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Growing Gauteng Together



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SPEECH BY MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, FAITH MAZIBUKO, ON THE OCCASION OF THE BUDGET VOTE 10 FOR 2019/20 AT THE GAUTENG LEGISLATURE ON THE 30TH OF JULY 2019.

Madam Speaker

Honourable Deputy Speaker

Honourable Premier

Honourable Members of the Executive Council

Honourable Chief Whip and Leaders of Opposition Parties

Members of the Mayoral Committee responsible for Safety

Head of Department and Senior Managers

Provincial Commissioner of the South African Police Service and the Management Team

Chiefs of Metropolitan Police Departments

Chiefs of Local Traffic Police Departments

Our stakeholders from the Criminal Justice System in the Province

Ladies and Gentlemen

Comrades and Friends

Sanibonani!

Madam Speaker, on Saturday, the 27th of July 2019, I woke up to information that there were women and children from Khaya Centre Informal Settlement, in Kya Sand, who had camped overnight at the Douglasdale police station. I went to meet them and their cry was that they no longer feel safe in their homes and the Douglasdale police station is not servicing them adequately. Women were crying that they are being raped, their children are being raped and community members are being killed every day. Every day a sound of a gun can be heard and no one dares go outside to see what is happening as they fear for their lives.

The community of Khaya Centre Informal Settlement in Kya Sand is but one example of many communities in Gauteng who continue to live in fear as criminals run amok and terrorise our people. As the Gauteng government, we cannot allow for citizens to live such a painful life, especially women. We cannot co-govern with

criminals. The people of Gauteng voted for us, therefore it is our responsibility to ensure that criminals know that they don't have a place in our society.

Honourable members, I stand before you delivering this Budget Vote just a day away from the start of Women's Month, and I am pained to say that gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide are still prevalent in the province. A lot has been done in preventing and addressing the scourge of GBV, but a whole lot more still needs to be done. The Women of 1956 did not march for women and children to live in fear, they marched to ensure that they live freely, in peace and have a better life.

Mama Albertina Sisulu said "Women are the people who are going to relieve us from all this oppression and depression. The rent boycott that is happening in Soweto now [in the 1980s] is alive because of the women. It is the women who are on the street committees educating the people to stand up and protect each other." As we enter the month of August, Women's Month, we are calling on women to stand up by joining Women as Safety Promoters, CPFs and other social movements in the fight against crime and GBV.

Madam Speaker, as we begin this term of the 6th administration, we are cognisant of our people's impatience about the levels of crime in our province. Our priority remains turning around the crime situation in the 40-identified poor performing police precincts which contribute significantly to the high crime rate in Gauteng Province. It therefore cannot be business as usual when our province continues to witness some of the most horrendous incidents of femicide, sexual assault, rape and gender-based violence against women and children.

The gruesome killings of the seven members belonging to the Khoza family in Vlakfontein, south of Johannesburg in October last year bear testimony to the seriousness of crime in our province. The killing of Viwe Dalingozi after being doused with petrol and set alight by the boyfriend and the senseless killing of Muzi and Elam Ndibi in Tshepiso by their mother's ex-boyfriend reflects the horrible conditions that our communities are subjected to.

Our 100 days programme of action that we developed at the recent two-day Strategic Planning session is a demonstration of our commitment to identify quick wins and build a foundation for the rest of the term in tackling crime in our

communities. The programme of action identifies key focus areas for prioritisation as we embark on the fight against crime in the province. These include among others:

