terms of the disaggregated performance per programme in the year under review, Programme 1: Administration recorded an achievement of 8 out of the 10 deliverables which constitutes 80% planned targets. This programme spent R198.6million out of the budget allocation of R219.052 million and recorded an underspending of R20.4 million (9.3%). The OoP reported that this underspending was due to a delay in finalizing the advertisement for Life Esidimeni, to share information with the Gauteng community and other interested stakeholders on the decision to close the process of claims; and the unspent funds has been categorized as savings in the Strategic Support, and Risk ManagementSub-Programme. The OoP reported that the delay in finalizing the advertisement was due to disagreements by some members of the Family Committee of the Life Esidimeni about the first time being told about the published advertisement in the Government Gazette during the meeting. It is noted that the Premier has granted the request to extend the time for the advertisement to ensure that information reaches all key stakeholders. The OoP further reported that the advertisement was published by government printers in the Government Gazette within the regulated standard costing rates. Another contributing factor to this underspending was in relation to a delay in the transfers to Life Esidimeni claimants due to the non-finalization of pending court processes; as well as the delay by claimants in submitting important documents requested by the Office of the Premier to assess and process payments.  Programme 2: Institutional Development achieved 13 out of the 7 deliverables which constitute 76% planned targets with a total expenditure of R244.6 million which represent 91.5% of the projected annual budget of R267.4 million. The Office attributed this underspending to factors that include amongst others, postponement of projects such as Gauteng Men’s Symposium, and delays in filling of vacant posts. In response to the non-achievement of the target to conduct the annual perception survey which has contributed to this underspending, the OoP reported that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GCIS and other research organizations to conduct the annual perception survey. It is noted that a research study will be conducted in the 2023/24 FY.  Programme 3: Policy and Governance achieved 77% (23 of its 30) planned targets, with R298 million (93,9%) expenditure out of the total budget of R317.4 million and recorded R19.3 million underspending. The underspending was mainly attributed to factors that include amongst others, delays in pending investigation by the Special Investigating Unit as well as delays in finalising the procurement of research studies. However, a slight improvement in the budget variance trends from 9% underspending in 2021/22 FY to 6.1% in the year under review is noted.  The Committee notes that the OoP’s Preferential Procurement spending on Black Owned Enterprises was at 83% as opposed to the targeted 80%; Women at 41% instead of the targeted 40%; Youth at 20% against the targeted 15% and Township Economy at 32% as opposed to the targeted 30%. The spending trends on Preferential Procurement for People with Disabilities registered a slight improvement in the year under review at 6% against the targeted 7% when compared 1.01% against the targeted 5% in 2021/22FY. However, the Committee is of the view that the 7% target is not achieved because there is no concerted effort from government to help PwDs. It is further noted that the Office of the Premier managed to pay 99,6% of invoices within 15 days from date of receipt. Furthermore, the draft delivery agreements and signatures of approval from the Premier and MECs have been facilitated amongst other achievements in the year under review. |
| **Summary of strategic challenges experienced by the** **OoP during the period under review – and measures in place to address them** |
| Out of 752 SMS filled posts within the GPG, a total of 227 were vetted and 468 are awaiting feedback and 57 SMS officials have not yet applied for security clearance. The Office reported that the significant increase in the number of SMS members awaiting vetting feedback was due to the vetting re-application by members whose security clearances have expired. Out of 576 SCM filled posts within the GPG, 275 were vetted and 233 are still awaiting feedback from SSA and 70 SCM officials have not yet applied for security clearance. The number of those who have not applied was due to the re-vetting applications that is currently under suspension to address the backlog of already received applications. It is noted that the OoP is providing continuous support to the GPG Departments with material findings on AOPO (Audit on Performance Objectives) to ensure improvements in the subsequent financial years. Furthermore, an Assessment System (SEIAS) that supports the provision of evidence to inform policy making processes has been implemented in the year under review. The Office, through the DSU team managed to prepare; finalize the draft delivery agreements and signatures of approval from Premier and MECs. |
| **Summary of the main strategic risks forecast by the OoP during the period under review – and measures in place to manage them** |
| The Committee notes that that all SMS members in the OoP have applied for vetting. Out of the total 72 SMS filled posts in the OoP, 13 have been vetted and 59 are awaiting feedback and all SMS members in the OoP have applied for vetting. The SCM structure in the in the OoP comprised of 35 filled posts, and 21 have been vetted, while 14 are awaiting feedback and all SCM officials in OoP have applied for vetting. The OoP’s vetting records as at end of September 2023 highlighted that 34 of the 49 SMS members have not applied for security clearance are those whose security clearances have expired and required to re-apply. |
| **Summary of the requests for Intervention by the OoP for the period under review - and what the Committee is doing / has done to address this** |
| The OoP reported that 25 interventions were implemented from 01 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 and the City of Ekurhuleni accounted for most of the cases at 16, followed by the City of Johannesburg with seven 7 cases and West Rand with 2 cases. Furthermore, the Office of the Premier facilitated interventions to prevent service delivery protests in the year under review, with 5 interventions implemented from 01 January to 31 March 2023. Out of these 5 cases, the City of Johannesburg accounted for most cases with 3, followed by the City of Ekurhuleni with 2 cases. There were no interventions received from West Rand, Tshwane, and Sedibeng.  It is noted that the Gauteng Multiple Interactive Channels within the Ntirhisano programme allowed the residents of Gauteng (i.e., individual, household and community level) to engage government in their preferred mode of interaction to access information, raise their service delivery needs and register service delivery complaints. |
| **Summary of the undertakings / Commitments by Premier / OoP to address oversight findings of the Committee requiring attention** |
| The Ntirhisano Service Delivery Rapid Response System remains a key area for the OoP to ensure quicker response times to service delivery issues and to strengthen the IGR governance. Out of the 431 (100%) Ntirhisano Outreach commitments tracked for progress in the year under review, 347 constituted short-term achievements. The Frontline Service Delivery Model (FSDM) monitoring programme focused on monitoring government service points as well as assessing experiences of citizens in their interactions with these facilities. |

# INTRODUCTION

The Committee Oversight Report on the OoP’s Annual Report for 2022/23 financial year was prepared in accordance with the Sector Oversight Model (SOM) and in compliance with COVAC framework.

In the year under review, the Office of the Premier migrated from a Health Response focus that dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, to an Economic Recovery Response with a new elevated focus of priorities outlined in the Township, Informal Settlements and Hostels (TISH) programme. The 2022/23 Financial Year presents the 3 of the 5 full years towards the achievement of the impact, outcomes, and targets of the Office of the Premier’s 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. The objective of the 6th Administration was to ensure the achievement of all 7 priorities in Growing Gauteng together sustainably. During the 2022/23 FY, the political leadership of the province transitioned, as the Gauteng Provincial Government welcomed its 7th Premier with a clear mandate that policy priorities remain the same and will be pursued until the end of the 6th Administration’s term of office.

1. **PROCESS FOLLOWED**

1. On Monday, 18th September 2023, the GPL Speaker, Hon. LH Mekgwe referred Annual Report of the Office of the Premier for 2022/23 FY to the Committee for consideration and reporting.

