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MEC Mamabolo cracks the whip to improve financial management in Gauteng

MEC for Finance Jacob Mamabolo has vowed to strengthen internal controls in Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) in the 2023/24 financial year to ensure compliance with rules and regulations and implement consequence management to deal with those who operate with impunity.

"As per the commitment made when I presented the provincial budget in March, we are focused on implementing measures to address practices that lead to the province incurring irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure," MEC Mamabolo said.

"This will enable us to stretch the rand and ensure that the R158.9 billion budget that we are investing in the Gauteng space this financial year support our priorities in areas including social services, township economy, job creation in particular for the youth, empowerment of women and addressing the energy crisis," MEC Mamabolo explained.

As part of measures to improve compliance with rules and regulations in the province, Gauteng Provincial Treasury is working with departments to strengthen supply chain management capacity by, amongst other things:

- Upskilling supply chain management officials and ensure advocacy on procurement processes.
- Monitor supply chain management deviations to ensure that they are in line with legislated prescripts.

In addition, Gauteng Provincial Treasury will, starting from this financial year, introduce pre-compliance checks prior to creating a Purchase Order for quotations between R500 000 to R1 million. This is a proactive measure to ensure that transactions are compliant with rules and regulations before they are implemented.

"GPG will explore procurement rules which allow government and its main contractors to buy from large groups of township-based businesses, with systems linking them to supply as if they were one large firm. This will build the needed

capacity for these businesses to supply large markets and discover new suppliers," MEC Mamabolo added.

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