

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2010

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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EASTERN CAPE**

The House met at 14:15.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

SEKELA-SOMLOMO: Mandamkele zonke iindwendwe ezisihambeleyo namhlanje kwiingxoxo zethu zenkcazo yokusetyenziswa kwesabelo-mali. Kumalungu anganxibanga iiT-shethi, uMnu Mzantsi uza kwenza umsebenzi wakhe. Sibulele ke abantu abanxibe eyabo iyunifom phaya phezulu engeyiyo eyaBafana Bafana. Siyanamnkela nonke apha. (*Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.*)

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me welcome all our guests who have come to listen to budget speeches. To those hon members who have not put on their T-shirt, Mr Mzantsi will do his duty. We thank the people on the gallery who are in their uniform which is not that of Bafana Bafana. We welcome all of you here.]

**APPROPRIATION BILL
(EASTERN CAPE)**

Presentation of Vote 5 - Roads and Public Works:

The MEC RESPONSIBLE FOR ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hon Deputy Speaker of the Legislature, hon Premier in absentia, Leader of Government Business, Executive Council Members, hon Members of this House, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, my special guests up there: the National Youth Service students, the APCOD students, the mentors, the Contractors Forum, the members of the South African Funeral Palour Association, Advocate Hinana, Mr Speedo Mdaga, Mr Luxolo. Those are my guests I gave their list to you hon Deputy Speaker.

There is a positive consensus among economists and economic commentators are like “a global economic storm has subsided”, especially emerging economies are showing signs that they have overcome the recession. Indeed, South Africa’s economy is also showing positive signs that it is repeatedly emerging out of the first recession in almost two decades. We’ve projected...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: MEC, can I interrupt you? We seem not to have your policy speeches.

The MEC: I hope you have stopped the watch.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: While we are still waiting hon MEC let me acknowledge her guests who are dressed in orange on the gallery, the 20 NYS students. Can they please raise their hands so that we can see them. [Applause.]

We also have APCOD students, [Applause.] the Contractors' Forum, Mr Speedo Mdaka, Advocate Hinana, Mr Titi and Mr Somhlahlo. You can proceed, MEC.

The MEC: Hon Deputy Speaker and members, the global recession has however demonstrated that the old patterns of growth/income distribution, regulation and governance do not always meet the needs of the world economy, therefore the growing wake in China and India in international trade, signals a change in the world economy balance.

Confirming this assertion, Finance Minister hon Gordhan, had this to say and I quote:

We operate in a global village where our fortunes are partly dependent on how well we are able to leverage of the global economy. Other countries are not standing still. Brazil, India, China and a host of other middle-income countries are actively taking steps to improve their competitiveness, raise their skills level, invest in infrastructure and to remove obstacles to growth and employment.

This, hon members, signifies immense change that necessitates where new policy approaches by developing economies in general and particularly South Africa, for she must not be left behind.

The international economic crisis has seen thousands of people losing jobs over the past two years in South Africa. Employment fell by 870,000 by June 2009, raising the job loss rate to 24.3%. Young people and the less skilled have been worsely affected. While the economy is beginning to recover, employment growth is likely to remain subdued for some time.

We are mentioning these facts to highlight two important things – and that it is firstly that our sound market economic and fiscal policies as a country has helped us to weather this global economic storm; secondly, to highlight the enormity of the challenges that still lie ahead, lest we take our eyes off the ball.

Hon Deputy Speaker, our budget and policy documentation today I table within these critical global challenges. I just want to quickly

recapture what we said we would do in the ending financial year and how far we have gone.

A mere nine months ago we stood here and committed to do work on the following priority areas:

- Custodianship of immovable assets

Under this focus area we indicated that we will double our efforts of consolidating a credible asset register.

- Review the disposal policy to be compliant with other pieces of legislation.

We are pleased to report that we have covered some ground to achieve what I have just mentioned. Twenty unemployed graduates have been appointed. Last year they were among the unemployed and we promised that we would appoint them and have been appointed. We asked them to assist us on verification process and in conducting physical land audits.

Secondly; as part of property rates and taxes project; we have provided a hands-on approach in assisting municipalities and hon MEC Gqobana reflected in yesterday's debate that as Public Works, we have taken it upon ourselves to ensure that we assist the municipalities in billing and there is now a difference in the billing system. That will put a stop to the view that Public Works neglects the municipalities.

We have established GIAMA. I heard hon Jonas touching on GIAMA as well and it was clear that it is an issue that they are focusing on. GIAMA refers to Government Immovable Asset Management Act, which involves government departments because at last we want each and every department in the province to have an asset register because we want to audit the government property to avoid these qualified reports because the departments simply dump these things to us when they do not have asset register.

On the advice of this, hon House, hon Mhlali, we have now close working relations with the Deeds Office, especially the one in Mthatha, to assist us in ensuring that all the government properties in the former Transkei are fully accounted for, notwithstanding all those properties that are also in the former Ciskei area.

Siyazimamela ke izindululo zale Ndlu yoWiso-mthetho, sizisebenzise apho kufanele khona. Iingcebiso zenu zinobulumko. *[We listen to the recommendations of this House and implement them where necessary. Your advice is always based on wisdom.]*

The disposal policy has been reviewed and now ready to be taken through the necessary processes, including appropriate Cabinet committees. That answers the question from hon Haddon yesterday regarding the purchase of a house. We process the purchase following the procedures.

Transformation in the property and construction sectors:

Hon members of this House, as you may be aware that one of the key mandates of this department is to provide strategic leadership to the transformation and development of both the property and construction sector, informed and guided by the spirit of content of both the property and construction charters respectively.

There are those who are responsible for general construction. There is no doubt, members, that these two sectors have been adversely affected by the depressing global crisis.

The business people have been affected because there was an increase in the price of a brick, simply in any building material. So they have been affected as people who do business in the construction field. I sketched at the beginning of my speech, as both sectors are generally prone to slump and stagnation during economic recession.

On the construction front, We have made a major breakthrough in forming a closer working relationship with key players in the industry, namely contractors – this is why you have the Contractors Forum here, material suppliers, as well as consultants; consultants where they are going to give us information where we have no capacity, but not for consultants to run the department, they are contracted for a certain period and for responsibilities specified to them.

We convene a Contractors Forum which sits annually and the contractors inspect the progress that we have made in the previous year when we held a conference and what we have done about the recommendations that were adopted in the conference.

Oonokontrakha babe nesicelo abasenzileyo, besithi mabancediswe kubekho inkampani eza kuthi ivule umzimveliso wesamente apha eMpuma-Koloni ukuze bangasokoli ukufumana isamente. Siyabona ke ukuba iyenzeka loo nto phaya ngakwesiya siphambuka sakuTsolo. Ikhona inkampani phaya evula umzimveliso wesamente ukwenzela ukuba isamente ibe kufutshane nabantu, bakwazi ukwakha. *(Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.)*

[The contractors requested that they should be assisted by setting up a company that would sell cement in the Eastern Cape so that they do not struggle to get cement. That is being addressed because at the

Tsolo junction there is a company that is opening a cement outlet so that our people do not struggle to get cement.]

The other major resolution of the conference was that the CIDB does not assist our people. In the previous weeks we met with the CIDB because there is a tendency of people who are rated at Grade 9 who tender as Grade 1. We said such tendencies must be stopped. We look at the rules and ensure that they do not disadvantage people. We agreed on the way forward with the CIDB.

To show that this department is committed to become people's-driven department, we organized the property summit which was attended by all people who have properties. We wanted them to explain to us how can we change the property industry. It became clear that in order to change the property industry, we must ensure that when we sign department leases, the leases must be BEE compliant. We will not sign any lease that is not BEE compliant.

Upscale job opportunities through Expanded Public Works Programme:

As the hon Premier has said that 78,000 job opportunities have been created in this province against 60,000, that means we have exceeded our target by 18,000. [Applause.]

Kubantu ebebengaphangeli abathe bangena kule EPWP, umahluko ukhona. Xa bekukhe akwatyiswa ekhaya namhlanje umahluko ukhona nokuba umntu usebenza iintsuku ezintathu. I-EPWP yeyokuba mayingenelele ngamaxesha entlupheko ukuze kubekho into etyiwayo. Ayizozithuba zisisigxina ke ezo. (*Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.*)

[For people who have been unemployed and who have joined the EPWP, there is a difference. If there had been no food at home, at least there is a difference even if the job is for three days only. The EPWP is set to intervene during the times of poverty so that people could at least have something to eat. Those are not permanent jobs.]

On the recommendation of the department, the Executive Council has recently approved a proposal to upscale this programme and others which have a potential to massify job creation, particularly in rural communities. The ANC Manifesto is clear with regard to creation of jobs. Whilst we appreciate these job opportunities we must move towards decent work and decent jobs. We are moving towards that.

Infrastructure Delivery:

Our emphasis here is to be seen positioner Department of Roads and Public works to play a central in coordination of infrastructure

delivery in the province. Indeed, a lot of work has been done. However, we will deal extensively with this issue.

Transfer of Roads Function:

Hon Deputy Speaker and members, we believe that we are on course in transferring this function back to Public Works. All teams are functioning well and diligently; and thank you very much hon Barry and your team for ensuring that all goes well in this respect.

On 1 April 2010 the Roads component will be ready to be fully integrated to the Department of Public Works.

Breathing life into the Year of Action:

Hon Deputy Speaker, inspired by the work and the foundation we have laid, we are renewing our determination to build on the successes that we have recorded so far. As we do that we will tap into our collective wisdom and experience. Yet candid about our weaknesses in our quest to yield better results, over the coming MTEF we will refocus our energies and resources in order to ensure that we work harder to fulfill our objectives faster.

Infrastructure Coordinating relates to the creation of a nerve centre for infrastructure delivery. As we indicated, Public Works thinks of remaining a nerve centre in ensuring that all the infrastructural-related project are coordinated under one roof. We will then not make a mistake of taking all those units at the same time and confine them to Public Works least we encounter challenges of incapacity. So our approach towards this coordination will be gradual so that we do not take more than we can chew.

This will only ensure better integration of the infrastructure delivery programmes and initiatives by optimising resources and capacity at the disposal of the province, but also ensure the government benefits from the cost efficiency and economies of scale. This will ultimately help realise maximum benefit and value public investment infrastructure.

Hon members, a lot of work has already gone into realising this objective. This includes convening sessions with various stakeholders in order to deepen our understanding of this responsibility.

Going forward the following steps will be undertaken to realise the full extent of this huge mandate.

We will have an Oversight Management Steering Committee that will ensure that projects which have been started by any department are not left incomplete and that the contractors are paid on time. The

Committee will also ensure that a fund allocated for a school, clinic or road is not used for another project.

Kuhle nento yokuba ndiyichazele le Ndlu yoWiso-mthetho into yokuba asikwazi ngokwesindululo ebesikhe senziwa apha kule Ndlu ukuba siyithathele kuthi imali yeenkonzo ezingundoqo. ImiMiselo kaNondyebo ayiyivumeli loo nto. Ithi imali mayichazwe kulaa ndawo ibinikezelwe kuyo. Okwethu kukudlala indima yokuba ngukhala. *[Let me also inform the Legislature that, with reference to the recommendation that was made in this House, we cannot keep the allocation for infrastructure. The Treasury Regulations do not allow us to do that. The allocation must be accounted for where it was allocated. Our responsibility is to monitor it.]*

Formulate Strategic Framework for the Centre for Public Infrastructure:

- Assess existing infrastructure capacity in the Eastern Cape Province;
- Formulate and implement an implementation plan. If we have these projects but we have no implementation plan, we might not achieve our objectives of ensuring that we want to change this province especially with reference to its infrastructure which is a huge backlog. This backlog is not of our own doing. We inherited it.
- Produce a performance management process that will scope the overall business process for the delivery of provincial infrastructure, including the processes within the client departments, as well as the milestone to be met in establishing the centre;
- Linked to the performance management process should be a system for the collection and processing of data and ability to produce appropriate and consistent reports to the steering committee, as well as other management structure;
- Emulate other best practices.

While noting this, there are some current best practices that are being implemented in the province, for example IDIP, Infrastructure Development Infrastructure Plan. Hon Qwase complained here yesterday that we use too much abbreviations.

Deputy Speaker, we are going to ensure that we pursue required generic skills and human resource capacity. A key success factor for the centre will be the quality of human resources which is able to attract and retain. In this regard a realistic human resource strategy will be adopted and appropriate measures will be put in

place to supplement the centre's capacity where necessary. The centre will also support the development of designated generic skills related to public infrastructure in the province.

Road Infrastructure:

The overall thrust of our roads infrastructure strategy 2010/11 and beyond is twofold – is exactly to maintain 60/40 funding split in favour of roads maintenance; and secondly to drive the rural development 80/20 strategy through the inaccessible roads and alternate surfacing programmes.

Ziindaba ezi enifuna ukuziva, zimameleni ke xa ndiza nazo. Akukho namnye umntu onokuya esibhedlele, aye esikolweni aye ekhayeni lakhe engahambanga ngathi. Sithi indlela, sithi ubomi. LiSebe lezeeNdlela nemiSebenzi kaRhulumente eliya kukuthatha liyokukubeka ngoba kufuneka uhambe apha ezindleleni. *(Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.)*

[This is the information that you would like to know, you must therefore listen to it. There is no one who can go to hospital, school or home without us. We are the way, we are the life! It is the Department of Roads and Public Works that will take you to your destination because you travel on roads.]

The inaccessible and impassable roads and the alternative surfacing technologies programmes are closely linked. As some of the roads are made accessible, they will also be surfaced so that the most sustainable solution is attained through our vast gravel network.

The integration of the two programmes gives effect to the content of the department's strategic objective of surfacing 80% of gravel roads.

Hon members, these are the roads. I know you want to hear them. The road to Ngqamakhwe, look on page 15. If a road to your home does not appear in the list, you should understand that delivery goes according to a plan. It will also come to your area.

Ngqamakhwe to Tsomo River, Centane to Kei Mouth – N6 to Zwart Water, DR08288 and DR08233, Mvezo Great Place and Museum – each with a budget of R1 million. [Applause.]

There are many more alternative surfacing projects that will be undergoing construction. Listen! N9 to New Bethesda divisional road 08041, Cofimvaba to Lady Frere. [Applause.]

Ngqeleni to Mthatha Mouth, Lady Frere to Machubeni, Magwa Tea Plantation. [Applause.]

Ramaphilo's Neck, Cederville to Mount Frere, Dwesa Nature Reserve – The Haven. This is not the road that takes you to the Heaven, hon Mvenya. This is the Haven in our province. We build roads for you to go home. Amathole, Tarkastad to Komondrift, Luthana Clinic – for people to get quality health services, hon MEC Masualle, the roads should be passable to clinics and hospitals. That is why more allocation goes to roads leading to hospitals. [Applause.]

As part of the rural transport programme, the department has identified various roads for upgrade over the next three years. These include, but not limited to, landlela T125 uphase 1 & 2 Ntabankulu via Siphethu Hospital. [Applause]; Mount Frere to R56 and the Wild Coast Meander is a major project that will be designed next year. Ugie/Langeni new road is one of the major roads and Phase 3 have an allocation of R67 million, which will be carried out in the 2010/11 financial year. The Coffee Bay road will also be rehabilitated during this financial year. [Applause.] For that matter, the machine is already there, hon Mhlathi. [Interjections.]

In enhancing our efforts of ensuring better access to schools, clinics and hospitals, we have established a Rural Bridge Programme which will be intensified during this financial year.

The department will also intensify the support and efforts of maintaining the existing bridges identified by the Road Access Management System.

Hon Deputy Speaker, as part of our plans we will ensure that the entire Wild Coast is accessible to promote tourism and other economic activities. We will upgrade the R61 from Port St Johns to Mzamba. [Applause.] This was identified as part of the HIP. Hip does not refer to your physical ones, here we mean high-impact priority projects..

