# **EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE**

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & MONEY BILLS

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### **NEGOTIATING MANDATE**

**To:** The Chairperson: Select Committee on Appropriations

Name of Bill: Division of Revenue Bill

Number of Bill: [B4-2024]

**Date of Deliberation:** 23 April 2024

### Vote of the Legislature

The Legislature supports the Division of Revenue Bill [B4-2024] and mandates the Eastern Cape Permanent Delegate to the NCOP to vote in favour of the Bill.

#### Comments

Changes to Clause 25 on new allocations during financial year and Schedule 7 allocations relating to funds must be transferred within a 100 days after the date of the classification of a disaster and the empowerment of the National Disaster Management Centre to stipulate timeframe within which Schedule 7 allocations must be spent within relevant financial year, are most welcome to the Province.

With respect to the R1.1 billion reprioritisation of the ECD grant the Province hopes this will address the challenges in ECD as these funds are reprioritised to national government over the medium term as the nutrition support programme and result-based service delivery model will be implemented by national government.

Reference to the State Liability Bill as a solution when requests for additional funding to address medico-legal claims is partially acceptable to the Province. Whilst the legal implication of the retrospective application of the Bill in regard is understandable, the challenge faced by the Province is current and on-going.

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Regarding unspent conditional grants at local government level and in particular, the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), it is recommended that the funds should be transferred or redirected within the district (for local municipalities) whereby the current expenditure is in line with projections or planned service delivery.

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23 APRIL 2024

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