2. On Thursday, 21st September 2023, the Senior Researcher, Ms. N Dlamini presented the analysis of Annual Report of the Office of the Premier for 2022/23 FY to the Committee. The Committee stakeholders were also invited to make submissions on Annual Report of the Office of the Premier for 2022/23 FY.

1. On Thursday, 26th October 2022, the Office of the Premier presented to the Committee, its Annual Report of the Office of the Premier for 2022/23 FY and responded to questions that emanated from the research analysis.

4. On Thursday, 17th November 2023, the Committee deliberated and subsequently adopted the Oversight Report on Annual Report of the Office of the Premier for 2022/23 FY.

1. **OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTYMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGICV PRIORITIES**

**1.1 DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC NATIONAL/GLOBAL PRIORITIES**

| **1.1 [OoP’s achievement on relevant National / Global Priorities for the Year under review]** |
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| *Committee’s overall assessment of Departmental achievement of Dept achievement on relevant National / Global Priorities for the Q under review for the Q under Review* |
| In an endeavour to drastically reduce poverty and inequality, enhance socio-economic development, and reform the economy and society, the National Development Plan, Vision 2030 (NDP), authorised by Parliament, continued to serve as a roadmap for the 2022/23 Financial Year. The National Development Plan, Vision 2030 is the nation’s plan for a society where poverty has been eliminated and inequality reduced by 2030. The GGT2030 is government’s contribution to building a better nation, and an integral part of intensifying the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP) in pursuit of the South Africa envisioned in the Freedom Charter, the Constitution, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Agenda 2063 of the African Union (AU).  The National Development Plan (NDP) Vision 2030, as adopted by the National Executive in 2012, is the visionary blueprint of government, society, business, labour, faith-based organisations, youth, women, elderly and the disabled. Therefore, the NDP Vision 2030 is a collaborative partnership towards reducing poverty, unemployment and building a national democratic society that is socially inclusive by 2030. The Medium-Term Strategic Frameworks (MTSFs) gives effect to the 2019 –2024 long-range plans; the 1st of the 3 frameworks identifies the prioritised critical actions for the first 5 years of the NDP Vision 2030, against 14 government outcomes. Due to several factors, particularly the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, a decision was taken to revise the MTSF, and the effects of COVID-19 pandemic were considered in the supplementary budget tabled in June 2020 as well as the subsequent revisions of Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans. This led to a reconsideration of how to improve the delivery of services to the public with limited resources.  The role of the Office of the Premier in Gauteng in relation to the MTSF is twofold, including, leading the alignment, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the strategic agenda of the Gauteng government; and leading the delivery of specific outputs of defined priorities. The Office of the Premier, directly contributes to the National Priorities through the Gauteng programme of Transformation, Modernisation and Re-industrialisation (TMR) for the next 5 to 15 years (over the NDP horizon to 2030) as detailed in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, under three key themes and the Ten Pillar Programme, of Radical Economic transformation; Decisive Spatial Transformation; Accelerated Social Transformation; Transformation of State and Governance; Modernisation of the Public Service; Modernisation of the Economy; Modernisation of Human Settlements and Urban Development; Modernisation of Public Transport Infrastructure; Reindustrialisation of the Gauteng Province; Taking the lead in Africa’s new Industrial Revolution. Mainstreamed across the above Ten Pillar are issues of Gender, Youth, Elderly Persons, Military Veterans and People with Disability. In the 2022/23 Financial Year, the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) adopted 4 priorities within the context of Growing Gauteng Together 2030 (GGT2030) Strategy which focuses on overcoming the COVID-19 Global Pandemic; re-igniting the Gauteng economy; recalibrating social policy; and improving governance. In terms of good governance, the political leadership of the province made a transition from Premier, David Makhura, to Premier Panyaza Lesufi.  It is noted that the mandate and policy of the provincial government remains unchanged, with the elevation of some aspects to ensure speed and urgency of implementation of identified critical services to improve identified services to the people of Gauteng. This mandate is the blueprint of the 6th Administration, to continue the acceleration of the implementation of elevated priorities in line with the Township, Informal Settlements and Hostels (TISH) programme. These Elevated Priorities include the acceleration of Gauteng’s economic recovery and reconstruction; declare crime, corruption, lawlessness and vandalism as the enemy that must be mercilessly defeated; to drastically change the living conditions of citizens in 26 townships of the province, over 700 informal; settlements and 6 provincially owned hostels; strengthen the capacity of the state to deliver quality services to citizens; and improve and capacitate government communications to ensure better and effective liaison with its residents. The elevated priorities focusing on the TISH areas have been identified as the key focus for the remaining 18 months of the 6th Administration and fighting crime and corruption being the apex priority. |
| **Note:**  The Committee is encouraged to assess the Departmental achievement of Strategic Priorities in terms of:   * The SDGs * Africa Agenda 2063 * SADC MasterPlan * The NDP * MTSF 2019-2024 * MTSF (2019-2024) “Provincial Contributions expected from Gauteng” |