The Wild Coast Meander programmes, which stretches along the coastline from Mooiplaas to Tongo near PSJ, will be intensified during this year. The feasibility study was extended. [Interjections.] The feasibility study was extended, not only to deal with the Meander, but all the connector roads leading towards to the coast from the national road, N2. To this end the department is working on producing detailed designs of the section of the road from Coffee Bay to Zithulele. This 281km road is part of our contractor development programme, which is over the period of five years. This will also be done, utilising opportunities along the route during the construction phase. The road will be divided into approximately nine sections of 30kms each and this will be further packaged to different SMMEs.

The OSMMEs said these capital projects should be unbundled and we are doing exactly that.

We have also been focusing on the R63 as a PGDP and HIP (High Impact Priority) project over the year and during this year. We will pay special attention to the section between Bhisho and Komga junction to N2.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! We are allowed to converse, but we cannot converse loudly. The speaker is still on the floor.

The MEC: Bhisho and Komga junction to N2. The designs are currently underway and a contractor will commence with Phase 1 of upgrading to the R63/N6 to Bhisho.

The R72 tolling strategy social impact study was completed in May 2009, which highlighted all the key environmental, social and economic issues in the areas along this road. This study has concluded that the road can be tolled and the impact will be manageable. As part of the tolling programme, the department will, during this year, continue with the upgrade of the Nanara and Fonteinskloof section for completion in June 2011.

Hon Speaker, the department has recently introduced route-based maintenance contractors for the surfaced road network. This will ensure that surfaced road network condition is improved.

The current areas-wide maintenance programme contract is being phased out, hon members. The department is currently looking for a more cost-effective approach for the maintenance strategy in the view of the current funding shortfalls. This will entail more institutionalisation of our internal capacity.

The roads that will benefit from this programme are as follows:

- Ncanarha to East London (Buffalo City area);
- Stutterheim to East London via King William's Town;
- Graaff-Reinet and Humansdorp;
- Western Cape boundary to N10;
- Sundays River – Port Alfred, Queenstown, Komga, Indwe to Steydtlerville, Middelburg to Indwe, Emalahleni, Sakhisizwe, and Ngcobo, Tsomo, Centane and Willowvale, Port St Johns (KSD), Free State boundary to Lady Grey (R58), Lady Grey to Ngcobo.

There will be a lot of roadworks on the roads. (Applause.)

While striving towards ensuring access to the communities previously deprived through roads maintenance it is also pertinent to

ensure sufficient and safe road infrastructure. We want to maintain roads so that traffic could flow easily. We do not do this only as preparations for the coming Soccer World Cup but also because after the Soccer World Cup the infrastructure will be a legacy.

Department has developed partnership with municipalities in support of co-operative governance. Service level agreements have been concluded at Port St Johns, Senqu and KSD Municipalities, in an effort to assist these municipalities.

We will launch Operation Sebenza shortly hon Deputy Speaker. Operation Sebenza is responsible for beautifying all our towns and all government buildings. We will brand and give distinctive colours to all government property so that people can identify them easily.

We will do that in partnership with municipalities. We will go to schools, clinics and hospitals and make sure that we give one colour to all government institutions. We will do that together with the National Youth Service Co-operatives. The pioneers that you see on the gallery are the first people who will kick off the programme because the programme of National Youth Service is an entry level towards APCOD and Youth Co-operatives. That means we will focus on youth and women especially rural women. [Applause.] The nation will work because of Public Works.

Hon members, you would agree with us when we say that the programme to revitalise Bhishe has been talked about a long time ago. We now have resolved to start with actual work in earnest. Plans of tutorial impression are impressed. We believe that this will not only change the image of this Capital Town but will also assist in human resource so that we can attract and retain talent in the Eastern Cape.

Providing space for provincial Government:

In accordance with our responsibility, we have to give space to all government departments. It is crystal clear to us, hon members, that this is one of the complex areas of our work. As we indicated earlier, the short-term solutions that we provide are unfortunately not sufficient, as the demand for space is growing day-by-day. We want to put a stop to the tendency of officials who close their offices not knowing what they are doing behind the closed doors.

The issue of office plan will be implemented whether you like it or not. The idea is to be able to see how officials do their work and with whom do they work. We are bringing back the tradition of working together and assisting one another instead of officials who close themselves in the offices insomuch that they can even easily hang themselves without being seen. [Applause.]

We wish to inform the House and the public that owing to the combined ethos of recession, the construction is flourishing in other dilapidating sectors, resulting in the actual construction work of the PPP model exorbitant.

The prices for PPP had gone up. That is why we decided to speak to the National Treasury and look at other possible means of funding for office complex, office complex for Mount Ayliff as well as office complex for Bhisho. The interest that could be paid in PPP is around R790 million per annum and for the loan, you may pay around R490 million. So we are looking at what the province could afford because we do not have an allocation set aside for office space.

However, at Mount Ayliff we will move the offices that are in Kokstad even if we do not move them all. The lease of offices which expires in August will not be renewed. The team is there already to look at those issues. We want to ensure that the Eastern Cape revenue is spent in the Eastern Cape. [Applause.]

In an effort to bring services to the people, the government offices must be removed from the towns and must be closer to the people. It does not make sense that Mdantsane, as big as it is, does not have a single government office in it and the people have to travel to town to get government services. That means, in this Urban Renewal Programme the services must be taken to the people in Nelson Mandela Bay and at Lukhanji. The discussions are at an advanced stage in this regard.

Small Towns Revitalisation Programme:

We want to beautify our small towns. The standard of our small towns has gone down. The shops which used to hang clothes on hangers are an eye-sore today. The clothes are no longer hung up because the hangers were taken down and the clothes are lying on the floor. When you are shopping, you have to look down not up because the clothes are down on the floor. We want to restore the beauty of our small towns and a town should look like a town.

We have already started at Nkonkobe where there is a Small Towns Revitalisation Programme under way. After that we will go to Mount Frere, Tsolo, Mbizana, Port St Johns, Cofimvaba, Ngcobo. The programme will be launched at Ngcobo through Operation Sebenza within 100 days.

Expanded Public Works Programme

We need to restate and refresh the understanding of members of public of what EPWP is. We say so because we realise every day that EPWP is construed and made to be what it is not. EPWP is one of the Government's programmes, aimed at providing poverty and

income relief through temporary work for the unemployed to carry out social useful activities. In the process people are provided with basic life skills. All EPWP programmes the world over are not meant to create permanent jobs. A person who has been unemployed will see a difference.

We, as this province, have set ourselves a target of 64,593 in this year which will be divided among the departments. We also have some mechanism in place for ensuring that we meet this target.

We will also increase our efforts to provide technical support in all municipalities and government departments to ensure optimal utilisation of labour-intensive methods and thus maximise job creation.

In order to optimise the performance of housing contractors programme, we will develop our research and development capacity to come up with innovative means and rectifying and sustaining the programme.

National Youth Service Programme:

Will be the first to get into APCOT. We did that in cooperative because that will assist them in developing key exit strategy as cooperatives.

Co-operative Support

We will make sure that the office of the HOD is properly staffed so that the Special Programmes Unit gets serious attention so that they do not go up and down attending rallies; they must mainstream the issues in the department. We will make sure that that happens.

Anti-Corruption Campaign and other related programmes

In an effort to display our cooperation with municipalities, we will assist by establishing Municipal Finance Unit in the department. The unit will assist in the billing system so that we do not have rates and taxes that are not used.

We will have also a risk management unit which will be responsible for issues pertaining to the AG report. We have formed those units as they appear on page 23.

Creating an agile and responsive organisation

Apha eyona nto sifuna ukuyenza kukuguqula intando yabasebenzi beSebe lemiSebenzi kaRhulumente neeNdlela benze intando karhulumente olawulayo. Silawulwa ke yiManifesto nangumGaqo-siseko ezigxininisa ekusebenzeni ngokukhawuleza

nangokufanelekileyo. Ngoko ke abantu kufuneka benze le nto bayiqeshelweyo ukuze ke ukuba abayenzi loo nto badedele abanye. Siza kwenza konke esinakho siliSebe lemiSebenzi kaRhulumente ukuze kuziswe imisebenzi ebantwini. (*Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.*)

[What we want to do is to change the will of the officials of the Department of Roads and Public Works into the will of the government. We are mandated as government by the ANC Manifesto and the Constitution that emphasise working faster and smarter. The officials therefore should do what they have been appointed to do and if they do not do that, they should vacate their positions. We are going to stand up and be counted as the Department of Public Works.]

When we take the services closer to the people faster and listen to our people, we are revamping our customer care unit. We tested the customer care unit and we received a response that said “we are presently not available”. We were testing it to see how it works. We hope that as we approach July it will be operating together with the Presidential Hotline which is 77137.

Budget Breakdown

We have four programmes instead of the three that we used to have. We have been allocated R131 billion because of the merger with the Department of Roads.

As we can see, the challenge before is huge. However, we are confident that we are equal to the task. We say this with the understanding that whilst the task is so enormous, the budget is limited; we are committed to work prudently within our financial means and call on all partners to join us in making the Eastern Cape Province a place to live, work and play. We are here to stay and we are positive about the future of the Eastern Cape.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the HoD and the management, the regional directors and their management present here, the Portfolio Committee of Public Works led by hon Komose, for their sterling work in overseeing the department.

Let me also thank my family for giving me the support and allow me to stay long hours and days away from home, but more importantly also to thank the Chief of Staff and the MEC’s core staff for ensuring that everything from this House and from the contractors gets the necessary attention and when stakeholders phone, they get the respect and dignity in issues that they raise. Let us also thank the key stakeholders for being present here, as well as the administration.

Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES: Thank you, MEC. MEC, before you step off; there were journalists that were eager to take your picture. We do allow journalists to take pictures, but we don't allow flashes in the House, so if they are still eager to take a picture, they can do that.

APPROPRIATION BILL (EASTERN CAPE)

Presentation of Vote 4: Social Development:

The MEC RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Deputy Speaker, hon Premier in absentia, distinguished colleagues in the Legislature, stalwarts and veterans of our struggle, Executive Mayors, Mayors, Speakers, Councillors and Managers of municipalities if they are present, esteemed Traditional Leaders, leaders of the religious organisations and churches, government officials present here, youth, women, business and community leaders in our midst, distinguished guests, comrades and friends, the people of the Eastern Cape at large.

ISEbe lezoPhuhliso loLuntu leMpuma-Koloni liyanibusila.Enkosi.
[The Department of Social Development of the Eastern Cape greets you. Thank you.]

As we enter the second year since the country went into the polls, we have to create conditions for prosperity and make sure that the majority of our poor people are integrated into the country's economy. With the help and support of an intervening government of our people we must be taken out of conditions of ignorance, hardship and disease. To achieve this, we will work with the institutions of our learning church groups, civil society structures and all the key stakeholders in our country. Together we will draw inspiration and together we will draw inspiration from this vision:

Striving to improve the social well being of vulnerable individuals, groups and poor communities through facilitation of social processes for increased participation, power and control by recipients over the resources and services delivered.

We will be driven by a commitment to the promotion of developmental social welfare services and community development to the people of the Eastern Cape Province in partnership with stakeholders. For our people to benefit from the fruits of our democracy we will ensure that developmental social services are transformed, equitable and quality is also improved.

In pursuit of our collective responsibility, the following shall forever be our lighthouse, the values of people-centred development, equity and fairness, courtesy and commitment, integrity and honesty, transparency and accountability. As we know, these values are highlighted in the Batho Pele Principles.

The current democratic context and the transformation of the social welfare system demand for the transformation of institutional systems and structures to add value to social service delivery in the country in general and our province in particular. In his Address on 11 February 2010, the President of the Republic stressed in no uncertain terms that this is a “Year of Action”. Our hon Premier emphasised the need and I quote “to rededicate ourselves to work together to speed up effective service delivery to our people”. In aligning ourselves, the department will refine its focus, integrate its competency and upgrade its standards, improve customer care and access to the services, gauge its performance and monitor its targets to speed up service delivery.

The department has allocated 60% of its overall budget of R1.5 billion to meet the demands of developmental social welfare services. To this effect an amount of R943.1 million is allocated for the 2010/11 financial year. I would like to emphasise this one. If you remember, last year there was a query or a cry from the NGOs on how they are allocated some money. Now you could see that there is an increase, even if it is not going to be enough for us. This represents an increase of 9.6% of which is unprecedented in his history of this department.

This in itself is an expression of our resolve to expand the delivery of services to the vulnerable groups and to strengthen our business relationship with the NGO sector, as well as the expansion of services to rural areas.

Building cohesive, caring and sustainable communities

Child care and protection services:

In guaranteeing children’s constitutional rights in respect to care, protection, survival and development and in line with the mandate of the Children’s Act No 38 of 2005 as amended, an amount of R215.1 million has been set aside for this purpose. Out of this amount, R183.6 million is the funding for transfers.

In tackling child poverty, we will intensify our Early Childhood Development Programme as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme in partnership with other departments. I thought mama Majodina would clap for that one. [Applause.]

In this next financial year, 50 new ECDs will be established and will benefit 1,500 additional children in the 11 poorest municipalities.

The 50 new ECDs will increase the number of ECDs from 1,262 to expanding ECD to the rural areas. You will remember that it was our priority – one of the priorities – the education. When we looked back we said we have to monitor the Grade 12 results, but along the line we could pick up and see that it is not enough when we look at the Grade 12 results.

We should also set the base, so therefore the ECDs are a priority as it has been tabled in the national speeches and also in the provincial speeches. In 2009/2010, the department through this programme created 3,786 job opportunities. With the newly established ECDs, 150 jobs will be created. The total budget for this programme is R111.7 million. This budget includes an increase of subsidy per child per day from R12.00 to R15.00.

On the occasion of the 2009/2010 state of the province address that was delivered by the hon Premier Ms Noxolo Kiviet, she publicly instructed me to deal with challenges that continue to face the children who are leaving and working in the streets. In responding to this call the department in 2009/2010 conducted a pilot project by establishing five transit shelters in Maluti, Mount Frere, Mthatha, Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth. Through this intervention 129 children were re-unified with their families and communities of origin. In 2010/2011, two additional transit shelters in Port Elizabeth and Aliwal North will be established. The budget set aside for the transit shelters is R8.1 million.

To strengthen intersectoral collaboration with other key stakeholders, a provincial strategy to deal with children living and working in the streets aligned to the national strategy has been developed. Our efforts to improve the quality of the existing ECD centres will include a thorough audit of all current ECD centres in our database. In addition to the existing 24 Children's Homes currently funded by the department, two more Children's Homes will be funded in Sterkspruit and Mthatha. The budget allocated for the Children's Home is R36.3 million.

The department recognises the good work that is done by nongovernmental organisations in providing child protection services to children in need of care and protection. As part of our intersectoral collaboration agenda, the department will continue the partnership with these organisations and the budget for this is R26.3 million. An amount of R1.2 million is budgeted for safekeeping of children in communities.

Substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation

South Africa and our province in particular are confronted with a growing and multifaceted substance abuse problem. In response to this challenge, the Department of Social Development has a

responsibility to facilitate and implement preventative, rehabilitative and community-based care interventions.

Provincially, the trends indicate that youth are more vulnerable to the effects of substance abuse. As a result, our programmes are designed to prevent and empower youth against harmful effects of substances. In addition to 480 in and out of school youth trained in Ke-Moja strategy, 280 will be trained. Further, in addition to existing 25 Teenagers Against Drug Abuse groups, 48 new TADA groups will be established provincially. The total budget for this sub-programme is R10.4 million and R9.9 million of this amount represents funding for NGOs.

Victim Empowerment Programme

The department has been mandated to coordinate the Victim Empowerment Programme in the province. This programme is inter-sectoral in nature and it ensures response to the criminal justice system for diverse needs of victims of violence specifically women and children.

Our departmental VEP initiatives are aimed at mitigating the impact of violence and abuse of women and children through services such as creation of one-stop outreach centres, counselling centres, victim support and victim-friendly centres around the province and in particular where high levels of abuse are reported and, safe homes for overnight accommodation for victims. All these centres provide integrated services and prevent secondary victimisation as most are situated at police stations, which are a point of entry.

