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**Quarter Performance Report of Gauteng Department of Environment for:
Quarter 4 of the 2025 / 2026 Financial Year**

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[i] EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This Quarterly Performance Information report reflects on the performance of the Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv) for the end of Quarter 4 (i.e. January to March 2026) against predetermined annual and quarterly targets outlined in the 2025/26 Annual Performance Plan (APP). The section below outlines key priority programmes and projects that have been implemented through the APP across all budget programmes and expands on key successes and achievements. Moreover, the report outlines key areas of under-performance and challenges that were experienced in the quarter under review.

The Department planned for and reported on a total of 43 indicators at the end of the fourth Quarter. Overall, the department achieved 63% (27) of its fourth quarter targets. 37% (16) of targets were not achieved for the fourth quarter. This can be attributed to non-achievement in Programme 1: Administration (8), and Programme 3: Environment (8).

Administration

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Financial management unit's core function in the department is to improve financial accountability and compliance in relation to the set prescripts and regulations. The department has spent R218 million that is equivalent to 90% of its projected budget allocated during the 4th quarter for 2025/26 financial year. Overall, the department has spent R648,8 million that is equivalent to 96% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year. This is a huge improvement from the 3rd quarter performance of 64%. The underspending can be attributed to the following:

- The underspending is due to delays in recruitment process in filling critical positions particularly in programme 1 to cover the lost posts due to the departmental split. These posts needed to go through a Job Evaluation (JE) process, before they could be advertised and filled. The JE process is an Office of the Premier's function and Human Resources Management (HRM) is tracking this process.
- Overhead costs paid by GDARD, relating to the Department of Environment and Inter-departmental claims were processed to reimburse the amount spent on property payments, audit fees, telecommunication costs etc.
- Overheads costs claim was prepared for payment at the end of February 2026, and it was processed and paid to GDARD before the 25th of March 2026 for the final payment run. The claims for March 2026 will be processed and claimed in April 2026.
- Commitments regarding purchase orders not yet finalised for payment still need to be processed. Tender process was finalised late, but finalisation of project will only be completed in the 2026/2027 FY. A Roll over request will be requested for these commitments not yet finalised as at the end of 31st March 2026.

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GDEnv during the 4th Quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year managed to pay 98% of invoices within 30 days, 87% of all invoices received were paid within 15 days. Annual target on 15 days is 86% and 98% on 30 days. The department for the 4th quarter 2025/26 managed to achieve its procurement targets for HDI 91% of a target of 80%. The department did not achieve its targets for Female - 39% of a target of 40%, Youth - 19% of a target of 30%, PWD - 2% of a target of 7% and Township spending 33% of a target of 40% targets).

Requests for Quotations (RFQ) are sent to businesses owned by designated groups, however due to non-responsive quotations, these targets were not met. This normally leads to the need to re-RFQ when the minimum number of quotations is not received. In some instances, the quotations received are also not market related and thus not competitive when evaluated.

GDEnv has sourced a database of companies owned by this category and do solicit bids and RFQs from them. Buyers are encouraged to utilise them for appropriate commodities. In instances where they do not meet requirements in terms of compliance, these groups are assisted through the Gauteng Provincial Treasury (GPT) which offers weekly training sessions. Where possible, designated groups will be given more time to respond to RFQs to eliminate the challenge of unresponsiveness. Buyers will also follow up with emails once RFQs are sent to designated groups to make them aware. The department did not incur any irregular expenditure and all tenders above the value of R2 million were completed through the open tender process. The department developed an action plan on how to improve on its preferential procurement targets, which is steadily starting to show improvements on its performance targets.

Under Human Resource Management, a total of 69% women were employed at SMS level within the department. This proves substantial improvement of female representation at SMS level. The target for females at SMS level has currently been exceeded with 19% from the initially planned target of 50%. The department has recorded an achievement of 3% on PwDs against the target of 5%. There has been a decline in the representation for PwDs. This could be attributed to the departmental split. The department failed to maintain the vacancies at 10%. Due to the new DPSA, the JE job determination informs that posts should be captured on the new system before they can be advertised. This has led to delays in filling posts as the Job Evaluation process is centralized. HR will continue with the disclosure campaign undertaken internally to encourage employees to disclose their non-visible types of disabilities. The department will continue to prioritise the Job Evaluation and fill critical vacancies in line with the available budget.

Ntirhisano is a Community Outreach programme initiated by the Provincial Government to address service delivery issues. GDEnv continues to participate in the Ntirhisano programme and is mostly responding to challenges related to waste management. A total of 16 cases have been reported with regards to Ntirhisano during the quarter under review. This translates performance as 100% achievement against the target of 90%.

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Environment

Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination

The purpose of the unit is to ensure the integration of environmental objectives into national, provincial and local government planning to enhance sustainable development, and also to facilitate environmental cooperative and corporate governance and promote implementation of intergovernmental sector programmes.

The department managed to implement 3 inter-governmental sector programmes, develop 1 legislated tool i.e. The 2025 Gauteng Environmental Sustainability Report (GESR) and complete 1 environmental research project in the quarter under review.

During the 2025-2026 financial year the GIDS and GWIS remained functional. There were a few GIS discrepancies in the new conservation plan and associated data upload that were resolved in the 2025-2026 financial year. The EIA online system had a service provider appointed to maintain and upgrade the system. Therefore, three (3) environmental information management systems were maintained and functioned accordingly. Furthermore, two (2) climate change response interventions were implemented i.e. Gauteng Climate Change Awareness Program and the Gauteng Climate Change Register.

Compliance and Enforcement

The objective of this unit is to manage the development, and implementation of environmental compliance monitoring systems, enforcement of legislation and environmental authorisations.

The department managed to issue 25 administrative enforcement notices for non-compliance with environmental management legislation. In addition, 10 completed criminal investigations were handed to the NPA for prosecution against the planned quarter target of 7, and 84 compliance monitoring site inspections were conducted for quarter 4. The target for the 4th quarter was achieved and exceeded due to follow-ups on administrative enforcement notices issued and complaints received. Twenty two (22) section 24G applications were finalised within 60 days of the full payment of the admin fine and at the stage of issuing a decision. Therefore, the APP target of finalizing 100% of applications within 60 days of full payment and at the stage of issuing a decision was met. The finalisation of section 24G applications is dependent on applications with fully paid fines

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Impact Management

The purpose of this unit is to manage the implementation of environmental impact mitigation to promote sustainable development and a safe healthy environment. The Department only finalised 94% EIA applications received within legislated time frames. Quarter 4 target could not be met due to delays within the routing process and signing of delegations of powers.