**1.2** **DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES**

| **[OoP’s achievement on relevant Provincial Priorities for the Year under review]** |
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| *Committee’s overall assessment of Departmental achievement of specific and relevant Provincial Priorities for the Q under Review* |
| [The annual and quarterly targets for 2022/23 as year three of the five-year strategy, encapsulates the elevated priorities which the Office of the Premier co-ordinates and contributes towards the realisation of the intended outcomes, recorded the achievements as follows:  ***Outcome 1: A skilled, capable, ethical, and development****a****l state***: The Office compiled the Annual Report of the GPG Compliance Risk Assessment on Ethics and Anti- Corruption legislation and policy prescripts in the year under review and conducted Lifestyle audits for the DGs, HoDs, and CEOs of GPG agencies. The Office further finalised the secondment agreement between the Office of the Premier and SIU to assist the audits and continuous assistance to GPG departments with the implementation of disciplinary processes as recommended by the final investigation reports from the SIU.  The Provincial Forensic Audit received a total of 559 National Anti-Corruption Hotline (NACH) cases from the Office of the Public Service Commission (PSC) from 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2023. A total of 478 out of 559 cases have been resolved and 81 cases are still outstanding. The resolved cases were at 86% and 14% were still outstanding at the end of the year under review. It is noted that a backlog of 40 NACH cases are still outstanding (from 2014/2015 to 2021/2022 Financial Years). A total of 26 out the 40 backlog cases were referred to the Accounting Officers of departments to address the allegations, 14 to the Provincial Forensic Audits for processing. These cases remain open on the Provincial Forensic Audits database until feedback is provided.  **Outcome 2: A growing and inclusive economy, jobs, and infrastructure**: The GPG wide procurement spend on targeted groups recorded Women spend at 10.5% against the set target of 40%; Youth spend at 7.81% as opposed to the targeted 15% and People with Disabilities spend at 1.34% instead of the targeted 7%.  ***Outcome 3: Inclusive quality education and healthcare and growing the skills needed for the economy*:** Thelead departments in the social cluster have established workstreams to coordinate and work with other departments to implement the elevated priority on Health and Wellness. Focus has also been on crime and law enforcement in fighting drugs, e-policing and ensuring policing capacity. All GPG EHWP practitioners registered with the relevant professional councils to render counselling were trained on a refresher course and telephone counselling as part of capacity building to manage the internal Zinakekele case load.  ***Outcome 4: Spatial transformation and integrated planning*:** It is noted that the Vaal and Western SEZ will be configured into a cannabis industrialisation zone (full value chain under state oversight/ support, including regulatory sandbox partnership). The Office is currently pursuing a proposal for Cannabis Exchange linked to ORT SEZ.  ***Outcome 5: Responsive engagement between government and the citizenry and deepened social cohesion*:** The Gauteng Office of the Premier commissioned the Annual Perception Survey with the aim and objectives of understanding the public’s perceptions of the Gauteng Provincial Government’s (GPG) service delivery interventions among Gauteng residents. The OoP should update the Committee on the outcomes of this survey. In ensuring the implementation of Priority 6, Social Cohesion and SaferCommunities through the Service Delivery Interventions unit, the Office facilitated the interventions on rapid response cases. A total of 25 Interventions were implemented from the period 01 January 2023 to 31 March 2023. An additional 5 interventions were facilitated to prevent service delivery protests in the same period. Furthermore, a total of 43 921 of 73 984 cases were resolved across the province, through the Gauteng Multiple Interactive Channels for the Ntirhisano programme with a resolution rate of 59,37%.  **Outcome 6: Collaborative relations between sub-national governments enhanced:**  TheOoP conducted benchmarking research on best practices on other countries/city regions which culminated in recommendations on international events as catalysts for economic development, maintaining the City Region as the country’s leading tourism destination, tackling the complex challenges of crime, growing inequality, architectural inefficiencies, power, and energy generation, improve smart mobility, invest in technological innovation. Furthermore, several bi-lateral meetings were held by the Premier in the year under review.  **Outcome 7: GCR energy sector reform:** The Office has committed green energy including embedded generation and micro-grids (100-Megawatt production from alternative/renewable energy sources in Gauteng). Furthermore, Request for Information (RFI) has been sourced with a total of 24 RFI received and an analysis to produce a report is underway. In addition, 20 RFI respondents met the criteria and 13 were selected for partnership based on the proposed project and the stage of the project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) & Service Level Agreements (SLAs) have been developed and MoA signed with relevant institutions. |
| **Note:**  The Committee is encouraged to assess the Departmental achievement of Strategic Priorities in terms of:   * GGT-2030 * GGT-2030 M&E and Implementation Plan (with Dept specific targets on achieving GGT-2030) |

**2**. **OVERSIGHT ON DEPT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

| **[OoP’s Financial Performance for the period under review]** |
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| **Overall Summary of the OoP’s Financial performance** |
| The Committee notes that the Office of the Premier received a budget allocation of R803.9 million, spent R741.3 million which is 92% budget expenditure and underspent by R65.5 million, in the year under review. A slight improvement is noted where the Office incurred 8% underspending and displayed a variance of over 5% in the budget spending when compared 21% underspending recorded in the 202/22 FY.  In the year under review, Programme 1: Administration received a budget allocation of R219.052 million, with an expenditure of R198.6million, and recorded an underspending of R20.4million (9.3%). OoP reported that this underspending was attributed to the savings in the Executive Council Support (Executive Secretariat Services and Cabinet Operations)Sub-Programme due to a delay in finalizing the advertisement for Life Esidimeni, to share information with the Gauteng community and other interested stakeholders on the decision to close the process of claims. The OoP reported that the cause of the delay was due to the disagreement of some members of the Family Committee of the Life Esidimeni’s disagreement about the first time being told about the published advertisement in the Government Gazette during the meeting. Therefore, the Premier granted the request to extend the time for the advertisement to ensure that the information reaches all key stakeholders. The OoP further reported that the advertisement was published by government printers in the Government Gazette within the regulated standard costing rates.  Another contributing factor to this underspending was in relation to a delay in the transfers to claimants due to the finalization of pending court processes; as well as the delay by claimants in submitting important documents requested by the Office of the Premier to assess and process payments. The Committee notes that underspending variances in Programme 1: Administration has improved in the year under review when compared to the material underspending under this Programme in the 2021/22 FY, which stood at 44%.  After consultations with the Family Committee of Life Esidimeni in September 2023, agreement was reached that a second notice be issued and that affected families be informed via social networks as well as in the Government Gazette. This notice will be published on 25 October 2023 and will indicate the extension of the closing date for claims to 30 November 2023. Families are therefore invited to come forward to lodge claims they believe are valid, should they not have done so already. Once these claims are received, they will be subjected to the same verification process as the previous cases received for the Gauteng Mental Health Marathon Project.  Programme 2: Institutional Development was allocated a budget of R267.4 million, spent R244.6 million, underspending by R22.8 million (8.5%) in the year under review. The Office attributed this underspending to the factors that include amongst others, postponement of projects such as Gauteng Men’s Symposium, as well as delays in the payment of bursaries; rescheduling of the planned GPG Health & OHS training due to the unavailability of key stakeholders; cancellation of some events that were supposed to take place in the 2022/23 Financial Year; delays in filling of vacant posts. In response to not achieving the target to conduct the annual perception survey, the OoP reported that it has signed a MoU with Government Communication Information Services and other research organizations to conduct the annual perception survey. This contributed to the underspending for this programme and it is noted that a research study will be conducted in the 2023/24 financial year and has been postponed to 2023/24 FY.  Programme 3: Policy and Governance received a budget allocation of R317.4 million and incurred R298 million expenditure, underspending by R19.3 million (6.1%). The Committee notes a slight improvement in budget variance trends for this programme from the 9% underspending in the 2021/22 FY to 6.1% in the year under review. The underspending was mainly attributed to the factors that include delay on the pending investigation by Special Investigating Unit; delay in finalising the procurement of research studies; non-implementation of events such as Gauteng Women’s Excellence Awards, Military Veteran Commemoration Day, International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, and International Women’s Day. The Office of the Premier is not a revenue-generating department, it receives most of its revenue from employee parking fees and on collection of old debt. In the year under review, the Office registered a collection of R642 000 instead of the projected R386 000. |
| *An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Departmental Financial Performance is sound and prudent* |
| **THE DETAILS ON OoP’s FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE** |
| **Actual amount (in Rands) allocated to the OoP as budget for this entire Financial Year** |
| The Office of the Premier received an annual budget allocation of R803.9 million, spent R741.3 million which is 92% of the overall budget allocation and recorded R65.5 million (8%) an under- spending. |
| **Actual amount projected by the OoP to be spent only during the Year under review** |
| [The 2022/23 main appropriation amounted to of R714 million and was further adjusted to R867 million.] |
| **Actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department only during the year under review** |
| [The Office of the Premier spent of R741.3 million which is 92%o f the overall budget and under-spend by R65.5 million which is 8% of the annual budget] |
| **Total actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department (Year to Date), i.e. from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review** |
| [The Office of the Premier spent R741.3 million year to date.] |
| **Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure (Year to Date), i.e. from the beginning of this FY to the end of the year under review** |
| [92% of the overall budget expenditure] |
| **An analysis of how the % budget expenditure compares with the % APP achievement** |
| [77% of the APP targets were achieved and 92% of the allocated budget was spent. |
| **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 OoP under-spent by R65.5 million] |
| **Mitigating measures by the Department to remedy over / under expenditure** |
| [The OoP reported that every APP target that was not achieved was backed by audited and verified data and in the future, target performance will show improvements.] |
| **The Department’s achievement with respect to** **GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review** |
| The OoP’s Preferential Procurement Spending on Women was at 40% against the targeted 41%. However, spending on PwDs was at 6% as opposed to the targeted 7%. Preferential procurement spending on Youth was at 20% instead of the targeted 15%. |
| **The Department’s achievement with respect to township economy /** **SMME / local procurement for the period under review** |
| [It is noted that Preferential Procurement Spending on Township-Based Enterprises was at 32% instead of the set target of 30%. Preferential Procurement Spending on Black People recorded 83% instead of the targeted 80%. |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days**. |
| [The OoP recorded 99,6% as opposed to the targeted 100% payment of valid invoices within 15 days from date of receipt |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful, and irregular expenditure** |
| **Payment of service providers within 15-30 days during the Financial Year under review:** A total of 1127 out of 1131 (99,64%) of valid invoices were paid to service providers within 15 days from date of receipt.  **Fruitless, wasteful, irregular, and unauthorized expenditure during the Financial Year under review:** The Office of the Premier did not incur any unauthorised, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure during the period under review.  **Efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes during the Financial Year under review:** There were no unsolicited bids received or accepted by the Office of the Premier in the year under review. Section 217 of the Constitution, which requires the SCM system to be fair, equitable, transparent, competitive, and cost effective, was one of the legislative requirements that the Office of the Premier adhered to in the implementation of the SCM processes. In monitoring and ensuring compliance, the Provincial Treasury submits performance reports to oversight bodies along with compliance assessments of these processes.  **Clean audits during the Financial Year under review:** The Office of the Premier achieved a Clean Audit in the year under review, maintaining a consistent achievement of this deliverable as it was the case in the previous financial year. |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes** |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to reduction of fraud and corruption in all SCM / procurement processes** |
| [86% (478 out of 559 cases) of National Anti-Corruption Hotline cases received from Office of the Public Service Commission from 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2023 have been resolved 14% (81) cases are still outstanding.] |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to ongoing clean audits** |
| [The Committee commends the OoP’ s performance in achieving and maintaining a clean audit outcome in the 2022/23 FY.] |
| **A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants (where applicable)** |
| [The OoP did not received conditional grants in the year under review.] |