The department also raises public awareness to potential victims through coordination of 16 Days of Activism of No Violence against Women and Children and other special provincial vents in collaboration with other departments.

In preparation for the FIFA World Cup, the department in collaboration with other stakeholders will continue to render various services, including awareness and prevention campaigns on abuse of women and children and in particular human trafficking, especially in hot spots areas in our province. The total budget for this sub-programme is R9.8 million and R8.9 million is funding for NGOs.

Care and Services to Older Persons

Hon Deputy Speaker, care and services to the senior citizens are an essential element of social stability. The Older Persons Act, 2006 enjoins us to ensure participation, dignity, independence, care, support and protection of older persons within the community. In the 2010/11 financial year, we will increase the number of community services centres from 214 to 246 and this represents an

additional 33 community services centres. The department has set aside a budget of R94.9 million. Of this allocation R91.9 million is the funding for transfers and subsidies.

Care and Services to People with Disabilities

The socio-economic empowerment of people with disabilities in line with the Integrated National disability Strategy continues to be our focus. In 2009/201 financial year, the department implemented integrated support services to 1,612 children with disabilities. Furthermore, our department in collaboration with the Department of Education, conducted an assessment of nine out of 31 special day care centres, focusing on issues of compliance and redirected those that belonged to the mainstream schooling.

The department will continue to strengthen 24 existing homes for people with disabilities, 11 protective workshops and 11 civil society organisations. The budget set aside for this programme is R31.2 million. Of this allocation, R28 million is the funding for subsidies and transfers to NGOs.

Care and Support Services to Families

Hon Deputy Speaker and hon members, the important role of the family in promoting moral values cannot be overemphasised. The department has been assigned a responsibility to tender care and support to families and to promote moral values and social cohesion, through family resource centres, family preservation programmes and single parents associations. This is in recognition of the fact that values are learnt and practiced within a family context. Ten family preservation programmes were funded in 2009/10. During 2010/11 the department will fund four family preservation programmes.

Regarding families headed by single parents, the department developed a programme on life skills, parenting skills and how to build relationships between those families and extended families. Seven single parent associations were funded during 2009/10 and will continue to be funded in 2010/11. The budget set aside for families is R9.5 million. Of this allocation, R7.7 million is the funding for subsidies and transfers to NGOs.

Improving the Health Profile of the Province

HIV and Aids:

In ensuring a long and healthy life of the people of the province, our role is to reduce the spread of HIV and Aids and mitigate its social impact. To reduce new HIV and Aids infections, the department engaged in preventative programmes, focusing on behaviour change through awareness campaigns and commemoration of national

events. The department will continue to provide care and support services to people infected and affected by HIV and Aids as well as accelerate the implementation of preventative programmes.

Furthermore, in supporting caring and orphaned and vulnerable children, the department funded 115 home community-based care centres which provided services like counselling, support groups, after school care programmes, nutritional support and other material support to 88,625 orphaned and vulnerable children. This financial year, four new home community-based care centres will be established, benefitting additional 3,083 children. In total we will support 119 home community-based care centres. The total budget for this sub-programme is R77.2 million and of this amount R69.5 million including incentive grant of R5 million is earmarked for creating work opportunities through EPWP.

Social Relief of Distress

The department has a responsibility to intervene in cases of disasters and families in distress across the province. To this effect the department has allocated a budget of R7 million for 2010/11 financial year.

Intensifying the Fight Against Crime and Corruption.

Crime Prevention and Support:

In pursuing crime prevention and support, the department provides various services to the children at risk. These include developmental programmes aimed at preventing and diverting children away from the criminal justice system, reintegration of offenders and provision of residential care centres for children awaiting trial. The total budget for this sub-programme is R90.8 million and of this amount R44.2 million is funding to NGOs.

The Child Justice Act, No 75 of 2008 will be fully implemented with effect from 1 April 2010. In preparation for readiness to implement this Act, all probation officers and assistant probation officers were trained.

Rural Development, Food Security and Land Reform.

Community Development and Research:

Hon Deputy Speaker and hon members, the Republic of South Africa provides indisputable evidence of positive economic growth occurring alongside increasing inequalities. It is for this reason that the department has embarked on the process of searching and implementing approaches that would locate the benefits of development at the micro-scale of individuals, households and

communities. The development literature demonstrates that community development approach offers the necessary qualities of a people-centred approach that seeks to promote human development and well being by placing people at the centre and forefront of their own development process.

The department has allocated 13% of the total budget of R1.5 billion to community development function across the province. Our department is using the community development approach as a vehicle to promote vibrant, equitable and sustainable communities has increased the budget of this programme from R176.7 million to R202.9 million, representing an increase of R26.2 million.

This budget will have an impetus on our contribution to the National Youth Service Programme and strengthening our focus on sustainable livelihoods, institutional capacity development for the non-profit organisations and creating decent work opportunities with a strong rural focus. Inevitably, a host of disparate human development initiatives have been implemented without much integration, coordination, unity of purpose and coherence. We will therefore work closely with various departments and development partners, including municipalities, to build sustainable communities.

We will also focus on issues of compliance by enhancing our monitoring and evaluation processes in order to ensure that all the NPOs comply with government prescripts and are in fact sustainable.

Youth Development:

In creating an enabling environment for the improvement of the quality of life of the youth and in line with the National Youth Service Programme, our department seeks to achieve a seamless integration and responsiveness to the demands of young people by inventing on skills development, employment creation and crime prevention.

In 2009/10, the department financially assisted 49 youth projects which benefited 490 young people. Furthermore, 420 young people were recruited and trained through the Masupatsela Youth Pioneer Programme. In 2010/11 financial year, the department has set aside a total budget of R26.7 million. Of this amount R11.2 million has been set aside for Masupatsela Youth Pioneer Programme. R11.6 million has been allocated for transfers to NGOs.

R7 million of these transfers have been set aside to facilitate and support economic opportunities for young people and R4.6 million will strengthen the existing initiatives.

Sustainable Livelihoods:

In order to promote sustainable livelihoods and increase household food security among the poor and vulnerable communities targeting women, the department funded food security projects that benefited 2,575 households in 2009/2010. In 2010/11 financial year, 1,950 households living in the poorest 11 municipalities will be identified, profiled and provided with start-up capital to develop new projects towards creating self employment opportunities in the province. R100.3 million is set aside as a contribution towards sustainable livelihoods and women development, of which R70.3 million is meant to fund sustainable livelihoods programmes, and R30.1 million for women department. Of the R70.3 million, an amount of R65 million has been allocated for transfers to NGOs.

Women Development:

The department will focus on the socio-economic development and empowerment of women, targeting the most rural and poor communities where women bear the brunt of poverty in our province. This will contribute to the improvement of quality of life of women.

In the last financial year, the department funded 50 women development projects, targeting mostly rural women at a cost of R25 million. About 800 households benefited from this.

The department has set aside an amount of R30.1 million in this financial year for women development, which is one of the priority areas for the delivery of developmental social services to reduce poverty and promote sustainable livelihoods in partnership with other departments and development partners, R26.2 million has been set aside for transfers to NGOs. The allocated amount will target the following interventions: R17.7 million for 39 new women co-operatives; R5 million for funding 10 initiatives identified by Imbumba Yamakhosikazi Akomkhulu, R3.5 million has been budgeted as a top of funding to strengthen 14 women co-operatives that were partly funded in the previous financial year.

You will remember that the money for Social Development comes out in tranches, so if a project is not moving it cannot be given any funds, so that is why they are left as 14 there. Furthermore, in order to promote the rights of women in the province, the department will focus on empowerment programmes to promote gender equality and the rights of women, as women continue to be the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society.

Institutional Capacity Building and Support:

Hon Deputy Speaker, building the institutional capacity for non-profit organisations, particularly emerging organisations, remains our focus. In 2009/10, the department managed to capacitate 149 funded

institutions on financial and project management skills for sustainability, viability and good governance.

The total budget for 2010/11 financial year is R16.2 million, of which an amount of R7.6 million has been set aside to address the identified incapacity of our NPO sector.

Furthermore, the department will continue to engage our national department with the view to have powers of registration of NPOs devolved or delegated to the province to improve the management of the NPO sector in the province.

Poverty:

The department is also mandated by the provincial administration to review its approach to poverty alleviation and critically evaluate the impact of current poverty relief programmed, with the objective of developing comprehensive, consolidated and integrated programmes with a sound policy framework that addresses the priorities of government. Informed by evidence emanating from research commissioned by the University of Fort Hare, basic services have been delivered in an integrated manner to the identified wards of the poorest municipalities by various government departments.

In the last financial year, we have managed to disseminate findings on the extent of poverty within 11 poorest municipalities to sector departments so as to ensure proper alignment of poverty strategies. In addition, we have managed to establish 11 oversight boards/local war rooms in the existing 11 poorest municipalities. Through these structures, as a short-term intervention, we facilitated and coordinated the delivery of non-negotiable services by municipalities, sector departments and social partners.

The department will continue to coordinate these interventions to move poorest households out of extreme poverty. To achieve this, the department has allocated an amount of R9.6 million to further enhance integrated delivery of services, focusing on the family or households as the centre of intervention.

Partnerships:

Hon Deputy Speaker and hon members, the department and South African Social Security Agency – that is SASSA – in the province will together continue to play a critical role in the fight against poverty. In an effort to ensure effective social safety net through this partnership to most vulnerable groups across the province, the ANC government contributes monthly average expenditure of R1.1 billion, covering 2.3 million beneficiaries with an annual total of R13.5 billion. Part of what has to be achieved by these partnerships is a serious national debate on mechanisms to link these beneficiaries to

the mainstream economy, in order to avoid dependency syndrome in our society.

The department will continue to strengthen collaboration in the implementation of its various programmes. In 2009/10 we signed a memorandum of agreement with Nestle SA to support our Early Childhood Development centres and non-governmental organisations.

In our work with other sector departments, we will integrate our interventions on food security projects with the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Health and Education. In 2010/11 we will conclude a memorandum of understanding with SEDA Eastern Cape and this partnership will help in training co-operatives to help improve business processes for funded NGOs.

In the new financial year, 2010/11, our focus will be on addressing how we deal with community development in general, redefining our role in a more integrated process, with added emphasis on rural development work and poverty reduction. We will redirect our efforts to capacitate our community development practitioners to enable them to provide a more facilitative and supportive role within communities in partnership with other role-players. This will indeed require re-evaluation of our business processes and enhancement of our structural make-up so that we can be responsive to the needs of the communities.

Building the Developmental State, Improvement of Public Service and Strengthening of Democratic Institutions

Human Capital Development:

Hon Deputy Speaker, our department has a role to contribute to government initiatives of creating decent employment through inclusive economic growth, and as part of public sector contribution to this end in mind, whilst keeping in mind the recent world financial crisis and its effects.

Our staff complement has increased to 3,219 in 2009/10 compared to the 2008/09 figure of 2,868 and the departmental transformation programme of redressing past imbalances is on track. We continue to hold that if the essence of our struggle was the creation of an equal and just society, previously disadvantaged people should continue receiving our primary focus as government. Having successfully progressed in terms of meeting our targets, the department will focus on rolling out programmes targeting at increasing the capacity of the organisation. An amount of R4.3 million has been allocated in 2010/11.

Our plans are afoot to meet the 2014 targets, more especially in meeting the two percent target in employing people with disability.

We wish to announce, Deputy Speaker and hon members, that we are on course in dealing with the shortage of social workers in the province, currently we have successfully absorbed the 208 social work graduates that benefited from our bursary scheme and furthermore, 50 social work bursaries totalling R2 million will be awarded to student social workers in this current financial year. [Applause.]

In an effort to retain and attract social workers, the department has successfully implemented the occupation specific dispensation in 2009/10 financial year. However, the department is currently quality assuring the entire process. The total budget for administration for 2010/11 is R414.1 million.

Financial Management:

In spite of the fact that the department has experienced a vigorous top slicing in relation to 2010/11 budget, we have managed to reprioritise this budget away from non-core services to fund service delivery imperatives. To give effect to Provincial Treasury Circular No 7 of 2009 regarding cost containment measures, we have developed our own internal cost-cutting measures and the intention in the short- to medium-term is to engender a culture of prudence in spending public funds in a manner that continue to focus our attention more on service delivery. We are trying to do that.

Hon members, the department will do all what it can to maintain the unqualified audit opinion that we received during the 2008/09 financial year.

Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy:

Having identified a gap in monitoring and evaluation of service delivery, the national government has established a monitoring and evaluation commission within the Presidency. In line with the strategy to intensify the monitoring and evaluation of service delivery, the department has decided to step up its monitoring and evaluation of departmental programmes and projects. The first step has been to institutionalise monitoring and evaluation by developing a monitoring and evaluation framework which is aligned to the government-wide monitoring and evaluation system. In the next financial year more emphasis will be put on evaluation of the impact of our programmes and projects.

Hon members, in the coming financial year we will step up our efforts to improve relations with municipalities and enhance

participation in the IDP processes, in order to ensure integrated service delivery and monitoring is achieved.

Risk Management:

The department will pay particular attention to the work of this unit, re-examine its scope so as to pay a focused attention on developing annual risk reviews, develop a proactive fraud prevention plan, develop integrated and databases, develop systemic tracking systems of misconduct cases, therefore increasing the effectiveness of our risk management strategy that will also contribute to fraud prevention and risk management processes in the department. To fund this initiative, we have set aside an amount of R2.2 million in 2010/11 financial year.

In conclusion, hon Deputy Speaker and members, we would like to conclude by urging everyone present here to commit entirely into the creation of an equal society, the one that guarantees equal access to opportunities, and we invite all our partners to join us in the realisation of these noble goals.

We equally request all public service officials to work up to the last atom of their strength to help in uniting our people to tap on their collective strength in the creation of a prosperous country that respect all its citizens indiscriminately. To this end, hon Deputy Speaker, our profound gratitude goes to the beloved Portfolio Committee for Social Development chaired by hon Xhanti, Eastern Cape Executive Council led by hon Kiviet, officials in my department, friends and partners, including the media, for their wisdom and guardianship.

Without your critical insight, I would also like to extend a word of thanks to the Acting HoD who has joined us in our path whilst we were in a difficult – to traverse or in a difficult way. Without your critical insight and your wisdom, all of you that I have mentioned, our path would not have been more difficult to transverse. We are standing tall here, confident that even in these trying times of belt tightening we are guaranteed of our unwavering support.

Hon Deputy Speaker, hon members, I now present to you the budget proposal for the 2010/11 financial year.

Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES: Thank you very much, hon MEC. We would like to request the MECs to try to stick to time because otherwise it is difficult to stop MECs because people have to know the plans that are ahead in the various departments. Thank you very much.

APPROPRIATION BILL (EASTERN CAPE)

Presentation of Vote 14 - Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:

UMPHATHISWA WEZEMIDLALO, ULONWABO, UBUGCISA NENKCUBEKO: Shay'ivuvuzela. Ndiyabulela kakhulu Sekela-sihlalo wooSihlalo. Somlomo neSekela lakho, iNkulumbuso ehloniphekileyo, amalungu abekekileyo eNdlu yoWiso-mthetho, abameli ababekekileyo bamaqela ezopolitiko, amalungu eNdlu yeNkokeli zomThonyama, ooSodolophu beziThili, ooSodolophu boomasipala beengingqi, iinkokeli zakwalizwi, iinkokeli zemibutho yasekuhlaleni, abameli bemfundo ephakamileyo, oonondaba nezosasazo, bahlobo, maqabane, abemi bePhondo leMpuma-Koloni, amagosa karhulumente, manene namanenekazi, mholweni, goeienaand, dumelang, sanibonani, good afternoon.

