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TABLINGS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Chairperson of the Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee, Hon. R J Kekana, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Fourth Quarterly Performance Report of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment for the 2022/2023 financial year, as attached:

COMMITTEES QUARTER OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PERFORMANCE

**Adopted Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development
Oversight Report on the 4th Quarterly Report of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
for the 2022/2023 Financial Year**

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NOTES:

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- When expressing percentage, please use the “%” sign and round off to two (2) decimal places
- When analysing Department / Entity performance, please do NOT copy and paste the Department / Entity performance / budget tables. These need to be analyzed.
- In the Executive Summary, include just the strategic or high level “Snap-shots” of the required information. Details will be provided later in the report under “Programme Achievement”

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ABBREVIATIONS

| Abbreviation | Full Wording |
|--------------|--|
| AEL | Atmospheric Emission License |
| APP | Annual Performance Plan |
| BkB | Bontle Ke Botho |
| DALRRD | Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development |
| DBSA | Development Bank of South Africa |
| DDM | District Development Model |
| GDARD | Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| GDED | Gauteng Department of Economic Development |
| GEYODI | Gender, Youth, Persons living with Disabilities |
| GPEMF | Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework |
| GGT-2030 | Growing Gauteng Together – Our Vision 2030 |
| CoGTA | Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs |
| GPG | Gauteng Provincial Government |
| GPL | Gauteng Provincial Legislature |
| GWIS | Gauteng Waste Information System |
| IDMS | Infrastructure Delivery Management System |
| IGR | Intergovernmental Programme |
| SOM | Sector Oversight Model |
| MEC | Member of Executive Council |
| MTEF | Medium-Term Economic Framework |
| MTSF | Medium Term Strategic Framework |
| NAIES | National Atmospheric Inventory System |
| NDP | National Development Plan |

| Abbreviation | Full Wording |
|--------------|---|
| PAPA | Performing Animals Protection Act |
| PGDP | Provincial Growth and Development Plan |
| POE | Portfolios of Evidence |
| PPP | Preferential Procurement Plan |
| PPECB | Perishable Product Export Control Board |
| PRAAD | Policy Reasonable Accommodation and Assistive Devices |
| PwDs | Persons living with Disabilities |
| RISDP | Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| TER | Township Economy Revitalisation |
| TID | Technical Indicator Description |
| TMR | Transformation, Modernization and Reindustrialisation |

i. SUMMARY

ii. [Summary of the report]

[Note: Only snapshots or “One-Liners” or Bullet Points of the most important / strategic achievements. No details please]

Strategic Priorities

High level summary of Committee’s overall assessment of the Department / Entity achievement of relevant strategic priorities for the period under Review

This quarterly performance information report reflects on the performance of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (GDARDE) for the end of quarter 4 (January to March 2023) against predetermined annual and quarterly targets outlined in the 2022/23 Annual Performance Plan (APP). The section below outlines key priority programmes and projects that have been implemented through the Annual Performance Plan (APP) across all budgeted programmes and expands on key successes and achievements as well as challenges experienced in the quarter under review.

The Department planned for and reported on a total of 145 indicators at the end of the fourth quarter. Overall, the Department achieved 80% (116) of its fourth quarter targets. 20% (29) of targets were not achieved for the fourth quarter. The break-down of non-achievement consists of: Programme 1: Administration (9), Programme 2: Agriculture and Rural Development (7) and Programme 3: Environment (13).

Department / Entity APP Achievement

An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity Non-Financial Performance is sound and prudent

The Committee is concerned that the Department continues to battle with delivering on targets related to infrastructure and capital funded projects.

An analysis on whether (and if so, the extent to which) the Department / Entity Programmes / Projects are indeed achieving its Strategic Objectives / Service Delivery Outcomes for the period under review.

The **Committee notes with concern that the Department has consistently been under performing even before the Covid 19 pandemic.** The Committee continues to encourage the Department to ensure that the service delivery mandate is achieved.

Department / Entity Project Management

Overall Summary on management and delivery of Department / Entity Projects

The Committee continues to note with concern on the various capital funded projects that the Department is managing in the current financial year and over the Medium-Term Economic Framework (MTEF) period which have run for a long period without completion.

Financial Performance

An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity Financial Performance is sound and prudent

The Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment spent **R329 486 000** of the quarter appropriation (**R245 520 000**) which is the equivalent of **134,2%** of budget for the quarter. The Administration programme spent **R68 1704 000** of **R62 266 000** which is **109,5%** of quarter budget. The Agriculture and Rural Development programme spent **R156 574 000** of **R115 279 000** which is **135,8%** of quarter budget and the Environmental Affairs programme spent **R104 742 000** of **R67 975 000** equivalent to

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154,1% of quarter budget. The year-to-date effect of budget utilization means that it is only the Administration programme that has utilized their budget to levels commensurate with this stage in the budget cycle and stand at **103%** of annual budget. The year-to-date utilization of the budget by the Agriculture and Rural Development programme stands at **78%** which in monetary terms translates to funds in excess of R100 million that will be returned to treasury unutilized. The year-to-date utilization of budget by the Environmental Affairs programme just falls short of the optimum threshold and is at 96%. The overall year-to-date budget utilization for the GDARDE is **90%**. The GDARD reported attaining an **80%** level for APPs met which makes a marginal improvement from the 3rd quarter’s figures, which stood at **79%**.

Resolutions Management

An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Department / Entity Resolutions Management

N/A

Petitions Management

An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Department / Entity Petitions Management

The Department did not consider any petitions for the quarter under review.

Public Engagements

An overall Summary of the Committee’s assessment of Department / Entity Public Engagements

The Committee noted that the Department participated in the GPG Back to School Programme engaging five schools in communities in the process. The focus of engaging the school community was:

- on assessing the state of their readiness for the 2023 school programme,
- encouraging learners to prioritise their education,
- encourage them to not do drugs,
- encourage them to embark on food garden, greening and waste management projects. These projects will serve to supplement feeding schemes in schools increase food security at household.

Schools were visited and engaged as follows:

- Katleho Impumelelo Secondary School (Sebokeng Zone 14)- Emfuleni Local Municipality: 11 January 2023
- Izanokhanya Primary School (Simunye), Rand West Local Municipality: 12 January 2023
- Mahlenga Secondary School, I (Kwa-Sokhulumi), City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality: 16 January 2023:
- Baikagetse Primary School, (Daveyton), City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality: 17 January 2023
- Ithute Primary School, (Alexandra), City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality: 19 January 2020.

During the visit, vegetable food gardens were established, and trees were planted.

- The Department organised a Farmers Family Market Day on 21 January 2023 in (Sebokeng), Emfuleni Local Municipality, as part of taking services to Townships, Informal settlements, and Hostels. Farmers Market Family Day programme is a response to farmers’ challenges regarding market access. It, therefore, serves to increase market

ii. [Summary of the report]

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access opportunities for smallholder farmers. The event was well attended, and small holder farmers and local traders sold their fresh produce, processed items and food at the event.

- The Department organised a Five-Day Johannesburg Inner City clean-up campaign – 10 -14 March 2023. The Johannesburg inner city clean-up was aimed at intensifying environmental awareness for everyone to keep the city clean as well as encouraging people to initiate sustainable waste management projects that will help them to generate money while diverting waste from landfill sites.
- The Provincial Wetland Day celebration was organised in Alexandra (City of Joburg) on 10 February 2023 at East Bank Community Hall to raise awareness on the importance of Wetlands.
- The other public engagement that the Department organised was the post SOPA with the Community of Ratanda (Lesedi Local Municipality) on 22 February 2023 - (Ratanada Multipurpose Centre). The purpose was to unpack the SOPA delivered by the Premier of Gauteng on 20 February.
- Engagements with Ward Councillors from all the five regions of Gauteng on 25 February 2023 (virtual) and hostel izinduna from the 72 hostels in Gauteng on 26 February 2023 at Kwhesini Hostel (Ekurhuleni) regarding the 6000 EPWP job opportunities created by the department. The 6000 EPWP participants will assist the department to implement the food security programme focusing on the establishment of community, school, and back yard food gardens. The EPWP participants will also implement the Bontle ke Botho Campaign which focuses on clean-ups and tree planting.
- A Service Blitz Exhibition on the work of the Department was conducted at the Kwa-Thema Hostel on 24 February 2023.
- The department hosted the 15th Agriculture Research Symposium on 8 March 2023 at Indaba Hotel in Fourways to create an environment and platform where research findings, results and technology are shared and transferred to stakeholders. During the symposium, all active Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) funded research projects were presented to provide an opportunity for report back and the transfer of valuable information and technology to the Agri Food stakeholder.