- Dealing with Poor service delivery in problematic police stations and leadership related issues
- We have started deploying Safety Kiosks in the areas of the 40 priority police stations, as another practical way of ensuring communities will be working closely with police. This will contribute to the enhancement of police visibility in prioritised precincts and contribute to localised crime intelligence gathering. Patrollers are being deployed in these kiosks.
- The deployment of green doors and Women Safety Forums in 5 wards. Green doors are aimed at ensuring that communities in rural areas that are far from police stations have access to gender-based violence services.
- Continue to support law enforcement agencies in the roll out of Operation O kae Molao and other operations targeting various crime hotspots and serious crime. This is in line with the role of the Department to monitor the conduct of police during these operations, as well as to strengthen community police relations.
- Intensify learner transport operations
- Market the complaints management system
- Intensify the rollout of the Siyabangena campaign. There will be operations in all corridors. These intensified operations will be conducted by police and a selected group of patrollers targeting specific crime hotspots
- Conduct pedestrian awareness campaigns in 5 hazardous locations that are key contributors to pedestrian fatalities.
- Roll-out the School Safety programme targeted at the top 20 problematic schools
- Relaunch the Take Charge campaign as part of mobilizing communities in the fight against crime
- Revive the Safety Ambassador campaign
- Implement the Department's new structure, with decentralized core functions, to the 5 Corridors to improve service delivery. The new structure was concurred by the Minister of Public Service and Administration in the previous financial year.

- Rollout safety programmes in schools, working with School Governing Bodies and the Gauteng Department of Education.

The Overall Budget

Madam Speaker, the Department's total budget for the 2019/20 financial year amounts to **R759 224 million**. From this amount **R1 million** is for the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) conditional grant. This represents an increase of 6% compared to the previous financial year. We are cognisant of the challenges that face us in ensuring that this allocated budget makes a difference in the lives of our people who are terrorized by criminals in their respective communities. Importantly, this budget requires our commitment to account meaningfully in drastically reducing road fatalities on our roads.

The Budget allocation for the three programmes in the department is as follows:

- **Administration: R 173 658 Million**
- **Civilian Secretariat: R 168 875 Million**
- **Traffic Management: R416 691 million**

CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT (R168 875 million)

Improve the quality of policing

The imperative of democratic policing and strong civilian oversight is an important post-apartheid gain that should be guarded at all times. We must be seized with constantly searching for innovative ways to enhance democratic policing through improved civilian oversight.

We continue to be troubled by the stubborn murder rate and the overall high volumes of crime in the province.

Sustain Community Police Relations

Madam Speaker, we remain convinced that the Community Patrollers' programme is the most practical platform, which displays community and police relations. Hence the close monitoring and support of this programme.

The Department remains committed to ensuring that CPFs in the province are able to discharge police oversight and coordinate social crime prevention at a local level. To this end, professionalizing these structures remains critical. In the short term, the Department intends to achieve this through the following interventions:

- Continuing with the assessment of CPFs and Patrol teams on quarterly basis and publicizing these reports
- Ensuring interface between the Department's Safety Promotion programme with local CPFs in order to intensify the coordination of social crime prevention. This interface will also be extended to the Directorate: Police Performance Monitoring and Evaluation. This is necessary in order to ensure collaboration between the Department and CPFs
- Deploy recruited CPF administrators in the five (5) SAPS Corridors/Regions and the Provincial Board level. This will be at cost of more than **R5 million**. This will greatly assist in ensuring that the administrative capacity of CPFs at the mentioned levels is improved
- Facilitate the alignment of CPF Boards to set standards and ensure close monitoring of the leadership of these structures at district and provincial level.

In the 6th Administration, the Department will extend support to Neighbourhood watch groups. They will however be required to work closely with the local CPF structure to qualify for the support.

Furthermore, the Department will support the implementation of precinct specific CPF Programme of Actions (POAs). In addition, the Department will, during the 2019/20 financial year, develop a uniform and standard model that CPFs will utilise when conducting their oversight. This will assist in minimising tensions and conflict at certain police stations. During the 2019/20 financial year, community

patrollers will be provided with security at a cost of **R2,7 million**. The department will also procure and distribute uniforms to community patrollers.

During the current government's term, the Department will explore setting up an entity to run the affairs of the Gauteng Community Police Provincial Board (GCPB) and district and local CPFs. It is envisaged that this model will immensely assist in improving the support for CPFs and Community Patrollers in the province.