**3. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

| **3. Overall Summary on Departmental Non-Financial Performance** |
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| *An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Departmental Non-Financial Performance is sound and prudent* |
| [In the year under review, the OoP undertook a comprehensive process to adjust the Annual Performance Plan for 2022/23 with the introduction of the elevated priorities TISH. The OoP achieved 77% (44 Out of 57) APP targets and 92% (R741.3 million) financial expenditure out of the projected budget of R803.9 million and recorded R65.5 million (8%) under-spending. |
| 1. **PROGRAMME INFORMATION**   The Committee notes that the OoP continues the realization of its activities through Programme 1: Administration, Programme 2: Institutional Development and Programme 3: Policy and Governance. 3.1 PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION This Programme is responsible for overall strategic management and support to the Premier and the Director-General in fulfilling their statutory and political mandates. It is also responsible for providing financial management and other corporate support services including security management services to the OoP. The programme objectives include**,** effective public administration, which is more responsive, convenient, and accountable to the public; disciplined financial management across the OoP; and a safe and secure working environment across the GPG.  According to the Annual Performance Plan, Programme 1: Administration supports all 7 Outcomes as per the OoP’s Strategic Plan, while also delivering specific Outputs towards Outcome 1: *A skilled, capable, ethical, and developmental state* and Outcome 2: A growing and inclusive economy, jobs, and infrastructure. This programme achieved 8 (80%), out of the 10 targets planned in the year under review and against a budget spend of 90.7% which is R198.6 million out of its projected annual budget of R219 million in the year under review.  **3.1.1 Executive Council Support (Executive Secretariat Services and Cabinet Operations)**  This sub-programme achieved all 2 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met include the submission of the Annual Council Schedule of meetings to the Executive Council for approval as well as the Bi-Annual reports on the implementation of Executive Council decisions.  **3.1.2 Office of the Director General (Strategic support, Executive support to Premier and DG, and Security and Risk Management)**  This sub-programme achieved all 2 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met include the production of 4 quarterly reports on the vetting of officials in high- risk areas and the production of 1 annual report on training and development interventions implemented in the Office of the Premier. 3.1.3 Financial Management This sub-programme achieved 4 of the 6 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met include 83% as opposed to the targeted 80% Preferential Procurement spend on enterprises that are Black-Owned, 41% instead of 40% Preferential Procurement spend on Women Owned Businesses; 20% against the set target of 15% Preferential Procurement spend on Youth Owned Businesses and 32% as opposed to the targeted 30% achievement for procurement spend on Township-Owned Businesses.  3.2 PROGRAMME 2: INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT  This Programme aims to lead, facilitate, coordinate, and support a skilled, ethical and performance orientated GCR; to provide ICT related auxiliary support to the OoP towards modernizing the public service; and to promote and facilitate effective communication between government and the people of Gauteng; the enhancement of service delivery and responsiveness.  According to the Annual Performance Plan, Programme 2 contributes towards Outcome 1: *A skilled, capable, ethical, and developmental state;* Outcome 5: *Responsive engagement between government and the citizenry and deepened social cohesion*, and Outcome 6: *Collaborative relations enhanced between sub-national governments*. In the year under review, Programme 2: Institutional Development achieved 13 out of the 17 planned targets (76%), with budget spending of R244.6 million (91.5%) out of its annual budget of R267.4 million in the year under review. 3.2.1 Strategic Human Resources This sub-programme achieved 5 out of the 8 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met include amongst others, 4 quarterly reports on compliance by the GPG departments on hearings held within 60 days from the date of precautionary suspension/s as well as 4 quarterly reports on the status of the GPG departments staff establishment. 3.2.2 Information and Communication Technology The Office achieved the only (1) target planned for this sub-programme in the year under review. It is noted that 99% uptime on WAN links was maintained, and no downtime recorded. This is a commendable achievement, noting that the OoP, and the GPG Departments have incorporated a hybrid working environment and have ensured ICT capacity systems to meet the day-to-day ICT requirements. 3.2.3 Communication Services This sub-programme achieved all 3 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met include amongst others, the commissioning of 3 research studies as well as the implementation of 4 programmes to market the Gauteng City Region. 3.2.4 Service Delivery Interventions This sub-programme achieved 4 of the 5 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met include amongst others, 4 quarterly reports on tracking responses for cases that were lodged on the CRM System as well as 4 quarterly reports on interventions implemented on received rapid response cases. PROGRAMME 3: POLICY AND GOVERNANCE This Programme aims to lead, facilitate, coordinate, and support the active advancement of gender equality, women empowerment, youth development and the rights of people with disabilities, older persons, and military veterans; support the Premier and the Executive Council with policy advice and support; international and inter-governmental relations; and integrated cooperative governance. Furthermore, it aims to lead, facilitate, coordinate, and support the implementation of the Integrity Management Programme in the GCR; drive province-wide outcomes-based planning; performance monitoring and evaluation, to improve government performance towards enhanced service delivery and GCR development impacts/outcomes.  According to the Annual Performance Plan, Programme 3 contributes towards Outcome 1: A skilled, capable, ethical, and developmental state; Outcome 2: A growing and inclusive economy, jobs; and infrastructure; Outcome 3: Inclusive quality education and healthcare and growing the skills needed for the economy; Outcome 4: Spatial transformation and integrated planning; Outcome 5: Responsive engagement between government and the citizenry and deepened social cohesion; Outcome 6: Collaborative relations between sub-national governments enhanced; Outcome 7: GCR energy sector reform. This Programme achieved 77% (23 of its 30) targets, with a spending of R298 million (93,9%) out of its projected annual budget of R317.4 million and underspent by R19.3 million. 3.3.1 Policy and Governance: GEYODI and MVO This sub-programme achieved all 4 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met includes amongst others, 4 reports on the analysis of the GPG wide procurement spend on enterprises owned by targeted groups as well as 4 quarterly reports on the compliance of the GPG departments to the Military Veteran Action Plan. 3.3.2 GEYODI and MVO: Tshepo 1 Million This sub-programme failed to meet the 4 planned target in the year under review. 3.3.3 Intergovernmental Relations The OoP achieved all 4 planned targets through this sub-programme in the year under review. This includes amongst others, the development of the Biannual reports on the collaboration with Africa and the world and achieved 7 as opposed to the targeted 4 strategic regional level structured engagements. This performance was attributed to additional meetings at the instruction of the Premier.  **3.3.4 Intergovernmental Relations: Service Delivery and Integrity Management**  This sub-programme achieved 4 of the 5 targets planned in the year under review. The targets met includes amongst others 1 annual report of GPG compliance risk assessment on Ethics and Anti-Corruption legislation and policy prescripts; 86% against the targeted 80% reported fraud and corruption NACH (National Anti-Corruption Hotline) cases finalised, and 92.3% instead of the targeted 80% fraud and corruption cases reported to the law enforcement agencies for criminal investigation. 3.3.5 Cluster Management This sub-programme achieved all 2 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met includes amongst others 4 quarterly reports on decision matrixes were produced for Executive Council cycle of meeting. 3.3.6 Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Policy Research and Advisory Services) This sub-programme achieved 1 out of the 5 targets planned for the year under review. The target met was in relation to the production of the Bi-annual reports on the application of Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (SEIAS). It is further noted that the Office conducted 1 as opposed to the targeted 2 research studies as per the approved research agenda. In mitigating this challenge, the OoP reported that the research study will be completed in 1st quarter of the new financial year.  **3.3.7 Planning Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Deliverology Support Unit)**  The OoP achieved all 3 targets planned for this sub-programme in the year under review. The targets met includes amongst others, 3 quarterly reports on progress against targets in the Delivery Agreements of the Governance and the Economic Cluster.  **3.3.8 Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Strategic Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation)**  This sub-programme achieved 5 of the 6 targets planned for the year under review. The targets met includes amongst others, 2 monitoring reports on the implementation of AG findings on predetermined objectives by the GPG departments and 321 instead of the targeted 310 improvement plans facilitated in areas of underperformance. |