Air Quality Management

The objective of this unit is to manage the promotion of sustainable environmental management for improved quality of life by promoting acceptable ambient air quality and manage hazardous substances and other related anthropogenic activities. All the 9 facilities within Gauteng Department of Environment jurisdiction submitted their Atmospheric Emission Licences reporting to the National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory System NAEIS report before 31 March 2026, which resulted in the 100% achievement of the quarter target. Eight (8) Atmospheric Emission License compliance reports were submitted, against the quarter target of 8.

Waste Management

The purpose of this unit is to manage the implementation of waste management strategies and waste information systems, issues waste authorization, support local government to render appropriate waste management services and promote waste minimization in Gauteng. 100% of Waste Licenses were issued within legislated timeframes during the period under review. All four (4) licenses were finalised within legislated timeframes. The department also issued 449 Certificates due to the online system and internet working without glitches. Furthermore, 11 Health Care Waste approvals were issued in the quarter under review., and the procurement process for the appointment of the Transaction Advisor to conduct the feasibility study was concluded in February 2026 and the SLA was signed on 02 April 2026. The target has not been met but in progress.

Biodiversity Management

The purpose of this unit is to promote equitable and sustainable use of ecosystem goods and services to contribute to economic development. No hectares were added to the conservation estate, due to delays caused by procurement processes. Notices of intention to declare a total of 772 ha were published on 9 April 2025 in the government gazette. NEMPAA requires the notices to be published immediately afterwards in two national newspapers, but due to the lengthy SCM processes this did not happen within prescribed timeframes. Herbicide needed for the implementation of the project was received late and the amount received was inadequate to cover the whole area earmarked for clearing. Therefore, 4 015 hectares of land were under rehabilitation/restoration. One (1) urban park was considered for a NEM: PAA status owned by Mogale City Municipality.

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The department managed to implement 1 biodiversity economy initiative. No new stewardship sites were established. The target was not met as 0 ha was added to the conservation estate. Although all the groundwork was done to publish the notices of intention to declare totalling to 772 ha (consisting of three new stewardship sites) in the government gazette, which was done in April 2025, but it could not be published in the newspapers immediately afterwards due to a lack of receiving a purchase order (PO) from Supply Chain Management. New RFQ were done in Nov 2025 and the PO to publish in the gazette was received in Jan 2026 for the government gazette and in March 2026 for the national newspapers.

A grand total of 2 059 permits were issued. 1817 or 88% of the total number of permits were issued within time frames. Technical system downtime of the E-Gov System, Pre-Permit inspection Unit for North is currently operating with 1 staff member instead of the required 5, resulting in capacity constraints and processing delays. 100% of area of state managed protected areas assess with a METT score above 67%. The number of reserves integrated management plans reviewed has been achieved under the year under review and is included as evidence to this report and reference is made to the Alice Glockner Nature Reserve IMP.

Environmental Empowerment Services

The purpose of this unit is to empower communities to manage natural resources through job creation, skills development, and awareness opportunities. The Department conducted 11 environmental capacity building activities from the planned quarter target of 10. G20 Focal Road clean and green programme contributed more Capacity Building activities which also resulted in 44 625 Trees being planted against the 15 000-quarter target. There were 128 environmental awareness activities conducted against the planned quarter target of 70.

11 Capacity Building Activities were conducted in Q4 as follows, 1 Health and Safety, 2 Ministerial Determination, 1 Propagation, 1 Water Management, 2 EPWP Project Inception Workshop, 1 EPWP recruitment guidelines, 1 EPWP Reporting System training, 1 Entrepreneurial Skills training, and 1 Sustainable Agriculture training. There were 2 631 work opportunities created through environmental public employment programmes. 342 EPWP FTEs were created for the 2025/26, and 5 environmental resource material were developed as follows: 1 Water Precious Resource Poster, 1 Solar Energy Poster, 1 Waste Management Poster, 1 Over Population Poster and 1 Urbanisation Poster.

1. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1.1 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES			
STRATEGIC LINKAGES		STRATEGIC PLANNING	STRATEGIC REPORTING
1	2	3	4
NDP/MTSF Priority	GGT Priority	Outcome as per approved Dept Strat Plan	Summarised Dept Performance during Q4
Priority 5: Spatial integration, human settlements, and local government	Sustainable Development for Future Generations	Improved environmental protection to achieve sustainable development	1 Application Received of completed atmospheric emission licenses issued within legislated timeframes 94% of completed EIA applications were finalised within legislated timeframes 100% of waste licence applications were finalised within legislated timeframes.
Priority 5: Spatial integration, human settlements, and local government	Safety, Social cohesion, and Food Security	Effective Rural Development coordination, monitoring and evaluation to improve the social and economic livelihoods of rural communities.	100% queries were resolved via email on GPG Common Platform that were requesting funding, farming information, land, and municipality support complaint.

1.2 PERFORMANCE AS PER APP TARGETS

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION							
Programme Nr		1		Programme Name		Office of the Chief Financial Officer.	
Purpose of the Programme		To manage and facilitate the provision of financial management services.					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality.	Invoices paid within 15 days.	1.1.1 Percentage of invoices paid within 15 days of receipt.	100%	100%	87%	The PO needed to be amended for part payment, and procurement had to swap the price and quantity. This caused delays in processing the invoice. Clearing of payment on exceptions was done but exceeded the 15 days. Late submission of RLS02 to process the invoice on time also contributed to non-performance on this indicator	Improve communication between payment and procurement sections to address these amendments to purchase orders. Clearing of exception challenges was escalated to system support in Provincial Treasury, to assist with the experienced challenges. An investigation report on late submission of RLS02 is done monthly, and consequence management is done. Warning letters are issued for non-compliance.
Improved Environmental Quality	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Women.	1.1.2 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Women	40%	40%	39%	When the procurement section receives Request for Quotation (RFQs), they will look at the commodity and identify if there are any suppliers on the list of affected commodities that could provide goods and services. Requests are sent to businesses owned by designated groups. Due to nonresponsive quotations these targets were not met.	GDEnv has sourced a database of companies owned by these categories and do solicit bids and RFQs from them. Buyers are encouraged to utilise them for appropriate commodities. Designated groups will be given more time to respond to RFQs to eliminate the challenge of unresponsiveness. Buyers will also follow up with emails once RFQs are sent to designated groups to make them aware.
Improved Environmental Quality	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Youth.	1.1.3 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Youth.	30%	30%	19%		
Improved Environmental Quality	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).	1.1.4 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).	7%	7%	2%		