The Department fully appreciates the challenge of unemployment in the province and recognises the need to contribute in this regard. To this end, the Department intends to establish Cooperatives made up of Volunteers, which will focus on a variety of issues linked to the work of the Department.

The implementation will in the long-term be done jointly with the Department of Economic Development. The Department will in this financial year, intensify the Safety Kiosk project in prioritised precincts. This project will benefit a total of 156 volunteers over a period of 24-months. This project will assume a critical role in decentralising policing and improving access to Department's services such as the Complaints Desk.

Intensify the oversight role

Madam Speaker, the Police Performance Monitoring and Service Delivery Complaints sub-programme appropriates **R37 million**. The Department continues to conduct announced and unannounced visits to monitor service delivery focusing on the deployment and utilization of police resources in the areas of Detective Services, Visible Policing and Client Services Centre with specific focus on customer care and exit polls.

We shall continue to hold the Gauteng Information on Police Performance System (GIPPS) sessions and Quarterly Review Sessions (QRS) to promote police accountability. The Department continues to facilitate an integrated approach amongst Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) through the GLEAF structure.

As part of the priorities for the 6th Administration, the Department is introducing innovative ways to strengthen and enhance oversight in the province. We will develop a model for the assessment of visible policing in the province. This is necessary in order to guide the assessment of the impact of visible policing as dictated by the Constitutional mandate. The model will also entail sourcing views of communities on the subject of visible policing. The model will also encompass all law enforcement agencies in the province. We further intend to also introduce Exit Polls in all 142 policing precincts. This will assist in continuously monitoring customer satisfaction levels in police stations and timeously addressing the gaps.

The fourth industrial revolution requires us to revisit the current model of policing to be able to deal effectively with crime. As a result, the piloting of E-Policing by the SAPS will take place in Alexandra.

Reviving the Social Movement Against Crime

The fight against crime requires active involvement of communities to work together with our law enforcement agencies. It is against this background that the department intends to intensifying Social Movement against crime through youth safety programme, Men as Safety Promoters (MASP) and Women as Safety Promoters (WASP) programmes. In the current financial year, we will have intervention programmes for men, women and vulnerable groups, through volunteer programmes supported by members of the community. In the State of the Province Address, the Premier of Gauteng David Makhura set us a target of more than 5 million people working hand in hand with the police to fight crime. We therefore intend to intensify the Take Charge Campaign to mobilise communities to join the social movement against crime.

School Safety

In partnership with the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) we will implement the resolutions of the School Safety Summit held in April 2019, which will include identifying and working with bullies in schools. In this financial year, the department plans to intensify programmes in the identified top 20 schools where there are problems of bullying, substance abuse and gangsterism. The South African Police Services (SAPS) and the Department of Education have a standing agreement on “Adopt-a-cop”, we will monitor the effectiveness of the MOU.

Implementing the National Plan of Action to end GBV

Madam speaker, in response to the call by President Cyril Ramaphosa:

- 1) To all South Africans to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and femicide,
- 2) For the establishment of a multi-sectoral coordinating body in order to lead and give oversight in all country interventions against gender-based violence and femicide;
- 3) For the allocation of necessary and adequate resources in order to eradicate gender-based violence and femicide, and also to resource the development and the implementation of a national strategy against gender-based violence and femicide;

The Department of Community Safety through the One Stop Centre, Ikhaya Lethemba;

- Has established another One Stop Centre in Evaton, Sedibeng. This is in response to the demand for holistic response to GBV victims
- We have employed more officials to render family justice support services to enhance the response to ring-fence case. Through ring-fencing of GBV cases, the department ensures that cases receive quality investigation, prosecution and trial phase support to ensure that victims of gender-based violence become credible witnesses. This ultimately increases the conviction rates on GBV cases and shortens the conclusion of matters.
- We will continue to audit gender-based violence dockets to improve the quality of investigations and to ensure minimal withdrawal of cases.
- We will provide support to victims of GBV by monitoring cases that are being heard in the different courts around the province, by mobilizing the community and NGOs to be friends of court.