The department hosted an AgriBEE Indaba on 30 March 2023 for the agriculture sector including farmers, agro-processors, cooperatives, and organised agriculture to intensify awareness on AgriBEE in the Province as the Enterprise and Supplier Development. The event also focused on deepening the understanding about the role of cooperatives in terms of legislation.

International Agreements

Overall Summary on Department / Entity implementation of relevant Internal Agreements / Treaties [Only if applicable] [Applicable only to OCPOL / OoP]

GEYODI Empowerments

Overall Summary on Department / Entity achievement on actual GEYODI empowerment in communities

The Committee noted the following achievements on actual GEYODI empowerment in communities;

GENDER - SMS -Female =24 (62%) 1631 Subsistence women producers supported. Procurement spend on businesses owned by women is currently at 37%

ii. [Summary of the report]

[Note: Only snapshots or “One-Liners” or Bullet Points of the most important / strategic achievements. No details please]

YOUTH

- Procurement spend on business owned by Youth is currently at 16%

DISABLED

- Procurement spend on businesses owned by PwDs is currently at 3%

SENIOR CITIZENS – N/A.

The Committee acknowledges that the Department has put measures in place to pursue a more targeted and deliberate approach towards businesses owned by designated groups.

Fiduciary Compliance

Overall Summary on Department / Entity Compliance with fiduciary requirements

The format of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s 4th Quarterly report of 2022/23 financial year is in compliance with standard requirements (targets per quarter, expenditure per programme, expenditure per economic classification). However, it should be noted that the new structure of the report makes no provision for revenue generated, economic classification but, makes provision for an update on the status of capital projects the Department is involved in.

Capacitated Department / Entity

An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department / Entity is adequately capacitated and resourced to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates

The Committee has always been of the view that all Departmental critical vacant positions should be filled in order to ensure that service delivery imperatives are attained.

Any other Committee Focus Area (if relevant / applicable and Requirement)

High level summary of any other area of Department / Entity performance with respect to its Quarter Report that the Committee wishes to report on, which is not already included in any of the above Focus Areas.

None reported

Summary of Committee Findings

High level summary of Committee findings. Broadly, which aspects do they relate to

The Committee continuously observes that the Department fails to spend its annual budget and never meets its planned targets. Moreover, there is ‘;

- Lack of improvement on spending the allocated budget, continuous underperforming, and not achieving planned targets.
- Failure to support the Township Economy Revitalization (TER) strategy and implementation thereof.
- Continuous failure to align its budget with its planned targets, as under expenditure is observed in Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Lack of completing infrastructure projects and spending in goods and services due to tender processes that are being implemented through the open tender system
- Failure to complete capital funded projects and keep them operational

ii. [Summary of the report]

[Note: Only snapshots or “One-Liners” or Bullet Points of the most important / strategic achievements. No details please]

- With respect to Landcare]; there' is
 - Failure to identify available land for agricultural purposes/production
 - Lack of assisting small holder farmers to gain access to land
 - Failure to identify land that needs to be rehabilitated

Summary of Committee Recommendations

High level summary of Committee Recommendations. Broadly, which aspects do they relate to

The Committee recommends that the Department provide;

- Operational plans in place to ensure that the Agricultural Sector is supported.
- Comprehensive report on the implementation of the Township Economy Revitalization to support the planned target of percent on township spending.
- Provide detailed quarterly reports on how it will align all its Departmental targets with its expenditure, and how the service delivery mandate will be achieved.
- Progress report on the implementation of capital funded projects by Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA)

ii. INTRODUCTION

The Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee exercises oversight and scrutiny over the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development herein referred to as the Department. This includes planning, budgeting, financial management and reporting by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. In line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996)/, The Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) (1999) creates the basis on which oversight by Legislatures should be exercised. It clearly outlines areas of service delivery that should be reported on, including the responsibilities of officials and the role of the Legislature in cases where reports have to be tabled.

This report primarily focuses on examining whether the budget allocated for the Department is aligned to key government strategic priorities. Furthermore, the report assesses whether the objectives of the Department correlate with the intended outputs as well as outcomes. The Portfolio Committee intends to interrogate and assess the overall departmental performance through in year monitoring and make findings on the performance of Departmental programmes during the 4th Quarter for the 2022/23 FY. The Gauteng Provincial Legislature's oversight methodology stipulates that when analysing the budget, the variables of the Sector Oversight Model (SOM) must be considered. Given that SOM variables are interrelated, priorities, inputs (capital and current), outputs and outcomes should be considered one against the other.

iii. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- The Speaker formally referred the 4th Quarterly Performance Report of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2022/23 financial year to the Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee for consideration and reporting
- At the meeting held on Thursday, 4th May 2023 the Committee Researcher tabled an analysis of the performance report of the 4th Quarter Performance Report. On Thursday, 11th May 2023, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environment presented the 4th Quarterly Performance Report for the 2022/23 financial year to the Portfolio Committee focusing on the departmental financial and non-financial performance.
- On Thursday, 1st June 2023, the Portfolio Committee deliberated and adopted the draft Committee Oversight Report on the 4th Quarter performance of the Department. The report was submitted to the Proceedings Unit for tabling and consideration by the House.

1. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review]

The committee noted and acknowledged the following entity achievements under the period under review:

Transformed agri-food value chains through increased participation of previously disadvantaged farmers in Commercial agriculture – the Department reported that;

- One Hundred and seventeen (117) smallholder producers supported, and fifty-seven (57) women producers supported.
- Forty-one (41) smallholder producers supported in Sedibeng and West Rand.
- Two thousand three hundred and sixty-two (2 362) epidemiological units visited, and sixteen thousand one hundred and seventy-two (16 172) laboratory tests performed
- Four thousand three hundred and ninety-nine (4 399) export control certificates issued

Improved environmental protection to achieve sustainable development –

- 100% of completed atmospheric emission licenses issued within legislated timeframes
- 89% of completed EIA applications were finalised within legislated timeframes
- 100% of waste licence applications were finalised within legislated timeframes.

Effective Rural Development coordination, monitoring, and evaluation to improve the social and economic livelihoods of rural communities –

- 100% queries were resolved via email on GPG Common Platform that were requesting funding, farming information, land, and municipality support complaint.

1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review]

- 33 sustainable rural enterprises were supported.
- No Stakeholders were supported with COVID 19 Awareness Training.
- Seven (9) stakeholders contributed to the implementation of Rural Development programme through quarter 4 progress reports.

Transformed agri-food value chains through increased participation of previously disadvantaged farmers in Commercial agriculture –

- One thousand six hundred and thirty-one (1 631) subsistence women producers supported. Two thousand four hundred and four (2 404) subsistence producers supported.

2 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF APP TARGETS

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

Number of APP targets relevant for this Quarter

145

Number of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter

116

Percentage of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter

80%

Percentage of APP achievement for the previous Quarter (for Comparison)

The Department achieved 79%

Main areas in the APP that have experienced non-achievement or over achievement during this Quarter

The Administration Programme had 9 unachieved targets whilst the Agriculture and Rural Development programme recorded 7 unattained targets and the Environmental Affairs Programme could not achieve 13 targets.

Main reasons provided by the Department / Entity for non-achievement or over achievement of its APP during this Quarter

The Department reported the following;

4th Quarter Target Progress:

- The Department's projected expenditure for 4th quarter was R245 million of which R329 million was spend, that equates to 134%. The 34% over expenditure recorded in the 4th Quarter can be attributed to the delivery of goods and service increased, and project finalised in the 4th quarter of the 2022-2023 FY.

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

Annual Target Progress:

The department's total allocated budget is R1,125 billion. Overall, the department has spent R1,011 million that is equivalent to 90% of its total allocated budget for 2022/23 financial year. The 10% or R114 million underspending were under programme 2 and Programme 3.