| **Number of APP targets relevant for this Year** |
| A total of 57 APP targets were planned for the period under review. |
| **Number of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Period** |
| A total of 44 targets were achieved. |
| **Percentage of APP targets for this Year that have been achieved during this Period** |
| 77% APP targets were delivered in the period under review. |
| **Percentage of APP achievement for the previous financial year (for Comparison)** |
| 91% (59 of the 65 planned targets) of the APP targets were achieved in the previous financial year. |
| **Main areas in the APP that have experienced non-achievement or over achievement during this Period** |
| **Programme 1: Administration**  Through the Financial Management sub-programme**, t**he Office achieved 99.65% (1127 of 1131) instead of 100% payment of invoices to service providers within 15 days and attributed the non-payment of 4 invoices within 15 days to delays on the payment run for the new 2022/23 financial year, due to delays in the scanning of the invoice and attaining the end-user signature. Despite all the above shortfalls, the OoP was able to achieve 100% payment of invoices within 30 days of receipt as guided by the legislated framework in the year under review.  The Office achieved 6% as opposed to the targeted 7% target on procurement from Enterprises Owned by Persons with Disabilities. The reason provided for this deviation was due to the limited number of businesses owned by People with Disabilities registered on the CSD and this reason was also provided in the previous financial year’s non-achievement of this target. While the Office has made strides by achieving 6% against the targeted 7%, the Committee will continue to assess the ways in which the Office can be supported to meet the needs of enterprises owned by Persons with Disabilities. The Committee is in the process of conducting a Focused Intervention Study on this issue, to probe the underlying issues causing underperformance in the achievement of this target as it was the case in the previous financial years.  **Programme 2: Institutional Development** Through the strategic Strategic Human Resources sub-programme, the OoP capacitated 108 instead of the targeted 500 officials from targeted groups on empowerment programmes in the GPG Departments. The Office reported that this deviation was due to holding these empowerment programmes on virtual platforms. Another factor that contributed to this deviation was the delayed instead of timeous regular reminders to the GPG officials to design content prior to the scheduled dates of the webinars. However, these training and awareness are in progress across the GPG. The system is being strengthened to ensure that all participants declare the respective category. On application, these categories will be compulsory for applicants to complete. Furthermore, the OoP failed to produce the targeted 1 report on the implementation of the departmental HRD plans in the year under review. The Office attributed this deviation to the DPSA Human Resource Development Framework which requires the annual submission of the HRD Development plans on 31 May. The Office reported that the consolidation and compilation of the HRD Plans are in progress. It is noted that an amendment will be made in the 2023/24 APP during the adjustment period to ensure performance reporting of the indicator is reflected in the 1st quarter APP of the following year as per the DPSA directive, which stipulates that the 31 May of each financial year is the annual submission of the HRD Plans. Therefore, according to this amendment the HRD Plans of the OoP should have met this target in the 1st quarter of 2023/24FY, however, this was not the case.  Through the Service Delivery Interventions sub-programme, the OoP recorded 0% as opposed to the targeted 85% of registered COGTA CDWs using the CRM system in the year under review. The Office reported that this deviation was attributed to the failure of evidence to meet the consistency test on the CRM system due to the discovery of an error on the reporting database pipeline tool which did not push all cases from the CRM system reporting database to the BI system. This resulted in an increase in the number of unresolved cases, but the error was eventually resolved by changing the connection to enable a direct link between the CRM and BI systems. Engagements between the OoP and e-Gov management are in progress to resolve the challenges with the CRM system.  Furthermore, under Service Delivery Interventions sub-programme, the Biannual reports (2) on culture change interventions implemented in the GPG departments were also not produced as planned, the Office attributed this deviation to the reports being informed by the events conducted by the Office of the Premier, including the GPG webinar focused on building universal access design culture. The OoP reported that the event did not meet the TID requirements, because the indicator focused specifically on the interventions implemented by GPG departments on culture change.  **Programme 3: Policy and Governance**  In terms of the Tshepo 1 Million programme, all the 4 quarterly reports on the implementation of this programme did not meet the TID requirements and failed to meet the consistency test on the reported figures. The Office further reported the termination of its partnership with Harambee, which took place with effect from 31 March 2023. During the engagement with the Committee, the OoP reported that a transition plan to wind down the programme is underway. It was further highlighted that the programme has been remodelled and a new Gauteng Youth Integrated Strategy (GYIDS) has been developed and going forward it will be managed by the Gauteng Department of Education and Youth Development.  Through the Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Policy Research and Advisory Services) the target to facilitate (1) report on Rand value of net new investment was not achieved as planned. The Office attributed this deviation to the Gauteng Growth Development Agency (GGDA) not drafting the report, resulting in the OoP’s inability to compile an analysis report for this indicator and target. The Office of the Premier reported thatan agreement was reached with various stakeholders including the HOD of DED, and the CEO of GGDA to align the various reporting timeframes. It further noted that the Technical Indicator Description has also been revised to cater for this reporting timeline to avoid any audit findings. The Report has been finalized and feedback will be provided in the next quarterly reporting.  Through the Service Delivery and Integrity Management,the Office issued 7 as opposed to the targeted 11 approved fraud detection review reports in the year under review. The OoP reported that this deviation was attributed to the inability to complete the Fraud Detection, Review due to the complexity of the project and shortage of resources. In mitigating this challenge, the post of Deputy Director: Fraud Prevention was filled on 1 July 2023 to add capacity to the unit.  The OoP did not complete 1 Regional Master Plan (N12 Masingita) due to the tender cancellation based on the recommendation of the Bid Evaluation Committee. The Office further reported that the Terms of Reference will be reworked and resubmitted to procure a service provider to draft the Master Plan. The Committee is concerned about the slow progress in achieving this target as it was the case during the 2022/24 OoP’s 4th Quarter reporting. Therefore, a progress update on this target should be provided in the next quarterly reporting.  Through the Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Strategic Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation sub-programme, the OoP undertook 1 as opposed to the targeted 2 evaluation studies. The Office reported that this deviation was due to delayed evaluations planned for 2022/23 under the Provincial Evaluation Plan (PEP) due to Gauteng Provincial Treasury Circular issued on the Constitutional court judgement in relation to the validity of the 2017 Preferential Procurement Regulations. It was further communicated that while awaiting clarity from the Minister of Finance and National Treasury, advice was given that tenders advertised before 16 February 2022 should be finalized in terms of the 2017 Preferential Procurement Regulations; tenders advertised on or after 16 February be held in abeyance and no new tenders should be advertised. It is noted that the evaluations are currently at the appointment stage of a service provider and the implementation will continue in the 2023/24 Financial Year.  The Bi-annual reports (2) on repositioning the GCR Energy Security Office were not produced as planned, and the Office attributed this non-achievement to the non-appointment of a service provider and this appointment was deferred to the new financial year on a one-month contract. The Committee is concerned about the non-achievement of this target in the year under review. |
| **Main reasons provided by the Department for non-achievement or over achievement of its APP during this Period** |
| Refer to Main areas in the APP that have experienced non-achievement or over achievement during this Period. |
| **An analysis on whether (and if so, the extent to which) the OoP Programmes / Projects are indeed achieving its Strategic Objectives / Service Delivery Outcomes for the period under review.** |
| The Committee notes that the OoP has slightly regressed on its APP target achievement by recording 77% deliverables in the year under review when compared to the 2021/22FY, where the Office recorded 91% achievement, notwithstanding that the 2021/22 FY targets were more in terms of numbers when, compared to the 2022/23 FY. |
| **Summarized information on any unplanned / emerging priorities reported on by the Department during the period under review** |
| Information on emerging priorities was not provided in the quarter under review. |
| **Summarized information on how the Department maintains portfolios of evidence to verify its reported performance information** |
| Information on portfolios of evidence to verify reported performance information has been provided in the Office of Premier’s 2021/22 Annual report. |