Lo nyaka-mali udlulayo ibe ingunyaka wochulumanco. Ibingunyaka obugcine amehlo ethu ethe ntsho kwindebe yebhola ekhatywayo yehlabathi. Namhlanje sikusuku lwamashumi asixhenxe anesixhenxe phambi kokuba iphulo lomnyhadala ube liphupha elifezekileyo. Xa ihlabathi jikelele libhiyozela ukubanjelwa kwendebe yebhola ekhatywayo yehlabathi eMzantsi-Afrika, thina siyaziqhayisa, sizigobha amacala sisithi siyinxalenye yale mbali. Kuya kuthi ke kusuku oluneshumi elinanye kwinyanga yeKhala, xa kukhala impempe yokuqala, sime thina sithi singuMzantsi-Afrika silifezile idinga. [Kuqhwyatywe.]

Eyona nto iphambili neya kuthi yenze le ndebe yehlabathi ibe yengalibalekiyo kuthi yeyokuba iBafana Bafana ithweswe isithsaba nentshinga yehlabathi. [Kuqhwyatywe.]

Ngako oko masithathe eli thuba sibanjwenelele impumelelo. Kwakulo nyaka kukho oonyana neentombi beMpuma-Koloni abathe bona basenza sanelunda. Mandithathe eli thuba ndithi kubo huntshu, nangamso. Phakathi kwabo nguAndile Jali waseMatatiyele ngokuthi achongwe ukuba adlalele iqela leBafana Bafana yaye sinethemba lokuba akayi kusiphoxa.

IBlackburn Rovers Football Club yaseGcuwa iphumelele ukhuphiswano lweLeague yePhondo. Baya kudlala ke ngoku neMpumalanga kwimidlalo yecandelo lokuqala. Sibanjwenelele impumelelo ke. Iqela lethu lebhola yeqakamba, iWarriors, ngokuthi liphumelele indebe ye-MTM40 ne-Pro 20 National Domestic Competition. Iqela lephondo lebhola yomnyazi, yombhoxo yomama ngokuthi liphumelele indebe yesizwe, National League, isihlandlo sesibini kwaye ezi zihlandlo ziyalandelelana.

UPeter van Katz kwimpumelelo yakhe yokunqumla ulwandle iAtlantiki ngephenyana engumAfrika wokuqala ukwenza oko ehamba

yedwa. UMabheka ngokuthi aphumelele ialbham yesiXhosa etshatsheleyo kwi-SATMA award ngowe-2009. Iphondo likwanqwelela impumelelo iimbethi-manqindi zeMpuma-Koloni ezicele umngeni kwizithsaba zehlabathi, ingakumbi uNkosinathi Joyi, Ali Funeka noSimphiwe Nongqayi. Sibanqwelela impumelelo. [Kuhwatywe.]

Kwakulo nyaka-mali isebe nalo ngokwalo libe nalo imitsi encomekayo. Siyavuya ukunazisa ukuba umgaqo-nkqubo weelwimi wephondo uye waqulunqwa wagqitywa. Ibhunga elitsha lephondo leMpuma-Koloni elinamagunya kwizinto eziligugu neqhayiya kuthi, iBhunga leProvincial Heritage Resources Authority liye lasekwa. Ukanti neKomiti yamaGama eeNdawo yePhondo nayo iye yamiselwa.

Kwakhona ulutsha lweli phondo lube nalo ithuba lokuxhamla kwinkcubeko yezizwe ngezizwe nakwimidlalo yezizwe ngezizwe. Liye eLower Saxony kunye nase south-east England. Sikwaziqhayisa ngokuba kuphela kwephondo elisingatha iminyhadala emikhulu ingakumbi umBhiozo wobuGcisa weSizwe. Siphinde sizingce ngokusingatha umnyhadala ongenkcubeko yethu thina apha eMpuma-Koloni, apho kuboniswa khona inkcubeko yethu yalapha eMpuma-Koloni. Kwi-Wild Coast Festival siziqhayisa abantu bakuthi babonisa inkcubeko yabo kwaye amathuba emisebenzi ayavuleleka.

Ngoku ke mandijolise kwindlela esiseza kuyihamba njengoko singena kunyaka-mali wama-2010/11. Iinkalo eziphambili zikarhulumente kulwakhiwo lwesizwe esisakhulayo, ekuphuculeni iinkonzo zikarhulumente, ekuqinisekiseni amaziko edemokhrasi, nasekuqiniseni ukulwa nolwaphulo-mthetho norhwaphilizo zisekelwe kwimimiselo ekumgaqo-siseko, kwisahluko seshumi somgaqo-siseko weRiphabhliki yoMzantsi-Afrika. Ezi nkalo ziphambili zibalulekile kwimizamo yethu yokuguqula amaziko karhulumente.

Ezi nkalo ziphambili okanye zingundoqo zibalulekile khona ukuze kuguqulwe imeko nendlela yokusebenza yesebe khona ukuze likwazi ukujamelana ncakasana neemfuno zoluntu esilukhonzayo. Kwakhona oko kuthi kube nefuthe ekudaleni ithemba nentembeko yesininzi soluntu lwethu kulawulo lwesininzi.

Ukususela kulo nyaka-mali uqalayo ukuya phambili isebe eli liya kulawula ngokwenkqubo yenguqu nohlaziyo kwaye siyakube sijolise kwezi nkalo zilandelayo:

Ukwakha inkqubo entsha yolawulo olululo oluhlangeneyo ngokuthi kuqiniswe ulawulo lwezinto ezinokufaka isebe engozini;
Ukuphucula ukuthotyelwa kwemimiselo;
Ukuqinisa inkathalo okanye indlela yokuphendula iimfuno zabantu;
Ukuqinisa indlela yokuphelisa indlela ezingalunganga norhwaphilizo;

Nokomeleza ulawulo lwekhonkco lokuhanjiswa kwempahla;
Nokufakwa kwamalinge ajolise ukuphucula inqanaba lokunikezelwa
kweenkonzo.

Zizinto esiza kuzijonga ezi njengesebe kuba siyayiqonda into yokuba
ukuba ezi zinto azisoze ziye ngendlela efanelekileyo ebantwini. Siza
kuqinisa uqhagamshelwano sigxininisa ingakumbi
kuqhagamshelwano lwangaphakathi kwisebe nakuqhagamshelwano
lwabantu esisebenzisana nabo.

Ukuphucula ulawulo olungengcaciso okanye ulwazi nokudala indlela
yokuqulunqa umgaqo-nkqubo osekelwe kubungqina, kuba kaloku
ukuba iinkqubo zethu azisekelwanga kubungqina obukhoyo
azizukukwazi ukufikelela apho abantu bafuna uncedo khona.

Zidwelisiwe Sekela-sihlalo wooSihlalo, izinto esiza kugxininisa kuzo
silisebe. Andingethandi ukuzifunda ngokulandelelana kwazo. Kodwa
ndiyafuna ukutsho ukuba isebe lizimisele ukujonga kule miba
sendiyibalile.

Iinkalo eziphambili zikarhulumente ekunyuseni umgangatho
wokuhluma nenguqu kuqoqosho; ukudala imisebenzi ephucukileyo
nokuziphilisa; ukuqinisa imfundo, iziseko zezakhono nemithombo
yezoluntu; ukwakha uluntu oluhlangeneyo, ezi zinto nazo ziphaya
kumgaqo-siseko.

Isebe alikhange liziphuphe nje ezi zinto, lizithathe kumgaqo-siseko
osisiseko sayo nayiphi na imithetho ekhoyo eMzantsi-Afrika.

Indlela eme ngayo amashishini enkubeko okanye oyilo Sekela-
sihlalo wooSihlalo, aneenkalo ezimbini; eyoqoqosho neyenkcubeko.

Xa uthetha ngentsimbi eyenziwayo uthetha ngabantu ababonisa
inkubeko. Xa uthetha ngomculo wethu uthetha ngabantu ababonisa
inkubeko yabo. Xa uthetha ngobugcisa, ngokuzoba uthetha
ngomntu obonisa iimvakalelo zakhe zakhe.

Le yimisebenzi ekhawulelana nokugcinwa, ukufundiswa
nokonwatyelwa okanye ukubhiyozelwa kwamafa ethu angenkcubeko.
Kuqukwa neelwimi, iilwimi esizithethayo ziyinxalenye yenkcubeko
yethu. Masingazibaleki iilwimi zethu.

Lemisebenzi iyakwazi ukudala amathuba engqesho, kubekho
intlawulo kwabo bantu bathe bayivelisa okanye kwabo bathe bayiyila
kunye nakwabo babandakanyeke kwimfundo, uqeqesho, uveliso,
ukubhalwa phantsi nokunika inkxaso.

Njengokuba urhulumente egxininisa kwinto yokwakha imisebenzi,
oko kuyahambelana nezinto ezenziwa ngoomama ngezanandla zabo.
Imingxilwana ebandakanyekayo kweli candelo yile ilandelayo;

Imisebenzi yezandla;
Ifilim;
Umculo kunye nopapasho.

Zezo esigxile kuzo apha ephondweni kweli lenkcubeko. Mayiqapheleke into yokuba ulutsha noomama luninzi kule mingxilwana ingentla. Le mingxilwana ke ngoko ibalulekile ukuhlangabezana neemeko zokuxhotyiswa ngezakhono kolutsha noomama nakwinkalo yokubabonelela ngoqoqosho. Imingeni ke ekhoyo apha kweli candelo nantsiya ibhaliwe phaya lemingeni lijongene nayo eli candelo.

Ngoku ke mandiye ekubeni thina njengesebe zintoni izinto esiza kuzenza kulo nyaka ukukhawulelana neengxaki ezi zichaziweyo ukuze iphondo likwazi ukukhawulelana nolu shishino. Isebe kufuneka lihlole ingcombolo yolwazi engala mashishini, lijongisise elona xabiso lala mashishini.

Umzekelo, uyakufumanisa ukuba onombola baseNgquza bahlohla intsimbi befumana imalana engephi. Loo nto ke ayibutshintshi ncam ubomi babo. Siza kuhlola sijongisise izinto ezinjalo. Siza kujonga namandla ala mashishini nokukhula kwawo kwizabelo zemali. Sijonge silisebe igalelo lawo namaqumrhwana; uqoqosho lwasekuhlaleni ingakumbi kumaphandle ahlelelekileyo.

Sihlole ubungakanani babantu abakula mashishini. Sijonge ngokunjalo ukwahluka kwawo la mashishini kwaye siqwalasele indima ayidlalayo kwinkcubeko, kumafa nakwizinto eziligugu lethu thina bantu beMpuma-Koloni. Ukwaleka koku isebe liya kuthi lisungule ukwakhiwa kwezicwangciso zephondo eziphathelele kumsebenzi wezandla ukuze zihlangabezane noko. Zicwangcisiwe Sekela-sihlalo wooSihlalo, apha encwadini izinto esiza kuzenza ukuze lo msebenzi ube uyenzeka.

Isicwangciso sephondo kwakhona siza kuqwalasela iindawo zobugcisa bezandla. Eyona nto bezisenzelwa yona ezi ndawo zobugcisa bezandla kukusondezwa kwiindawo ekuhamba kuzo abakhenkethi ukuze kube nokuthengwa nakuzo ngabakhenkethi. Siza kujonga ke emva kokuba sihlolile ukuba ezi ndawo ziyabancedisa na abantu baseNgquza.

Siza kuthi xa sesiyihlolile loo nto sijonge ukuba senza njani ukuze zithungelane ezi ndawo khona ukuze nomsebenzi wabo oonombola uhambe ngendlela efanelekileyo, baxhamle kwaye babe negalelo kuqoqosho. (*Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.*)

[The MEC RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE: Blow the vuvuzela! Thank you very much hon Deputy Chair of Chairs. Hon Speaker and hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, hon members of the Legislature, the leaders of political

parties, the members of the House of Traditional Leaders, the Executive Mayors of District Municipalities, the Mayors of Local Municipalities, the leaders of religious fraternity, the leaders of community-based organisations, the representatives of tertiary institutions, the media, friends, comrades, the residents of the Eastern Cape Province, officials of government departments, ladies and gentlemen mholweni, goeienand, dumelang, sanibonani, goodafternoon.

The past year has been a year of excitement. It has been a year during which we have been excitedly looking forward to the Soccer World Cup. Today there are seventy-seven days left before we realize our dream of hosting FIFA Soccer World Cup. When the world will be excited to come to South Africa, we shall be excited for being part of history for hosting the event. On the eleventh day of July, when the first whistle is blown, we will stand up as South Africa and excitedly say that we have fulfilled the dream. (Applause.)

The major thing that could leave an indelible mark about the Soccer World Cup is when Bafana Bafana is crowned as the world champion. [Applause.]

We should therefore take this opportunity and wish them success. This year, there were also sons and daughters of the Eastern Cape who made us proud. Let me take this opportunity and congratulate them. Among them is Andile Jali from Matatiele who has been selected to play for Bafana Bafana and we hope that he will not disappoint us.

The Blackburn Rovers Football Club from Butterworth won the Provincial League competition. They will now compete against Mpumalanga for a place in the First Division. We wish them well in their endeavor to advance to the First Division League. The Warriors Cricket Team has won the MTM40 Cup and the Pro-20 National domestic competition. The Provincial Netball Team and the Provincial Women Rugby won the National Leagues respectively for two successive years.

We congratulate Peter van Katz for successfully crossing Atlantic ocean by his boat and for being the first African to do that. We congratulate Mabheka for being selected as the winner in the isiXhosa album section of the SATMA award in 2009. Our province wishes success for our boxers who have challenged the world boxing champions, especially Nkosinathi Joyi, Ali Funeka and Simphiwe Nongqayi. We wish them success. [Applause.]

This year, the department has also made some commendable strides. I am pleased to inform you that the provincial language policy has been completed. The Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources

Authority has been established. The Eastern Cape Geographical Names Committee has also been established.

The youth of this province had an opportunity to benefit from the international culture and sport events. They visited Lower Saxony and south east England. We also pride ourselves on being the only province that host the National Arts Festival. We also have the provincial cultural festival where the culture of the Eastern Cape is exhibited. In the Wild Coast festival our people get an opportunity to exhibit their culture and there are also job opportunities in that festival.

Let me now focus on what we will do as we approach the 2010/11 financial year. The main focus of the government in building a developing country, improving government services, ensuring democracy institutions and strengthening the fight against crime are all based from the constitution, chapter 10 of the constitution of the Republic of South Africa. These areas are important in ensuring that we strengthen the institutions of democracy.

These areas are also important for the department in that they will change the method of operation so that the department could focus on the needs of the people that we serve. That also brings hope and trust to the majority of people about the democracy.

From this financial year onwards, the department will administer according to the terms of change and revision and we will focus on the following areas:

Building a new integrated administration process by strengthening the areas which could put the department in danger;

Improving compliance of the regulations;

Strengthening care or the manner of responding to the needs of the people;

Strengthening the method of dealing with maladministration and corruption;

Strengthening administration in the Supply Chain Management. And

Improvement of attempts aimed at improving the level of service delivery.

These are the issues that we will focus on as the department because we see that these issues will not be delivered to the people in a proper way.

Strengthening communication with emphasis to departmental internal communication and communication with our stakeholders;
Improving information management or information and policy development based on evidence because if our systems are not based on evidence, they will not be able to reach people who are in need of help.

The areas that the department will pay particular attention to are listed hon Deputy Chair of Chairs in the speech. I will not read them all. I must however emphasise that the department is committed in focusing on the areas that I have mentioned.

The main areas that the government will focus on in uplifting the pace of growth, change and economy; creating decent jobs and self-sufficiency; in strengthening education, the basic skills and human resources; bulding a united nation, all these issues are enshrined in the constitution.

The department did not dream these issues; we took them from the constitution which is a framework for any law in South Africa. The Culture or Creative Industries have two areas, hon Deputy Chair of Chairs, namely; economic and cultural.

When we talk about beadwork, we talk about people who express their culture. When we talk about music we talk about people who show our culture. When we talk about art and paintings we talk about people who express their emotions and feelings.

These works contribute to the conservation, education and celebrations of our cultural heritage. They include languages. Our languages are components of our culture. We should not ignore our languages.