- Administration (Programme 1) has spent R290 million equivalent to 103% of its allocated budget. The 3% over expenditure relate to Property payment such as water, electricity, and security services. This will be corrected when applying for Shift and Virements to PT.
- Agriculture and Rural Development (Programme 2) has spent R388 million equivalent to 78% of its allocated budget. The 22% or R110 million under expenditure, R60,7 million Underspending for Goods and Services can be attributed to procurement process finalised, but delivery of good and services could not be finalised at financial year end. The main underspending was recorded for Conditional Grant projects under Famer Support and development relating to good and services (R56,9 million underspending) and machinery and equipment (R8 million underspending). Procurement done for Research and Technology development services were finalised, but delivery could not take place because equipment procured needed to be imported and could not be delivered at financial year end (R8,1 million). Previously reported reasons for the under expenditure also contributed to the Department ability to spend all it allocated budget for the 2022-2023 Financial year. These are the impact of the Constitutional Court judgment regarding preferential procurement regulations of 2017 on procurement. The CASP and Ilima/Letsema conditional grants first tranche payments were made on the 22 of August 2022. Land Care Grant was only approved in November 2022. The Department will apply for a Roll over request for the already committed fund.
- Environmental Affairs (Programme 3) has spent R332 million equivalent to 96% of its allocated budget. The main under expenditure was recorded under Biodiversity Management, relating building and other fix structures amounting to R5 million for infrastructure project not finalised by the Department Implementing Agent (DBSA) at financial year end

Compensation of Employees

The department has spent R562 millions of its R591 million allocated adjusted budget, which is equivalent to 95% of its allocation. The underspending can be attributed to sms notch progression not yet paid, vacancies not filled at financial year end and departmental did not filled it critical post created on the new proposed organisational structure. The Department organisation structure were reviewed before the Adjustment Budget, but the new organisational structure was not approved by the MEC to be implemented. The additional Budget allocated during the Adjustment Budget to fille these critical posts amount to R19 million could not be spend.

Measures in place (with timeframes) to correct the deviation in targets for this Quarter and to prevent recurrence of such or similar deviation

The Department reported that the following mitigating measures will be implemented to remedy the under expenditure.

- Tenders been cancelled and will be submitted for readvertising, main reasons for cancellation were due to sub-contracting, bidders did not comply with the TOR of the contract, did not provide evidence or not willing to subcontract, bidders did not meet the minimum threshold requirements of functionality etc. Each Tender will be assess to determine if it will be feasible for subcontracting.
- Late approval of Conditional Grant Business plans, business plan to be approved in the beginning of the FY.

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

- Impact of the Constitutional Court judgment regarding preferential procurement regulations, that the 2017 Regulations. New Policy issued and approved from the 16th of January 2023.
- New Organisational structures finalised awaiting final approval from MEC. Only critical vacant post will be filled with the limited CoE Budget available, no additional budget is available to fill new created post on the Organisational Structure.
- Poor implementation of Annual Procurement plan, Ineffective and inefficient implementation of SCM process which highly affects service delivery, causing underspending by cancellation of some tenders and delays in tender processes.
- The two critical posts in Finance, the CFO resigned on the 31st of August 2022, this post has been filled from the 1 February 2022 and Director SCM resigned on the 30th of September 2022, not yet filled.

A summarized analysis on the Department / Entity performance per Programme for the period under review

The Committee noted that in the budget expenditure for the quarter under review, Administration Programme was allocated R62 266 000 and the expenditure for the quarter is R68 170 000 which translates to 109,5% expenditure. The Agriculture and Rural Development Programme was allocated R115 279 000 and utilized R156 574 000 which translates to 135,8%. The Environmental Affairs Programme was allocated R67 975 000 and utilized R104 7428 000 which translates to 154,1% expenditure for the quarter. Table 2 further shows the budget use to date. The Environmental Affairs programme made a significant improvement having recorded 65% expenditure in 3rd quarter to 96% in quarter 4. The Agriculture and Rural Development on the other hand moved from a low of 46% in 3rd quarter to an unsatisfactory 78% in 4th quarter.

The Department planned for and reported on a total of 145 indicators at the end of the fourth quarter. Overall, the Department achieved 80% (116) of its fourth quarter targets. 20% (29) of targets were not achieved for the fourth quarter. The break-down of non-achievement consists of: Programme 1: Administration (9), Programme 2: Agriculture and Rural Development (7) and Programme 3: Environment (13).

Administration

The function of the financial management unit in the Department is to improve financial accountability and compliance in relation to existing prescripts and regulations. The Department during the 4th Quarter of the 2022-2023 Financial Year managed to pay 100% of Invoices within 30 working days, 98% of all invoices received were paid within the 10 days. The main reasons for exceeding the 10 and 15 Days were due to the following: One invoice was confirmed on the payment run, but Provincial Treasury only processed it after the availability of the system, and one supplier was paid in 11 days due to late confirmation of grant payment by Provincial Treasury.

The Department managed to achieve 37%, 16%, 3% and 0% on procurement that targets businesses owned by Women, Youth, Persons with Disabilities and Military Veterans; respectively. This was due to the non-responsiveness of tenders for targeted businesses owned by designated groups when requests for procurement for $\leq R 1\text{ million}$ were made. The Department will ensure that tenders are re-advertised, and quotations are sourced from the targeted designated groups.

The Department has achieved 100% on the procurement implemented through the open tender system. The Department could not reach its planned target of (40%) increased spend in township, only 31% was achieved, however, more preference will be given to township owned businesses for the next financial period.

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

The Department has achieved 100% of the Rand value of tenders above R30 million which were sub-contracted to SMMEs. Moreover, 100% of Purchase Orders were allocated to businesses Spend on B-BBEE compliant empowering suppliers. Furthermore, for the total procurement that targets on EME's, QSEs and Black owned enterprises, the Department managed to achieve 100%. The Department did not achieve the planned target for Purchase Orders allocated to Co-operative businesses for the 4th quarter. The impending factor was the commencement of the implementation of the PPR 2022 on the 16 January 2023 which paved the way for challenges relating to specific goals requirements. GDARDE has since reviewed the SCM policy and the SOP in line with the PPR 2022. The Department performed above the planned target for procurement that targets on locally manufactured goods. In relation to procurement that targets on enterprises in the institutions supplier database, enterprises that are outside the institutions database and collective ownership or group of beneficiaries or equipment that will benefit more than one beneficiary 8%, 0.4% and 8% was achieved respectively.

Under Human Resource Management, a total of 62% women were employed at SMS level within the Department, this proves substantial improvement of female representation at SMS level. The target for Females at SMS level is currently exceeded by 12% from the initially planned target of 50%. The increased performance of 12% remains the same compared to the over achievement output results attained in the previous financial year of 2022.

The Department has recorded an achievement of 3% on the employment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) against the planned target of 2%. There has been a 0.15% increase on the representation for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) as compared to the previous financial period. Although minor challenges have been prevalent with rolling out PRAAD in the previous years within the Core business, employees are continuously encouraged to disclose their non-visible disabilities. Applaudingly, the Department has managed to maintain the vacancy rate at 9%. The Department has over-achieved its planned targets on the employment of black people and black women in executive management positions, accomplishing 100% and 67% respectively. This commendable performance was facilitated by practical implementation of the Employment Equity Act and the Public Service regulations which fosters employment equity.

Extendedly, 96% black people were employed in Senior Management positions and 88% black people were employed in middle management positions. However, the Department under-achieved by 1% from the set target of 38% for the employment of black women in middle management positions. The limited number of internal female applicants at this level negatively impacted the set target, which resulted to only 37% being achieved. The Department will deliberately set preferential recruitment targeting African females. The Department has managed to meet its targets focused on employing black people and black women in junior management positions. Furthermore, the Department has focused its efforts on skills development, with the intention on improving service delivery through the compliance of government legislation. Under this devotion, the Department managed to train 3,4% of the payroll (23 million) black unemployed people from the set target of 3,5% of the payroll (23 million). The delays in procurement processes negatively affected the Department's effort in reaching its objective. Notwithstanding, a total of five bursaries were awarded to Black students, 5% interns were placed in the Department and 100 graduate interns were recruited in the vacancies under Environmental Services.

With regards to number of work opportunities created through Tshepo 1 million, a total of 1 628 work opportunities were created in quarter 4. The achievement was due to the appointment of service providers for LandCare Projects, Military Veterans and EPWP for various projects. Ntirhisano is a Community Outreach programme initiated by the Provincial Government to address service delivery issues. GDARDE continues to participate in the Ntirhisano programme and widely responds to challenges related to farmer support, grant funding, farmer training, land availability, AgriBEE Fund. and waste management. Resultantly, the Department achieved 100% against the planned target of 70%.