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

Programme Nr		1		Programme Name		Office of the Chief Financial Officer.	
Purpose of the Programme		To manage and facilitate the provision of financial management services.					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Military Veterans	1.1.5 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Military Veterans	0.2%	0.2%	0%		
Improved Environmental Quality	Reduction in irregular expenditure.	1.1.6 Percentage Reduction in irregular expenditure	100%	100%	100%	The Department did not incur any irregular expenditure.	None.
Improved Environmental Quality	Tenders implemented through the open tender system	1.1.7 Percentage procurement implemented through the open tender system	100%	100%	100%	All tenders above the value of R2 million were completed through the open tender process.	None.
Improved Environmental Quality	Established township-based	1.1.8 Percentage increase in department spend in township	40%	40%	33%	When the procurement section receives Request for Quotations (RFQs), they will look at the commodity and identify if there are any suppliers on the list of affected commodities that could provide goods and services. Requests are sent to businesses owned by designated groups. Due to nonresponsive quotations these targets were not met.	.GDEnv has sourced a database of companies owned by these categories and do solicit bids and RFQs from them. Buyers are encouraged to utilise them for appropriate commodities. Designated groups will be given more time to respond to RFQs to eliminate the challenge of unresponsiveness. Buyers will also follow up with emails once RFQs are sent to designated groups to make them aware.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: ADMINISTRATION							
PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION		1	Programme Name		Human Resource Management		
Purpose of the Programme		To provide human resource management services					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Service Delivery through compliance to government legislation	50% of women appointed at senior management level	1.2.1 Percentage of women employed at SMS level within the department	50%	50%	69%	This achievement is attributed to the moratorium to prioritize females at SMS level within Core business	None
Improved Service Delivery through compliance to government legislation	2% staff establishment for people with disability	1.2.2 Percentage of people with disabilities employed within the department	5%	5%	3%	There has been a decline in the representation for People with Disabilities (PwDs) as compared to the same period last year, this could be attributed to Departmental split.	To continue with the disclosure campaign, undertaken internally to encourage employees to disclose their non-visible types of Disabilities.
Improved service Delivery through compliance to government legislation	Vacancy rate below 10%	1.2.3 Vacancy rate maintained below 10%	10%	10%	19%	Due to the new DPSA job evaluation determination that posts should be captured on the new system before they are advertised	Department will continue to prioritise the job evaluation and fill critical vacancies in line with the available budget

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

Programme Nr	1	Programme Name	Special Projects				
Purpose of the Programme	To coordinate special programmes (IGR & IR, Military Veterans, Tshepo 1 million, Service Delivery Improvements, Ntirhisano, etc).						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Service delivery commitments resolved	1.3.1 Percentage of Ntirhisano commitments achieved	90%	90%	100%	There were no cases for Environment which are active and referred for internal investigation.	None

PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	3		Programme Name	Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination			
Purpose of the Programme	To ensure the integration of environmental objectives into national, provincial, and local government planning to enhance sustainable development.						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Development and implementation of Environmental Management Instruments, planning tools and environmental sector programmes	2.1.1 Number of inter-governmental sector programmes implemented	3	3	3	Environmental review of Integrated Development Plans, Environmental review of Spatial Development Frameworks and Compilation of the 2023/24 Environmental Implementation Plan Annual Compliance Report.	None
Improved Environmental Quality	Development of environmental research projects	2.2.1 Number of legislated tools developed	1	1	1	The 2024 Gauteng Environmental Sustainability Report (GESR) has been approved by the Accounting Officer	None
Improved Environmental Quality	Development of environmental research projects	2.3.1 Number of environmental research projects completed	1	1	1	One Environmental research projects completed.	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr		3		Programme Name		Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination	
Purpose of the Programme		To ensure the integration of environmental objectives into national, provincial, and local government planning to enhance sustainable development.					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Development and implementation of Environmental Management Instruments planning tools and environmental sector programmes.	2.4.1 Number of functional environmental information management systems Maintained	3	3	3	The Sustainable Utilisation of the Environment Admin unit is currently testing an updated system that should be enabled in the 2025-2026 financial year	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	3		Programme Name	Climate Change Management			
Purpose of the Programme	Develop strategies to respond to the challenges and potential impact of climate change including the development of provincial climate policy and programmes.						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Reduced vulnerability of key sectors to climate and reduction of total greenhouse gas emissions in Gauteng	Implementation of climate change programmes and adaptation measures	2.5.1 Number of climate change response interventions implemented	1	2	2	2025/2026 Gauteng Climate Change Awareness Programme has been undertaken. 2025/2026 Gauteng Climate Change Register has been updated	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	3		Programme Name	Environmental Quality Management, Compliance and Enforcement			
Purpose of the Programme	To minimise and / or mitigate environmental impact through compliance monitoring and undertaking of enforcement actions to address non-compliances with environmental legislation.						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved adherence to environmental legislation.	Administrative enforcement notices issued for non-compliance with environmental management legislation.	3.1.1 Number of administrative enforcement notices issued for non-compliance with environmental management legislation	100	25	25	Twenty-five (25) administrative enforcement notices were issued as received.	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	3	Programme Name	Biodiversity Management, Compliance and Enforcement				
Purpose of the Programme	To manage the rendering of reactive compliance and enforcement services.						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved adherence to environmental legislation.	Completed criminal investigations handed prosecution.	3.2.1 Number of completed criminal investigations handed to the NPA for prosecution	30	7	10	Ten (10) criminal investigations were finalised and handed over to the NPA during the Quarter 4 of 2025/26. The target was exceeded by three (3)	None.
Improved adherence to environmental legislation.	Compliance to legal obligations in respect of licensed facilities inspected.	3.2.2 Number of compliance inspections conducted	250	60	84	The follow-ups on administrative enforcement notices issued and complaints received enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None.
Improved adherence to environmental legislation.	Section 24G applications finalised.	3.2.4 Percentage of S24G applications finalized within 60 days of payment of administrative fine	100%	100%	100%	The finalisation of section 24G applications is dependent on applications with fully paid fines.	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	4	Programme Name	Impact Management				
Purpose of the Programme	To manage the implementation of environmental impact mitigation to promote sustainable development and a safe healthy environment						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Improved efficiencies in the	4.1.1 Percentage of complete EIA	100%	100%	94%	33/35 = 94% could not meet the target for finalised EIAs within legislated timeframe	Approval of delegation of powers for signing off on certain decisions related

