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**Report of the Portfolio Committee on Public Works,
Infrastructure, Roads, Transport and Human Settlements to the
Free State Legislature with regard to the Third Quarterly Non-
Financial Reports for 2024/25 financial year of the Departments
of Public Works and Infrastructure, Human Settlements and
Community Safety, Roads and Transport**

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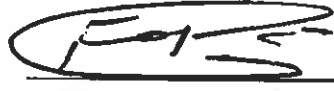
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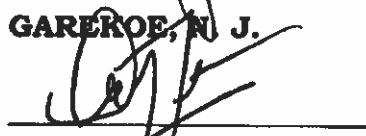
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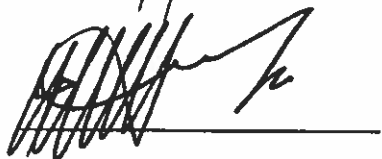
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1. Introduction

The Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, Roads, Transport and Human Settlement met with the Departments of Public Works and Infrastructure, Human Settlements and Community Safety, Roads and Transport to consider their Third Quarterly Non-Financial Reports for 2024/25 financial year.

2. Members of the Portfolio Committee

The Portfolio Committee comprises of the following Honorable Members:

Van Vuuren, D	(Chairperson)
Cloete, A	(Member)
Foko, M. J	(Member)
Gaorekoe, N. J.	(Member)
Khoabane, M. D.	(Member)
Mc Kay, D	(Member)
Mkhabela, D	(Member)
Meeko, T.P.	(Member)
Ndungane, N.	(Member)
Sigwebela, Z.	(Member)
Tshabalala, A. M.	(Member)

3. Procedure of the Committee

The Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, Roads, Transport and Human Settlement met with MEC for Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Hon. D. Mance, MEC for Department of Human Settlements, Hon. T. Mokoena, and Hon. J. Mbalula for Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport and their officials on the 11th June 2025 to consider their Third Quarterly Non-Financial Reports for 2024/25 financial year.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THIRD QUARTERLY NON-FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR.

4.1 The Departments of Public Works and Infrastructure

The Acting HOD, Mr. Mtolo presented their Third quarterly non-financial report for 2024/25 financial year and outlined the core functions of the department as follows: -

- (a) Planning, design, construction and maintenance of infrastructure.
- (b) Management of Provincial Government owned properties and facilitation of rented property.
- (c) Provision of Provincial Government with office accommodation.
- (d) Coordination, implementation, monitoring and compliance with the EPWP principles.
- (e) Security management for provincial buildings.

4.1.1. Functions are organized into three budgeted programmes: namely:

- (1) Programme 1: Administration.
- (2) Programme 2: Public Works Infrastructure.
- (3) Programme 3: Expanded Public Works Programme.

4.1.2 Challenges reported to the Portfolio Committee

1. The Department could not achieve their target on number of work opportunities created by Provincial Public Works and Infrastructure.
2. The Department could not pay all the suppliers within 30 days.
3. The Department could not achieve their target on number of buildings installed with WI – FI.
4. The Department could not achieve on number of planned maintenance projects awarded.

4.1.3 Observations by the Portfolio Committee:

After deliberations, the Portfolio Committee made the following observations and / or findings: -

1. The Department does not pay service providers within 30-days as per prescribed period in terms of section 38 (1) (f) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).
2. The Department has not met its target on number of buildings installed with WI – FI .
3. The Department does not have a contingency plan to ensure that number of planned maintenance projects awarded are achieved.

4.2 The Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport (excluding Community Safety component)

The Head of the department presented their Third quarterly non-financial report for 2024/25 financial year and outlined the departmental programmes as follows:

- (a) Programme 1: Administration
- (b) Programme 3: Transport Operations
- (c) Programme 4: Transport Regulation
- (d) Programme 5: Transport Infrastructure
- (e) Fleet Management Trading Entity

4.2.1 Challenges reported to the Portfolio Committee

1. The Department could not achieve their target on number of square meters of surfaced roads resealed.
2. The Department could not achieve on number of kilometers of gravel roads re-gravelled.
3. The Department could not achieve on number of kilometers of gravel roads bladed.
4. The Department could not reach their targets on number of work opportunities created due to termination of projects and legal disputes.

