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NEGOTIATING MANDATE

To

Hon D.G. Mahlangu

Chairperson of the Select Committee on Appropriations

Name of Bill

Division of Revenue Bill

Number of Bill

B 3 - 2021

Vote of the Legislature

The North West Provincial Legislature votes in favour of the Division of

Revenue Bill [B 3-2021] with proposed amendments

HON. A. MOTSWANA

CHAIRPERSON: PREMIER, FINANCE, COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE,

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. Page 87 of the Bill - Human Resources and Training Grant allocated R4. 1 billion

There are lot nurses who are employed on contract basis. This budget allocation must be increased to accommodate those nurses who needs to be absorbed by the Department, more especially that most health personnel have succumbed to Covid19 pandemic?

2. Page 109 of the Bill- Infrastructure Skills Development Grant

This Grant has been reduced by R6 million for 2021/22. It is proposed that this grant also accommodate unemployed Youth as well as disadvantaged groups with skills. It is proposed that municipalities be monitored as municipalities are initiating projects and instead of outsourcing those projects, absorb the unemployed youth and disadvantages groups.

3. Page 122 of the Bill - Land Care Programme Grant: Poverty Relief and Infrastructure Grant

There are lot of Arable land in the country owned by foreigners who have obtained dual citizenship – Farms are therefore unutilized as owners are not residing full time in the country but have obtained dual citizenship. It is proposed that government utilise this funding to buy those farms as this will assist in creating jobs by cultivation.

4. Page 152 of the Bill - HIV, TB, Malaria and Community Grant: Community Outreach Services Component

There was a pronouncement that stipend will be increased by R1000 for people working for the Non – Governmental Organisations (NGO's). However, this amount remained the same in most of the NGO's in the North West, whereas there is a grant to address such.

The Bill is also not addressing critical issues affecting Non –Profit Organisation (NPO) especially dealing with people with disabilities, such as lack of water, electricity, toilets which are mere basic needs.



5. Page 176 of the Bill - Informal Settlement Grant

Budget allocated for is too small, as there are lot of informal areas in the country. It is proposed that be increased with 10 % during the next MTEF budget period.

6. Page 177 of the Bill -Distressed mining town components

North West is being allocated R153 million. This amount is not much to address its purpose as the province is surrounded by mines. Mining companies are dumping rubbles near the community, such waste is causing a health hazard to the communities. This budget is not utilized for its intended purpose.

It is proposed that this budget be increased by 5 % in the next MTEF budget cycle

7. Page 299 of the Bill - Municipal Infrastructure Grant

Matlosana Municipality is outsourcing trucks that collect waste from the communities. Municipalities are not utilizing grants, instead of municipalities outsourcing refuse trucks with the money meant for service delivery.

8. Page 330 of the Bill - National Health Insurance Indirect Grant

Shortage of Medicines at Health centers such as Bacallie Calmette Guerin (BCG)- Lack of medication results in chronic patients to default. Department of Health failed to pay the companies that delivers medication. The allocated budget of R 168 580 for North West is insufficient to address health challenges in the Province. It is proposed that the Budget be increased by 15 % to address backlog of medication.

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