

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Gauteng departments and entities achieve clean and unqualified audits

A total of 13 departments and entities of the Gauteng Provincial Government achieved clean audit outcomes in 2021/22 financial year, Finance and e-Government MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko said today.

"This an indication that the province continues to demonstrate a culture of transparency and public accountability by implementing credible financial controls with the ultimate goal of realising 100% clean governance," she said.

"Achieving a clean audit in the public sector is not easy; but sustaining it, is even harder. As such, I want to congratulate departments and entities who achieved this important milestone. They demonstrated discipline in the management of financial and operational matters," MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko said.

"I also commend the Department of e-Government and the Innovation Hub for improving to clean audits in the year under review," she added.

The following departments and entities achieved clean audits

- Office of the Premier
- Gauteng Provincial Treasury
- Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- e-Government

The following entities that achieved clean audits

- Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency
- Gauteng Gambling Board
- Gauteng Film Commission
- Gauteng Growth and Development Agency
- Supplier Park Development Agency
- Constitutional Hill Precinct
- Innovation Hub
- Gautrain Management Agency
- IDZ Development Company

In addition, 15 departments and entities of the provincial government achieved unqualified audit opinions.

The following departments achieved unqualified audits

- Economic Development
- Social Development
- Health
- Education
- Community Safety
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation
- Infrastructure Development

The following entities achieved unqualified audits

- Gauteng Enterprise Propeller
- Gauteng Tourism Authority
- Gauteng Liquor Board
- Cradle of Humankind World Heritage
- Dinokeng
- MEDSAS
- Gauteng Partnership Fund

The MEC said Provincial Treasury will continue to work closely with the departments that recorded qualified audits, namely, Human Settlements and Roads and Transport, and their entities to improve their audit outcomes.

"The improvement in financial management leads to better service delivery, because funds are used for what they are intended for. That is why we will continue to improve financial management by implementing action plans to address audit findings, conduct internal audits to identify weaknesses and strengthen controls, and provide training to improve financial management capacity to ensure compliance with rules and regulations," MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko said.

"Our people expect us to build an accountable and clean government that can serve them better. This is what we are focused on doing. We are a responsive peoplecentred government that is transparent and, on the ground, to improve services to the people," she explained.

Categories of audit outcomes

<u>Clean Opinion</u> – The financial statements of the auditee are free of material misstatements (financially unqualified audit opinion) and there are no material findings on the report on performance against predetermined objectives or compliance with key laws and regulations.

Unqualified Opinion - The financial statements contain no material misstatements.

<u>Qualified Opinion</u> – The financial statements contain material misstatements in specific amounts or there is insufficient evidence for the auditor to conclude that specific amounts disclosed in the financial statements are not materially misstated.

<u>Adverse Opinion</u> - The financial statements contain misstatements that are not confined to specific amounts, or the misstatements represent a substantial portion of the financial statements.

<u>Disclaimer of Audit Opinion</u> - There was insufficient appropriate evidence (documentation) on which the auditor could base an opinion concerning the items reported in the financial statements. The lack of sufficient evidence is not confined to specific amounts or represents a substantial portion of the information contained in the financial statements.

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