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr		4		Programme Name		Impact Management	
Purpose of the Programme		To manage the implementation of environmental impact mitigation to promote sustainable development and a safe healthy environment					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
	regulatory approval processes (EIA, WML, AEL).	applications finalised within legislated timeframes.				due to delays within the routing process and signing of delegations of powers. This has remained a challenge for the reporting period under review	to the EIAs has been reprioritised by the Department.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr		4		Programme Name		Air Quality Management	
Purpose of the Programme		To manage the implementation of environmental impact mitigation to promote sustainable development and a safe healthy environment					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality.	Improved efficiencies in the regulatory approval processes (EIA, WML, AEL)	4.2.1 Percentage of complete Atmospheric Emission Licenses issued within legislated timeframes.	100%	100%	100%	1 Atmospheric Emission License was issued within legislated timeframe.	None
	Facilities with atmospheric emission licenses reported to	4.2.2 Percentage of facilities with Atmospheric Emission Licenses reporting	100%	100%	100%	All 9 facilities within the Gauteng Department of Environment jurisdiction submitted their NAEIS report before 31 March 2025.	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	4		Programme Name	Air Quality Management			
Purpose of the Programme	To manage the implementation of environmental impact mitigation to promote sustainable development and a safe healthy environment						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
	Licensing Authority	their annual emissions to the Licensing Authority					
	AEL compliance reports generated for targeted compliance monitoring and enforcement	4.2.3 Number of Atmospheric Emission License compliance report generated.	8	8	8	Eight Atmospheric Emission License compliance reports were generated.	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	4		Programme Name	Pollution and Waste Management			
Purpose of the Programme	To manage the implementation of waste management strategies and waste information systems, issue waste authorisations, support local government to render appropriate waste management services and promote waste minimisation in Gauteng.						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Improved efficiencies in the regulatory approval processes (EIA, WML, AEL).	4.3.1 Percentage of complete waste license applications finalised within legislated timeframes	100%	100%	100%	All Licenses were issued within legislated timeframes.	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	4	Programme Name	Pollution and Waste Management				
Purpose of the Programme	To manage the implementation of waste management strategies and waste information systems, issue waste authorisations, support local government to render appropriate waste management services and promote waste minimisation in Gauteng.						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Improved efficiencies in the regulatory approval processes (EIA, WML, AEL).	4.3.2 Number of Waste Certificates issued	800	246	449	Maintenance of the system by service provider and the hard work and dedication from GWIS Administrators.	None
Improved Environmental Quality	Improved efficiencies in the regulatory approval processes (EIA, WML, AEL).	4.3.3 Number of Health Care Waste Approvals issued	50	15	11	11 HCRW approvals was issued during the period under review.	Annual target of 50 has been exceeded. 62 Health Care Risk Waste approvals were issued during the 2025/2026 Financial year.
Improved diversion of waste towards a circular economy	Regional Integrated Waste Management Facilities developed in Gauteng	4.3.4 Feasibility Study for the Regional Integrated waste facility	Phase 4: Detailed feasibility study completed	Phase 4: Detailed feasibility study completed	0	Procurement process for the appointment of the Transaction Advisor to conduct the feasibility study was concluded in February 2026 and the SLA was signed on 02 April 2026. The target has not been met but in progress.	Finally, the service provider has been appointed. The service provider is in the process of consultations with the affected stakeholders in the First Draft of Gauteng Waste Minimisation Regulations.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr	5	Programme Name	Conservation Agencies and Services				
Purpose of the Programme	To manage Biodiversity and stewardships.						
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably	Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used	5.1.1 Number of hectares under the conservation estate	500	500	0	The target was not met due to delays caused by procurement processes. Notices of intention to declare totalling	SCM to prioritise APPs related procurement.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr		5		Programme Name		Conservation Agencies and Services	
Purpose of the Programme		To manage Biodiversity and stewardships.					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
used (Biodiversity Management)						772 ha were published on 9 April 2025 in the government gazette.	
	State of Ecological Infrastructure improved	5.1.2 Number of hectares of land under rehabilitation/restoration	5 000	5 000	4 015	Herbicide needed for the implementation of the project was received late and the amount received was inadequate to cover the whole area earmarked for clearing.	SCM to prioritise APP related procurement and additional funding must be sought in order to buy enough herbicide required.
	Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used	5.1.3 Number of urban parks considered for a NEM:PAA status	1	1	1	The target was met as one site, owned by the Mogale City Municipality, was considered for a NEMPAA status.	None.
Improved Environmental Quality	Increase in contribution of Biodiversity jobs to economic growth and development	5.2.1 Number of Biodiversity Economy initiatives implemented	1	1	1	1 Biodiversity Economy initiative was implemented.	None.
Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used (Biodiversity Management)	New stewardships sites assisted to increase land under conservation	5.2.2 Number of new Stewardship sites assisted to increase land under Conservation through the Biodiversity Stewardship Program	1	1	0	The target was not met as 0 ha was added to the conservation estate. Although all the groundwork was done to publish the notices of intention to declare totalling 772 ha (consisting of three new stewardship sites) in the government gazette, which was done in April 2025, but it could not be published in the newspapers immediately afterwards due to a lack of receiving a purchase order (PO) from Supply Chain Management. New RFQ were done in Nov 2025 and the PO to publish in the gazette was received in Jan 2026 for the	None required. There new RFQs were initiated in November 2025 and Pos only received in March 2026

