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REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE FREE STATE LEGISLATURE WITH REGARD TO ANNUAL NON- FINACIAL REPORTS FOR 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

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**TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE
FREE STATE LEGISLATURE**

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health, and Social Services herewith submit the report and recommendations regarding Annual non-financial reports for 2023/2024 financial year of the Departments of Education, Health, and Social Development. Portfolio Committee could not have presented this report without valuable contribution of Honorable MEC for Social Development, Ms M. Leeto, Honorable MEC for Health, M.V. Mahlatsi and Honorable. MEC for Education, M. Maboya and officials of the departments of Education, Health and Social Development.

The Committee further acknowledges the critical analysis by Hon. Members of the Committee as well as sterling services rendered by the Secretariat and staff of the Free State legislature.


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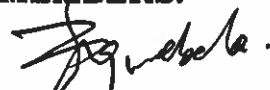
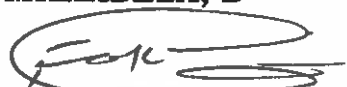


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1. INTRODUCTION

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services met with the Departments of Health, Education and Social Development on 20 May 2025 in a Joint Committee's meeting with Public Accounts and Finance to consider Annual non-financial Reports for 2022/2023 financial year as per the provisions of Standing Rules and Orders of the Free State Legislature.

2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee comprises the following Members:

Hon. A. Cloete

Hon. D. Leech

Hon. D. Masoeu

Hon. D. Mkhabela

Hon. L. Mapheule (Chairperson)

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Hon. Z. Sigwebela

3. PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Portfolio Committee met with the Departments of Education, Health, and Social Service on the 20 May 2025 to consider Annual Reports for 2023/2024 financial year. The Committee was provided with analysis and performance reports by monitoring and evaluation from the office of the Premier thereof.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

4.1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Department appeared before the committee on Education, Health and Social Services to present the annual non-financial report for 2023/2024 financial year with the following programmes:

Programme 1 - Administration
Programme 2 - District Health Services
Programme 3 - Emergency Medical Services
Programme 4 - Provincial Hospitals
Programme 5 - Central Hospitals
Programme 6 - Health Sciences and Training
Programme 7 - Health Care Support Services
Programme 8 - Health Facilities Management

The department tabled annual report for the period 2023/2024 financial year and the Committee noted and adopted the contents of the annual report for the period 2023/2024 financial year.

4.1.2. OBSERVATIONS

- The Portfolio Committee noted the contents of the annual report for the period 2023/2024, though it is no longer relevant for an effective oversight. However, the contents will form the basis for the oversight programme of the Portfolio Committee for the financial year under review (2024/2025).

4.1.3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services recommends that the report as tabled be adopted by the house.

4.2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department appeared before the committee on Education, Health and Social Services to present the annual non-financial report for 2023/2024 financial year with the following programmes:

Program 1: Administration
Program 2: Public ordinary schools
Program 3: Independent schools
Program 4: Public special schools
Program 5: Early childhood development
Program 6: Infrastructure
Program 7: Examinations

The department tabled annual report for the period 2023/2024 financial year, and the Committee noted and adopted the contents of the annual report for the period 2023/2024 financial year

4.2.1. OBSERVATIONS

- The Portfolio Committee noted the contents of the annual report for the period 2023/2024, though it is no longer relevant for an effective oversight. However, the contents will form the basis for the oversight programme of the Joint Portfolio Committee for the financial year (2024/2025) under review.

4.2.2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services recommends that the report as tabled be adopted by the house.

4.3. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Department appeared before the committees on Education, Health and Social Services to present the annual non-financial report for 2023/2024 financial year with the following programmes:

Programme 1 – Administration
Programme 2 – Social Welfare Services
Programme 3 – Children and Families
Programme 4 – Restorative Services
Programme 5 – Community Development

The department tabled the annual report for the period 2023/2024 financial year, and the Committee noted and adopted the contents of the annual report for the period 2023/2024 financial year

4.3.1.OBSERVATIONS

- The Portfolio Committee noted the contents of the annual report for the period 2023/2024, though it is no longer relevant for an effective oversight. However, the contents will form the basis for the oversight programme of the Portfolio Committee for the financial year (2024/2025) under review.

4.3.2.RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services recommends that the report as tabled be adopted by the house.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 10.5 million by 2026, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop strategies to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for ageing, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity. The strategy is a key document for the development of policies and services for older people.

The Department of Health (1999) has also published a strategy for mental health, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of people with mental health problems. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that people with mental health problems have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that people with mental health problems have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that people with mental health problems are treated with respect and dignity. The strategy is a key document for the development of policies and services for people with mental health problems.

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The Department of Health (1999) has also published a strategy for social care, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of people who need social care. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that people who need social care have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that people who need social care have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that people who need social care are treated with respect and dignity. The strategy is a key document for the development of policies and services for people who need social care.

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