# OVERSIGHT ON RESOLUTION AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

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

| 1. **1 [RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT]** | |
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| **Overall Summary on Departmental Resolutions Management** | |
| *An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Departmental Resolutions Management* | |
| [A total of 13 resolutions were passed during the 2021/22 financial year. All 13 resolutions were related to governance issues and have been responded to by the Office of the Premier. All resolutions have been analysed and closed.] | |
| **THE DETAILS ON OoP RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the Department during the year 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 Department** |
| A total of 13 resolutions responses were due in the 2021/22 FY. | The OoP responded to all 13 resolutions passed in the 2021/22 FY. |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Departmental responses to Committee Resolutions** | |
| The Office provided responses to all 13 resolutions within the stipulated timeframes. Detailed responses were provided to all 20 resolutions. | |
| **With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Year under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department [with mitigating measures to submission]** | |
| There are no resolutions that are overdue in the year under review. The Office responded to all 13 resolutions. | |

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

| **4.2 [PETITIONS MANAGEMENT]** | |
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| **Overall Summary on Departmental Petitions Management** | |
| *An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Departmental Petitions Management* | |
| [There were no petitions referred to the Committee in the year under review. | |
| **THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL PETITIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department during the year under review** | **With respect to any, and all Petitions that were due in the year under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department** |
| There were no outstanding responses to petitions from the OoP. | There were no Petitions responses due from the OoP in the year under review. |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Departmental responses to referred Petitions** | |
| The Committee did not received referrals on Petitions in the year under review. | |
| **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 Department [with mitigating measures to submission]** | |
| The Committee did not refer Petitions to the Office of the Premier in the year under review. | |

# OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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| **5.[Oversight on Departmental Public Engagement]** |
| **Overall Summary on OoP Public Engagement** |
| *An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Departmental Public Engagements* |
| [The Office held several engagements with the public in the year under review, ranging from Public Participation events in the form of Nthirisano Outreach Programmes, Interactive meetings with stakeholders, including various open days in communities at the Thusong Service Centers.  Various fora across programmes such as human resources, anti-corruption, ethics, service delivery, monitoring and evaluation and targeted support groups were held. In ensuring Meaningful public involvement, complainants were invited in-person, or through email and during these public participation events, allowing the public to be part of the process to air their views.  A total of 10 stakeholder institutions were invited to attend the Committee’s virtual meeting on Tuesday 21st September 2023 during the presentation of the research analysis on OoP’s Annual Report for 2022/23 FY. A total of 5 stakeholder institutions attended the virtual meeting. These include Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA); Commission for Gender Equality; Public Service Commission (PSC) Rand Water and Gauteng Public Protector South Africa (G-PPSA). On Thursday, 26th October 2023, the OoP presented its Annual Report for 2022/23 FY and responded to questions emanating from the Committee research analysis. The following stakeholders made submissions on the Annual Report:  **Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA)**  AGSA performed a proactive review of the OoP’s 2023/24 Annual Performance Plan and identified shortcomings and made recommendations.  **Shortcomings**:   * Key performance indicators of the Office of the Premier were crafted in such a manner that achievement was measured on the number of reports and not on actual outcomes or impact. Some of the examples of how the Office structured some of its indicators was as follows: * Number of progress reports against targets in the delivery agreements in the governance and planning cluster * Number of reports on rand value of net investment facilitated. * Number of reports on culture change interventions implemented in the GPG departments.   The Office should rephrase or recraft these indicators to ensure result that are impactful and report on actual achievement rather than input activities. The department can structure some of the indicators as follows: the number or percentage of targets in delivery agreements in governance and planning cluster achieved; rand value of net investment facilitated; the number of culture change interventions implemented in GPG departments.  *The Root cause:* The OoP not reviewing performance indicators to ensure that they are crafted in such a manner that they relate to the mandate of the department and show actual achievement.  *Impact*: It may be difficult to determine whether the OoP is achieving on its mandate, one being coordinating service delivery at provincial and local government level with the current structuring of the performance indicators.  *Recommendation:* Indicators should be rephrased or recrafted to have an impact and to report on actual achievement rather than input activities.  **Recommendations**   * The Premier to ensure recommendations on audit outcomes are adequately addressed. Senior Management to review the annual performance report in more detail to ensure that the reported achievement recorded in the annual performance report are complete and accurate when compared to supporting evidence. * The Premier to ensure that the Accounting Officer and Senior Management review the Annual Performance Plan during the mid-term review and recraft key indicators with the aim of reporting on actual achievement that will positively impact service delivery and move away from reporting in the manner of “number of reports”. * The Premier should utilize the established IGR structures to influence not only provincial departments but also local government to address audit findings, implement audit recommendations and best practices with the aim of improving service delivery across all spheres of government. * The Premier should closely monitor achievements of targets set for MECs in the service delivery agreements and targets included under elevated priorities and hold MEC’s accountable and act against those that fail to achieve on their set targets.   **Commission for Gender Equality**   * The CGE is interested in disaggregated data on transformation work done towards achieving the EE targets. In reference to Employment Equity, the OoP should provide disaggregated information on those occupying positions across the ranks, in terms of gender, race, age, disability, occupational category (technical or non-technical), educational level, salary, and notch levels. The same approach in providing this information should apply to Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000 and BBBEE, including Skills Development. * The CGE further acknowledges the monitoring role played by the OTP in the implementation of Provincial GBVF Plan. The monitoring plan and the progress report thereof should be provided. |
| **THE DETAILS ON OoP PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS** |
| **The steps / measures the OoP has taken to meaningfully involve the public / stakeholders in the course of its work / service delivery, during the period under review** |
| **Summary of Public Education programmes of the Department during the period under review** |
| Public education undertaken by the Office was not recorded in the OoP’s Annual Report for 2022/23 FY |
| **Feedback sessions conducted by the Department** **during the period under review** |
| The OoP did not provide Feedback Sessions conducted in the period under review. |

**6. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS**

| **6.[DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS (Specifically relevant to the Portfolio of this Department) ]** |
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| *Overall Summary on Departmental implementation of relevant (portfolio specific) Laws / Legislation* |
| [The Committee considered the Gauteng Provincial General Amendment Bill [G007-2020 in the year under review, where 2 public hearings were conducted, and a report will be tabled in the House in the 2nd Quarter of 2023/24 FY.] |

# OVERSIGHT ON OoP IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES

| 1. **[OoP IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES]** |
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| ***Overall Summary on Departmental implementation of relevant Internal Agreements / Treaties [Only if applicable]*** |
| **[**As part of economic diplomacy, the following agreements are in place:  ***The Reggio-Emilia on the potential investment, economic opportunities and finding solutions for the energy crises in Gauteng:*** Premier Panyaza Lesufi and Mayor Vecchi of Reggio-Emilia to strengthen cooperation, relations, potential investment & economic growth for both territories.  ***Premier, together with Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel at the Annual Buy Local Summit & Expo hosted by Proudly South African at the Sandton Convention Centre*:** This event was attended by exhibitors from all over the country, including the Gauteng province**.**  ***Minister Ville Skinnari of Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Finland on GPG’s intention to accelerate plans with Finland in areas of Energy, ICT, and benchmarking Coalition Government Practices:*** The Premier and the Minister signed a Letter of Intent at the Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Merkasarmi, Laivastokatu 22, Helsinki-Finland.  ***The US Consul General to Johannesburg, Mr Vincent Spera made a courtesy call to Premier Panyaza Lesufi and the Provincial Executive Council*:** This took place on 14 February 2023 to take stock of existing bilateral co-operation and to explore new paths towards enhancing and expanding bilateral co-operation between the two territories.] |

# OVERSIGHT ON OoP PROJECT MANAGEMENT

| 1. **[OoP PROJECT MANAGEMENT]** |
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| *Overall Summary on management and delivery of Departmental Projects* |
| [The budget breakdown for the four projects/activities of the OoP include Household Transfers (Leave gratuity) at R6 million with R5.9 million spending; R30 million transfer to Wits-GCRO as planned; the transfer of R144 million to Tshepo 1-Million and R35 million instead of the targeted R45 million was awarded to the Life Esidimeni claims. |

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# OVERSIGHT ON OoP ACHIEVEMENT ON GEYODI EMPOWERMENT IN COMMUNITIES

| 1. **GEYODI EMPOWERMENT** |
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| *Overall Summary on Departmental achievement on actual GEYODI empowerment in communities* |
| [Several initiatives were reported by the Office in the year under review on GEYODI Empowerment, ranging from the Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) Bursary support programme which has received the Department of Military Veterans (DMV) verified list coordinated by the OoP for 2023 academic year. A total of 11 applicants were processed/assessed by the GCRA for final approval. A total 4 applications out of 15 could not be accepted for various reasons that include, beneficiaries not registered on the DMV Database; 2 grandchildren (grandchildren are not covered by the Military Veterans Act 2011); 1 has applied for post-graduate, while having already obtained a bachelor’s degree through the department’s bursary support and now employed full-time. This beneficiary is regarded as being able to either pay for her fees to further her studies or apply to NSFAS.  The Office of the Premier, through the Disability Rights Directorate provided oversight and support to all GPG departments in the celebration of Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM) from 3 November to 3 December 2022. This was celebrated under the Provincial theme: “Gauteng Provincial Government removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all by 2030” #Inclusion4equality. The International Day for Persons with Disabilities was celebrated as a Family Fun Festival for Children with Disabilities and their families on 3 December 2022, at Patterson Park and was attended by 400 people. As a collective, the GPG departments hosted 57 events during this period.  In exercising its coordinating function, the OoP worked with several departments to ensure service delivery of programmes across GPG in the year under review. The province achieved the monitoring of the implementation of the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Action Plan through hosting a 2-day session with District Rapid Response Task Team, included NGOs, Department of Social Development, Department of Education, Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the South African Police Services. The aim of the sessions was to forge alliances and partnerships with all the stakeholders dealing with GBVF clients/ survivors at district level.  The Committee notes an increased understanding of a multi-sectoral response which offers positive leverage and the establishment of Rapid Response Task Teams (RRTT’s) in metro/districts level within the province which is a testimony of continuous efforts to increase integration. Successful capacity building programmes were rolled-out by training all social crime prevention on 3 amended GBVF Acts. The Department of Community Safety’s capacity buildings efforts amongst Green Door ambassadors and floor managers on GBVF, Paralegal, LGBTQIA+ and emotional containment (Debriefing) has been noted.] |

