

## cooperative governance & traditional affairs

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#### 1.INTRODUCTION

- We are here to give progress report on the work of the Anti Corruption Inspectorate and to
  - brief the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on the re-focussed role of the anti corruption, in line with the broader mandate of CoGTA.
- We will also use this opportunity to brief the Portfolio Committee on the re-defined role and functions of the Anti-Corruption Inspectorate as well as the proposals for the future.

# CHALLENGES WITH CONCEPTION OF THE INSPECTORATE

- The establishment of the Inspectorate had limitations as it failed to address the manifestations of corruption.
- The Inspectorate does not have the mandate to investigate corruption and therefore not addressing major challenges of investigations
- Failed to enlist the support of or develop partnership agreements with agencies mandated to investigate corruption
  - Based on the above observations, the conclusion is that Inspectorate in its current form will not address corruption and related matters mentioned above
- Furthermore, the fucntion presented duplications with other already well established corruption agencies in government, such as, the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), Independent Complains Directorate (ICD), the Ministry of Police, chapter 8 & 9 institutions,

### 3. Re-focused approach

The are various reasons why the Ministry for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs should establish an Anti-Corruption Unit. The available intelligence suggests that corruption within (some) municipalities continues to be a daily occurrence and this poses a serious threat to good governance, service delivery and ultimately stability on local government.

The approach of the unit will be informed by our cooperative governance role, which will focus on coordinating the government-wide anti-corruption initiatives in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, and will be guided by the following activities:

- The alignment of the structure of the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- Focus on prevention of corruption through the promotion of professional ethics, and enforcement of codes of conduct
- Initiate programmes and projects targeted at the 100 municipalities identified for support by the Department as well as those identified in the Auditor General's report
- Establish an effective model of partnership with the several multi-agencies mandated to investigate
- Initiation of joint Projects with sector Departments such as Education ,DPSA and other stakeholders to ensure that public education and awareness programmes are aligned and implemented throughout the sectors of the society.

### 3. Re-focused approach, Cont......

- Strength COGTA role in Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Collect and generate information
  - > Readily available information on cases of corruption (data/trends)
  - Promoting good governance
  - Establish ethic's officers in municipalities
  - Monitor and provide data on trends and corruption casesd

### THANK YOU!

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