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr		5	Programme Name		Conservation Agencies and Services		
Purpose of the Programme		To manage Biodiversity and stewardships.					
PLANNING					REPORTING		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
						government gazette and in March 2026 for the national newspapers.	
Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used (Biodiversity Management).	Regulated and sustainable use of biodiversity resources.	5.2.3 Percentage of complete biodiversity management permits issued within legislated timeframes	95%	95%	88%	Technical system downtime of the E-Gov System, Pre-Permit inspection Unit for North is currently operating with 1 staff member instead of the required 5, resulting in capacity constraints and processing delays	Escalate system downtime to ICT support and implement manual interim processing where feasible, Prioritise urgent and time-sensitive permit applications. Motivate for filling of vacant posts to restore required staffing levels
Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used (Biodiversity Management).	Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used	5.2.4 Percentage of area of state managed protected areas assessed with a METT score above 67%	100%	100%	100%	This indicator is reported once every two years; however, the intervention report is reviewed for progress once per year, and this approach is applicable during the year under review.	None.
Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used (Biodiversity Management).	Reserves integrated manage	5.2.5 Number of reserves integrated management plans reviewed within legislated timeframe	1	1	1	The number of reserves integrated management plans reviewed has been achieved under the year under review and is included as evidence to this report and reference is made to the Alice Glockner Nature Reserve IMP.	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr		6		Programme Name		Environmental Capacity Development and Support	
Purpose of the Programme		To manage environmental infrastructure programmes whilst creating work and skills opportunities particularly for women, people living with disabilities and youth.					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved Environmental Quality	Create jobs through environment public employment programmes	6.1.1 Number of work opportunities created through environment sector public employment programmes	2 000	2 000	2 631	Additional work opportunities were created during the clean-up projects related to G20 summit and LIV Golf tournament.	None.
A just transition to a low carbon economy and climate resilient society.	Climate change adaptation, mitigation and mainstreaming response programmes implemented.	6.1.2 Number of environmental capacity building activities conducted	52	10	11	11 Capacity Building Activities were conducted in Q4	None.
Improved Environmental Quality	EPWP FTE jobs created	6.1.3 Number of EPWP FTE jobs created	370	370	342	The projects implemented for G20 summit and LIV Golf tournament were of a shorter duration hence not enough FTEs were created.	To implement projects for a longer duration so that more FTEs can be created.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 3: ENVIRONMENT							
Programme Nr		6	Programme Name		Environmental Communication and Awareness		
Purpose of the Programme		Manage environmental education and awareness programmes relating to the management of Gauteng natural resources including water resources, biological diversity and the functioning of natural systems.					
PLANNING				REPORTING			
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
A just transition to a low carbon economy and climate resilient society.	Climate change adaptation, mitigation and mainstreaming response programmes implemented.	6.2.1 Number of environmental awareness activities conducted	280	70	128	The target was exceeded due to the implementation of projects related to LIV Golf tournament	None.
A just transition to a low carbon economy and climate resilient society.	Quality environmental education resources materials developed	6.2.2 Number of quality environmental education resources materials developed	2	2	5	The target was exceeded due to the implementation of the Graduates programme	None.
A just transition to a low carbon economy and climate resilient society.	Climate change adaptation, mitigation and mainstreaming response programmes implemented.	6.2.3 Number of trees (greening) planted	100 000	15 000	44 625	The target was exceeded due to the implementation of the LIV Golf tournament	None.

1.3 EMERGING PRIORITIES

1.3 [DEPARTMENT / ENTITY UNPLANNED / EMERGING PRIORITIES]							
<i>These are those projects / priorities that the Department / Entity has had to action, but were not part of the APP [e.g. unforeseen, unplanned, urgent]</i>							
Nr	Name of Project	Detail of Project	Projected end date	Progress to date / current Status	Challenges / Risks / Requests for intervention	Why was this not planned for	How is it being funded?
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1.3 [DEPARTMENT / ENTITY UNPLANNED / EMERGING PRIORITIES]

These are those projects / priorities that the Department / Entity has had to action, but were not part of the APP [e.g. unforeseen, unplanned, urgent]

Nr	Name of Project	Detail of Project	Projected end date	Progress to date / current Status	Challenges / Risks / Requests for intervention	Why was this not planned for	How is it being funded?

Add as many more rows as required

1.4 PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION AND EVIDENCE

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How does the Department / Entity maintain portfolios of evidence to verify its reported performance information

The verification process is intended to ensure that the reports, listings, and Portfolios of Evidence (POEs) submitted by the branches are accurate. This is done by cross checking the reports against the supporting listings and POEs.

The focus areas that the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (M & E) validates during verification include the following:

- POE against TID (as it appears in an approved APP): This verifies whether the submitted POE is the one stipulated in the TID or not.
- Listing against POE: This verifies whether all the POEs are reflected in the listing.
- Dates: This verifies whether the dates contained in the POE fall within the quarter under review.
- Signatures: This verifies whether all the required signatures in the documents are appended or not.
- ID copies: This is to verify the ID numbers of beneficiaries and to support the signature appended on the delivery notes.

In the end, evidence and listings provided must reflect and correspond with the reported figures. If the numbers do not correspond, this is communicated to the branches for correction, resubmission, or confirmation the figures as recounted by M & E.

When all of this has been completed, the validated report, listings and POEs get stored on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation's electronic shared folder which is located on the Department's internal drive. The internal shared drive which is only accessible to M & E and IT officials who have been granted access.

DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

3.1 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY BUDGET EXPENDITURE FIGURES

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Programme	Final Appropriation	Projected Budgeted for the 4 th Quarter under review	Actual Expenditure for the 4 th Q Under review	Percentage Expenditure for the 4 th Q Under review	Actual Expenditure (Year to Date)	Percentage Expenditure (Year to Date)
	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	%
PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION	164 397	57 975	91 428	158%	197 291	120%
PROGRAMME 2: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, PLANNING AND COORDINATION	43 351	21 340	13 969	65%	36 042	83%
PROGRAMME 3: COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT	54 679	4 866	(1 021)	-21%	48 827	89%
PROGRAMME 4: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT	130 217	72 501	23 185	32%	80 901	62%
PROGRAMME 5: BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT	192 168	62 401	47 559	76%	176 223	92%
PROGRAMME 6: ENVIRONMENTAL EMPOWERMENT SERVICES	88 848	22 568	43 316	192%	109 596	123%
Totals	673 660	241 651	218 436	90%	648 880	96%

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

If there was over / under spending of greater than 3% of projection, what were the main challenges that led to the over / under spending

The department projected expenditure is R241,6 million, spent R218,4 million which equates to 90% spend in the third quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year. The over and underspending per programme can be attributed to the following:

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

The programme has spent R91 million that is equivalent to 158% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year. The overspending of +58% can be attributed to the following: GDEnv Compensation of employees and Persal related expenditure for core and Programme 1 officials were paid under programme 1 due to incorrect linking of PERSAL codes. HR is busy correcting this. GDEnv Expenditure to be journalised to their respective programmes through 13th month journals to clear the overspending.

