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BUDGET REVIEW REPORT 2007-8

NATIONAL HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL
LEADERS:

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FINANCIAL YEAR



PROGRAMMES OF THE HOUSE

- The National House embarked on a number of programmes in fulfilment of the following strategic goals:
 - Advancement of Service Delivery
 - Custodianship of cultures, customs, traditions and values
 - Pro-Active Communication
 - Capacity – A fully capacitated and capable NHTL and Institution



Advancement of Service Delivery

Reconstitution of the NHTL

- The term of office of the National House of Traditional Leaders' came to an end on the 21st May 2007;
- The National House of Traditional Leaders Act, 1997 as amended, requires the President presiding or delegate someone preside over the reconstitution;
- The Minister of Public Works, Ms Thoko Engela Didiza was delegated to perform those duties on the 22nd of May 2007;
- The delegated Deputy Judge President Shongwe conducted the swearing in of the all members including the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson;
- The Presiding Officer declared the third National House of Traditional Leaders reconstituted on the 22nd of May 2007.



Operation of the NHTL

- The National House of Traditional Leaders functions through its committees.
- The most expenditure of the NHTL is on transport and accommodation of the members
- The NHTL has tried to alleviate this problem by clustering meetings of committees.
- As a result, during committee week only three days is utilized instead of five days
- Two committees can meet at the same time which alleviates any discomfort and that members are fully utilized.



NAMES OF COMMITTEES

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| □ Management Committee | <i>Khosi FP Kutama</i> |
| □ Internal Arrangement Committee
<i>Moholo Mota</i> | <i>Morena o</i> |
| □ Constitutional Development Committee
<i>Mavundla</i> | <i>Inkosi WT</i> |
| □ Social Development Committee | <i>Hosi PC Ngove</i> |
| □ Land and Agriculture Committee
<i>Ngomane</i> | <i>Inkosi S</i> |
| □ Tradition, Custom and Culture Committee | <i>Kgosi GG Shole</i> |
| □ Committee of Chairpersons
<i>Maubane</i> | <i>Kgosi PP</i> |
| □ Gender, Youth, Children, Aged
<i>Mgwebi</i>
and People with Disability | <i>Inkosikazi</i> |



Program of Committees

- The program of the National House of Traditional Leaders has been drawn and it provides for two weeks for Provincial Business and two weeks for NHTL business.
- The first and third week of the month is for the NHTL and the second and fourth week is for the Provincial business.
- It is expected that provinces will utilize the week profitably to include business for the Local Houses and Traditional Councils.
- The Committees of the NHTL will on a monthly and quarterly basis submit a report that will detail their activities and plans.
- It is expected that the interaction between provinces and the NHTL will improve drastically as there will be other meetings that falls outside the agreed upon program.



Policy Process: Provincial and Local Government

- ❑ The Department of Provincial and Local Government developed a policy that intends to get the actual positions of the masses of South Africa regarding the present system of Government
- ❑ The Director-General of the DPLG referred the policy review document to the NHTL for inputs
- ❑ The Policy document was referred to provinces and then submitted to the DPLG.
- ❑ The position of the National House of Traditional Leaders is that the Provincial Government must be managed much more effectively than they are now instead of being abolished.
- ❑ Same applies to the system of Local Government where more capacity must be deployed in order for the local government to operate much better and effective.



Rules and Orders of the NHTL

- ❑ The new Rules and Orders of the NHTL have been adopted by the House in December 2007.
- ❑ The new rules makes provisions for non-members of the House to can make a speech in the full sitting of the House
- ❑ It further define the work of the Presiding Officers
- ❑ The NHTL will be inviting many leaders like Chairpersons of different Parliamentary Committees (starting with this one) to address the full sitting of the NHTL.



Think Tank

- The NHTL has established a "Think Tank", which is composed of from various institutions headed. This body of experts is headed by Prof. Ghutto from UNISA.
- The "Think Tank" will assist the National House on Constitutional, Cultural, Social and Legislative matters.
- The think tank will be addressing the policy Lekgotla of the Houses in April 2008



Children's Act

- The NHTL made comments on the Children' Bill and forwarded them to Parliament, stating clearly the relevant sections in the Bill that the House is opposed to.
- The House further made verbal contributions on the Bill to the Portfolio Committee during its public hearing held through out the Country.
- This was done through members of the House traveling across the country committing budget for the articulation of the position of the institution.



Land owned by Foreigners

- The Department of Land Affairs invited all traditional leaders of South Africa in Durban to consult them on the land owned by foreigners.
- This action by the Dept. of Land Affairs was appreciated because of its involvement of traditional leadership in policy development.
- It will again involve them in the regulations (CLARA) before the end of this month (March 2008).



Bills

Human Science Research Council Bill

- The NHTL made inputs on the Bill. It ensured that rural communities were adequately represented.
- The inputs by the NHTL were considered and they were included in the Bill.

Traditional Health practitioners Bill

- The NHTL participated in the Traditional Health practitioners Bill and made substantial inputs.

Traditional Courts Bill

- The NHTL has actively participated in the development of the traditional courts Bill. The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development has involved the Traditional Leaders in development of the Bill.



Crime Prevention

- The NHTL had a meeting with the Minister of Safety and Security and he mentioned that it is necessary to fight crime in rural communities.
- It was agreed that the Minister will organize a cluster meeting where the NHTL and other relevant stakeholders will make presentation on their participation in crime prevention



Co-operation with the Houses (PHTL's and LH TL's)

- The NHTL has decided to report on the status of traditional leaders in the country.
- The ability to report on the status of the Institution of traditional leadership will depend on Provinces submitting reports to the NHTL.
- The leaders of delegations to the NHTL will be required to table their Provincial quarterly reports to the NHTL in order for the NHTL to produce a full quarterly and annual report that is reflective of all the Houses of Traditional Leaders.

