

Office of the MEC

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Dear Secretary

Response to Question 5.FN 002

Statement made by the MEC indicated that there are efforts to identify posts to be abolished and those to be filled during the 2014/15 FY. The new organizational structure, according to the 2013/14 Annual Report was only established in November 2012 and approved in June 2013. Progress made according to the report confirms that the Department did review the organizational structure and all the critical and redundant positions were identified; and critical posts are being filled and redundant positions identified are also abolished. Could the MEC please indicate:

Question 1

Why the need to re-do the whole process one year later;

Answer

During the latter part of 2014 a decision was taken by National Treasury in consultation with all the MEC's to adopt a generic structure for all provincial treasures. This necessitates the transfer of GAS/Forensic Services and Procurement to Treasury from 01 April 2015. Following this decision the Premier requested the department to focus on the implementation of the Broadband Network and digitization of government services. We have applied to the President to change the department name to the Department of E- Government.

Question 2

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What is the cost of re- doing the whole process and who will be responsible for the process;

Answer

The review process is undertaken by employees of the Department with the assistance of the internal organizational development unit and the support and guidance of the Department of Public Service Administration. Our proposal on this matter will be shared with the Portfolio Committee in the new financial year. There are additional no cost implications.

Question 3

Whether the work was outsourced, and if yes , then please indicate the costs involved and from which budget it will be funded;

Answer

There are no cost implications as the work is done by employees of the Department.

Question 4

If the organizational structure was indeed reviewed and critical and redundant positions identified why are the vacancies still a challenge to the Department;

Answer

We are still in the process of designing the structure of a proposed e-Government Department, but in the meantime we are in the process of filing posts in the following units; GAS, Corporate Services, Forensic Services and Human Resource Services.

Question 5

Please indicate reasons why vacancies remain a challenge to the Department;

Answer

Please see answer (4) above.

Question 6

Whether the Department has a Retention Management policy, and if so please provide a copy; and

Answer

Yes. Policy attached

Question 7

If no, then why not?

Answer

Please see answer (6) above.

Regards

Ms. Barbara Creecy

MEC – Gauteng Department of Finance DATE: 27. 102. 2015



Office of the MEC

Ms. LH Mekgwe
Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature
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Re: Submission of the House Resolutions

Dear Madam Speaker

Kindly find attached copy of the responses emanating from the Finance Portfolio Committee Oversight Report on the Annual Report of the Gauteng Department of Finance 2014/15.

Regards

Ms. Barbara Creecy

MEC - Gauteng Department of Finance

Date: 26 02 2015

REQUEST FOR RESPONSES ON HOUSE RESOLUTIONS EMANATING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE 2013/2014 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLUTION	BESDONEE
Track the implementation of recommendations	RESPONSE
made on the Risk Reports and submit a report on the impact thereof	The Internal Risk Management Unit is tasked to monitor implementation of action plans as per the audit recommendations.
	The GAS unit also conducts follow-up audits on the implementation of all audit recommendations to ensure that adequate and effective internal control measures are put in place.
	The impact of the tracking on the implementation of recommendations has been significant as outcome of internal audits done in 2014/15 has confirmed process improvements
Finalise the process of reviewing vacant positions	In light of the repositioning of the GDF and the migration of functions, only critical posts are filled in the following areas:
	 Gauteng Audit Services – 26 posts Forensic Services – 9 posts Corporate Management – 3 posts Office of the CFO – 1 posts Human Resource Services – 9 posts ICT – 4 posts
Enter into service Level Agreements with clients Departments with specific emphasis on conducting performance audits	The GDF service level agreements with client departments have been put in place and do incorporate the conducting of performance audits with special emphasis on expectations around performance audit requirements
Submit a portfolio of evidence of the business contracts awarded to SMMES who attended workshops and are registered on the database	As attached
Devise a plan to recover the salaries paid to wrongful employees. The plan should illustrate the action to be taken against employees who did not verify personnel status at pay points	No salaries were paid to wrongful employees. Verification was done at the correct pay points however it was done late due to weak manual payroll collection processes.
	Gauteng Treasury in partnership with Gauteng Department of Finance has come up with a project that will ensure efficiency in certifying salary pay sheets electronically.
	There were no cost implications.
Address the matters raised by the Auditor General submit a report	As attached
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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL TO THE GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION OF VOTE 12: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

NO	AG FINDING	PROGRESS TO DATE	DUE DATE						
1.	Non-compliance with Treasury Regulations for Payroll Certification and return	lations for system							
2.	Late signing of Performance Agreements	All SMS performance agreements were signed-off in time with the exception of one relating to a dispute.	31/07/2014						
3.	HR Plan Submission/Approval	HR plan has already been submitted for a period of three years (2013 – 2016)	31/03/2015						
4.	Vetting performed on new appointments done after appointment	Vetting is being performed on all new appointees and vetting reports are received. This is an ongoing process.	31/08/2014						
5.	Overstatement of leave accrual	 The Annual Financial Statements were amended accordingly prior to final sign off. Internal HR will further reconcile leave on a monthly basis 	18/07/2014						
6.	Incomplete Accruals	The Annual Financial Statements have been amended accordingly prior to final sign off	18/07/2014						

7.	Targets in the annual performance not smart	The target for ICT has been corrected to meet the SMART criteria; and the principle was applied in the revision of the annual performance plan 2014/15	2014/15
8.	Employees with interest in Suppliers doing business with the state	Letters were issued to officials named in the AG report. The respective responses from the officials confirmed that:	30/08/2014
		 The companies were either dormant or in the process of deregistration. There are no employees of state that have interest in suppliers doing business with the state. 	
9.	Incomplete confirmation with SITA on licensing contract	The Department has not procured any ICT related equipment since the time of the audit. Going forward the department understands the SITA procurement processes and the department has put in processes that will comply with the SITA regulations.	N/A
10.	Non compliance with GDF SCM Policy and Preferential Procurement regulations in the appointment of a service provider for the provision of connectivity to Gauteng e-Learning Solutions: Tender Number GT/GDF/072/2013	With regards to the tender for tablets and schools connectivity, a forensic investigation found irregular expenditure on the part of procurement officials. They were charged, found guilty and sanctioned. We are requesting condonation of the irregular expenditure from Provincial Treasury.	N/A
	G17GB1707272013	The Head of Department is currently on suspension with regards to financial misconduct and the disciplinary process is underway. We have referred a copy of the forensic investigation to the acting DG to consider further charges against the Head of Department in relation to the Tender process.	
11.	Uncompetitive bidding process	See above	N/A

12.	Non-compliance with Preferential Procurement Regulation (Request for quotations)	i. ii. iv. v.	The Request for Quotation terms and conditions has been revised accordingly The SAP team has amended the terms and conditions on the system The price quotation must be accompanied by the: Preferential Procurement claim form BBBEE level of contribution verification certificate (SBD6), Declaration of interest (SBD4), Declaration of bidder's past supply chain practices (SBD8), Certificate of independent bid determination (SBD9)	31/07/2014
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