Annual expenditure is at 120%. After taken into consideration the processing of 13th Months journal and GDEnv request for Shift and Virement the Annual Expenditure will be at 98% for this programme.

PROGRAMME 2: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, PLANNING AND COORDINATION

The programme has spent R13,9 million that is equivalent to 65% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year. The under expenditure is on compensation of employees and 13th journals to be processed to correct this misallocation.

Annual expenditure is at 83%. After taken into consideration the processing of 13th Months journal and GDEnv request for Shift and Virement the Annual Expenditure will be at 93% for this programme.

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

PROGRAMME 3: COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

The programme has spent -R1 million that is equivalent to -21% for the 4th quarter, the reason for the negative balance is because of journals process to correct the misallocation report in the previous quarter under compensation of employees. GDEnv Compensation of employees and Persal related expenditure for core and Programme 1 officials were paid under programme 3, this was corrected in March 2026 reason for the negative balance on expenditure.

Annual expenditure is at 89%. After taken into consideration the processing of 13th Months journal and GDEnv request for Shift and Virement the Annual Expenditure will be at 100% for this programme

PROGRAMME 4: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The programme has spent R23 million that is equivalent to 32% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year.

The under expenditure of -68% is due to some of the PO for EES that were used for clean ups by Waste management unit, because of procurement delays. This expenditure will be journalised at the end of March 2026 (13 Month Journals) back to Waste management unit which will increase their expenditure.

Commitments (PO's) not yet finalised for payment are still to be processed. Tender process was finalised late, but finalisation of project will only be completed in the 2026/2027 FY. A roll over request will be requested for these commitments not yet finalised as at end of 31st March 2026.

Annual expenditure is at 62%. After taken into consideration the processing of 13th Months journal and GDEnv request for Shift and Virement the Annual Expenditure will be at 95% for this programme

PROGRAMME 5: BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

The programme has spent R47,5 million that is equivalent to 76% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year.

The underspending of -24% is due to delays in implementing infrastructure projects as well as journal to be processed to correct the misallocation under compensation of employees.

Annual expenditure is at 92%. After taken into consideration the processing of 13th Months journal and GDEnv request for Shift and Virement the Annual Expenditure will be at 98% for this programme

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

PROGRAMME 6: ENVIRONMENTAL EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (EES)

The programme has spent R43 million that is equivalent to 192% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year.

The over expenditure of +92% is due to some of the PO for EES was used for clean ups by Waste management unit, because of procurement delays, this expenditure will be journalised at the end of March 2026 (13 Month Journals) back to Waste management unit which will decrease their expenditure.

Commitments (PO's) not yet finalised for payment are still to be processed in the 2026/2027 FY. A Roll over request will be requested for these commitments not yet finalised as at end of 31st March 2026. Annual expenditure is at 123%. After taken into consideration the processing of 13th Months journal and GDEnv request for Shift and Virement the Annual Expenditure will be at 91% for this programme

ANNUAL Expenditure for the 2025-2026 FY:

Overall, the department has spent R648,8 million that is equivalent to 96% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year. The main reason for the -4% under expenditure can be contributed to the following:

- The underspending is due to delays in recruitment process in filling critical positions particularly in programme 1 to cover the lost posts due to departmental split, these posts needed to go through a Job Evaluation process, before it can be advertised and filled. The Job evaluation process is an Office of Premier Function and Human Resource management is tracking this process.
- Commitments (PO's) not yet finalised for payment at the end of 25th of March 2026 are still to be processed. Tender process was finalised late, but finalisation of project will only be completed in the 2026/2027 FY. A roll over request will be requested for these commitments not yet finalised as at end of 31st March 2026.

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

What are the mitigating measures to remedy over / under expenditure

1. Capacity Challenges still experienced in SCM and Finance - the management of SCM processes, compliance and execution of the current FY procurements plans etc.

Proposed Mitigation:

1.1 Filling of Vacant Funded Posts – CFO and Direct SCM already advertised but not yet filled.

2. Cash Flow challenges - GDARD paid GDEnv compensation of employees and overhead costs from the GDARD budget, and this caused under expenditure under CoE and goods and services.

Proposed Mitigation:

2.1 Not all of the overhead cost SLA could have been finalised at the end of March 2026 due to capacity issues in Legal Services. The envisaged finalisation of SLA/MOU and POs is at the end of April 2026. These outstanding MOU's/SLA's are with GDID lease agreements, parking and Utilities, GDRT licensing of departmental vehicles and then supplier for the supply of water and maintenance of water coolers, Hygiene Services, Maintenance of Biometric Access Control System and X-Ray Machine.

No Payment or claim will be made during the 2026-2027 FY, until these SLA's/MOU's and new PO's are created for these expenditure Items.

What is the Department / Entity's achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review

The Department for the 4th Quarter 2025/26 did not manage to achieve its procurement target for the designated groups. However, the department did achieve its annual targets for HDI, Women and Township Economy. Although the department targeted business owned by designated groups (Specific Goals) when request for procurement for <= R1 000 000 are made, the department did not achieve the targets that were set. Procurement officials do target all Designated groups when requesting for Quotations based on the commodities required by the department, but it is still a problem with PWDs, MVs and Youth.

PP Spend for Agriculture and Rural Development (Summary) Financial Year 2025-2026

Department	Financial Year	HDI Spend R'000	% HDI	Female Spend R'000	% Female	Youth Spend R'000	% Youth Spend	PWD Spend R'000	% PWD
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3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Environment	2025/26 Q4	60,591	91%	25,770	39%	12,735	19%	1,021	2%
BEE Target for 2025/2026		HDI = 80%		Female = 40%		Youth = 30%		PWD = 7%	

- GDEnv has sourced a database of companies owned by this category and do solicit bids and RFQs from them. Buyers are encouraged to utilise them for appropriate commodities.
- In instances where they do not meet requirements in terms of compliance, these groups are assisted through the Gauteng Provincial Treasury (GPT) which offers weekly training sessions.
- Where possible, Designated groups will be given more time to respond to RFQ to eliminate the challenge of unresponsiveness.