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

Agriculture and Rural Development

Sustainable Resource Management

The Sustainable Resource Management (SRM) is responsible to manage and coordinate the provision of sustainable resource management services. The Department did not establish any agricultural infrastructure in quarter 4. The infrastructure projects are still under construction phase, pending final completion. The Department will closely monitor the contractors to ensure completion of infrastructure projects under construction and timely payment of service providers. The LandCare programme aims to promote the sustainable use and management of natural agricultural resources by engaging in community-based initiatives that support sustainability (social, economic and environment), leading to improved productivity, food security, job creation and agro ecosystem. This includes combating land degradation and sustainable agriculture through removal of invasive Alien Plants, Supply of Nitrogen fixing crops such as legumes, minimum tillage of the soil, supply organic fertilizers and while creating EPWP temporary jobs. The programme also focused on Conservation Agriculture approach using equitable share which benefitted local farmers that were subjected to floods, drought and at risk of natural disasters. No hectares of agricultural land were rehabilitated. This was due to the delay of the approval for business plans, which overall resulted in the delays of the appointment of service providers for alien invasion species. GDARDE has requested for the funds to be rolled over for the next financial year for the completion of the projects. A total of 314 EPWP participants from local farming communities were used to re-enforce soil structures, removal of weeds and planting of cover crops. This also contributed to 152 hectares of land to be cultivated.

Land Use Management and Disaster Risk Reduction

There was 1 agro-ecosystem management plan developed by the Department. The requests from farmers and other government institutions resulted in 64 farm management plans developed in this quarter. Furthermore, 1 disaster relief scheme was managed, 1 awareness campaign on disaster risk reduction was conducted and 1 survey on early warning information with farmers was conducted in the quarter under review.

Agricultural Producer Support and Development

The Agricultural Producer Support and Development Directorate is responsible to expand access to agri-food value chain opportunities, promote agricultural development within the land and agrarian reform in the province and maximise food security, through provision of sustainable agricultural development support to subsistence, smallholder and commercial producers, provision of agricultural infrastructure support coordination rendering of extension and advisory services, training and capacity building of producers.

The Department managed to support 6 producers in the Red Meat commodity, 6 producers in the Grain commodity and 2 producers in the Citrus commodity in quarter 4. A total of 57 women producers were supported with piggery, poultry, and vegetable production inputs, and 117 smallholder producers were also supported with the same offerings. The Department managed to plant 3 348 hectares for food production, and 5 smallholder producers were commercialised in this quarter. In Sedibeng and West Rand, 41 smallholder producers were also supported with piggery, poultry, and vegetables production inputs in quarter 4.

Extension and Advisory Services

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

The Department conducted various training i.e., Project management, Advanced layer production, Rabbit farming, and Agroprocessing, which resulted in 266 participants being trained in skills development programme, 581 capacity building activities for smallholder producers and 37 capacity building activities for smallholder producers to be commercialised were conducted.

Food Security

The availability of production inputs that were procured through RFQ and the participation of the Department in the Mpumalanga tender resulted in 1 631 subsistence women producers supported and 2 404 subsistence producers supported with garden tools, seeds and seedling, fertilizers, training and extension and advisory services. Furthermore, 23 school food gardens were also supported with above offerings and 1 Horticulture production hub was established in this quarter.

Veterinary Services

The Veterinary services (VETS) are assigned with the responsibility of reducing levels of animal disease occurrence and negligible occurrence of zoonotic diseases in the province. The objective is to ensure healthy animals and safe animal products which contribute to the welfare of the people of Gauteng through the provision of required services.

The Department was able to reach the planned target for visits to Epidemiological units for Veterinary interventions this quarter. There were 2 362 visits were conducted against the planned target of 1 500. The Temba clinic has managed to attend to a total of 7 424 cases. The Themba clinic remains busy due to high public demand for Veterinary services. Samples collected for targeted animal diseases surveillance, totalled to 173 against the planned target of 125. It must be taken into consideration that the number of samples collected for targeted surveillance depends on field personnel collecting samples, disease outbreaks and the laboratory processing the samples and reporting on the results. The targeted surveillance target has been exceeded this quarter, this was largely driven by the Avian influenza surveillance. A total of 61 Smallholder producers targeted for commercialization producers receiving Veterinary were supported. Moreover, a total of 4 339 export control certificates were issued. The amounts of exports and numbers of certificates issued are depended on the prevailing zoo sanitary status and socio-economic factors within the Republic of South Africa and the recipient importing countries. 1 Export Value Reports providing Amount and Rand Value was compiled. There was R4 590 437 071 of Rand value of exports of animals/animal products/food of animal origin.

The Department has achieved 415 of its planned target of 300 for number of inspections conducted on facilities producing meat. The Department managed to achieve 96% for compliance of all operating abattoirs in the province to the meat safety legislation. A total of 16 172 laboratory tests have been conducted in this quarter against a planned target of 13 000. The number of laboratory tests performed according to prescribed standards is dependent on field personnel collecting samples, disease outbreaks and the laboratory processing the samples and reporting on the results. Brucellosis testing have been the key contributors during this period. Veterinary Public Health and Exports clients satisfied with the quality of service received from the customer satisfaction survey resulted to 97%. This clearly demonstrates that majority of customers were satisfied with the services rendered, exceeding the 75% that was targeted. Only 11 out of 321 customers were not satisfied with the service rendered. The Department further achieved 100% for poultry and piggery facilities ZA registrations compliant with VPN 39 & VPN 44 and 72 PAPA compliant licenses were issued.

Research and Technology Development Services

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

The Research and Technology Development Services (RTDS) Directorate is responsible to render expert and needs based research, development and technology transfer services impacting on development objectives.

The Department was able to implement 14 research projects to improve agricultural production in quarter 4. The 15th Annual Agricultural Research Symposium held on 6 March 2023, resulted in 35 research presentations made at peer reviewed events, and 2 research presentations made at technology transfer events. More GDARDE funded research projects were accepted which resulted in 7 scientific papers published. In addition, 2 339 hectares were worked on by GDARDE tractors. The functionality of the Department's tractors enabled the over achievement of the annual target. During the reporting period, the Department experienced delays for project implementation by DBSA, resulting into one agri-park not being established. An updated Project Initiation Report (PIR) is being prepared by Infrastructure Development Unit (IDU) for submission to Gauteng Provincial Treasury (GPT) for approval. In addition, 1 Agrotropolis initiative was supported, 1 new technology was developed for smallholder producers and, 1 research infrastructure was managed in quarter 4.

Agricultural Economic Services

The Agricultural Economics Services (AES) Directorate is responsible to provide timely and relevant agricultural economic services to ensure equitable participation in the economy.

A total of 107 clients were supported with production economic services to make informed decisions on their farms and produce in the form of Family markets days, awareness workshop of food safety, study groups and the development of business plans. The partnership with the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development resulted in 20 agri-businesses supported with marketing services. The Sebokeng Market Day enabled the Department to support 18 agribusinesses with Black Economic Empowerment advisory services. Moreover, the Department managed to support 13 agri-businesses with agro-processing initiatives through partnerships with Perishable Product Export Control Board (PPECB) in the quarter under review. The provision of agro-logistics resulted in 12 agro-processors being commercialised, 2 agri-businesses supported with agro-logistics services, and 2 Township Agroprocessing Facilities were established.

Capacity development on South African Good Agricultural Practices (SAGAP) and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) enabled 35 agropreneurs taken through capacity development initiatives in this quarter. The Department managed to develop 1 Gauteng Cannabis Industrialisation Masterplan, and 688,5tons of agricultural produce aggregated through agro-logistics for agri-parks. The Directorate Agricultural Economic Services has ensured that Thirty-Four (34) agro-preneurs are capacitated on the following: SA GAP to equip them with food safety compliance and marketing skills for their produce. Furthermore, the Department created a platform for agro-preneurs to exhibit and sell their produce during the following events: launch of mobile abattoirs and family market day.

The information days and advisory services enabled 100 agricultural economic information responses to be provided to farmers and, 2 economic reports compiled i.e. Fresh Produce Market in Gauteng and the Impact of loadshedding in Agriculture in quarter 4.

