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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### TABLINGS

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Chairperson of the Oversight Committee on the Office of the Premier and the Legislature (OCPOL), Hon. B W Dhlamini, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Fourth Quarterly Performance Report of the Office of the Premier (OoP) for the 2022/2023 financial year, as attached:

# COMMITTEES QUARTER OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE

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**i. ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Full Wording</b>
AGSA	Auditor-General South Africa
APP	Annual Performance Plan
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CDW	Community Development Workers
COGTA	Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
COVAC	Committees Oversight and Accountability
CRM	Citizen Relationship Management/ Customer Relations Management
DED	Department of Economic Development
DMV	Department of Military Veterans
DPISA	Department of Public Service Administration
EHWP	Employee Health and Wellness Programme
EPWP	Expanded Public Works Programme
EXCO	Executive Council
FFC	Financial Fiscal Commission
FIS	Focus Intervention Study
FY	Financial Year
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GCR	Gauteng City Region
GCRA	Gauteng City Region Academy
GCRO	Gauteng City Region Observatory

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Full Wording</b>
GDE	Gauteng Department of Education
GGDA	Gauteng Growth Development Agency
GGT-2030	Growing Gauteng Together
GP	Gauteng Province
GPG	Gauteng Provincial Government
GPL	Gauteng Provincial Legislature
GEYODI	Gender, Youth, Persons living with Disabilities
GYIDS	Gauteng Youth Integrated Development Strategy
HDI	Historically Disadvantaged individuals
HoD	Head of Department
HRD	Human Resource Development
ICT	Information Communication Technology
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
MEC	Member of the Executive Council
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MERMS	Monitoring & Evaluation Reporting Made Simple
MV	Military Veterans
MVO	Military Veterans & Older Persons
NACH	National Anti-Corruption Hotline
NDP	National Development Plan
OCPOL	Oversight Committee on the Premier's Office and the Legislature
OoP	Office of the Premier

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Full Wording</b>
PPSA	Public Protector South Africa
PSC	Public Service Commission
PwDs	People with Disabilities
SCM	Supply Chain Management
SAHRC	South African Human Rights Commission
SHERQ	Safety, Health, Environment, Risk and Quality
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic & Timebound
SMME	Small Medium Micro Enterprise
SMS	Senior Management Services
SOM	Sector Oversight Model
SONA	State of the Nation Address
SSA	State Security Agency
TID	Technical Indicator Descriptor
TISH	Townships, Informal Settlements & Hostels
T1M	Tshepo 1Million
USA	United States of America
WAN	Wide Area Network

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### i. [Executive Summary]

#### Summary of Departmental Achievements for the period under review

The assessment of the OoP's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report for 2022/23 FY, provides the Committee with a picture on whether the execution of the delivery programmes in line with the allocated budget has fulfilled commitments and plans set in the APPs to ensure services delivery to the citizens of Gauteng. Therefore, this report serves as a key verification mechanism for the Committee in relation to sound planning of the Department.

The Committee notes that the OoP achieved 79% APP targets planned for the quarter under review with a budget expenditure of 89%. Programme 1: Administration recorded 80% (8 of 10) of its planned targets; Programme 2 achieved 82% (14 of 17), and Programme 3 achieved 75% (21 of 28). The Committee is of the view that the Office has made considerable progress in terms of achievement of its targets as planned in the APP.

The disaggregated programme financial performance reflected that Programme 1: Administration spent R56 million against the projected budget of R74 million reflecting 76% expenditure. The contributing factors for this variance was in relation to underspending on Goods and Services to finalize the Life Esidimeni advertisement to share information with stakeholders and Gauteng communities. Underspending on transfers also contributed to this variance due to delays in the finalization of court processes on the pending Life Esidimeni claims as well as claimants' delays in the submission of key documents requested by OoP to assess and process payments.