Buyers will also follow up with emails once RFQs are sent to designated groups to make them aware.

What is the Department / Entity's achievement with respect to township economy / SMME / Local procurement for the period under review

The Department for the 4th Quarter of the 2025-2026 Financial year did not manage to achieve its procurement target for Township spend of 40% and only achieved 33%. However, the annual target was achieved at 44%.

TER Spend Report for Environment (Summary) Financial Year 2025-2026			
Department	Financial Year	Total Spend R'000	% Spend
GDEnv	2025/2026	23,389	33%
Q3 - Township Spend Target for 2023/2024		40%	

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

A summary for the period under review with respect to overspending / underspending against projections

The department has spent R218 million that is equivalent to 90% of its projected budget allocated during the 4th quarter for 2025/26 financial year. Overall, the department has spent R648,8 million that is equivalent to 96% of its total adjusted allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year. This is a huge improvement from the 3rd quarter performance of 64%.

A summary for the period under review with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days

GDEnv during the 4th Quarter of 2025- 2026 Financial year managed to pay 98% of Invoices within 30 days, 87% of all invoices received were paid within 15 days.

Annual target on 15 days is 86% and 98% on 30 days

Reason for Deviation: The main reason for exceeding the 15- and 30- days period can be attributed to the following,

- Processing payment was delayed due to exceptions, which needed to be cleared.
- Processing payment delayed due to system error. Eskom invoice did not interface on XML after grv was captured.
- The swapping of price and quantity on the purchase order delayed the processing of the invoice
- Late submission of RLS02 to process the invoice on time.
- On the 27th of January, the payment run that was confirmed by the department did not go through, causing invoices to exceed 15 days
- Invoice was submitted on the 17th of December after the last payment run of December 2025. It was only processed on the 8th of January 2026 when the run resumes exceeded the 15 days

Mitigations:

- Clearing of Exception and system related errors and are escalated to system support in Provincial Treasury, to assist with clearing of these exceptions and errors also to assist with invoice not interfacing not interface on XML.
- The amendments to PO, by swapping price and quantity on the purchase order delayed the processing of the invoice. PO needed to be correctly captured for part payments.
- Investigation report on Late submission of RLS02 is done monthly, consequent management, warning letter was issued for non-compliance.

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

- Finance did communicate with Departmental Official on the last payment in December 2026 will be the 17th of December 2026 to ensure all invoices needed to be processed are submitted before final payment run.

A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful and irregular expenditure

1. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

The department did not incur any fruitless wasteful expenditure during the 4th Quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year.

2. Irregular expenditure

The department did not incur any irregular expenditure during the 4th Quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year. Previous FY Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure:
As prescribed by chapter 19 of MCS, GDARD needs to deal with the UIF incurred in previous year, because of the split of the two departments

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants

The department has spent 100%, R9 million of its total budget allocation for EPWP Incentive grant.

- The GDEnv has spent R7,9 million of its allocated budget of R7,9 million for EPWP Incentive grant equates to 100%.
- The GDEnv transferred R657 thousand to Dinokeng entity of its allocated budget of R657 thousand which is 100%.
- The GDEnv transferred R658 thousand to Cradle of Humankind WHS of its allocated budget of R658 thousand which is 100%.

RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

4.1 RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT

4.1 RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT (for Resolutions received during the period under review)					
Ref Nr	Date Received	Due Date	Detail / Title of Resolution	Progress to Date / Current Status	Date submitted to GPL
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Department did not receive any resolutions for the quarter under review.	N/A
<i>Add as many rows as required</i>					
Total number of Resolutions received from GPL during this Quarter					
Total number of Resolutions responses due to GPL during this Quarter					
Total number of Resolutions responded to and submitted back to GPL during this Quarter					

4.2 PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

4.2 PETITIONS MANAGEMENT (for Petitions referred by the GPL during the period under review)					
Ref Nr	Date Received	Due Date	Detail / Title of Petition	Progress to Date / Current Status	Date submitted to GPL
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Department does not have any petitions for the quarter under review.	N/A
<i>Add as many rows as required</i>					
Total number of Petitions received from GPL during this Quarter					N/A
Total number of Petitions responses due to GPL during this Quarter					
Total number of Petitions responded to and submitted back to GPL during this Quarter					

4. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT / ENTITY

5. [PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT / ENTITY]

The steps / measures the Department / Entity has taken to meaningfully involve the public / stakeholders in the course of its work / service delivery during the period under review

- a) **13 January 2026:** MEC Botha conducted an oversight visit in Rabie Ridge to assess waste management in the area. The visit covered residential areas and compliance of buy-back centres with environmental legislation. It concluded with a community engagement where the MEC discouraged littering and illegal dumping and encouraged residents to convert waste into business opportunities.
- b) **14 & 15 January 2026 & 2 February 2026:** Back-to-School Programme: Assessed state of readiness for the 2026 academic year at Matsie Steyn Primary, Emanuel Primary, Rus-ter-Vaal Primary, Rus-ter-Vaal Secondary, and Leratong ECD Centre. MEC Botha engaged the school community (parents, SMTs, teachers, and learners) on teaching and learning matters. Engagements with teachers and learners also focused on waste management, specifically littering, illegal dumping, recycling, and tree planting.
- c) **16 January 2026:** MEC Botha was interviewed by Thetha FM on the waste management situation in Emfuleni and the provincial plans to address the crisis. The interview provided an opportunity to engage the Sedibeng community on the negative impacts of littering and illegal dumping, and on opportunities in the waste economy to achieve sustainable waste management.
- d) **27 January 2026:** MEC Botha conducted an oversight visit in Ward 57, covering Eden Park and parts of Thokoza, to assess waste management. The visit included residential areas and the environmental compliance status of buy-back centres. The MEC engaged community members, discouraging littering and illegal dumping, and encouraging waste-to-business initiatives.
- e) **20 February 2026:** GDEnv hosted the Quarter 4 MEC's Environmental Assessment Practitioners Forum. Stakeholders from government, civil society, academia, and the private sector to discuss EIA-related issues.
- f) **25 February 2026:** The department celebrated World Wetlands Day at Marievale Nature Reserve, Nigel. The event raised awareness of the importance of wetlands and encouraged attendees, mostly learners, to care for the environment. MEC Botha delivered the keynote address. Various stakeholders participated in exhibitions.
- g) **4 March 2026:** The department engaged stakeholders participating in the Climate Change Forum. MEC Botha addressed stakeholders, calling for a rethink of climate change communication by linking climate action to social, environmental, and economic opportunities.

