



EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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NEGOTIATING MANDATE

To: The Chairperson
Select Committee on Finance

Name of Bill: Division of Revenue Amendment Bill
Number of Bill: [B15-2019]
Date of Deliberation 21 November 2019

Vote of the Legislature

The province votes in favour of the Bill and mandates the Eastern Cape delegate to the NCOP to negotiate in favour of the adoption of the Bill.

The Province, however, has the following concerns:

1. The current funding model of the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG) does not favour the EC province in that it is a rural province and thus has a lower number of surfaced (tarred) roads in comparison with other provinces and therefore the funding for maintenance is only applicable to the fewer number of surfaced/tarred roads.
2. The Bill must clarify the roles and responsibilities in the areas of delivery of water and electricity between local and district municipalities as well as Eskom.
3. Eskom must improve its capacity to service the inaccessible areas of the province as this results in withdrawal of funding due to the utility not being able to access these areas and thus not utilizing all the funds allocated as is the case currently with the Integrated National Electrification Programme Grant (INEP).

4. The province has quantified its infrastructure backlogs and made a submission to the FFC in 2016/17 and this was also raised with the National Treasury, however, no specific response has been forthcoming as yet.

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