Rural Development

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

Gauteng Provincial Government departments continue to report their provision of services in the rural areas of the province. GDARDE continues with the coordination of Rural Development Programme in line with the proposed Minister's performance agreement. This will be done according to the District Development Model which is led by Gauteng Provincial Treasury and Gauteng Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs departments. On average, nine stakeholders (provincial departments, municipalities, national departments, and government entities) contribute to Rural Development. For the quarter under review, a total of Nine (9) stakeholders have submitted quarter 4 progress reports (GDARDE, DALRRD, Cogta, GDE, GDSACR, Midvaal, Tshwane, SAPS, GDSD). There are nine (9) transformation agreements facilitated in the five agriculture/agro-processing priority sectors. Additionally, there were 9 stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Rural Development Program during this quarter. Four (4) skills opportunities were provided which are Peer Educator Workshop, Women Transformation our Food System Workshop, Early Development Childhood training and How to Tender training. A total of 33 beneficiaries on sustainable rural enterprises (Rural SMMEs) were supported with catering equipments and tender training. The Department also managed to support a total of thirteen (13) rural infrastructure to agricultural projects. Forty-nine (49) agricultural production initiatives in communal areas and rural nodes were implemented with support of garden tools, seedlings, and seeds in communal areas and rural nodes supported. No achievement was made in terms of hectares of agricultural land released for food production purposes, agricultural land allocated to youth farmers for agricultural production and agricultural land allocated to women farmers for agricultural production. The Department also managed to profile a total of 1 008 home-based enterprises through GDARDE and other provincial workshops.

Environment

The purpose of Intergovernmental Coordination, Spatial and Development Planning is to facilitate environmental cooperative and corporate governance and promote implementation of intergovernmental sector programmes. The Department managed to implement 3 inter-governmental sector programmes as per planned quarterly target.

Legislative Development

The objective of this unit is to facilitate environmental cooperative and corporate governance and promote implementation of intergovernmental sector programmes. Only 1 legislative tool was developed, and 1 environmental research project was completed. A total of 3 functional environmental information management systems were maintained, 1 climate change response intervention was implemented, 1 Gauteng City Region Over-Arching Climate Change Response Strategy Implementation Plan was finalised. Furthermore, 1 Gauteng Industrial Symbiosis Programme (GIS) was implemented, and 1 Gauteng Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory was developed.

Compliance and Enforcement

The objective of this unit is to manage the development, and implementation of environmental compliance monitoring systems, enforcement of legislation and environmental authorisations.

The Department exceeded the target for administrative enforcement notices issued for non-compliance with environmental management legislation as it achieved 28 against the target of 26, more non-compliances were found than anticipated. Only 13% administrative enforcement notices were complied with, this was due to the time frames stipulated on the enforcement actions issued not yet lapsed or the remediation measures to be implemented which were not yet concluded. EMIs will continue to follow up on these to ensure full compliance with the instructions in the administrative notices.

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The Department handed over 8 criminal investigations against a target of 6, and 99 compliance inspections were conducted. The Department under-performed by 53% on the compliance to legislative obligations in respect of licensed facilities inspected. A total of 4 Section 24G applications were finalized within 60 days of payment of administrative fine against the planned target of 5. No payment has been received for some applications while some others are still being paid in instalments. The finalisation of a S24G application is dependent on the full payment of the section 24G administrative fine. The Department will expedite the finalization of applications as soon as the administrative fines are paid in full. A total of 2 designated Environmental Management Inspectors (EMI) in provincial departments and local government were trained. This indicator is demand-driven and dependent upon the appointment of new officials within the Inspectorate (Provincial and Municipalities) that require the EMI Basic training to perform their Environmental Management Inspectorate tasks.

In relation to complete EIA applications finalised within legislated timeframes, only 89% was achieved. During the period of reporting, the provincial network was not accessible for processing the applications, as a result a total of 13 applications were processed out of the time frames. A committee has been established to investigate all the applications that might affect the performance of 2023/24 financial year. This will ensure that any application that might be delayed is prioritized and processed within the legislated time frame.

Air Quality Management

The Department achieved 100% for complete Atmospheric Emission Licenses issued within legislated timeframe and facilities with Atmospheric Emission licences reporting to the National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory System (NAEIS). The response required that the concept be changed from the Feasibility Study to a Pre-Feasibility Study. A Service Provider was appointed in February 2023 to undertake the Pre-Feasibility Study.

Pollution and Waste Management

In relation to complete waste license applications finalised within legislated timeframes, 100% was achieved. Waste Certificates issued totalled to 216 and Health Care Waste Approvals issued amounted to 12. No Feasibility Study for the Regional Integrated waste facility was conducted. There were delays experienced in finalizing funding negotiations with the Climate Fund that is co-financing the study due to GPT requirements. The response required that the concept be changed from the feasibility study to a pre-feasibility study. A service provider was appointed in February 2023 to undertake the pre-feasibility study. The Department managed to upscale 10 buy-back centres to commercial level. Recycling facilities and buyback centres supported with recycling equipment were 104, 47 waste recycling cooperatives were trained and only 5 waste recycling cooperatives were formalised this quarter. There was lack of response from the other targeted buy-back centres and cooperatives invited for training, as a result, only 47 out of 50 attended the training as was scheduled by the Department. The Department will consider accessing potential trainees through other means such as the Waste Pickers Associations, Tshepo 1million etc. Nothing was achieved in terms of Gauteng Waste Minimisation Regulation promulgated. The ToRs required Probity Auditor approval and the Department is awaiting Minister's concurrence. Notwithstanding, the probity Auditor commented on the ToRs and the amendments have already been affected in line with Probity Auditor's comments and a meeting was held with DFFE official to pursue the Minister to sign the concurrence letter. The Waste Information System could not be updated with correct data due to the delay in appointing a service provider. Processes of appointing a service provider are underway. The Standardised cost reflective tariff model was not developed as planned as there was a delay from the SCM side on appointing a service provider. Processes of appointing a service provider are underway.

2 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]

Biodiversity Management

The purpose of this unit is to promote equitable and sustainable use of ecosystem goods and services to contribute to economic development. A grand total of 87 430 hectares are under the conservation estate. The Department experienced lengthy processes that preceded publication of the declaration notices and could not be achieved within the anticipated timeframes, due to various dependencies, including delayed responses from various stakeholders. The Department will continuously address challenges experienced, due to external dependencies delaying the declaration process. A total of 2 705,13 of hectares of land under rehabilitation/restoration were completed. This was due to budget availability, favourable weather conditions and experienced human resources. There was also 1 urban Park considered for a new PAA status under biodiversity and protected area planning.

Conservation agencies

1 Biodiversity economy initiative was implemented. There were no new Stewardship sites assisted to increase land under Conservation through the Biodiversity Stewardship Program. The Department experienced lengthy processes that preceded publication of the declaration notices and could not be achieved within the anticipated timeframes, due to various dependencies, including delayed responses from various stakeholders. The Department to continuously addresses challenges experienced, due to external dependencies delaying the declaration process. An over-achievement of 90% against the planned 85% was achieved for complete biodiversity management permits issued within legislated timeframes and 100% was achieved for area of state managed protected areas assessed with a METT score above 67%. With regards to Commercialisation of the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve, the progress has been made towards the commercialization, the first stage of the project (feasibility report) has been concluded. The draft Biodiversity Economy Analysis Report and draft Biodiversity Economy strategy were implemented. Consultants were appointed only towards end of financial year and the Strategy has not finalized. Relating to the reserves integrated management plans reviewed within legislated timeframe, the target of 1 has been met.

Environmental Empowerment Services

The purpose of this unit is to empower communities to manage natural resources through job creation, skills development, and awareness opportunities.

Environmental Capacity Development and Support

Work opportunities created through environmental public employment programmes were 4 262 for the quarter under review. Target achieved and exceeded due to budget reprioritisation and more projects reporting on EPWP Reporting System. Moreover, 5 environmental capacity building activities were conducted and 480 EPWP FTE jobs were created.

Environmental Communication and Awareness

The Department conducted sixty-eight (68) environmental awareness activities from the planned target of forty (40). The rollout of the TISH programme contributed to the increase in the number of awareness activities as well as additional clean-ups campaigns that were conducted. Only 2 quality environmental education resources materials were developed. Lastly, a total of 97 831 trees were planted during the quarter under review. TISH programme contributed in the demand for trees to mitigate the impact of climate change and to green the township and hostel in the province.