Institutions of Higher Learning - We will make inroads in the handling of GBV matters such as rape and sexual harassment cases of students in institutions

of higher learning. We commit to support current structures that deal with GBV matters to ensure that victims have access to the holistic basket of service the department offers.

The Department has a firm foundation with SAPS through training on handling of LGBTQIA+ matters in a way that responds to the LGBTQIA+ community specific needs. We will continue to do training for Client Support Centres (frontline desks) as they are the first point of entry and should be credible enough so that they have capacity to attend to this community.

Research

Honourable Members, our space requires that we regularly do research and impact assessments of our work. In the current financial year (2019\20), the Research unit will undertake the following projects:

- **Measuring the integrity of law enforcement agencies in Gauteng province** – the second follow up study will be undertaken to determine if levels of integrity amongst all law enforcement agencies in Gauteng have improved since the baseline and first follow up study were undertaken.
- **Phase two of the Citizens Perception of Safety Survey** – will examine whether the interventions implemented in the 40 high crime areas of Gauteng since the baseline study were carried out have had the desired impact in those communities.
- **An investigation into murder and the delays in post-mortems and inquests in the province** – this study will examine the reasons for the delays in obtaining post mortem results and inquest findings. The study is niche area research and indications to date are that it is much needed.
- **An evaluation of Policing Needs and Priorities** – this study follows on from the Mid Term Review of Policing Needs and Priorities and will determine whether law enforcement agencies have made progress in realizing the objectives of policing needs and priorities outlined for 2014-2020.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (R416 691 Million)

Madam Speaker, over the past few years, the Road Safety Strategy has served as an important overarching framework for reducing critical traffic offences that contribute to increase in fatalities. The Department has used the Gauteng Law Enforcement Agency Forum(G-LEAF) to coordinate and integrate high level enforcement interventions in the province and has participated in several heightened operations throughout the Province such as “Operation O kae Molao” and many more others.

The budget for Traffic Management is allocated as follows:

- **Specialised Services – R 30 937 000**
- **Public Transport Inspection – R 45 649 000**
- **Road Safety Education – R 60 461 000**
- **Traffic Law Enforcement – R 279 644 000**

Reduction in Pedestrian Fatalities

Honourable Members, pedestrians are among the most vulnerable road users, the proportion of pedestrian fatalities in relation to other road users, is the highest in the province but also in the country. The Department will continue with Road Safety awareness and education campaigns which are critical to address this challenge.

The department will involve schools in road safety initiatives including Early Childhood Development Centres and tertiary institutions. We shall further conduct road safety awareness activations at the identified problem areas across the province. The Department plans to conduct pedestrian operations to reduce pedestrian fatalities.

We have rolled out more robust road safety education programmes and projects such as driver education, learner transport workshops, school debates, participatory educational techniques (PET) where learners are given an opportunity to map

and model safe roads to and from school, scholar patrol, school presentations as well as awareness campaigns.

Reduction in Road Fatalities

Majority of the deaths of the roads are because of non-compliance with traffic laws. Sadly, the province has recorded a 1% increase in road traffic fatalities. This is despite high level saturated measures employed to deal harshly with non-conforming behaviour of motorists which contribute to fatal crashes. The Department intends to deploy more resources and intensify its operations targeting Reckless and Negligent driving. Reckless and Negligent driving operations will be conducted in 2019/20 financial year. The Department plans to conduct speed operations to mitigate the risk of accidents caused by excessive speeding.

We are calling on all Members of Mayoral Committees (MMCs) responsible for Community Safety to ensure that their municipalities include the reduction of road fatalities as one of their performance areas.

Drinking and Driving Operations

Driving under the influence of alcohol and substance abuse remains one of the biggest risks to road safety in this province as alcohol has a profound effect on driving skills. We plan to carry out drinking and driving operations at known drinking outlets and hazardous locations.