**10. OVERSIGHT ON OoP COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY**

| **10. [OoP COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY]** | |
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| *Overall Summary on Departmental Compliance and Quality* | |
| [The Premier submitted its Annual Report for 2021/22 FY to the Legislature, within the stipulated timeframes and in line with the prescribed regulations.] | |
| **THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL COMPLIANCE, QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION** | |
| **GPL** | N/A |
| **Auditor General (AGSA)** | N/A |
| **Public Service Commission (PSC)** | N/A |
| **Compliance with relevant fiduciary Legislation [e.g. PFMA]** | N/A |

**11. OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA**

| **11.1 [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.* |
| [Programmatic Continuity: The notable change in the OoP’s presentation of APP targets in the year under review was the cancellation of the contract with Harambee, the implementing agent of Tshepo 1 Million due to underperformance in achieving the intended objective of reducing youth unemployment. It is noted that this programme will be implemented by the Gauteng Department of Education and Youth Development going forward.Information Level Test: The Committee notes the OoP’s 2022/23 Annual Reporting on the targets “against the originally tabled APP until the date of re-tabling” and the re-tabled Annual Performance Plan2022/23 FY. In general, this would not cause confusion as the targets would be adjusted to align to the budget. However, the approach of the reported performance as per the originally tabled and re-tabled APPs by the Office, reflected aspects of misalignment between the two reports. The Committee notes that while the Office has made the correction to align the TID to the target for Women Procurement spend, which was a typo in the originally submitted APP, the concern is that the OoP continued in several sections of the report to refer this target achievement to 30%. This was reflected in the report by the Accounting Officer (on page 16) which reported 41% achievements against 30%, and this is further repeated in the summarised strategic performance reporting on page 57.  It is further noted, in the Service Delivery Interventions sub-programme that 85% of registered Community Workers utilized the mobile CRM system. However, the Office reported 93% achievement against the planned target of 85% in the originally tabled APP, but in the re-tabled APP 0% record on the target was reported, the attributing factor being the evidence that failed to meet consistency test. To ensure consistency and accuracy in reporting, the Office should pay particular attention to ensuring that its M&E quality-checks are applied holistically prior to submission of the annual report to the Legislature.] |

# OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

| **12. [A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT]** |
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| **Overall Summary on a capacitated Department and Good Governance** |
| *An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department is adequately capacitated and resourced to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates* |
| **THE DETAILS ON A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT** |
| *Information on the current Departmental Structure and level of implementation thereof* |
| [GPG is a developmental, transformed, integrated, capable and modernised public service with a balanced and integrated GCR and inter-governmental planning co-ordination and development perspective. It boasts the capacity of a co-ordinated governance & planning regime with aligned GCR spatial planning and Institutional Capacity to drive the GCR agenda. It provides amongst others, consistent and coherent communication, through a skilled, capable, disciplined and performance-orientated Public Service that inspires confidence, a smart GCR policy & strategic framework, ICT Connectivity, efficient and smart Public Service systems and processes that support effective service delivery. It has a high performance-orientated strategic approach and a values-driven Public Service culture. It is noted that 321out of 531 employees in the Office of the Premier, were trained for the 2022/23 FY which constitutes 60% of staff trained at the salary levels 1-12 and 29% at SMS level. |
| **Detailed information on the current vacancies (at all staff levels)** |
| [The Office of the Premier’s vacancy rate currently was at 13.6%, with 675 filled posts out of the approved staff establishment of 781. It is noted that an additional 145 employees have been added to the Office ‘s total staff establishment.  The national target for the appointment of Interns is 5% of the staff compliment per department and 35 Interns across all branches/ districts were appointed in the Office of the Premier, constituting 7% of the total staff compliment in OoP. Out of the 35 interns appointed, 11% have managed to secure permanent employment both internally and externally; to date 5 interns have resigned due to external permanent job opportunities and have been replaced with new interns. |
| **Current vacancy rate** |
| [Vacancy rate was at 13.6%] |
| **Current acting positions (at all Staff levels)** |
| [ Acting positions were not provided. |
| **Terminations during the period under review** |
| [ The OoP did not provide the number of staff turnover] |
| **New appointments during the period under review** |
| [Not provided] |
| **Detailed information on the GEYODI / HDI empowerment for the period under review** |
| [The Office did not provide information onGEYODI / HDI empowerment] |
| **Detailed information on any suspensions for the period under review** |
| [The Office did not provide information on suspensions in the year under review.] |

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# OVERSIGHT ON GOOD GOVERNANCE

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| **13.[GOOD GOVERNANCE]** |
| **Overall Summary on Good Governance processes at the Department** |
| *An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department is adequately governed and thus able to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates* |
| [All Governance Structures that includes amongst others, Executive Council (EXCO); the Economic and Social Cluster Sub-Committees; Governance and Planning Sector Cluster as well as Governance and Planning Sector Cluster are fully functional.] |

# OVERSIGHT ON POSITIVE OUTCOMES OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

| **14.1 [Summarized information on any positive outcomes of Departmental activities during the period under review]** |
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| The OoP’s 2022/23 APP reflected that 44 out of 57 planned targets were implemented, reflecting 77% deliverables in the year under review. The Committee notes that the OoP has slightly regressed on its APP target achievement when compared to the 2021/22FY, where the Office recorded 91% achievement, notwithstanding that the 2021/22 FY targets were more in terms of numbers when, compared to the 2022/23FY. |

1. **FINDINGS, and RECOMMENDATIONS**

## Committee findings / concerns:

| **COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS (on each specific Focus Area analysed above)** |
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| 15.1. The Committee is concerned that:  15.1.1 The Bi-annual reports on repositioning the GCR Energy Security Office were not produced as planned in the year under review.  15.1.2 The OoP has adopted the outcome-based reporting, but it is still reporting its performance on outputs, which does not provide clear impact of service delivery. |

## Committee findings / concerns:

| **15.2.1 [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** |
| CHS/QXPR/001 | 15.1.1 The Premier should: | 15.1.1 Provide a report on the impact of the non-production of the Bi-annual reports on the repositioning the GCR Energy Security Office in facilitating and fast-tracking service delivery in the year under review. The report should provide measures put in place to ensure the achievement of this target and to fast-track service delivery.  15.1.2 Provide measures put in place to redirect the OoP performance reporting from outputs (which mainly focuses on the number of reports achieved) and shift to the outcome-based reporting, where service delivery impact can be easily measured against the expenditure to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the utilisation of public resources. | Wednesday, 31st January 2023 |
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| **Explanatory note on the reference numbers for Recommendations (ultimately Resolutions)**   * Reference number is in the format: [A] / [B] / [C] * [A] = Three letter Committee identifier. E.g. COGTA/HS can be “CHS”, SRAC can be “SRA” * [B] = 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 number of the recommendation in this report [001,002,003 …, 00n] | | | |

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# 17. ADOPTION

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