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Summarized information on any unplanned / emerging priorities reported on by the Department / Entity during the period under review

The department did not have emerging priorities for the quarter under review

Summarized information on how the Department / Entity maintains portfolios of evidence to verify its reported performance information

The verification process is intended to ensure that the reports, listings and Portfolios of Evidence (POEs) submitted by the branches are accurate. This is done by cross checking the reports against the supporting listings and POEs. The focus areas that the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (M&E) validates during verification include the following:

- POE against TID (as it appears in an approved APP): This verifies whether the submitted POE is the one stipulated in the TID or not.
- Listing against POE: This verifies whether all the POEs are reflected in the listing.
- Dates: This verifies whether the dates contained in the POE fall within the quarter under review.
- Signatures: This verifies whether all the required signatures in the documents are appended or not.
- ID copies: This is to verify the ID numbers of beneficiaries and to support the signature appended on the delivery notes.

In the end, evidence and listings provided must reflect and correspond with the reported figures. If the numbers do not correspond, this is communicated to the branches for correction, resubmission or confirmation the figures as recounted by M&E. When all of this has been completed, the validated report, listings and POEs get stored on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation's electronic shared folder which is located on the Department's internal drive. The internal shared drive which is only accessible to M&E and IT officials who have been granted access.

3 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

3 THE DETAILS ON [DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT]

The Committee has continuously observed the lack of project management from the Department in the previous years. The Department has lacked in completing infrastructure/capital funded projects and spending in goods and services due to tender processes that are being implemented through the open tender system. The Committee conducted oversight on some of the outstanding projects and will continue to monitor as some of them date back to the previous Political Term. (The same reporting last time).

2. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY INFRASTRUCTURE / CAPITAL PROJECTS

| Name of Project | Brief description of project | Start Date | End Date | Current Status | Challenges | Requests for Intervention |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Vereeniging Fresh Produce market – Upgrading of the | Vereeniging Fresh Produce market – | 28-Nov-2017 | 10-Jun-2023 | Development Specifications | of None | None |

| 2. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY INFRASTRUCTURE / CAPITAL PROJECTS | | | | | | |
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| Name of Project | Brief description of project | Start Date | End Date | Current Status | Challenges | Requests for Intervention |
| Fresh Produce Market. | Upgrading of the Fresh Produce Market. | | | | | |
| Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve- Upgrade of Southern Water line | Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve-Upgrade of Southern Water line | 17-Jun-2015 | 31-Mar-2026 | DBSA in the process of appointing a PSPS | Project is on hold | A request for funding was done and submitted to GPT. Awaiting GPT response. |
| Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve- Upgrade of Northern Water line | Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve-Upgrade of Northern Water line | 01-Jul-05 | 31-Mar-2026 | DBSA in the process of appointing a PSPS | Project is on hold | A request for funding was done and submitted to GPT. Awaiting GPT response. |
| Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve- Upgrading of Bulk Infrastructure | Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve-Upgrading of Bulk Infrastructure | 23-Nov-17 | 30-May-23 | DBSA in the process of appointing a PSPS | None | None |
| Abe Bailey Nature Reserve- Construction of Fence | Abe Bailey Nature Reserve-Construction of Fence | 05-Feb-18 | 30-Jun-23 | Works completion achieved Holding retention | None | None |
| Roodeplaat Nature Reserve - Maintenance and repairs of existing facilities | Roodeplaat Nature Reserve - Maintenance and repairs of existing facilities | 26-Jan-18 | 10-Dec-22 | Development Specifications of | None | Might require Extension of Time, because PSPs was appointed in April. Appointment of contractors will follow after completion of Designs & Specs |
| Marievale Nature Reserve - Maintenance at Marievale Bird Sanctuary Provincial Reserve | Marievale Nature Reserve - Maintenance at Marievale Bird Sanctuary Provincial Reserve | 26-Jan-18 | 10-Jun-23 | Development Specifications of | None | Might require Extension of Time, because PSPs was appointed in April. Appointment of contractors will follow after completion of Designs & Specs |
| Upgrading of Tarlton Agripark | Upgrading of Tarlton Agripark | 10-Apr-18 | 10-Jun-23 | Development Specifications of | None | Might require Extension of Time, because PSPs was appointed in April. Appointment of contractors will follow after completion of Designs & Specs |

| 2. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY INFRASTRUCTURE / CAPITAL PROJECTS | | | | | | |
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| Name of Project | Brief description of project | Start Date | End Date | Current Status | Challenges | Requests for Intervention |
| Obed Mthombeni Nkosi Township Mega Agripark Planning and designing of the Mega Agripark. | Obed Mthombeni Nkosi Township Mega Agripark- Planning and designing of the Mega Agripark. | 01-Apr-19 | 30-May-23 | DBSA to appoint PSPs to work on Phase 1 of the project. | None | Treasury to approve Phase 2 of the PIR |
| Roodeplaat Nature Reserve - Construction of new staff housing, Upgrading of Zeekoeigat hall and sleeping quarters | Roodeplaat Nature Reserve -Construction of new staff housing, Upgrading of Zeekoeigat hall and sleeping quarters | 01-Apr-19 | 10-Jun-23 | Development Specifications of | None | Might require Extension of Time, because PSPs was appointed in April. Appointment of contractors will follow after completion of Designs & Specs |
| Rand West Agripark- Upgrading of the Agripark | Rand West Agripark- Upgrading of the Agripark | 01-Apr-19 | 10-Dec-22 | Development Specifications of | None | Might require Extension of Time, because PSPs was appointed in April. Appointment of contractors will follow after completion of Designs & Specs |
| Various Farms – Construction of 8 Piggery structures. | Construction of 8 Piggery structures | 07-Nov-17 | 30-Jun-23 | Development of Specification (Kick-off Meeting scheduled 13 July 2022) | None | Budget Confirmation is required |
| Procurement and Installation of shade nets on 24 locations | Procurement and Installation of shade nets x24 locations | 16-May-18 | 30-Nov-22 | Construction in progress | None | None |
| Repairs of hydroponic tunnels | Repairs of hydroponic tunnels | 16-May-18 | 10-Jun-23 | Development of Specification (Kick-off Meeting scheduled 13 July 2022) | None | Budget Confirmation is required |
| Construction and commissioning of the 24-broiler house (2500 broilers each) and 6 Layer house (5000 layers each) | Construction and commissioning of the 24 broiler houses (2500 broilers each) and 6 Layer houses (5000 layers each) on 14 sites | 13-Mar-17 | 10-Jun-23 | Not in the IPIP | None | Budget Confirmation is required |
| Oyster Mushroom - Upgrading of Oyster Mushroom | Oyster Mushroom - Upgrading of Oyster Mushroom | 01-Apr-19 | 10-Feb-23 | Development of Specification (Kick-off Meeting scheduled 14 July 2022). | None | Budget Confirmation is required |

| 2. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY INFRASTRUCTURE / CAPITAL PROJECTS | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------|-----------|---|------------|---------------------------------|
| Name of Project | Brief description of project | Start Date | End Date | Current Status | Challenges | Requests for Intervention |
| Construction of new poultry structure (5 000 capacity) | Construction of new 5 000 capacity poultry structures | 19-Jul-19 | 10-Jun-23 | Development of Specification (Kick-off Meeting scheduled 14 July 2022). One x 5000 head Layers Two x 5000 head Broilers | None | Budget Confirmation is required |
| Construction of new poultry structure (40 000 capacity) | Construction of new poultry structure (40 000 capacity) | 08-Jul-19 | 10-Jun-23 | Not in the IPIP | None | Budget Confirmation is required |

4 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| 4 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE |
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| Actual amount (in Rands) allocated to the Department / Entity as budget for this entire Financial Year |
| R 1,125,506. 00 |
| Actual amount projected by the Department / Entity to be spent only during the Q under review |
| R245,519 |
| Actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department / Entity only during the Q under review |
| R329,486 |
| Total actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department / Entity (Year to Date), i.e. from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review |
| R1,011,003 |
| Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure for this Q under Review only |
| 134% |
| Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure (Year to Date), i.e. from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review |
| 90% |
| An analysis of how the % budget expenditure compares with the % APP achievement |
| Budget expenditure is at 90% and APP achievement is at 80% |

4 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

If there was over / under spending of greater than 3% of projection, what were the main challenges that led to the over / under spending

The Department has spent 134% of its projected budget for the 4th quarter that is R329 million of the projected R245 million. The 34% over expenditure can be attributed to the delivery of goods and service increased and project finalised in the 4th quarter of the 2022-2023 FY.