Programme 2: Institutional Development spent R75. 4 million out of the projected budget of R99. 7 million which is 76% of the quarterly budget. The underspending was due to the postponement of projects including, Gauteng Men's Symposium, delays in the payment of bursaries, as well as procurement of tools of trade which the Office anticipate processing all these indicators in the new financial year. The OoP explained that the impact of not conducting the annual perception survey in the quarter under review and postponement to the 2023/2024 financial year was due to limited access to latest research on Gauteng residents' perception about the services from government. The Office further explained that this has been mitigated by using media monitoring to gauge residents' perception of government. The Committee is of the view that utilization of media monitoring to gauge residents' perception of government is not enough as it is not inclusive of all Gauteng citizens. The Committee is concerned about postponement to the 2023/2024 financial year as its impact will not be aligned to the intended purpose as per the APP.



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Programme 3: Policy and Governance spent R103.2 million as opposed to the projected budget of R90.5 million, reflecting 114% quarterly expenditure. The overspending was due to the processing of transfer payments to GCRO and Tshepo 1Million that were postponed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to the quarter under review. The Committee is of the view that lack of proper planning led to this overspending due to multiple transfers processed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and this challenge should be addressed going forward to avoid the assumption of fiscal dumping.

It is noted that the OoP did not produce the targeted 1 quarterly report on the implementation of the Tshepo 1Million Programme in the quarter under review. The Office reported that deviation from this target was due to evidence failure to meet consistency test in terms of the reported figures. This was due to discrepancy on the misalignment with the set targets in the MoU signed between OoP and Harambee which resulted in the non-acceptance of the evidence provided. The Office reported that in mitigating this variance, the partnership with Harambee was amicably terminated with effect from 31 March 2023 and a transition plan to wind down T1M is underway. A total of R766.6 million transfers to Harambee were made until 31 March 2023. The OoP highlighted that payments to Harambee were activated based on performance reports submitted as evidence. The Committee is of the view that the Tshepo 1Million project's key metric was in relation to real jobs created, not placing youth in existing jobs which was the main weakness of Harambee.

The OoP further explained that the new political leadership of the Gauteng Province has implemented a new strategic direction in addressing youth unemployment, which is aligned with Harambee. The programme has been remodelled with the development of a new Gauteng Youth Integrated Strategy (GYIDS) and will be housed in the Gauteng Department of Education going forward. The OoP should explain the reasons for developing a new Gauteng Youth Integrated Strategy (GYIDS) instead of amending the existing one since public funds were utilised in its compilation.

It is noted that GPG is keen to accelerate skills-based and skills development programmes to invest in school development to move with the new era that requires critical skills that have the potential to create jobs. The OoP explained that existing the Tshepo 1Million beneficiaries will continue with the programme through SAYouth.Mobi platform housed in the Presidency. Clear understanding is crucial that solving youth unemployment will not only be through government interventions, but a social compact and labour must as well be involved. The Committee is interested to know the role of Gauteng Youth Panel in the skills-based approach that GPG is pursuing, and what are the plans in

### **i. [Executive Summary]**

place on information/ data collected during the public awareness campaigns on Gauteng Youth Integrated Strategy (GYIDS) that the panel conducted across the 5 regions of Gauteng as it was reported during the Committee Feedback Session on 19 January 2023.

It is noted that Office managed to pay 99.5% (371 out of 373) valid invoices within 15 days and 100% within 30 days from the date of receipt. In terms of Preferential Procurement Spending, the Committee notes the commendable achievement on Women, Black People, Youth, and Township Spend, in the quarter under review. Improvement on the achievement of Preferential Procurement spending of 6% against the targeted 7% on PwDs, as compared to the previous quarter achievement of 4% is noted and welcomed. However, the GPG departments' Preferential Procurement spending of 1.34% on PwDs is concerning as this is the last the quarter of the 2022/2023FY. The Committee will track and monitor this performance to ensure that the OoP 's commitment of improving this target in the next few months comes to fruition as per the report given that efforts were made to identify institutions and role players in the market to increase the KPI of this designated group.

