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## Asset Forfeiture Unit focus areas

### 1. Background

The AFU was created in order to ensure that the powers in the Act to seize criminal **assets** would be used to their maximum effect in the fight against crime, and particularly, organised crime.

This brief seeks to provide summary of focus areas to be covered by the **Asset Forfeiture Unit** presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee progress report with regards to the section intervention inquiring in the North West Province. The table below provides two different categories of departments under section 100 intervention.

| Section 100 (1)(a)   | Section 100 (1)(b)                              |
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| 1 North West Department of Social Development                          | 1 Office of the Premier                         |
| 2 North West Department of Local Government and Human Settlements      | 2 Department of Health                          |
| 3 North West Department of Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development | 3 Department of Education and Sport Development |
| 4 North West Department of Tourism                                     | 4 Department of Transport and Community Safety  |
| 5 North West Department of Rural Economy and Agricultural Development  | 5 Department of Public Works and Roads          |

### 2. Key Focus Areas or Summary of outstanding issues

The presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee should answer the following questions and beyond:

- How many cases emanating within departments subject to Section 100 intervention, since 2018, has been referred to the Asset Forfeiture Unit for investigation?
- What is the nature of the cases referred? Can one find a pattern in these cases – e.g. the level of persons (e.g. mostly management) implicated in the investigations?
- How many of the referred cases have been finalised and how many remain to be finalised by the Unit? What are the timelines to finalise these cases? Do you employ a certain strategy in these cases; e.g. focus on certain areas or persons?



- What are the challenges or factors that are hindering the finalisation of cases?
- What is the progress with regards to recovering monies lost to the State in relation to the departments subject to Section 100 intervention?
- How much money in Rand value have since been recovered since the intervention started in 2018 by the Unit? Do you have any idea how much would be recoverable?
- What is the Rand value of assets that have been confiscated by the Unit from individuals employed within or engaged in business with the Section 100 intervention departments that are alleged to have engaged in corrupt practices and mismanagement of government resources?