Mitigating measures by the Department / Entity to remedy over / under expenditure

The Department implemented the following mitigating measures to remedy the under expenditure; and the identifiable causes of the under spending are the following:

- Tenders been cancelled and will be submitted for readvertising, main reasons for cancellation were due to sub-contracting, bidders did not comply with the TOR of the contract, did not provide evidence or not willing to subcontract, bidders did not meet the minimum threshold requirements of functionality etc. Each Tender will be assess to determine if it will be feasible for subcontracting.
- Late approval of Conditional Grant Business plans, business plan to be approved in the beginning of the FY.
- Impact of the Constitutional Court judgment regarding preferential procurement regulations, that the 2017 Regulations. New Policy issued and approved from the 16th of January 2023.
- New Organisational structures finalised awaiting final approval from MEC. Only critical vacant post will be filled with the limited CoE Budget available, no additional budge is available to fill new created post on the Organisational Structure.
- Poor implementation of Annual Procurement plan, Ineffective and inefficient implementation of SCM process which highly affects service delivery, causing underspending by cancellation of some tenders and delays in tender processes.
- The two critical posts in Finance, the CFO resigned on the 31st of August 2022, this post has been filled from the 1 February 2022 and Director SCM resigned on the 30th of September 2022, not yet filled.

The Department / Entity's achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review

The Department for the 4th quarter of the 2022/23 managed to achieve its procurement target for HDI. The Department did not achieve its targets for women, youth, PwD and Township based suppliers. Although the Department targeted business owned by designated groups when request for procurement for \leq R1000 000 are made, the department did not achieve the target that was set. The department 's tenders planned for the financial year were not advertised during the 1st quarter due to the Constitutional Court Judgment regarding the PPR 2017. The Department through inclusion of PPR 2017, regulation 4 and 9, prequalification criteria and mandatory subcontracting as a condition in tender request to subcontract 30% of the tender to designated groups will assist the department to meet the set targets and advance the designated groups. However, most of these tenders advertised were cancelled due to the Non responsiveness of Tender.

The major challenge was because of Subcontracting, BAC agreed that each tender will be evaluated to see if subcontract will be feasible or not.

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| Department | Financial Year | HDI Spend R'000 | % HDI | Female Spend R'000 | % Female | Youth Spend R'000 | % Youth Spend | PWD Spend R'000 | % PWD |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|-------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
| GDARDE | 2022/23 Q1 | 28,058 | 62% | 18,607 | 41% | 6,912 | 15% | 748 | 2% |
| GDARDE | 2022/23 Q2 | 33,633 | 53% | 18,720 | 30% | 6,890 | 11% | 263 | 0,4% |
| GDARDE | 2022/23 Q3 | 50,397 | 83% | 25,643 | 42% | 13,955 | 23% | 943 | 1,6% |
| GDARDE | 2022/23 Q4 (Jan and February Information) | 70,812 | 80% | 32,716 | 37% | 13,570 | 16% | 2,361 | 3% |
| GDARDE | Annual Target | 182,901 | 71% | 95,687 | 37% | 41,328 | 16% | 4,316 | 2% |
| BEE Target for 2022/2023 | | DHI = 80% | | Female = 40% | | Youth = 30% | | PWD = 7% | |

The Department / Entity's achievement with respect to township economy / SMME / local procurement for the period under review

The Department for the 4th Quarter of the 2022-2023 Financial year did not manage to achieve its procurement target for Township spend, 31% achieved of a target of 40%.

- The same challenges as raised above for not achieving this target.

| TER Spend Report for Agriculture and Rural Development (Summary) Financial Year 2022-2023 | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Department | Financial Year | Total Spend | % Spend |
| GDARD | 2022/2023 | | |
| Q1 - Township Spend Target for 2022/2023 - Target 40% | | 1 080 877,32 | 12% |
| Q2 - Township Spend Target for 2022/2023 - Target 40% | | 1 987 478,83 | 15,54% |
| Q3 - Township Spend Target for 2022/2023 - Target 40% | | 12 470 295.26 | 21% |
| Q4 - Township Spend Target for 2022/2023 - Target 40% | | 27,809,000.00 | 31% |
| | | | |

A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful and irregular expenditure

4 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

1. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

The Department did not identify Fruitless and wasteful expenditure during the 4th Quarter of the 2022/2023 financial year. The Department did identify Fruitless and wasteful expenditure during the 3rd Quarter of the 2022/2023 financial year. Department lost the court case in relation to breach of contract for R3 547 822.60, the court ordered the Department to pay R3 547 822.60 with 10.25% interest calculated from 6 June 2015 amounting to R 5 528 479.62. This must still be investigated.

The Department do have fruitless and wasteful expenditure amount to R 20,5 million relating to Previous FY which need to be finalised.

- EnviroMobi (pty) Ltd - R6 499 712,64
- Sheriff Johannes Central - R54 509,77
- Department Of Infrastructure – SBR Norther waterline– R14 041 220,64

2. Irregular expenditure

The Department did not identify/ incurred irregular expenditure in the 4th Quarter of the 2022-2023 FY. The Department identify/ incurred irregular expenditure for the is 2nd and 3rd Quarter of the 2022-2023 FY. A total of 28 Agriculture Graduate were irregular appointed and Paid R426,300.00 thousand for the Months of September and October 2022. The Department however do have Irregular expenditure amounting to R86.1 million relating to the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Financial year, most of these cases were investigated and the Department is in a process for implementing these findings and recommendations as indicated in the Investigation Report. The Department finalised the submission for Condonement and is awaiting PT for it to be presented. The rest of these cases must still be considered of consequent management.

A summary for the period under review with respect to efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes

None reported

A summary for the period under review with respect to reduction of fraud and corruption in all SCM / procurement processes

None reported

A summary for the period under review with respect to ongoing clean audits

None for the quarter under review

A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants (where applicable)

- The department has spent R84 millions of its R166 million allocated budget, which is equivalent to 51% of its conditional grant allocation.
- Illima/Letsema and EPWP incentive grant has spent 100% of its budget allocation for the F/Y. Procurement and Project could not be finalised at F/Y end. The Committed Conditional Grant Budget will form part of GDARDE request for Roll over.
- CASP has spent R44,5 million of its R121 million allocated budget, which is equivalent to 37%.
- Land care has no expenditure to date, due to business plan only approved in November 2022. Project could not be finalised at F/Y end.

4 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- The Committed Conditional Grant Budget will form part of GDARDE Roll over request.

Program / Sub Programme level financial performance

3.1 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY BUDGET EXPENDITURE FIGURES

| Programme | Final Appropriation | Projected Budgeted for the Quarter under review | Actual Expenditure for the Q Under review | Percentage Expenditure for the Q Under review | Actual Expenditure (Year to Date) | Percentage Expenditure (Year to Date) |
|--|---------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Programme 1: Administration | 280,945 | 62,266 | 68,170 | 109% | 290,570 | 103% |
| Programme 2: Agriculture and Rural development | 498,930 | 115,279 | 156,574 | 136% | 388,644 | 78% |
| Programme 3: Environmental Affairs | 345,631 | 67,975 | 104,742 | 154% | 331,789 | 96% |
| Totals | 1,125,506 | 245,519 | 329,486 | 134% | 1,011,003 | 90% |

5 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

5.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT

How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review

With respect to any and all Resolutions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Resolutions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity

0

0

What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to Committee Resolutions

Acceptable – The Department is encouraged to continue improving on unachieved plans

With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Quarter under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]

None

5.2 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review

0

With respect to any and all Petitions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity

0

What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to referred Petitions

N/A

With respect to the Petitions / Action due during the Quarter under review but not yet responded to by the Department / Entity, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]

N/A

6 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

6. THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

The steps / measures the Department / Entity has taken to meaningfully involve the public / stakeholders in the course of its work / service delivery, during the period under review

The Department participated in the GPG Back to School Programme engaging five schools in communities in the process. The focus of engaging the school community was:

- on assessing the state of their readiness for the 2023 school programme,
- encouraging learners to prioritise their education,
- encourage them to not do drugs,
- encourage them to embark on food garden, greening and waste management projects. These projects will serve to supplement feeding schemes in schools

increase food security at household.