In terms of the under-achievement on Outcome 4: Spatial Transformation and Integrated Planning, which has reported non-achievement since the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, the OoP explained that the review and updating of the Spatial Plan is done every 5 years and is currently under review. It is noted that public participation and engagements with GPG departments has been concluded and the formulation of the implementation plan is in progress. Once the plan is finalized by September 2023 as anticipated, additional engagement with the GPG departments will be conducted, and the Revised Provincial Spatial Plan will be submitted to the Executive Council (EXCO) for approval. To comply with the regulated legislation, the OoP will amongst others, ensure that GPG departments 'plans are interrogated to ensure alignment to the Province's Spatial Plan.

The economic slump in the province is noted with concern and this challenge is getting worse, country wide. This is an indication that the province is not moving forward in terms of economic growth and job creation and there is a need to look deeper on the reasons why the economy is not growing. Serious attention should be on a turnaround strategy to avoid stumbling blocks and huge problems that may arise with regards to the economic advantage of the province.

**Summary of strategic challenges experienced by the Department during the period under review – and measures in place to address them**

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The strategic challenges experienced in the quarter under review included Preferential Procurement spend on PwDs which highlighted 6% achievement against the target of 7%; The OoP recorded 99.5% (371 out of 373) payment of valid invoices within 15 days from date of receipt; however, 100% target was achieved within 30 days from date of receipt.

**Summary of the main strategic risks forecast by the Department during the period under review – and measures in place to manage them**

Programme 1: Administration: The Office has failed to achieve the one target on Tshepo 1Million Programme and has since terminated the contract with Harambee (the implementing agent) sighting “discrepancy on the misalignment with the targets set in the MoU signed between OoP and Harambee”. The Committee highlighted the need to conclude the Life Esidimeni project so that it does not affect the budget allocation for Programme 1: Administration going forward. It is understood that advertisement for the conclusion of the Life Esidimeni is underway to close this project.

*Programme 2: Institutional Development:* The target to compile 1 report on culture change interventions for implementation in the GPG departments was not achieved because the report submitted did not meet the minimum requirements on the Technical Indicator Descriptor (TID). The Office reported that the indicator and target will be reviewed in the APP for 2023/24 during the adjustment period to ensure alignment with the TID.

*Programme 2: Institutional Development:* The implementation of the departmental HRD plans was also not achieved. The Office reported that “according to DPSA Human Resource Development Framework, submission of HRD plans is annually due on 31 May 2023 and the OoP is in the process of consolidation and compilation of the HRD Plans. This reflects lack of planning. The OoP should be cautious of stipulated timelines in the existing frameworks during the strategic planning process to avoid irregularities on the set targets in the APP.

Programme 3: Policy and Governance: The OoP recorded 0% instead of the targeted 85% registered COGTA CDWs using the CRM system in the quarter under review. The Office attributed this deviation to the failure of the evidence to meet the consistency test and was therefore not accepted. The sub-programme: Research, Policy, and Advisory under Programme 3, did not achieve all 4 targets planned for the quarter under review and has reported that the targets will be implemented in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023/2024 FY. The Committee is concerned that the reason for this deviation was not provided but the OoP only reported on its intentions to mitigate this challenge.

**Summary of the requests for intervention by the Department for the period under review - and what the Committee is doing / has done to address this**

During the deliberations of the OoP's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report, the Committee requested the OoP to provide the consolidated report on the elevated priorities for oversight purposes to ensure tracking of progress made against the planned targets.

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It is noted that the OoP's delivery programme addresses quarterly planned targets to ensure service delivery impact while GCR-wide CRM System deals with the resolution of individual, household and community needs which are interrogated by the Committee on quarterly basis. Through the Service Delivery Interventions unit, the OoP facilitated the implementation of interventions on rapid response cases. A total of 25 Interventions were implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31 March 2023. Out of the 25 cases, the City of Ekurhuleni accounts for most with 16, followed by the City of Johannesburg with 7 cases and Westrand with 2 cases. Furthermore, the OoP facilitated the interventions to prevent service delivery protests. A total of 5 interventions were implemented from 01 January to 31 March 2023. Out of the 5 cases, the City of Johannesburg accounted for most with 3, followed by the City of Ekurhuleni with 2 cases. There were no interventions received from West Rand, Tshwane, and Sedibeng. Furthermore, the Service Delivery Interventions Sub-Programme, produced reports detailing the implementation of interventions to prevent potential protests directed to the Office of the Premier.