- h) **16 March 2026:** MEC Botha participated in a clean-up at the Hector Peterson Memorial, Orlando West, Soweto. The MEC used the opportunity to educate community members on the importance of litter-free environments and encouraged recycling to turn waste into wealth.
- i) **23 March 2026:** MEC Botha was interviewed by Jozi FM on addressing illegal dumping and open waste burning in Kya Sands and surrounding areas, which also affects air quality. The interview enabled the MEC to convey messages to City of Johannesburg residents on the negative impacts of poor waste management and the importance of environmental compliance.
- j) **24 March 2026:** MEC Botha was invited to deliver a message of support at the International Day of Forests event hosted by DFFE.
- k) **25 March 2026:** The department, in collaboration with DFFE, hosted a multi-stakeholder engagement on the Flexible EIA process to discuss progressive approaches to improve EIA efficiency.

Public Education programmes of the Department / Entity during the period under review

- a) **14 March 2026:** GDEnv hosted a consultation workshop with municipalities and sector stakeholders on the Gauteng Waste Information Regulations. The regulations will guide the province's Gauteng Waste Information System.
- a) **17 March 2026:** GDEnv hosted a Gauteng Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on amendments to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Regulations for stakeholders in government, the private sector, and NGOs/NPOs.

Feedback sessions conducted by the Department / Entity during the period under review

- a) No feedback sessions were conducted during the period under review as questions were responded to during provincial open days and during various engagements with stakeholders.

5. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

6. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS			
<i>Only applicable to Office of the Premier (OoP)</i>			
All International treaties / Agreements that the Department / Entity has entered into.	Extent to which Department / Entity is implementing the Treatise / Agreements during the Quarter under Review	Challenges	Mitigating Measures
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1. GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

7. GEYODI EMPOWERMENT	
What has been the Department / Entity achievement on actual GEYODI Empowerment in communities during the period under review	
GENDER	256 Females
YOUTH	71
DISABLED	14
SENIOR CITIZENS	N/a

8. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 AGSA REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Auditor – General REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW	
Total number of AGSA Requests for Information received from AGSA during this Quarter	0
Total number of AGSA Requests for Information due during this Quarter	0
Total number of AGSA Requests for Information responded to and submitted back to AGSA during this Quarter	0

8.2 PSC REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

8.2 Public Service Commission REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW	
Total number of PSC Requests for Information received from the PSC during this Quarter	0
Total number of PSC Requests for Information due during this Quarter	0
Total number of PSC Requests for Information responded to and submitted back to the PSC during this Quarter	0

9. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY CAPACITY

9.1 HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY

During the period under review...		
Total number of posts on the Dept Structure as at the last day of the period under review	Total number of posts currently filled as at the last day of the period under review	Total number of vacant posts as at the last day of period under review
607	491	65
Total number of acting positions as at the last day of the period under review	Total number of terminations during the period under review	Total number of new positions as at the last day of the period under review
3	2	0
Total number of suspensions during the period under review	Summarized information on the GEYODI / HDI compliance for the period under review	
0	Total Females in the Department =256/ 494(52%) SMS Females = 11/16 (69%) PwD = 14/494 (2,80%)	

10. CHALLENGES / REQUESTS FOR INTERVENTION

10.1 CHALLENGES



10.1 CHALLENGES		
Challenge	Consequence	Recommendation
<i>What is the challenge?</i>	<i>What consequence is it having</i>	<i>How the challenge can be resolved</i>
Payment of Suppliers within 30 days remained a challenge in Q4	Late submission of RLS02s resulting into delayed processing of invoices on time	Investigation report on Late submission of RLS02 is done monthly, and the department has implemented consequence management. To that effect, warning letters are issued for non-compliance.
Not meeting preferential procurement targets for designated groups remained a challenge for the department	Requests for Quotations (RFQ) are sent to business owned by designated groups, however due to nonresponsive quotations these targets were not met. This normally leads to the need to re-RFQ when the minimum number of quotations is not received. In some instances, the received quotations are also not market related and thus not competitive when evaluated.	GDEnv has sourced a database of companies owned by this category and do solicit bids and RFQs from them. And Buyers are encouraged to utilise them for appropriate commodities. In instances where they do not meet requirements in terms of compliance, these groups are assisted through the Gauteng Provincial Treasury (GPT) which offers weekly training sessions. Where possible, Designated groups will be given more time to respond to RFQ to eliminate the challenge of unresponsiveness. Buyers will also follow up with emails once RFQs are sent to designated groups to make them aware

10.2 REQUESTS FOR INTERVENTION

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What area / subject does this relate to	What intervention is sought from the Legislature?	Why is this intervention sought
N/A	N/A	N/A

11. ADOPTION

The Department of Environment hereby presents this Quarter 4 Performance Report to the Gauteng Provincial Legislature as a true and accurate representation of its work during the period under review.

Department / Entity Approval			
Name of Department / Entity	Environment		
Which Financial Year	2025/26		
Which Quarter	Quarter 4		
Head of Department / Entity	Mr Matthew Sathekge	Signature: 	Date: 29-04-2026
MEC: Environment	Mr. Ewan Botha	Signature: 	Date: 30/04/2026

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

AEL	Atmospheric Emissions Licence
APP	Annual Performance Plan
CBD	Central Business District
CRM	Customer Relationship Management
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPWP	Extended Public Work Programmes
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GDARD	Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
GESR	Gauteng Environmental Sustainability Report
GDEnv	Gauteng Department of Environment
GEYODI	Gender Youth Disability
GGT	Growing Gauteng Together
GPG	Gauteng Provincial Government
GWIS	Gauteng Waste Information System
HOD	Head of Department
MEC	Member of Executive Council
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
PWDs	People with Disabilities
RFQ	Request for Quotation
S24G	Section 24 Gazette
SCM	Supply Chain Management
SCOA	Standard Chart of Accounts
TISH	Township informal settlement housing