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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PREMIER, FINANCE, COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AN TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

NEGOTIATING MANDATE

To

: Ms DS Mahlangu [MP]

Chairperson of the Select Committee on Finance

Name of Bill

Division of Revenue Bill

Number of Bill

B 24 -2020

Vote of the Legislature

The North West Provincial Legislature votes in favour

of the Division of Revenue Bill [B 24-2020] with

proposed amendments

Mr A Motswana

-[MPL]

Date

Chairperson: Premier, Finance, Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 1. The amount of R7 billion that is added to employ education assistants at schools (e.g. classroom assistant, cleaners, screeners, reading assistants) on the Provincial Equitable Share. What criteria was used for the above amount to be used as a baseline?
 - The proposal is that such recommended job opportunities, whilst advertised are targeting young people between 18 and 35, whereas relevant and qualified people are being overlooked because of age. How will equitable share strike a balance to address such imbalances?
- Budget allocation of R630 million for the provincial roads' maintenance grant is sufficient to fix and maintain provincial roads, however absolute monitoring and oversight is suggested as most roads in the province have deteriorated.
- 3. Provincial Treasury must transfer grants directly to local municipalities in order for identified project to be completed.
- 4. Budget allocated to Social Development is not sufficient, and people with disability seem to be overlooked since Covid 19. The proposal is that the amount of social relief fund should be increased in order to cater for the needs of People living with disabilities.
- 5. Appendix B: Childhood Developmental Grant: Since the beginning of Covid 19 Early Learning Centres were struggling as most children were no longer attending as a result of not paying fees. It is therefore proposed that the Provincial Treasury should monitor that such budgets are transmitted to the relevant beneficiaries as they have never received any assistance in that regard whereas an amount of R 496 million was allocated.
- Disaster Relief Fund allocation is too small Proposal is that the allocation be increased at least by 5 %.
- North West Province does not support reduction of service delivery allocations in order to fund the R10.5 billion SAA rescue plan.