### **Summary of the undertakings / Commitments by MEC / Department to address oversight findings of the Committee requiring attention**

The OoP provided detailed responses to questions that emanated from the assessment of the Committee research analysis to clarify concerns identified during the deliberations of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly performance reports. Furthermore, the Office responds to Committee recommendations/ House resolutions within the stipulated timeframes, which are then analysed, and pending issues are tracked and monitored on quarterly basis. This process is also undertaken during the consideration of Focus Intervention Study (FIS) reports and any other oversight function that the Committee undertakes.

### **ii. INTRODUCTION**

The Committee oversight Report on the OoP's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2022/2023 FY provides the overall evaluation of whether targets planned in the APP in line with the allocated budget set are making any impact in the lives of Gauteng citizens. The consideration of the OoP's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2022/2023 FY was compiled in line with the Sector Oversight Model (SOM) and in accordance with the Committee's Oversight and Accountability Framework (COVAC).

### **iii. PROCESS FOLLOWED**

1. On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the GPL Speaker, Hon. LH Mekgwe referred the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report of the Office of the Premier for 2022/23 FY to the Committee for consideration and reporting.
2. On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Senior Committee Researcher, Ms. N Dlamini presented the analysis of the Office of the Premier's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2022/23 FY to the Committee. The Committee stakeholders were also invited to make submissions on the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report of the Office of the Premier for 2022/23 FY.

3. On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Office of the Premier presented to the Committee, its 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2022/23 FY and responded to questions that emanated from the research analysis.
4. On Thursday, 08<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Committee deliberated and subsequently adopted the Oversight Report on the Office of the Premier's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2022/23 FY.

## 1. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### 1. DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC NATIONAL / GLOBAL PRIORITIES

<b>1.1 [Dept achievement on relevant National / Global Priorities for the Q under review]</b>
<i>Committee's overall assessment of Departmental achievement of Dept achievement on relevant National / Global Priorities for the Q under review for the Q under Review</i>
The Office of the Premier did not provide the achievements made in relation to national/global priorities.
<p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>The Committee is encouraged to assess the Departmental achievement of Strategic Priorities in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SDGs</li> <li>• Africa Agenda 2063</li> <li>• SADC MasterPlan</li> <li>• The NDP</li> <li>• MTSF 2019-2024</li> <li>• MTSF (2019-2024) "Provincial Contributions expected from Gauteng"</li> </ul>

### 1.2 DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES

<b>1.2 [Dept achievement on relevant Provincial Priorities for the Q under review]</b>
<i>Committee's overall assessment of Departmental achievement of specific and relevant Provincial Priorities for the Q under Review</i>

**[a) Provincial Priorities**

The performance of OoP in the quarter under review was centred on 5 of the 7 priorities, as follows:

**Outcome 1: A skilled, capable, ethical, and developmental state:** The Office of the Premier paid 99.5% (371 out of 373) valid invoices within 15 days and 100% from date of receipt. As part of its commitment to drive and promote ethical behaviour within the GPG departments, the OoP facilitated the compilation of an annual report of GPG Compliance Risk Assessment on Ethics and Anti-Corruption legislation and policy prescripts, the implementation of the lifestyle audits for the DGs, HoDs, and CEOs of GPG agencies. The Office also finalised the Secondment Agreement with SIU to assist with the audits.

