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**NEGOTIATING MANDATE**

To:	Hon S J Mohai Chairperson of the Select Committee on Appropriations
Name of Bill:	Division of Revenue Bill
Number of Bill:	[B4 - 2017]
Date of deliberation:	28 March 2017
Vote of Legislature:	The Budget Committee reports that it confers on the Western Cape's Permanent Delegate in the NCOP the authority to support the Bill.
Signature	Date
<b>Hon. D Joseph Chairperson: Budget Committee</b>	



## 6. PUBLIC INPUTS/CONCERNS

The public raised the following concerns at Public Hearings:

- 6.1 The budget allocated to municipalities is not requisitely monitored by the provincial government.
- 6.2 That there are certain townships in the province that are still using bucket systems, thus government must address this issue with a sense of urgency.
- 6.3 That Early Childhood Development centres are no more operational in the Informal settlements, thus the budget should be directed towards skills development in this discipline, as this has been noted as the core challenge.
- 6.4 Communities are concerned that the budget does not have desired impact in redressing the pressing challenges of inaccessibility to basic portable water, sanitation and health care by the rural communities in particular.
- 6.5 That there should be appropriate punitive measures meted out against those municipalities that do not spend their budgets in line with their IDP's.
- 6.6 That the equitable share formula should be revised so as to prioritize allocations to the rural communities due to the gravity of the socio-economic backlogs afflicting them.
- 6.7 That the North West Provincial Legislature should discharge its support to municipalities optimally so as to ensure that oversight by respective organs in municipalities is strengthened.
- 6.8 Communities realise that there is a criteria that looks at populations in allocating funds, however, they submitted that communities need to be taken into consideration. Communities urge that urban areas should not be given high equitable share as they have tared roads, libraries, and sports facilities at their disposal, while the people in rural areas have to travel a distance, as well as travelling on bad roads.
- 6.9 Communities urge that there be public consultations before allocation of funds as they believe that municipalities are not appropriated sufficiently to cater for basic service delivery and development.
- 6.10 The appropriation for Infrastructure Development Plan is not used properly.
- 6.11 Sports facilities need to be established and the existing ones upgraded.
- 6.12 Towards what extent does the Legislature take into cognisance the technical support to municipalities in ensuring that municipalities are able to utilise appropriated budgets.
- 6.13 A concern was raised that annually there are engagements but municipalities and departments fail to implement and account for expenditures and roll overs of appropriations.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE**

The Committee recommends that the House resolve as follows:

- 7.1 The Committee sit on all strategic meetings during the budgetary process to ensure that the Legislature influences the budget.
- 7.2 The Department of Finance bring the Committee on board on all aspects of the budgetary processes at a provincial and national levels.
- 7.3 Conditional grants must be spent accordingly so as to yield good results for communities.
- 7.4 Government should ensure that establishment and upgrading of sports facilities gets aggressive attention.
- 7.5 There has to be a monitoring mechanism that avoids under expenditure and roll overs in departments and municipalities.
- 7.6 The allocations for bucket eradication in the province must be monitored intensely, so as to ensure that it gets promptly addressed.

## **8. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

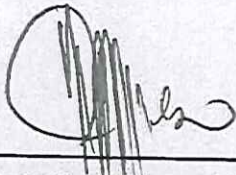
The Chairperson of the Committee thanked all the present Members of the Portfolio Committee for their commitment to the oversight process of the Division of Revenue Bill [B 4 – 2017].

The cooperation of the MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development Hon. Wendy Nelson, Head of Department Mr Kunene as well as senior officials from the Department is highly appreciated.

In addition, the Chairperson of the Committee extends a word of thanks to Hon. Motlashuping, National Council of Province permanent delegate and officials from National Treasury.

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**HON FV MLOMBO, MPL**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

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