Schools were visited and engaged as follows:

- o Katleho Impumelelo Secondary School (Sebokeng Zone 14)- Emfuleni Local Municipality: 11 January 2023
- o Izanokhanya Primary School (Simunye), Rand West Local Municipality: 12 January 2023
- o Mahlenga Secondary School, I (Kwa-Sokhulumu), City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality: 16 January 2023:
- o Baikagetse Primary School, (Daveyton), City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality: 17 January 2023
- o Ithute Primary School, (Alexandra), City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality: 19 January 2020.

During the visit, vegetable food gardens were established, and trees were planted.

The Department organised a Farmers Family Market Day on 21 January 2023 in (Sebokeng), Emfuleni Local Municipality, as part of taking services to Townships, Informal settlements, and Hostels. Farmers Market Family Day programme is a response to farmers' challenges regarding market access. It, therefore, serves to increase market access opportunities for smallholder farmers. The event was well attended, and small holder farmers and local traders sold their fresh produce, processed items and food at the event.

The Department organised a Five-Day Johannesburg Inner City clean-up campaign – 10 -14 March 2023. The Johannesburg inner city clean-up was aimed at intensifying environmental awareness for everyone to keep the city clean as well as encouraging people to initiate sustainable waste management projects that will help them to generate money while diverting waste from landfill sites.

The Provincial Wetland Day celebration was organised in Alexandra (City of Joburg) on 10 February 2023 at East Bank Community Hall to raise awareness on the importance of Wetlands.

The other public engagement that the Department organised was the post SOPA with the Community of Ratanda (Lesedi Local Municipality) on 22 February 2023 - (Ratanada Multipurpose Centre). The purpose was to unpack the SOPA delivered by the Premier of Gauteng on 20 February.

Engagements with Ward Councillors from all the five regions of Gauteng on 25 February 2023 (virtual) and hostel izinduna from the 72 hostels in Gauteng on 26 February 2023 at Kwhesini Hostel (Ekurhuleni) regarding the 6000 EPWP job opportunities created by the department. The 6000 EPWP participants will assist the department to implement the food security programme focusing on the establishment of community, school, and back yard food gardens. The EPWP participants will also implement the Bontle ke Botho Campaign which focuses on clean-ups and tree planting.

A Service Blitz Exhibition on the work of the Department was conducted at the Kwa-Thema Hostel on 24 February 2023.

The department hosted the 15th Agriculture Research Symposium on 8 March 2023 at Indaba Hotel in Fourways to create an environment and platform where research findings, results and technology are shared and transferred to stakeholders. During the symposium, all active Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

(GDARD) funded research projects were presented to provide an opportunity for report back and the transfer of valuable information and technology to the Agri Food stakeholder.

The department hosted an AgriBEE Indaba on 30 March 2023 for the agriculture sector including farmers, agro-processors, cooperatives, and organised agriculture to intensify awareness on AgriBEE in the Province as the Enterprise and Supplier Development. The event also focused on deepening the understanding about the role of cooperatives in terms of legislation.

Summary of Public Education programmes of the Department / Entity during the period under review

Through Public Education Programmes, GDARDE coordinated the following education programmes:-

- Environmental awareness through the BkB programme during the clean-ups and through mainstream and digital media.
- Food safety workshop for farmers and local traders was held by the at Motsu Park in Tembisa 17 February 2023.
- Public education for food security was also done through digital media.

Feedback sessions conducted by the Department / Entity during the period under review

No feedback sessions were conducted during the period under review as questions were responded to during the events.

7 OVERSIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL TREATISE / AGREEMENTS

7. DETAILS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES [Applicable only to OCPOL / OoP]

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8 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

8. DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

| GENDER | YOUTH | DISABED | SENIOR CITIZENS – N/A |
|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| SMS -Female =24 (62%) 1631 Subsistence women producers supported. Procurement spend on businesses owned by women is currently at 37% | Procurement spend on business owned by Youth is currently at 16% | Procurement spend on businesses owned by PwDs is currently at 3% | |

9 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS**9. [DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS]**

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| GPL | The 4 th Quarterly Report for Vote 11 was submitted to the GPL for further processing |
| Auditor General (AGSA) | None for the quarter under review |
| Public Service Commission (PSC) | None for the quarter under review |
| Compliance with relevant fiduciary Legislation [e.g., PFMA] | Compliant |

10 OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE**10. THE DETAILS ON A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT / ENTITY**

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|---|
| Detailed information on the current vacancies (at all staff levels) |
| 1 059 |
| Current vacancy rate |
| 103 |
| Current acting positions (at all Staff levels) |
| 3 |
| Terminations during the period under review |
| 10 |
| New appointments during the period under review |
| 25 |
| Detailed information on the GEYODI / HDI empowerment for the period under review |
| Total Females in the Department = 502 (53%) SMS Females = 23 (62%) PwD = 28 (2,90%) |
| Detailed information on any suspensions for the period under review |
| 0 |

11 OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA

11. THE DETAILS ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA [Only if relevant and applicable]

Any other area of Department / Entity performance with respect to its Quarter Report that the Committee wishes to report on, which is not already included in any of the above Focus Areas.

N/A

12 COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS

12. DETAILED COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS (on each specific Focus Area analysed above)

12.1 The lack of improvement on spending the allocated budget, continuously underperforming, and not achieving planned targets.

12.2 The lack of spending the Conditional Grants on the agricultural industry

12.3 Failure to produce long term solutions to address the issue of sustainable food security in the Province.

12.4 The Continuous failure to identify available land for rehabilitation and agricultural production and the implementation thereof; and Lack of assisting small holder farmers to gain access to land for agriculture and agro-processing purpose.

12.5 Continuous challenges of non-responsiveness to tenders which affects service delivery

12.6 Failure to implement projects that will create green job opportunities around renewable energy sources as an alternative energy in the Province, particularly on solar panels.

12.7 The Committee is concerned that Department continues to underachieve its target to for businesses owned by Youth and People with Disabilities (PWDs)

13 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

13 [DETAILED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS]

Based on the information set out herein-above as well as the Committee Concerns, the Committee therefore recommends as follows:

| Ref Number | Recommendation | Type of response expected | Due Date |
|--------------------|--|---|------------|
| EDEARD/ Q4PR / 001 | The Department should provide monitoring and evaluation quarterly reports on the progress of how planned targets are achieved and the budget is spent on planned projects. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 20/09/2023 |

13 [DETAILED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS]

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| EDEARD/ Q4PR / 002 | Provide the Committee with a detailed report on how the allocated funds on the Conditional Grants will be utilised to support the agricultural sector. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 20/09/2023 |
| EDEARD/ Q4PR / 003 | Provide a comprehensive report/plan in place to address food security issues in the Province. Also including measures in place to assist Community food gardens to be maintainable. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 20/09/2023 |
| EDEARD /Q4PR / 004 | Provide the Committee with a comprehensive report that includes a list of identified Land for agricultural production, land to be rehabilitated, criteria to be used to assist small holder farmers to gain access to Land. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 20/09/2023 |
| EDEARD /Q4PR / 005 | Provide the Committee with a comprehensive report on mediums utilized to advertise tenders and measures undertaken to attract bidders. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 20/09/2023 |
| EDEARD /Q2PR / 006 | Provide plans in place to create green job opportunities on the renewable energy sources as an alternative energy source in the Province. The plans should also include ways on how the Department will ensure that there is a reduction on the over-reliance on coal which is a finite and environmentally unfriendly resource. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 20/09/2023 |
| EDEARD /Q4PR / 007 | Department to provide a turnaround strategy on how procurement targets for Women, Youth and People with Disabilities will be achieved in the next quarters. | Written Response should be forwarded to the GPL on the resolution as adopted by the House | 20/09/2023 |

Explanatory note on the reference numbers for Recommendations (ultimately Resolutions)

- Reference number is in the format : [A] / [B] / [C]
- [A] = The 3 letter Committee identifier. E.g., COGTA/HS can be “CHS”, SRAC can be “SRA”
- [B] = The 4-digit identifier for the SOM Imperative [e.g., Q1PR or Q2PR or FIS1 or APR, or BV. In this case, since this is a Q-Report template, it will either be Q1PR or Q2PR or Q3PR or Q4PR]
- [C] = The 3-digit number of the recommendation in this report [001,002,003 ..., 00n]

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15 ADOPTION

In terms of Rule 117 (2)(c) read together with 164, the Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee presents the Oversight Report on the 4th Quarterly Performance Report of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the 2022/23 financial year and recommends its adoption.