The Office reported backlog of 40 National Anti-Corruption Hotline (NACH) cases that are still outstanding from 2014/2015 to 2021/2022 financial years. Out of the backlog of 40 cases, 26 cases were referred to the Accounting Officers of the GPG departments to address the allegations, and 14 are being dealt with by the Provincial Forensic Audits. Furthermore, out of the 752 SMS filled posts, a total of 227 were vetted and 468 are awaiting feedback. However, 57 SMS officials within GPG have not yet applied for a security clearance. The OoP accounts for a total of 72 SMS filled posts and all the SMS members have applied for vetting. A total of 13 SMS members have been vetted, and 59 SMS members awaiting feedback. There are 35 SCM filled posts in the OoP and all have applied for vetting. A total of 21 SCM officials have been vetted, while 14 are awaiting feedback.

**Outcome 2: A growing and including economy, jobs, and infrastructure:** GPG wide procurement spend on targeted groups in the quarter under review, reflected spending on Women at 10.5% against the targeted 40%; spending on Youth at 7.81% against set target of 15%; and spending on PwDs at 1.34% against the targeted 7%. The OoP's Preferential Procurement target achievements reflected spending on Black People at 83% as opposed to the targeted 80%; Women at 41% instead of the set target of 30%; Youth at 20% against the targeted 15%; PwDs at 6% against 7%; and spending on Township was at 32% against 30%.

**Outcome 3-Inclusive quality education and health care and growing the skills needed for the economy:** Since the lapse of a contract with an Employee Health and Wellness Programme (EHWP) on 1 August 2021, GPG departments were encouraged to mobilize internal professional resources and is currently piloting an in-house model.

**Outcome 4: Spatial transformation and integrated planning:** This Key Performance Indicator did not record any achievement in the quarter under review. This was also the case in both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. Public participation and departments engagements have been concluded and formulation of implementation plan is in progress. On

## 1.2 [Dept achievement on relevant Provincial Priorities for the Q under review]

conclusion of the plan, GPG departments will be engaged further, and the revised Provincial Spatial Plan will be submitted to the Executive Council (EXCO) for approval. This will be concluded by September 2023.

**Outcome 5-Responsive engagement between government and the citizenry and deepened social cohesion:** The Gauteng Multiple Interactive Channels within the Ntirhisano programme allows the residents of Gauteng (i.e., individual, household and community level) to engage the government in their preferred mode of engagement to access information, raise their service delivery needs and register service delivery failures (complaints). The Gauteng Office of the Premier monitored the implementation of the Gender Based Violence (GBV) Action Plan in the quarter under review. It is further noted that the Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) Bursary Support Programme has received a verified list from the Department of Military Veterans (DMV) to be coordinated by the OoP for the 2023 academic year. A total of 11 applicants are being processed/assessed by the GCRA for final approval.

**Outcome 6-Collaborative relations between subnational governments enhanced:** The Gauteng Office of the Premier facilitated 3 programmes to market the Gauteng City Region, including Meeting Africa, Welcome to GP and Love GP. The OoP further conducted benchmarking research on best practices on other countries/city regions emanating in several recommendations. Additionally, the Office reported a USA courtesy call from Mr Vincent Spera to the Premier and the Provincial Executive Council on 14 February 2023, to take stock of existing bilateral co-operation and to explore new paths towards enhancing and expanding bilateral co-operation between the two territories. Furthermore, the Department of Economic Development, represented by MEC Motara, requested the OoP on 21 February 2023 to provide an international context on how the DED could position its international APP alignment with the work the DED is doing in Tourism, Trade, and Investment and to contribute towards the province's economic development programme, underpinned by the TISH strategy. The meeting also discussed ways to work very closely with the International Relations team in the OoP to better coordinate communication for better outcomes, especially when it came to submissions for approvals of international travel by the Premier.