These works also create job opportunities. Those who produce or design and those who are involved in education, training, production, writing and supportive role get paid.

The government's policy of creating jobs goes hand in hand with craft work produced by women. The sectors involved are the following: craft work; film; music; and publication.

These are the sectors that we emphasise on in the province. It should be noted that the majority of workers in the sectors mentioned above are youth and women. These sectors are therefore important in empowering youth and women with skills and in benefiting them economically. The challenges encountered in these sectors are listed in the speech.

Let me now proceed and state what is it that the department will do to deal with the problems mentioned above so that the province may be

in a position to deal with this industry. The department should inspect the database of this industry and scrutinize the price of the industry

For example, you will find that the people from Ngquza are engaged in beadwork and are poorly paid. That does not change their lives. We will inspect cases of that nature. We will look at the strength of the industry and their growth in money shares. We are looking, as the department, at the contribution of the small companies, their rural economy especially in disadvantaged areas.

We will inspect the number of people in these industries. We will scrutinise how they differ and the role they play in culture, heritage and national symbols in the Eastern Cape. In addition to this, the department will commence with the development of provincial plans for craft and beadwork. The things that the department will do are listed hon Deputy Chair of Chairs.

The provincial plan will also take care of craft hubs. The craft and beadwork need to be closer to the places which are tourists attraction so that they could get buyers. After we have inspected these industries, we will check whether or not the craft hubs assist the people from Ngquza.

We will also think about plans that would enable the craft hubs to network so that the work of the bead and craft workers could benefit economically.]

Let me now come to another important area, the film, television and media. In this subsector the focus is on film and television production, documentaries sitcoms and soap operas. All of these are critical to the goal of creating jobs and promoting culture and cultural diversity.

The film industry has, however, not grown in the Eastern Cape, Deputy Chair of Chairs. It continues to be dominated by both Gauteng and the Western Cape. This is in spite of the fact that we have seen story line and things based on the scenery and ways of life in the Eastern Cape.

The growth of this industry is hampered by lack of access to funding distribution facilities, limited opportunities for training and mentorship, lack of high quality scriptwriters, and the small domestic market in the province.

We have listed, Deputy Chair of Chairs, what we as the department are going to do from this incoming year onwards. One of the things that we are going to do is to mobilise support of major sector players in film and television productions and documentary-making.

We are going to review the mandate and strategy focus of the film office as an institutional vehicle for facilitating support to the sub-sector. This institution will receive an allocation of R1 million from our budget. During the last financial year it received only R450,000.00.

Literature and Publishing:

The focus in this sub-sector is on writing and production of books and magazines, design, printing, bookshops and book fairs for sales and distribution, libraries and research, paper manufacturers, printers, writers, photographers and designers.

The sub-sector is also key to the creation of jobs for writers, editors, photographers, journalists, printers, booksellers, website designers and marketers. It is also essential to the promotion of indigenous culture and cultural diversity.

A lot still needs to be done to grow and develop this sub-sector. We have enumerated the actions that we are going to take in this year, from this year onwards and I think one of the things that we need to do is to ensure that we build more libraries and we also encourage our young people – we refurbish already existing libraries and we encourage young people to read.

Kukho into ethi ke ukuba ufuna ukufihla into emntwini omnyama yifake encwadini sobe ayibone. [*There is a belief that to hide something from a black person, is to write it in a book.*] We need to dispute this myth and read as much as possible because a reading nation is a winning nation.

- The construction of the Mount Frere Library will receive an allocation of R4 million from our annual budget.
- Also the Mount Ayliff Library will receive an allocation of R3 million for construction.
- The Cofimvaba Library is nearing completion and will also receive R5 million from the allocation during this financial year.
- An amount of R50 million will be allocated towards the construction of the Mdantsane Library, which is also going to focus on disabled people because it is going to focus on people who cannot see, so that they can have Braille – they can be able to write, they can be able to read, they can be able to do all these things that able-bodied people can do.
- Twenty libraries in the various districts will receive a total allocation of R11.8 million for refurbishment.

- The total amount of library subsidies to be transferred to district municipalities is R35.2 million.

Deputy Chair of Chairs, if music be the food of love, play on. Let us come to music development.

The focus in this sub-sector is on musical bands and solo musicians, live music events, DJs and nightclubs, retail outlets for music instruments, technicians, sound and lighting service providers, music composition, recording studios, music stores, music videos, radio broadcasts of music, public and private music education, music agents, event managers and many others.

The sub-sector is the key to the creation of jobs as well and promoting indigenous culture and cultural diversity.

The sub-sector is generally characterised by:

- Monopoly of dominant multinationals;
- Concentration of premier music radio stations, which largely influence music in big centres, like Gauteng;
- Hosting of major music awards, like your Kora All Africa Awards, South African Traditional Music Awards (SATMA) and so on; in centres such as Gauteng, only;
- Industry representative organisations are not very strong in our province and this is one area that we would like to focus on during this financial year.

We know that our musicians are battling to fight poverty and as the department we want to find ways and means of how we can assist them in trying to break the cycle of poverty.

From the incoming financial year onwards, we shall do the following, Deputy Chair of Chairs and hon members:

- We will review the department's strategy on building the music industry to respond more appropriately to the music business value chain;
- In line with such review, the mandate of the Miriam Makeba Audio Visual Centre will be reviewed so that it is more than just a recording studio. We shall allocate R1 million to this centre;
- As an institutional vehicle through which we want to support music development, the AVC will be assisted to balance its

public service and development responsibility with the need to commercialise;

- The AVC will be turned into a provincial content hub that facilitates the discovery, development, nurturing, promotion and preservation of creative talent and heritage in the Eastern Cape;
- We shall focus on the financial viability and sustainability of the AVC, improving its governance and management, building strategic partnerships, improving its infrastructure, growing individual talent, improve quality of productions, facilitate marketing and release productions, facilitate protection of rights of artists, and on establishing a record label;
- We shall work closely with the National Department of Arts and Culture, University of Fort here, Eastern Cape Development Corporation, SABC, MAPP-SETA and other partners in the music industry.

In addition to these national sub-sector priorities, the provincial department will continue with its involvement and support to the following creative industry sub-sectors:

- Events and cultural tourism;
- Performing arts;
- Urban and rural regeneration and heritage; and
- Visual arts.

From the incoming financial year onwards, we shall deal with these other sub-sectors as follows:

Events and Cultural Tourism:

All of the activities that take place in our province, some of them through the National Arts Festival and the Wild Coast Festival, will receive during this year an allocation of R4.1 million.

Live events have shown great potential for promoting the music industry and musicians themselves. They have also shown great potential for providing jobs for musicians, audio visual service suppliers, caterers, security companies, event managers, among others.

Live events have also shown potential for a number of economic spin-offs in terms of tourism, accommodation, transport, retail, etc.

Accordingly, the Summer Home Coming Music Festival will also be supported in the incoming financial year as a premiere annual provincial event.

During the same year, Deputy Chair of Chairs, the department is going to review the strategy on growing and transforming the events and cultural tourism sub-sector in the province.

In this regard, working relations with the national Department of Arts and culture, Eastern Cape Tourism Board and municipalities will receive major focus.

Performing Arts:

Programmes supporting theatre, dance, drama, comedy, musical theatre and opera will continue to receive the support of the department.

We shall focus on creating the enabling environment for projects, companies and educational institutions that either support or practice these art forms to grow.

We shall do this because of the poverty alleviation, income-generation, employment creation and recreational impact these can have when supported well, given that they are labour-intensive.

These also serve to market the province and its cultural and heritage wealth nationally and internationally.

We shall start working towards establishing a provincial performing arts institution, which will serve to support arts centres, Guild Theatre and Opera House, serve as a centre of excellence and a networking and marketing vehicle with both national and international performing arts fraternity. The Opera House, Deputy Chair of Chairs, will receive an allocation of R1.3 million and the Guild Theatre will receive R925 000.

The Eastern Cape Arts and Culture Council will be restructured and repositioned to be a public entity so that it can play its implementing agency role fully and meet modern corporate governance standards. This institution will receive R12.225 million in transfers from our budget.

Again, working relations with the national Department of Arts and Culture, National Arts Council and the Eastern Cape Tourism Board, will receive major focus.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Heritage:

In this sub-sector, we are involved in the identification and preservation of heritage sites and routes, management of museums because it is important for us to transform our museum, monuments and regulating architecture. We are also involved in initiatives that foster cohesive communities and nation building.

Our heritage infrastructure reflects elements of our liberation history as well segregated colonial spatial planning patterns. Typically, we have situations where in the same settlement there is an art gallery at the one end, a museum at another and a theatre at quite another, but you find areas where you don't get any of these, but in one area you have everything; in other areas you have nothing.

In new development areas such as Red Location in Nelson Mandela Bay, where the Red Location Museum is located, and Mount Ayliff in Alfred Nzo, where we are going to build a museum, the department will encourage municipalities to pilot the introduction of clusters of creative industries and artistic activities, i.e. cultural precincts. We have seen elements of this already taking shape in the case of Nelson Mandela bay. These precincts also have important archival and educational functions and also play a role in promoting local and foreign tourism.

These cultural precincts will reinforce urban regeneration initiatives. This calls for closer integration of planning around urban regeneration between planners and the institutions responsible for heritage resources management and other arts institutions. The Mount Ayliff Museum will receive an allocation of R4 million from our budget during this financial year.

In strengthening cooperation, the department shall in the incoming year, finalise its negotiations on the assignment to the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, of functions pertaining to the Bay World Museum. Such negotiations will include a much more clarified role for the Departments of Education and Economic Affairs and Development.

In urban and rural regeneration initiatives undertaken by both the state and other juristic persons, we shall, through the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Council (ECPHRA), set up our involvement in the management of heritage resources.

To play this role effectively, the ECPHRA will undergo an intensive re-engineering process, covering its legislative, regulatory, programming, staffing and financial aspects in order to broaden its services focus in the management of heritage resources beyond regulating the built environment and also improve its working relationship with local municipalities.

The work of the Eastern Cape Geographic Names Committee will also be jacked up. The total amount of transfers to museum institutions, including these councils, is R5.2 million.

Our experiences in observing and celebrating national days that represent certain milestones in the history of our country, call for a public debate amongst stakeholders on how the principle of inclusivity could be embedded in our approach. This is essential for cohesion and nation-building.

Visual Arts

In this sub-sector, we are involved with individual artists, galleries that exhibit and sell art, awards and competitions, festivals that exhibit art and art collection.

Artists exhibit and sell art work depict various social and cultural dimensions. These artistic expressions range from history, contemporary societal issues, story-telling, to emotional and psychological experiences. In that way, visual artist play a major role in raising awareness and provoking conscience, thus creating social dialogue. This is essential to nation building.

On the economic front, the growth of this sub-sector is largely dependent on the rise in disposable income and so, income is highly irregular. Corporate collections have become major sources of sales for artists.

In the incoming year, the growth of this sub-sector will scale up initiatives to encourage and attract local, national and international tourists to local museums, art galleries, studios and exhibitions.

We invite you to visit these museums and art galleries and you will be shocked by what you see in there. It is something that you will not forget because as I said earlier, the emotions of people are displayed in that artwork.

Sport and Recreation:

An active nation, Deputy Chair of Chairs and hon members, is a healthy nation; and a healthy nation is a winning nation.

Our focus here is to ensure accessibility of sport and recreation to all. Access is a key to the realisation of the objectives of increasing participation, development and excellence in sport and recreation. It is also key to the economic growth, as it generates employment, income and lifts many out of poverty and generates income. For nation building and economic growth through sport and recreation to be achievable, we need transformation. The department continues to

expand upon creative approaches in the delivery of sport and recreation to all citizens of our province.

We have a lot to celebrate as a province. However, achieving to the fullest of our potential is hampered by, in part, the:

- Inadequate strategies to address equity in participation, development and excellence;
- Underfunding and inefficient use of available resources;
- Inequitable, skewed and fragmented approach to the provision of infrastructure and facilities;
- Inadequate skills for effective management of sport and recreation; and
- Sport and recreation organised structures that are very weak.

For nation building and economic development to take place on a sustained basis, these transformational challenges need to be addressed.

From the incoming financial year onwards we shall:

- Work with sports federations, through the Sports Council, to develop transformation charters and plans to address equity in participation, development and excellence in sport and recreation. Continued government support towards federations will, henceforth, depend on these charters and plans;
- Strengthen community participation to promote physically active and healthy lifestyles, channel talented people to competitive areas of sport and create opportunities for people to get together;
- Work with the sport and recreation fraternity to review the provincial policy on sport and recreation;
- In addition to government funding, mobilise private and foreign funding for the development of sport and recreation;
- Develop norms and standards for the provision of infrastructure facilities. This is a key to both urban and rural development. The roles and various stakeholders in facility planning, provision and management will be streamlined. In this regard, we shall work very closely with the Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to make sure

that the percentage allocation of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant for sport facilities is not used for purposes of other than this;

- The Butterworth swimming pool will receive an amount of R7 million for our annual budget for refurbishment. The Lusikisiki sports field will receive an amount of R3 million for rehabilitation;
- Facilitate the development and utilisation and maintenance plans of existing facilities;
- Facilitate the building of a human resource base for effective leadership and management of sport and recreation. This will include the review of training requirements, review of training programmes in terms of appropriateness, developing new training implementation plans and accreditation of training programmes;
- Facilitate initiatives to support athletes after their sport careers have become less competitive;
- Support the sport federations to reorganise and strengthen themselves. These are important platforms for participation and empowerment. They are critical to the strengthening of clubs. The Eastern Cape Academy of Sport will receive R7.3 million , Eastern Cape Netball will receive R300,000.00, Eastern Cape Amateur Boxing Organisation will receive R700,000.00, Boxing South Africa will receive R1.5 million, Disabled Sport of South Africa will receive R300,000.00;
- Strengthen the Provincial Sports and Recreation Council. This will make monitoring and evaluation of transformation an easy task and also strengthen liaison with government. We shall allocate R614,000.00 towards this Council;
- Work to strengthen school sport in partnership with the Department of Education; and
- Facilitate, through strategic partnerships, the hosting of big sporting events by the province given, among other benefits, their contribution to sports tourism.

We shall do all of these as part of a provincial Integrated Sport Development Plan which we shall develop and complete by the end of the incoming financial year.

The first stakeholder consultative platform towards this integrated provincial plan will be a Provincial Sports Summit which will be held in May this year.

Through all this, we shall mobilise and work closely with the national Department of Sport and Recreation, Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Social Development, the Universities of Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu and Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan and Rhodes.

We have already said that the FIFA World Cup is around the corner. This tournament has made this year “the year of soccer” in many respects. We have just come from a Provincial Government Summit on 2010 World Cup where we assessed the Eastern Cape Province’s state of readiness. While Government has been satisfied with the progress made so far, we shall continue paying attention to the following areas.

What is important here is that, as a department, we have tried our best to ensure that volunteers from rural areas as included and just to say that during this period the National Arts Festival during this year will run during the time when we are having the World Cup.

In conclusion, Deputy Speaker, I would like to acknowledge, as we have demonstrated, that we are fully aware of how mammoth the task is and how big the task is that is ahead of us.

However, I believe we do have what it takes to surmount it. With our stakeholders, I believe we can move decisively in the right direction. I would like to thank everybody who is a stakeholder in the department because I know that without stakeholders that department can never do what it is supposed to do.

Lastly, let me take this opportunity to present the 2010/14 strategic plan and annual performance plan for 2010/11.

I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, MEC. The MEC is inviting all the stakeholders and her invitees to the Department of Sport, Wilton Zimasile Mkwazi Building. I am not quite sure what she is going to do with them, but they are all invited to the department, all the stakeholders. Thank you.