4.2.2 Observations by the Portfolio Committee:

After deliberations, the Portfolio Committee made the following observations and / or findings: -

1. The Department has not met its target on number of square meters of surfaced roads resealed.
2. The Department does not have the mechanism to achieve number of kilometers of gravel roads re-gravelled.
3. The Department does not have the mechanism to achieve on number of kilometers of gravel roads bladed.
4. The Department does not have a contingency plan to ensure that they reach their targets on number of work opportunities created and resolve the ongoing disputes and to avoid termination of projects.

4.3 The Department of Human Settlement

The Acting Head of the department, Mr. Ndumo presented their Third quarterly non-financial report for 2024/25 financial year and outlined the departmental programmes as follows:

- a) Programme 1: Administration.
- b) Programme 2: Housing Needs, Research and Planning
- c) Programme 3: Housing Development.
- d) Programme 4: Housing Asset and Property Management

Challenges reported to the Portfolio Committee:

- 1. The Department could not pay all the suppliers within 30 days.
- 2. The Department could not reach their target on number of Internal audits conducted and completed.
- 3. The Department could not reach their targets on number of households that qualify and receive subsidies through The Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP).
- 4. The Department could not reach their target on number of houses enrolled with National Home Building Registration Council (NHBRC).
- 5. The Department could not reach their target on number of informal settlements upgraded to phase 3 of the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP).
- 6. The Department could not reach their target of number of posts – 1994 title deeds registered.

4.3.2 Observations by the Portfolio Committee:

After the deliberations, the Portfolio Committee made the following observations and / or findings: -

- 1. The Department does not pay service providers within 30-days as per prescribed period in terms of section 38 (1) (f) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

2. The Department has not ensured that all households that qualified for subsidies through The Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) do access the benefit.
3. The Department does not have a contingency plan to ensure that Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) is up and running as this will improve on service delivery.
4. The Department audit outcomes are not improving.
5. The Department does not have a contingency plan to address and resolve disputes on the registration of title deeds.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Portfolio Committee recommends as follows:

Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport

1. The Department should develop and implement a robust mechanism to achieve its target for resurfacing the specified number of square meters of roads, ensuring efficiency and quality in execution within 30 days after tabling in the House.
2. The Department is encouraged to establish a clear strategy for re-graveling the designated kilometres of gravel roads, effectively optimizing resources and time management with within 30 days after tabling in the House.
3. The Department needs to create an actionable plan within 30 days after tabling in the House to meet its target for the maintenance of gravel roads through blading across the specified kilometres, prioritizing both sustainability and performance and provide quarterly progress reports to the Committee.
4. The Department must develop a comprehensive contingency plan (within 30 days after tabling in the House) to secure the creation of work opportunities, address ongoing disputes proactively, and minimize the risk of project terminations.

Department of Public Works and Infrastructure

1. The department is required to develop an intervention plan (within 30 days after tabling of the report in the House) to ensure service providers are paid, in accordance with section 38(1)(f) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). The Department is required to report on the 30-day payment compliance quarterly to the Portfolio Committee.
2. The Department is required to meet its target for the installation of Wi-Fi in buildings, as this may reduce telephone costs. The Department is required to report quarterly to the Portfolio Committee.

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2. The Department is required to meet its target for the installation of Wi-Fi in buildings, as this may reduce telephone costs. The Department is required to report quarterly to the Portfolio Committee.

3. A contingency plan within 30 days after tabling in the House must be developed to ensure the successful awarding and completion of all planned maintenance projects.
4. The Department needs to establish a contingency plan within 30 days after tabling in the House to proactively address any potential challenges that may arise.

Department of Human Settlements

1. The department is required to develop an intervention plan (within 30 days after tabling of the report in the House) to ensure service providers are paid, in accordance with section 38(1)(f) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). The Department is required to report on the 30-day payment compliance quarterly to the Portfolio Committee.
2. It is essential for the Department to ensure that all households eligible for subsidies under the Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) are able to access these benefits without delay. The Department is required to report quarterly to the Portfolio Committee.
3. The Department must establish a contingency plan within 30 days after tabling of the report in the House to effectively implement the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP), which will significantly improve service delivery.
4. Improvement in audit outcomes is necessary for the Department to enhance accountability and transparency.
5. Furthermore, the Department must develop a contingency plan within 30 days after tabling of the report in the House to efficiently address and resolve any disputes related to the registration of title deeds.
6. The Departments must report back to the Portfolio Committee with regard to the implementation of the resolutions 30 days after the tabling of the report.
7. The Accounting Officers must be held accountable if they do not comply with the resolution of the House.
8. The report be adopted by the House.