As part of supporting efforts to intensify the fight against road fatalities due to driving under the influence of alcohol we will roll-out the use of Evidentiary Blood Alcohol Testing Machine (EBAT), which can read the amount of alcohol in a person's breath and produce a print out which can be used as evidence in court for conviction. This means that officers will no longer have to draw blood sample from offenders for prosecution as the EBAT report is now admissible in court.

Reckless and Negligent Driving Operations

Any person who drives a vehicle with disregard for the safety of other road users or property constitutes reckless and negligent driving behaviour. This type of behaviour accounts for many of the unnecessary and preventable deaths on our roads. In the 2019/20 financial year operations will be conducted throughout the province.

Driver and Vehicle Fitness Intervention Measures

Honourable members, we are already starting to see the impact of the introduction of new technology, in the form of Mobile Vehicle Testing Stations (MVTs) as this enables us to examine the undercarriage of a vehicle at the side of the road. In the current financial year, the department plans to conduct operations focusing mainly on driver and vehicle fitness. The department plans to procure hand held license disc scanners to detect cloned vehicles and fraudulently issued licence discs.

Learner Transport Law Enforcement Operations

The department has a standing agreement with the Department of Education to test all contracted learner transport buses which ferry learners from the different areas of the province. The tests are aimed at mitigating the risk of these buses getting involved in accidents because of un-roadworthiness.

Traffic Fines Management

The department has entered into a partnership with the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) to intensify the implementation of Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offence (AARTO) through deployment of the AARTO Mobile Bus across the province. This is part of bringing services to road infringers to enable them to pay for traffic penalties, enquire about their AARTO infringement status and assist the public with elective options.

The mobile bus will play a critical role in the rollout of community mobilisation and road safety public awareness campaigns.

Freight Vehicle Overloading

The heavy overloaded vehicles cause extensive damage to the road network surface and increase the risk of being involved in road crashes. The department weighs heavy motor vehicles at Donkerhoek and Heidelberg Traffic control centres. To deal decisively with operators who circumvent these centres by using escape routes, the department deploys mobile screeners at strategic points of the road network and redirected suspected overloaded freight vehicles to the legal weighbridge.

Crime Prevention Operations Supporting Other Law Enforcement Agencies

Madam Speaker, given the rate of crime in the province, we intend to intensify the involvement of Gauteng Traffic Police in crime prevention initiatives. The department, through Specialized Units, participates in several crimes combating and prevention operations throughout the province such as Cash-in-Transit Operations, Bad Building Projects, Counterfeit and second-hand goods, search and seizure operations, drugs and illegal substance operations, inner-city crime prevention foot patrols and undocumented foreign nationals.

As part of embracing the Fourth Industrial Revolution, we will roll-out the use of Body Cams and investigate the use of drones in congested areas, social crime prevention and traffic management.

ADMINISTRATION (R 173 658 Million)

Contribution to Tshepo 1 million

As part of Department's contribution to the Tshepo 1 Million, we will deploy 156 Patrollers and 400 youth desk volunteers. An estimated 3 000 patrollers will assist the police during various special projects, including the festive season.

Human Resources

The Department's vacancy rate is at 8% below the threshold of 10% as stipulated by DPSA. Importantly, the organizational structure is taking a new shape and responding to the corridor model. The department is currently in the process of implementing an integrated departmental change management strategy.

CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker, we table this budget aware of the expectations of our people in Gauteng as we continue with our journey to Grow Gauteng Together in the 6th administration of government. Our people expect nothing less than improved policing to be able to walk the streets without fear at any given time. Part of Growing Gauteng Together comes with expectations where our women and children live in a land where they are not victims of any form of abuse. However, the reality is that community involvement is also key towards attaining such a dream, as the law enforcement agencies alone will not win the fight against crime. Through this budget vote, the commitments we have made to our people are intended to improve the quality of their lives. With the team I am leading, I am confident that we will be able to properly monitor the implementation of these commitments and account to this house, as well as our people.

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