APPROPRIATION BILL (EASTERN CAPE)

Presentation of Vote 15: Safety and Liaison

The MEC RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL SAFETY, LIAISON AND TRANSPORT: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier in absentia, hon MECs, hon Members of the House, Provincial Commissioner of Police – Commissioner Landu, Deputy Provincial Commissioner of

Police – Commissioner McKenzie, members of the South African Police Service and other law enforcement agencies present here, hon Members of the House, government officials, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Four days ago, our country and our people celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre, a day which we now know as Human Rights Day and which resulted in the democratic government declaring March as Human Rights Month.

From a safety and security point of view, this day reminded us of a painful past characterised by unforgettable atrocities, when innocent civilians were killed by the apartheid state, merely because they dared to express their democratic right to protest against oppression and discrimination. Such atrocities were further perpetuated by a judicial system, which never served justice to all people.

Some of you would recall the trial of Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim, Mandla Maseko and Simon Dladla, who were convicted of treason in January 1989. The trial was particularly infamous in that Ebrahim, an Indian passport holder, was abducted from his home in Swaziland and taken – at gunpoint and in chains – to South Africa by his South African security force kidnappers.

All three men were subjected to savage torture. Despite the ANC giving evidence in London that the movement's structure is such that the defendants could not have carried out the actions they are accused of, all three were nevertheless found guilty. Maseko received a 23-year sentence, while Ebrahim and Dladla were sentenced to 20 and 12 years respectively.

Despite all this experience, one gets inspired by the message contained in the extract from this court statement of Comrade Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim when he said:

A future society will have to contend with the children of violence. People who are taught to wield a gun, a baton and a jackboot, will find it difficult to understand that the use of force to order human relations is not the inevitable condition of human existence. The pursuit of the goal of peace both within our country and internationally is fundamental to our whole outlook. It is precisely for this reason that this objective is stated in the Freedom Charter. We stand here to affirm without any apology that the ANC and the rest of the democratic movement of our country are an important and unchangeable component part of the world peace movement. We seek a peace in our country based on freedom and justice. These are the necessary conditions without which there can be no peace.

Drawing inspiration from these words, the Eastern Cape Department of Safety and Liaison remains determined to soldier on in pursuit of socio-economic growth and quality of life through safety and security.

The ANC's Manifesto and the Provincial Strategic Framework, which serve as our compass in navigating our path in this new term of government, clearly stipulate our role, which is to:

- Build a developmental state, improve public services, and strengthening democratic institutions;
- Build a skills and human resources base;
- Intensify the fight against crime and corruption;
- Build cohesive, caring and sustainable communities; and
- Rural development.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we will start the new financial year with a total budget of R47,878 million, of which R19,615 million is for operations of the department. This budget has been allocated as follows:

- Corporate Services – R15,285 million;
- Community Safety – R22,146 million; and
- Financial Management – R10,447 million.

Oversight of SAPS:

Build a developmental state; improve public services, and strengthening democratic institutions.

We commit this year, as directed by the President in his State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2010, that it shall be a Year of Action where the people of the Eastern Cape will receive a Police Service that is responsive to the needs of the communities. We will ensure that, as a government, particularly the department and law enforcement agencies, that we work faster, harder and smarter to bring about peace and stability within our communities.

Our Police Service is working hard to ensure that everyone in the province feels safe and is safe. Our contact crimes, namely murder, rape, sexual assault and common robbery, all show decreases. However, we will continue to monitor SAPS efforts to reduce serious and violent crimes and ensure that through the Eastern Cape – Justice

Crime Prevention and Security Cluster – these cases are dealt with efficiently by the justice system.

We have continued to encourage the youth to join in the fight against crime and the last financial year saw the enlistment of 495 new police members, together with 430 Public Service Act personnel. These new recruits are part of our strategy to strengthen visible policing to improve service delivery to the communities in the Eastern Cape.

Our SAPS Reservists are an integral part of our strategy to provide a safe and secure environment for our people. The total number of SAPS Reservists in the province is 4,305, of which 74 have been enlisted as SAPS members and 71 as Public Service Act Personnel. As part of resourcing our Police Service, a total of 780 new police vehicles were purchased to the value of R121,680.00 million and infrastructure improvements to the value of R134.268 million.

These areas where infrastructure improvements took place amongst others are: Chungwa, Lusikisiki, Bhisho, Lady Frere, Humewood, Cradock and Mdantsane Zonw 1 Police Stations. Some of these infrastructure expenditure included renovations and building of new police stations.

To ensure our Police Service is accountable to the people of the Eastern Cape, our mandate of oversight and monitoring of the police will continue to be vigorous to ensure our people receive a quality service underpinned by the principles of Batho Pele.

We have engaged the Provincial Commissioner and SAPS senior management on various issues relating to oversight over SAPS to transforming this institution in a manner that benefits the people of our province in both urban and rural areas. Our legislative constitutional mandate as a province is to oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of our Police Service and monitor police conduct, this year will see the following:

- Service delivery evaluations at 75 identified police stations, including the three Presidential police stations;
- Quarterly meetings with SAPS management to enhance oversight over SAPS;
- Promote community police relations by facilitating 37 police accountability meetings;
- Strengthening safety at identified public hospitals by doing security assessments;
- Assessments on the functioning and service delivery at police garages and the restructuring of the Police Services; and

- Sixty-three unannounced visits at identified police stations.

Hon Speaker, our oversight of transformation within SAPS will receive much attention in the new financial year. The SAPS Provincial Equity Consultative Forum will be revived to ensure the ideals outlined in the Constitution relating to the empowerment of women is realised. Of the 131 senior promotions during the 2009/10 financial year, only 38 were women. We intend to ensure that our women in the Police Service become more visible in management positions.

All our efforts to enhance policing in the province are to ensure that we get closer to the ideal ratio of police in relation to the population it serves. The national ratio is 1-400, whereas the provincial ratio is 1-489.

Community Safety

Building a Skills and Human Resources Base:

The South African Police Service, like any modern organisation, is a learning organisation and continues to ensure that its members are adequately trained and equipped to deal with any situation where they are called upon to provide peace and stability. A total of 14,940 police members received training, focusing on crime prevention and crowd management. An amount of R1,266,727 million of the Provincial SAPS budget was allocated towards this training, together with a budget allocation of National SAPS.

Trough the experience and skills of Detective Services, together with effective training programmes, we have seen successful investigations and confictions by our courts relating to high profile cases.

To further strengthen our law enforcement ability, a Tactical Response Team known as TRT has been launched in Port Elizabeth during January 2010. This Tactical Response Team consists of highly skilled and trained police members who will respond to any high and medium risk situations, e.g. armed robberies where firearms are involved, and assisting with the escorting of dangerous criminals to and from court. The TRT will be rolled out to East London and Mthatha during this year. Those of you that had watched the news yesterday will see that the TRT team was involved in a robbery of a bank in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

On behalf of our communities of the Eastern Cape, we thank our dedicated officers for the sterling work and efforts to ensure the safety of our communities. We also, however, need to admit shortcomings in the work of police and what we intend to do about it.

Intensifying the fight against crime and corruption:

Our police successes have also been marred by the killing of four police members whilst on duty. We pay tribute to these members and the many before, who have paid the highest price to serve and protect us, the people of the Eastern Cape.

In continuing to ensure that we are working hard so that everyone in the Eastern Cape is safe, in the new financial year we will see the following improvements in SAPS:

- Ongoing enlistment of approximately 600 entry level constables and a further 300 as Public Service Act Personnel.
- Infrastructure improvements amongst others include the building of seven new police stations in the Eastern Cape at Kamesh, New Brighton, Moyeni, Majola, Joza, Duncan Village and Alice.
- The purchase of plus/minus 700 vehicles to the value of R1,33,848 million.
- Training and capacitation of SAPS members at an amount of R483 million.
- Enhancing detective investigative capacity amounting to R155,200 million.

In an effort to improve the police performance in the province, a new communication system is currently being installed for SAPS, known as the TETRA System. This system will be implemented in two phases, namely:

Phase 1: focusing on ensuring effective communication for the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup; and Phase 2: will be rolled out to the entire province.

The benefits of this system allows for communication between police throughout the province on one frequency effectively. Furthermore, the system is being integrated with identified municipalities' CCTV camera systems through a common control room to effectively monitor crime. Considering the demographics of the province, particularly rural communities, this TETRA system will ensure effective service delivery to communities, particularly the marginalised.

An important feature of the TETRA system is that each police vehicle will have an automated vehicle location system to track down

the exact location of vehicles to ensure rapid responses to a crime scene. This AVL system will also stop abuse of vehicles by police members. So we will not have a situation in this system where communities will now come and say that there was no vehicle available, or police will say we only have one vehicle because on the system we will be able to track exactly if a vehicle is in front of Pick 'n Pay or in a shopping area or wherever they would be, even outside a shebeen for that matter.

As part of the contract there has been an initiative between the service provider of the system, INTERGCOMM-EADS and the Nelson Mandela Metro University (Port Elizabeth) whereby a TETRA Academy has been established. This is the first of its kind in the world. Equipment and resources to the value of R40 million have been installed in this centre and it will be managed by NMMU as a separate business unit. This academy will ensure that training on the TETRA system is done locally instead of overseas, as in the past. This will form part of the curriculum for fourth-year engineering students.

All 10111 personnel will be trained to use this system and as well as a train-the-trainer system to capacitate other SAPS members. This academy will officially open on 30 April 2010. This call is made to all communities to hand in firearms, both legal and illegal to deal effectively with the scourge of crime that in many instances makes our communities unsafe. Thus far a total number of 857 firearms and 10,096 items of ammunition have been confiscated.

A provincial task team has been established, led by the Department of Safety and Liaison, together with the SAPS, the Provincial Board and Business Against Crime, to oversee the amnesty process in the province. Part of this includes submitting weekly reports to the National Minister of Police's office on the state of firearms in the province and regular announced visits to high crime police stations where regular incidents involving firearms have been reported.

Build cohesive, caring and sustainable communities:

We successfully hosted the first ever Police Reservists Summit in July 2009 and have launched various street/village committees throughout the province.

Hon members, we have proven as Government and as a people that "working together we can do more". We are constantly seeing to connect with our people and have improved the practice of listening to the people, understanding their concerns and practically taken up the issues they raise regarding crime and prevention thereof.

The establishment of the Eastern Cape Justice Crime Prevention Security Cluster has created an ideal platform for government to

coordinate crime, security and corruption between all spheres of government and law enforcement agencies. This year will see the effective implementation of our programme of action to ensure South Africans are and feel safe.

The outcomes of the Programme of Action include:

- Crime reduction through community mobilization;
- Improved security management at big events;
- Enhanced border control and security;
- Intensify the fight against corruption;
- Strengthen the Criminal Justice System, focusing on elimination of violence against women and children; and
- Rural safety.

As part of mobilising our people in building a united, democratic, non-racial, non-sexist and prosperous Eastern Cape, with the aim of achieving national unity, our provincial crime prevention strategy remains our overarching strategy in dealing with crime in a coordinated and integrated fashion. This year, in October, we will host a crime prevention indaba to assess our progress on the implementation of the provincial crime prevention strategy.

As part of assessing the effectiveness of the PCPS, we will do the following:

- Assess the implementation of PCPS action plans;
- Do an impact assessment of our crime prevention campaigns to assess its effectiveness; and
- Assess crime prevention strategies adopted by municipalities.

IN contributing to safety and security at our public hospitals, this year will see the department, in partnership with the Department of Health, do an assessment at identified public hospitals, namely: Nelson Mandela Hospital in Mthatha, Livingstone and Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth and Cecilia Makhiwane Hospital in Buffalo City.

Education is a means of promoting good citizenship, as well as preparing our youth for the modern economy and a democratic society. Much has been done to achieve the ideals as enshrined in the Freedom Charter when we say “the doors of learning and culture shall be opened”.

However, crime has in some cases been seen as the obstacle that could reverse the positive gains that our society has made by ensuring that our children receive education in a safe and secure environment. To this effect, in partnership with the Department of Education and the South African Police Service, we will support and strengthen to safer schools programme at 45 identified schools to create a conducive environment for our children and educators, with a particular focus on contact crimes.

Our safer school's programme has resulted in good practices throughout the province in promoting school safety. A highlight of this is the transformation of the David Livingston School in Shauderville, Port Elizabeth, which once was an eyesore for the community and a soft target for criminals. Due to the leadership and inspiration of the principal, Dr Grove, together with the SGB, CPF and former students of the school, we have seen this school become an institution to achieve a safe and secure learning environment for learners.

A key issue to this success is the mobilisation of the community to protect the school and for them to take ownership of the school. Street committees have been established that does regular night patrols around the school.

As a result of the safer school programme's initiatives and the commitment of the community, no acts of vandalism or incidents of crime have been reported over the last 20 months at the David Livingston School.

Our Community Police Forums continue to promote active mobilisation and participation of all our people in the quality of policing they require from the South African Police Service. This contributes to the Freedom Charter clause – “the people shall govern”. We have empowered our community police structures to effectively engage SAPS on strategies to deal with crime. Let me take this opportunity to once again congratulate our CPF structures for holding free and fair elections during October 2009. As part of empowering and promoting the participation of women in CPF structures, we can proudly say that 40% of CPF executive structures consist of women. [Applause.]

I further want to congratulate Mr Ray Maqutyana who has been elected from the second term to lead the Provincial Community Police Board. To assist the Provincial Community Police Board in developing its safety and security plan for the province, the department will host a strategic session for the Provincial Board during April 2010 to finalise this plan.

As part of resourcing CPFs, this year will see for the first time the department allocate R20,000.00 to each of the 27 Cluster Community

Police Boards and R30,000.00 to the Provincial Community Police Board. These funds will be used for the day-to-day running and administration costs of these structures.

Our people on our CPF structures are involved daily in their communities in efforts to fight crime through community policing strategies, transforming our schools and hospitals into places of safety. Government will by itself not solve the crime problem and indeed all South Africans must form part of efforts to address crime and corruption, by participating in community police forums and more directly, by reporting crime and corruption, where they encounter these. We must support our Police Service in the apprehension of criminals and not harbor them.

This House would recall that upon taking up office I established an integrated law enforcement task team consisting of SAPS and Provincial Traffic to vigorously deal with those who disregard the rules of the road and promote road safety. This special task team consists of 139 provincial traffic officers, who, together with members of the SAPS, perform these tasks.

Members would know that when a person is stopped for driving under the influence, the current process requires a blood sample to be taken, which currently is creating a problem for us because of the fact that we are waiting too long for the return of these blood tests and as a result we are experiencing serious problems with our cases in court.

We will intensify the fight against crime and corruption on all fronts and will mobilise our communities to participate actively in 83 targeted crime prevention campaigns. Our focus will be on both government and the private sector, especially on fraud in procurement and tender processes; driver's licences, social grants and identity documents, amongst others. We will monitor the directorate for priority crime investigations unit in carrying out these investigations. Corruption poses a serious threat to our struggle to build a caring society and it erodes the moral fabric of our society. It is a threat that needs all of us to fight against, if we are to realise the vision of a better life for all.

Allow me to introduce to the House – but I don't think this person is here – the Head for the Directorate of Priority Crimes Investigations. This is known as the Hawks. She would be heading or she has headed this unit as from 1 March 2010. [Applause.] So we have a woman who is at the head of the Hawks currently in our province.

Our strategy to enhance border control and security will focus on strengthening the Border Control Operation Coordinating Committee which consists of key law enforcement agencies and stakeholders at identified border controls in the province. Stock theft, smuggling of illegal firearms, drugs and vehicles and illegal immigrants will

receive priority. To this effect we will host a Cross Border Summit in October 2010.

Human trafficking incidents are being detected in various parts of the province with hotspots being in East London, Port Elizabeth, Qumbu, Queenstown, Indwe, King William's Town and Lusikisiki. We have established an integrated task team to look at strategies in dealing with this inhumane crime. Human trafficking is the fastest growing international industry and it is controlled by highly organised syndicates who smuggle approximately 800 million persons across the world's country borders each year and generates approximately \$32 billion.

