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National School Nutrition Programme Quarter 1 Financial Report

PROVINCE: LIMPOPO PROVINCE
REPORTING DATE: 1ST APRIL – 30TH JUNE 2010

Annual Conditional Grant allocation	Roll-over received	Allocation by province	Total Allocation	Total transfers to date	Total expenditure to date*	Amount committed	Under /over expenditure	Actual payments % of Total Allocation
A	B	C	D=A+B+C		E		F=D-E	G=(E / D)%
659,233,000	NIL	NIL	659,233,000	181,201,000	135,892,410	15,050,740	523,340,590	21%

*as per BAS Report

NOTES: (an explanation of any material problems experienced regarding an allocation and reasons for under / over expenditure)

1. Commitments to the amount of R15, 050,740m for service rendered in June 2010 will be paid the first week of July 2010.
2. Penalty given to non compliant service providers resulted to low expenditure rate.
3. Non debit of NSNP salaries from conditional grant budget.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SUBMISSION

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SUBMISSION TO : The Select Committee on Appropriations
FROM : The Honorable Member of the Executive Council: Honorable
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DATE OF SUBMISSION : 3 August 2010
TITLE/SUBJECT : RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEARING ON UNDER / OVER-
SPENDING ON NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION
PROGRAMME

1. DATA ON TRENDS IN ALLOCATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF CONDITIONAL GRANT:

TOTAL ALLOCATION	TRANSFERS TO DATE	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	FUNDS COMMITTED	ACTUAL PAYMENT %
R659,233M	R340,545M	R150,203,362	R23,814,617	23%

There have been some constraints with regard to payment of food handlers {cooks} on monthly basis as the schools did not claim for reimbursement on time. For this financial year funds are transferred to schools on quarterly basis so that food handlers are timely paid. The scenario also applies to funding meant for fire wood and re-filling of gas cylinders. After every quarter the schools are requested to

submit invoices as a proof that they incurred expenses and the next quarter can be accordingly effected.

The NSNP 2010 /11 Business plan was finalized and approved after the budget was tabled. The contents of the business plan made provision for the unit to procure vehicles to the value of R3, 750m which was budgeted under goods and services instead of capital projects. Virements have been requested and effected to shift the funds to capital projects so that vehicles can be procured. The process of procuring the vehicles has started and should be concluded by the end of the second quarter.

During 2009 /10, the programme received a substantial amount from the roll over to erect cooking areas. The six schools in Sekhukhune and two in Vhembe used their norms and standards funds to erect kitchenettes, to store food stuff and prepare food for the learners. The 8 schools will be reimbursed an amount equivalent to R360, 389.13. Finance section will transfer the funds to affected schools, as they are faced with financial constraints as they have utilized budget meant for norms and standards to construct the cooking facilities.

2. BRIEF ASSESSMENT ON YOUR DEPARTMENT MONITORING CAPACITY

The Department has 134 circuits and each Circuit has an accounting clerk / monitor, whose responsibility is as follows:

- **To ensure that learners are fed according to the feeding calendar and approved menu**
Schools in a particular District are selected and monitored using a standard monitoring tool. The principal put a stamp and append his/her signature as evidence that the school has been monitored.
- **To check records** – Each and every school targeted by NSNP is expected to have a standard NSNP file where documents such as delivery notes and invoices are kept.
- **To collect information** – based on findings and observations at school level on the methods and procedures practices on NSNP daily activities.
- **To ensure prompt delivery of food stuffs.** The quality and quantity of food delivered to schools are checked and inspected and corrective measures are imposed to minimize deviations.

- **To instill knowledge and to give advice.** School principals and delegated educators are advised on deviations observed and challenges are also addressed for compliance and proper functioning of the programme.

The critical constraint that is faced by the monitors is lack of transportation to effectively monitor the Programme. For this financial year 2010 / 11, the program has budgeted R3, 750 million for the provision of 26 monitoring vehicles. It is envisaged that the vehicles will be procured before the end of second quarter. The vehicles will be stationed at District level and used per cluster to minimize expenditure.

The strategy is to continuously budget for monitoring vehicles on a yearly bases, until all the Circuits have vehicles that are specifically meant for monitoring of National School Nutrition Programme.

3. In 2008 / 09 financial year, the Department was sending monthly reports to the National Department as a prescription of reporting. The reporting mechanisms were changed and the reports was only needed on quarterly basis, both narrative and financial reports.

If the Province was under spending the National Department will request such a Province to submit monthly financial report so that they can intervene where possible.

3 August 2010

Member of Executive Council

Date