It is estimated that in South Africa this industry has an annual turnover of R100 billion and is set soon to overtake the drug smuggling industry in terms of profit. We therefore call upon all families to take special care of their children and to always be aware of their whereabouts and who they interact with. To ensure that we respond to the challenges of human trafficking, the department will convene a work session in human trafficking in May 2010.

According to the United Nations, the definition of human trafficking is as follows:

Trafficking in persons shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

I think this is quite horrific.

When analysing these cases, the victims are mostly children and in some incidents where the mothers of these children are accomplices, forcing their children to have sexual intercourse with adult men. We call upon our communities to strengthen our families and parenting skills to ensure that we all take responsibility of our children.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: MEC, can you give us the highlights so that you wrap up? We are running out of time.

The MEC RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL SAFETY, LIAISON AND TRANSPORT: Hayi [No], this is unfair.

Our safety and security positioning statement is “To present an incident-free World Cup that will leave a lasting legacy for South Africa and the Continent.” South African Government’s undertakings relating to safety and security regarding the 2010 FIFA World Cup are:

- Generally safety and personal protection, especially at airports, inside and outside of hotels, stadiums, training grounds, media centres, and any other official area where accredited persons and/or spectators are present.

To realise the safety and security positioning statement, the department hosted a 2010 Safety and Security Summit in November 2009 to finalise the tournament preparations.

To date, the following has been achieved:

- PVA dry runs during the FIFA Confederations Cup 2009;
- Dry runs during big games at the new Nelson Mandela Metro Stadium;
- A Provincial Coordinating Committee was established;
- The Provincial 2010 Blue Print was finalised;
- The Provincial Safety and Security work stream function regularly and they consist of various components of traffic law enforcement structures;
- We’ve established a 201 JOINTS sub-committee;
- In working with the host city and the 201 district safety and security work streams – they are operating well;
- Our safety and security plans have been finalised;
- Our deployment strategies for personnel and resource allocation have been completed;
- There will be dedicated 2010 courts which have been established and will be operational within the host city throughout the FIFA Soccer World Cup, and will function daily from 07:45 until 23h00;
- Dedicated prosecutors, magistrates, para-legals and interpreters have been identified;

- Twelve officials are in the process of being trained in foreign languages;
- We are finalising our standard operational procedures;
- Correctional centres have been identified that will be working extended hours to support the Police, Justice and Home Affairs;
- There is a Provincial Joint Operations Centre which has been established in Port Elizabeth;
- Cluster Joint Operating Centres have been established and identified in Port Elizabeth, Mthatha and East London;
- We have a venue operations centre in the stadium;
- An additional venue operational centres will be established at key strategic areas, such as airports, harbours, hotels and rail stations;
- A special investigation group has been formed to identify and trace or prosecute offenders as part of this strategy;
- A dedicated group of law enforcement agencies have also been established and will be on standby as a reserve group for tactical deployment if the need arises;
- There is a command structure for policing of the stadium;
- There a remote search parking place;
- Two immigration officers will be deployed at each of the PVA and base camps to assist with immigration services;
- Ten immigration officers will be based within the host city;
- Staff have been capacitated to deal with the issues of human trafficking;
- Fire and emergency plans are completed, which includes 80 specially trained fire volunteers, if there are needed;
- There is a CCTV camera strategy which has been put in place to monitor hotspots and areas within the host city.

A Provincial Traffic Special Operations Task Team is operational throughout the province to carry out effective law enforcement and traffic control, and they will focus mainly the host city and key areas

within the province. They have high tech equipment to support their law enforcement activities.

We are currently training 500 safety patrollers to assist with security at the six public viewing areas within the province. On completion of their 10-day training course, these safety patrollers will be eligible to qualify as security officers.

Massive police operations will take place all over the Eastern Cape between March and May to ensure stability within our province. We now have 77 days before we host this spectacular.

In terms of rural development, we will monitor policing within the identified pilot sites within Tsolo.

With regard to financial management, we have for the past six years received unqualified audit opinions and we will strive to improve and maintain these financial systems through effective and efficient document management.

Corporate Services:

When considering our massive oversight responsibility over the Police and the number of personnel we have to do this oversight function, a serious call is made for Provincial Treasury to increase our budget for personnel to populate our new organogram. The department needs an urgent intervention in this area if we are to meaningfully impact on oversight over SAPS.

We have aligned our organisational structure to be in line with the Department of Public Service and Administration human resource repositioning and we have been commended by the Director-General of the province for this sterling work.

In conclusion hon members, our continent and our country and our province get ready to host the biggest soccer spectacle. Let us work together, all with one vision of contributing to present an incident-free World Cup that will leave a lasting legacy for South Africa and the continent.

In the words of Comrade Ebrahim, who said: "These are the necessary conditions without which there can be no peace."

We call upon the people of the Eastern Cape to continue to work with us to promote human rights, reconciliation, national unity, non-racism and building a better future together as South Africans, black and white.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the HoD, Bash Hoosain, and all employees of the Department of Safety and Liaison for their support,

as well as all law enforcement agencies and the community structures, as well as our Safer School Committees. Without the support of these structures we will not be able to achieve our objectives.

In conclusion, I present to the House and the people of the Eastern Cape: The policy speech of the Department of Safety and Liaison; the strategic plan for 2010/11; and the annual performance plan for 2010/11.

[Applause.]

APPROPRIATION BILL (EASTERN CAPE)

Presentation of Vote 10: Transport

The MEC RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL SAFETY, LIAISON AND TRANSPORT: It is, indeed, a humbling experience to present the 2010/11 Policy Speech of the Eastern Cape Department of Transport, when the nation and the people of the world are celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the release from prison of one of the architects of our struggle for liberation, Dr Nelson Mandela.

Before I proceed with my address, I would like to remind this House of the words of this international icon when he was addressing the ANC National Conference on Reconstruction and Development Strategy in 1994, which marked a turning point in the socio-economic development path of our country, Dr Mandela warned us that:

The reality is that as much as our political liberation was not easy to achieve, so it will not be an easy walk to arrive at the point of the socio-economic upliftment of all the people of our country. We must therefore approach the challenge of reconstruction and development soberly and with both feet firmly planted on the ground.

Hon Deputy Speaker, inspired by these words of wisdom, as the Department of Transport we are convinced that we remain steadfast and on course in our mission of building a better life for all our people and one which we will never forsake.

Despite certain challenges that we confronted in this financial year, we continued to demonstrate our resilience and commitment to our new vision in this new government term of a “Quality transport system for a better life for all”.

Our approach is informed by the Provincial Strategic Framework and we have an obligation to respond to some of the priorities as they are drawn from the Manifesto of the ANC and they include:

- Building a developmental state, improving the public services
- Building a skills and human resources base
- Rural development
- Speeding up growth and transforming the economy to create decent work and sustainable livelihoods
- Building cohesive, caring and sustainable communities
- Building social and economic infrastructure.

Hon members are reminded that the Roads function will be located in the Department of Roads and Public Works as from 1 April 2010. As a result, our budget has been significantly reduced and we have had to reconfigure the programmes of the new Department of Transport as follows:

- Administration
- Public and Freight Transport
- Traffic Management
- Community-Based Transportation/EPWP

ADMINISTRATION – R245 181 000

Building a developmental state, improving the public services
Through this programme, we have responsibility to ensure realization of one of the important priorities, which is to build a developmental state and to improve the public services.

In that regard, we have introduced the Service Delivery Excellence Programme (SDEP/Balasela). Using the programme, the Department has determined its Service Delivery Index (SDIX).

As a result, in February 2009 the Department received the Premier's Balasela Award for "successful implementation of the Balasela programme". In November 2009, the Department won the Center for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) Award for "Innovation enhancement of internal systems within government". The CPSI award was awarded to the Department by the Minister for Public Service and Administration.

Recently, we hosted a Performance Management and Development System Week, which marked a turning point in the supervision and enhancement of performance of our employees.

The Department is simultaneously sharpening and reviewing the Supply Chain Management (SCM) protocols in line with government prescripts to focus on the improvement and benefit of the SMME's in our province.

We remain committed to improve on our revenue collection as we intend to achieve 100% of our target amounting to R346million, as we have done so in the past. The R346million includes an increase in motor vehicle license fees amounting to an average of 10% as was gazetted In January 2010 to take effect from 1 April 2010.

As part of implementing our Five Year Communication Strategy, the 2009/10 Financial Year saw a great improvement in the interaction between the Department, its stakeholders and the communities at large through the introduction of our quarterly exhibitions programme, which brought our services closer to the people, especially in the rural areas. Through this initiative, we opened up the Department for public relations intimacy with the people of the province in their various sectors.

This exercise has further helped to market our customer care centre services and contributed in the increase of received calls, which totaled to 24 538 enquiries in the past three quarters. You are reminded of our toll-free number 0800 644 644.

We have made indelible advances with regard to the promotion of the Constitutional rights of people with disabilities and held workshops on anti-child trafficking, elderly rights and road safety, promotion of sign language and disability friendly public transport system.

All these activities will be intensified in the new financial year.

Building a skills and human resources base:

Last year, we have been able to enhance strategic partnership with institutions of higher learning and enrolled unemployed matriculants in partnership with the North West University in areas of road safety (20), and in partnership with the University of Fort Hare in human resource management (40).

Our Maths and Science projects are showing great value as a number of Grade 12 learners from these projects have enrolled for civil and mechanical engineering studies. Every year, we maintain 700 scholars with the assistance from our partners, Engen. Annually, we participate in the Cell C initiative of “Take a girl-child to work” and we brought 20 girl children to the Department to enhance their understanding of transportation as a career of choice.

We have continued to grant best performing students with excellent marks in Maths and Science with bursaries in transportation related studies. In this academic year (January to December 2010), 45 new bursaries have been allocated at a cost of R2.250million with 15 for internal staff to improve their capacity and 30 for external people in

areas such as civil engineering, railway engineering, freight logistics, Human Resource Management and Information Technology.

PUBLIC AND FREIGHT AND TRANSPORT – R394 198 000

Hon Deputy Speaker, the state of readiness of our transportation system for the 2010 FIFA World Cup is already under extreme scrutiny, which compels us to accelerate our pace, especially on the tournament-related activities.

Working together with various role players, the Department of Transport has a responsibility to ensure that we improve the overall transportation system efficiency and safety by anticipating and meeting the transportation operational needs related to the tournament.

We have developed a 2010 Transport Master Plan and its primary focus is to:

- Reduce delays through traffic control
- Improve road conditions and promote alternative routes
- Promote and facilitate the use of public transport
- Improve safety of all commuters.

The implementation of our Blue Skyway Aviation Strategy continues to gain momentum. It is gratifying to report to this House that the first phase of the Mthatha Airport Upgrade is underway. The construction of a temporary terminal building has been completed. A new navigational equipment bid was awarded in January 2010 and delivery is expected in April 2010 from Italy.

Air travel passenger numbers were down on last year's figures due to the global economic climate (14316 in 2008 compared to 13227 in 2009). The latest developments at the airport have prompted Airlink to introduce a flight service on the route between Port Elizabeth and Mthatha on Fridays as from 26 February 2010 and I would like to call upon all hon members of this House and the people of the Eastern Cape to support this service. The service on the route between Mthatha and OR Thambo International Airport will still continue.

43 Air School continues with training at Bhisho Airport and we are now challenged to build more accommodation complexes for this airport as there is now a shortage of accommodation for trainee pilots. It can be noted that Bhisho is fast becoming the top training airport for pilots in Africa.

Rural development through transportation services:

The award-winning Kei Rail Project continues to grow from strength to strength. Due to our high safety standards, the Department has

been granted a Railway Safety Permit by the Railway Safety Regulator for three years from 2009 to 2012. The number of passengers transported in the new daily service between Mthatha and AmaBhele from 1 April 2009 to 31 January 2010 were 123 777 passengers, this is an average of more than 12 000 per month. These figures are available from the Metrorail's ticket sales department.

In the current financial year, about 370 employment opportunities have been created. This is a mix of skilled and unskilled labour. These jobs have been created on the activities of track maintenance, train operations, train traffic management and other general maintenance of coaches and station buildings.

As part of our 10 Year Rail Plan, the Department will continue with the stations development and upgrade programme. The station upgrade programme will run over the next 3 years and will see the 5 main stations (Amabhele, Komga, Butterwoth, Dutywa and Mthatha) on the Kei Rail line being upgraded to modern day stations with facilities to accommodate the disabled and the elderly as well at a cost of R2 million.

The Maritime Unit has conducted career awareness campaigns in 48 secondary schools in the Province and the target was Grade 12 learners. The next financial year will see these career awareness campaigns continuing to target grade 10, 11 & 12 from 60 Secondary Schools. Maritime Safety Awareness campaigns were held in six municipalities along the coast. This year the province will host with the leadership of our National Department of Transport the "World Maritime Day". This is an annual event, which draws national and international maritime stakeholders.

Before December 2010, the Department will develop an Integrated Provincial Maritime Plan, which is expected to guide the province in maritime activities and the integration with other modes of transport that will serve to benefit the province socially and economically.

As part of our contribution to rural development, we have continued to improve the quality of public transport services to facilitate the movement of people around the Province, especially in the rural areas.

As the hon Premier Noxolo Kiviet had pronounced in her State of the Province Address, we will expand the current number of buses in the former Transkei area, Buffalo City and the Metro. We will do this in line with our Integrated Public Transport Network programme.

In the 2009/10 financial year, the Department rolled out a further 18 buses in the Africa's Best 350 Ltd (AB350) subsidised bus passenger transport services, bringing the number of brand new buses introduced in the rural areas of Transkei to 76 buses. From 1 April

2009 until the end of January 2010, AB350 had transported 3 007 136 passengers. This translates to an average of 83.5 passengers per single bus trip and if an average of 25 operating days per month is used, this translates into an average of at least 12 028 passengers per day in the rural areas where the poorest of the poor benefit from this service. The fact that the services are operated with brand new buses makes the service extremely reliable. An amount of R51.239 million was spent on these services during the 2009/10 financial year.

In the new financial year, we are going to have an additional 24 buses which are expected to commence operations in Butterworth. We expect 15 additional buses to commence operations in Lusikisiki. An amount of R23, 675million has been allocated for AB 350 operations in the new financial year.

It should, however, be noted that for the Department of Transport to play a meaningful role in rural development, it is vital that sufficient funding be provided to enable it to cover deep rural areas where the need for transportation services is critical for our people to access government services like hospitals, clinics and pension points.

Mayibuye Transport Corporation transported 1,360,629 passengers during their operations until the end of January 2010, of which approximately 90% could be classified as rural. This is 12% lower than the corresponding period in the previous financial year, which can be ascribed to the general economic downturn. A grant-in-aid of R43million was budgeted for this Corporation for their day to day operations during the year under review with an additional R8.5million to refurbish and acquire new buses.

As a result the Corporation has been able to refurbish two buses; bought 3 new buses and 5 ancillary vehicles. The rest of the funding was used for depot upgrading. In the new financial year, R39. 209million has been allocated for Mayibuye Transport Corporation.

The Interim Contract with Algoa Bus Company, which operates in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, was converted from a ticket-based subsidy to a kilometre-based subsidy by 30 June 2009 as required by the Division of Revenue Act (DORA).

The Algoa Bus Company transported 13,572,122 passengers between 1 April 2009 and 31 January 2010. The number of passengers transported is significantly lower than last year due to the economic downturn in the metropolitan area, where a number of industries had to close while others worked fewer shifts. The DORA allocation of R126.540,000 will be fully spent by the end of March 2010. In the new financial year, R148 million has been allocated by the National Department of Transport for Algoa Bus Company.

Speeding up growth and transforming the economy to create decent work and sustainable livelihoods:

Algoa Bus Company will form part of the proposed Integrated Public Transport System (IPTS) for the Nelson Mandela Bay area. During the 2009/10 financial year, the planning for the IPTS continued and the minibus taxi industry has registered 5 Primary Co-operatives, which can be contracted for operations under the IPTS.

I must, however, indicate that the proposed Integrated Rapid Transport (IRT) System for the Nelson Mandela Bay which also seeks to ease and integrate transportation services for the 2010 FIFA World Cup Event is not without challenges. Nelson Mandela Bay Metro to engage all relevant role players in order to reach an amicable solution. At this point, we would like to thank Mr Aswell Banda for assisting the Department in these negotiations.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to warn all those, who have resorted to intimidation of government officials and other involved stakeholders in the negotiation process in the Nelson Mandela Bay to stop this behavior immediately as that will not be tolerated.

We believe that the success of our transportation plans for the World Cup cannot be realized without the involvement of the taxi industry. Public Transport operators (mini bus taxi owners in the main) like other entrepreneurs in South Africa are looking forward to explore available opportunities that might arise during this period.

The Province will no doubt witness increased volumes of people relying on public transport for their travelling needs. Opportunists masquerading as public transport operators will also try their luck. As a pre-emptive move, the Department has established a capable team to manage the issuing of special Operating Licences to deserving and qualifying operators to participate in the FIFA World Cup.

I call upon the taxi industry to apply for the necessary Special Operating Licences (permits) to ferry people to the identified venues. These special operating licences will only be valid for the duration of these games and operators who have roadworthy vehicles are encouraged to approach the Operating Licensing Board Offices located in each of our district offices for further details.

There is a sea of opportunities waiting to be exploited by small emerging black entrepreneurs who incidentally are dominating in the provisioning of service in this sector. During the past year there was a gap in the provision of leadership and guidance by the Taxi Industry in this Province and I trust that the shortcoming has been realized and acknowledged. I am therefore confident that this year the taxi

industry will rise to the occasion and unite with the purpose of engendering a feeling of maturity and professionalism.

Much as I have set aside financial assistance to the tune of R1.9million for the transformation and development of the taxi industry in this province a prerequisite for this assistance is that all the various presidents must ensure that before June 2010 there is one united and acceptable taxi governing body in the Eastern Cape that is accountable not only to the government but to all taxi groupings in this province. The Department is prepared to assist in this regard and will play a leading role particularly with regard to the utilization of this funding.

With regard to Non-Motorised Transportation, the Department procured a further 12 shipping containers that were converted into bicycle shops. This brings the total number of these shops to 18. The containers were distributed in all 6 districts to areas where most of the bicycles were distributed under the Shovakalula Bicycle Project, which include, Sterkspruit (Bensonville College of Education), Middledrift, Straundale in Port Elizabeth, Matatiele, Mount Ayliff, Mount Frere, Port St Johns, Lady Frere (Nzimankulu High School), Molteno (Joe Slovo High School), Ngcobo Municipality, Mt Fletcher, Maclear, Stutterheim, Dutywa, Joubertina, Somerset East, Viedgesville in Mthatha and Qumbu Technical High School.

Communities in close proximity to the containers were requested to identify suitable candidates to be trained as shop managers. The Department appointed a training service provider to train the identified candidates to become sustainable bicycle shop owners/managers. They have undergone 8 weeks of intensive training, which ended last week.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – R229 462 000

With only three months to the 2010 FIFA World Cup, one of the critical elements of our 2010 Transport Master Plan is traffic management.

Hon members would agree with us when we say that road signs are vital for warning and regulating traffic, as well as for assisting motorists in navigating safely to their destinations. Three road signs upgrade contracts have been completed in the current financial year on the R102, R63, R65, R67, R72 and R75 as part of our endeavour to have the major provincial routes correctly signed in preparation for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Designs for the upgrade of road signs on the following routes have been completed: R56, R58, R344, R392, R401, R393, R394 and R396. These upgrades are ready for implementation by the Department of Roads and Public Works along with the erection of

FIFA compliant temporary road signs that will be used to access the Public Viewing Areas during the 2010 FIFA World Cup. This will be supplemented by billboards with road safety and crime awareness messages sponsored by INTEGCOMM.

Further road sign designs will be carried out on the R102, R330, R331, R335, R336, R342, R344, R345, R346, R351, R352, and R400. Speed limits will also be checked on these roads as the designs proceed.

A total of 22 permanent traffic count stations were operational during the 2009/10 financial year as planned. An additional two permanent traffic count stations were constructed on the R72. Together with these, 270 short-term counts were carried out as part of our programme to know the volumes of traffic using our roads. This will be extended by a further 250 counts in the new financial year.

We have made data counted to date, easily available for the use of the public by releasing in Google Earth format and that information is available on our website: www.ectransport.gov.za.

We shall conduct road safety audits on 200 km of roads. The Department will continue to assess applications for changes in land use and evaluate traffic impact assessments that are referred to the Department through its links with local government and representation on the various township boards in the province.

As part of intensifying our plans for the soccer World Cup and beyond, 454 traffic officers have been trained on the refresher courses thus far and the remainder will be done in the new financial year. Phase two will commence in the new financial year for the same staff being more intensive and goal oriented.

We have further increased our traffic officer contingent through awarding bursaries to Eastern Cape youth to train as traffic officers, which resulted in the training of 100 young people. The last group of trainees graduated on 4 December 2009.

It is gratifying to report to this House that this week, we have finally paid out R5.5million to our traffic officers to bring them in line with the rest of traffic officers' salary levels across the country in terms of the new dispensation as determined by the Road Traffic Management Corporation Circular letter with effect from July 2009.

In the new financial year, we have allocated R16.190million for the intensification of the Arrive Alive Campaign and the 2010 FIFA World Cup law enforcement activities. Our Provincial Task Team which was established for the intensification of the Arrive Alive Campaign and 2010 FIFA World Cup law enforcement intensification is operating very well.

The objectives of this team are to maintain order on our roads and regulate traffic at stadia and public viewing areas. The team concentrates on alcohol abuse especially when road users drive and walk whilst under the influence of liquor or drugs with narcotic effect in partnership with municipal traffic authorities and the South African Police Service.

The process of establishing satellite traffic stations is still being pursued on strategic routes that are critical and notorious in terms of road accidents. There are satellite traffic stations under construction and some are nearing completion.

The existing traffic station at Ngcobo in the Chris Hani District has been upgraded and the satellite traffic station at Tarkastad is at its initial stage.

As the hon Premier had indicated in her State of the Province Address, the accident rate on the Eastern Cape roads and the number of resultant casualties are unacceptable and should not be allowed to rise. We will continue to enforce the Road Traffic Act and its Regulations in pursuance of the ideals and goals to reduce carnage and the AARTO points demerit system will contribute to safer roads.

We will further enhance the management of the National Traffic Information System (eNaTIS) which is used for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles. Unpaid registration and licence fees will be followed up and defaulters brought to book. District Helpdesks will be instituted to speed up service delivery. We already have these in Port Elizabeth and Queenstown and the remainder will be rolled out to the other four districts.

The Department intends to continue with its initiative in taking the service to the public in accordance with the Batho Pele principles. To date 101 additional outlets in various post offices has been rolled out, 31 in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality, 25 in the Buffalo City Municipality and 5 KSD. A further 40 outlets were rolled out in the midlands area of the Province.

The helpdesk function was devolved to district level as a service delivery effort to speed up applications for duplicate registration certificates (Transaction 1A6 and 14F, Personalized and Specific Registration Numbers and Revenue collection (outstanding license fees) has been implanted in three of the six districts. The other districts will be rolled out in the new financial year and more functions such as applications for special classification and exemption (transaction 121) and the registration and licensing of Government Fleet vehicles will be devolved.

Last year we made commitments to this house that the Traffic Safety unit will maximize safety programmes to focus on the youth and community based projects. In its quest to promote road safety education, the Department did record successes and milestones.

It is pleasing to report that 38 500 learners were reached through scholar projects and programmes. The school debate project reached 625 learners and 125 schools participated. Through this project, learners were exposed and trained on road safety topics, which empowered them with knowledge and skills that will make them safer road users.

The Participatory Educational Technique project was piloted last year. This project is a participatory process where learners conduct research about road safety issues / challenges in their environment. The national competition took place in KwaZulu Natal in November 2009. It is very pleasing to report that the Province was represented by learners with physical disabilities from Efata School for the Blind and Deaf in Mthatha. These learners made us proud by coming second.

On the Youth Convention project, 14 youths from municipalities across the province participated in the National Youth Convention that was held in KwaZulu Natal in June 2009. These young people were empowered through road safety knowledge and skills which they will transmit / cascade to other youth.

The Learner Driver Education project has ensured the successful acquisition of learner's licenses for 37 learners from Cacadu, Chris Hani and OR Tambo districts and also Code 10 Driver's licenses for six learners from Chris Hani District in Cala.

It is worth noting that the Department has registered resounding successes in the sphere of Driver Education and Training. In this regard, 3101 taxi operators were reached through recruitment and 71 drivers were reached through theory test, K53 and skills test in conjunction with Toyota Advance Driving. Mr. Lunga Tilolo who was a taxi driver represented our province at the national competition in Mpumalanga in November 2009. He became the overall winner and was rewarded with a Toyota Quantum powered by Ses'fikile. The project has helped him from being an ordinary taxi driver to being a taxi owner thus becoming self employed.

In its effort to curb pedestrian death and fatalities, the Department has conducted 17 trainings sessions to educate pedestrians about road safety and stray animal awareness training sessions have been conducted to reduce stray animal related accidents.

In the heavy duty category i.e. trucks and buses, the Eastern Cape participated in the National Driver of the Year Competition held in

Limpopo in October 2009. Mr. A.J. Bexter from Queenstown won the award. This was the second year running that the Eastern Cape Province has won this award. It is pleasing to report that training session for the category was intensified to 71 training sessions.

In February this year, the Traffic Safety directorate participated in the Best of the Best competition which was meant to select drivers who will represent the country in the World Championship to be held in Austria in September this year. I am pleased to report to this house that our province will be represented by two drivers Messrs J. Hanse and J. Schrieber who did well in the Best of the Best competition. This is, indeed, gratifying and shows that our driver education and training programme is bearing good fruits.

Building cohesive, caring and sustainable communities:

We have continued to build partnership with our communities in the fight against stray animals on our roads. Our Provincial Stray Animal Management Task Team which was established for the intensification of road safety education on this matter is operating very well.

The objective of the task team is to reduce road carnages and fatalities caused by animal collision on our roads. This was done through massive education on dangers caused by stray animals on our roads targeting community members, herdmen and stockowners. As such were able to reach 10 498 community members, herdmen and Stockowners along these following routes N2 from Dutywa, Mthatha, Dangwana and Mt Ayliff, R61 as from Queenstown, Mthatha, Port St Johns, R408, R345, R346, R63, R72, R396, N6 from East London to Queenstown, N9 Aberdeen Willomore, Graaff-Reinet to Aberdeen, R75 Uitenhage to Jansenville, R61 Aberdeen to Beaufort West.

About 5120 stray animals were impounded within our public roads. In preparation for 2010 Soccer World Cup with Road Safety investment of R1million, the directorate will embark upon the following measures:

- 1450 schools will be reached through road safety education;
- 507 500 children will be reached through road safety education;
- 215 crossing patrols will be provided;
- 7829 adults will be trained in road safety education.

The new financial year will see the introduction of Road Safety Councils, which is a national programme, which involves a variety of stakeholders in road safety activities. As the province, we are

expected to establish a Provincial Road Safety Council and coordinate the establishment of local Road Safety Councils.

COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION – R76 265 000

Building social and economic infrastructure:

Hon Deputy Speaker the Community Based Transportation Programme is the mainstay of the Department's job creation and poverty alleviation interventions, which enable us to respond promptly to the priority of building social and economic infrastructure. Highlights for the 2009/10 financial year were the following:

- Creation of 21, 451 work opportunities especially for the poorest of the poor in our Province. This performance hon Deputy Speaker puts the Department in the lead nationally in jobs created through EPWP in the 2009/10 financial year. The target for 2009/10 was 18, 000. In recognition of this achievement, the Department is in line to receive an amount of R17 million in terms of the EPWP Incentive Grant for exceeding performance targets in Quarter 2 and Quarter 3.
- Training of 74 Emerging Contractors (especially women and youth contractors) on Contract Management, Project Management, Business Skills and Tendering Processes. The target set for 2009/10 was 30. This means that our women and young contractors are better placed to take advantage of economic opportunities available in the transportation and civil construction sector.
- Training of 5,218 Household Contractors in Life and Technical Skills against the set target of 4,000. What this means is that our people in rural areas have been capacitated with skills that can make them employable elsewhere.
- Hon Deputy Speaker, I am delighted to announce to the House that the Community Based Transportation Programme was recognised by the national Department of Public Works by being the recipient of the Komoso Award for developing and implementing the Best Innovative Project in using labour intensive methods in the entire country.

Due to the transfer of the roads function to the Department of Roads and Public Works, this Programme has had to be reconfigured to implement EPWP programmes and projects without roads related activities. This reconfiguration has been informed by the fact that the Department of Transport must still play a role in job creation and poverty alleviation. This, therefore, means that the Department of

Transport must improve the targeting and allocation of resources to meaningfully contribute to social transformation in the Province.

Recognising that the transportation sector has an immense potential to enhance the social, economic and cultural life of the resource poor communities, the new Community Based Transportation (CBT) will in the 2010/11 financial year implement the following programmes and projects:

- Road Ranger Programme.
- Transportation Forums.
- Community Participation in non-motorised transportation (pedestrian paths).
- Maintenance of public resting places.
- Maintenance of Junior Traffic Training Centres.

As our contribution to sustainable livelihoods, job creation and poverty alleviation, this Programme will spearhead and coordinate the Department's poverty alleviation and job creation interventions. To this end, the following interventions are prioritised for 2010/11:

- 320 work opportunities will be created through the construction of pedestrian paths in Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani and Joe Gqabi Districts. The budget allocation for this intervention is R35, 399.000.00
- 210 work opportunities will be created through Road Rangers. Currently there are 240 Road Rangers. R16 million will be spent for all the 450 Road Rangers.
- 19 work opportunities will be created through the maintenance of Junior Traffic Training Centres in Amathole (4), Cacadu (4), Chris Hani (4), Alfred Nzo (4), OR Thambo (2), Joe Gqabi (1). This intervention is budgeted at R120, 000.00.
- 12 work opportunities will be created through the maintenance of public resting places with two beneficiaries per district. R80, 000.00 has been set aside for this work.

In the financial year 2010/11, this Programme will create a total of 801 work opportunities, thus making a meaningful contribution to poverty alleviation and employment creation in our Province.

Of critical importance to note is that this Programme will mainstream EPWP principles and guidelines to ensure that transportation service delivery is community-driven and maximises the creation of work opportunities for the poorest of the poor in our Province, especially for women, the youth and people living with disabilities.

In conclusion, we may be facing some challenges as the department, but we remain determined to reposition our organisation not as one of the best in the province, but “The Best”.

We are making this assertion based on the inspiration of Madiba through his inauguration speech, when he used the words of Marianne Williamson, who said:

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us. We ask ourselves: Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There is nothing enlightening about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are born to manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us – it's in everyone – and as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Hon Deputy Speaker and hon members, let me take this opportunity to present:

- The Policy Speech of the Department of Transport
- The Strategic and Annual Performance Plans of the Department
- The Strategic and Annual Performance Plans of Mayibuye Transport Corporation.

Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon MEC. Order, hon members! Order! Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who has attended this session. This is not the last session. This is the tabling. We shall have debates of the same policy speeches after two weeks, so we want to see you again.

Secondly, I would like to remind the hon members that we have received an invitation for the 28th. The family and community of Ngqushwa will be commemorating the life and times of one of our former members, Ncumisa Khondlo, at 10h00 at Ngqushwa Town Hall, but if there are further details, members may contact hon Nqata.

Lastly members, please do not forget to attend the APRM session tomorrow – that is in East London in Stirling from eight o'clock to half past three. It is very important. We have had the first one. So these are the views of the second one so that you are taken along. This is the report for the past five years, so that we know that as we

are charting the way forward, what we have been the issues in the past term.

With those few reports, that concludes the business of the day.

The House will adjourn until further notice.

The House adjourned at 18:30.