**Outcome 7: GCR energy sector reform:** While this Outcome has seen non-achievement in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022/23 FY, it displayed progress in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter where the Office reported processing several MOUs and SLAs to support economic recovery and acceleration, as well as commitments to green energy including embedded generation and micro-grids (100-Megawatt production from alternative/renewable energy sources in Gauteng). In the quarter under review, the Office reported that the appointment of a service provider on a 1-month contract is to assist with critical skills in the selection of a prospective candidate/s out of 16 shortlisted projects/proposals for partnership to collectively develop energy projects for the province to fulfil its mandate of unblocking regulatory barriers (to fast-tracking regulatory compliance. It is noted that the Premier

### 1.2 [Dept achievement on relevant Provincial Priorities for the Q under review]

will be holding meeting/s with local government and high on the agenda is the energy response as a province-wide approach, including local authorities, the private sector, as well as independent power producers. This is a work in progress, and not only 1(one) department will be responsible, but GPG will take a bigger and broader approach to bring everyone who can provide the necessary assistance or support.

**Note:** The Committee is encouraged to assess the Departmental achievement of Strategic Priorities in terms of:

- GGT-2030
- GGT-2030 M&E and Implementation Plan (with Dept specific targets on achieving GGT-2030)

## 2. OVERSIGHT ON DEPT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### 2. [Departmental Financial Performance for the period under review]

#### Overall Summary on Departmental Financial Performance

*An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Departmental Financial Performance is sound and prudent*

The Committee notes that out of the OoP's total annual budget of R 803.9 million, the total of R747.7million expenditure was incurred to date, reflecting 93% annual spending at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. It is noted that the OoP registered 89% quarterly budget spending in the implementation of the delivery programmes with the cost implication of R234.6 million out of the projected budget of R263.8million.

**Programme 1: Administration** spent R56 million against the projected budget of R74 million reflecting 76% expenditure in the quarter under review. The underspending on Goods and Services was due to delays in finalising the advertisement for Life Esidimeni, aimed at sharing information with stakeholders in the Gauteng community. Further underspending on Transfers was due to delays on court processes to finalize pending Life Esidimeni claims as well as claimants' delays in submitting key documents to the OoP for verification to ensure the processing of payment.



## 2. [Departmental Financial Performance for the period under review]

**Programme 2: Institutional Development** spent R75.4 million out of the projected budget of R99.7 million which is 76% quarterly spending. The underspending was due to the postponement of projects including Gauteng Men's Symposium, as well as delays in the payment of bursaries, procurement of tools of trade and has been reported that processing of these KPIs will take place in the new financial year. The OoP explained that the impact of not conducting the annual perception survey in the quarter under review and postponement to 2023/2024 financial year was due to limited access to latest research on Gauteng residents' perception about the services from government. However, this has been mitigated by using media monitoring to gauge residents' perception of government. The Committee is of the view that the utilization of media monitoring to gauge residents' perception of government is not enough as it is not inclusive of all Gauteng citizens.

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### THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### Actual amount (in Rands) allocated to the Department as budget for this entire Financial Year

[The Office of the Premier (OoP)'s total appropriation for 2022/23 FY amounted to R722.9 million and was adjusted to R803.9 million during the adjustment period]

#### Actual amount projected by the Department to be spent only during the Q under review

[The Office allocated a total budget of R263.8 million for the implementation of the set targets in the quarter under review.]

#### Actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department only during the Q under review

[A total amount of R234.6million was spent in the quarter under review.]

#### Total actual amount (in Rands) spent by the Department (Year to Date), i.e. from the beginning of this FY to the end of this Q under review

[The actual spending to date amounted R747.7 million from the beginning of this FY.]

#### Percentage (% of total budget allocation) of budget expenditure for this Q under Review only

[89%]

#### 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

[93%]

<b>2. [Departmental Financial Performance for the period under review]</b>
<b>An analysis of how the % budget expenditure compares with the % APP achievement</b>
[89% expenditure against 79% achievement of targets planned for the quarter under review.]
<b>If there was over / under-spending of greater than 3% of projection, what were the main challenges that led to the over / under spending</b>
[Programme 1: Administration and Programme 2: Institutional Development underspent by 24%. The under-spending for Programme 1: Administration was due to delays in finalising the advertisement for Life Esidimeni, aimed at sharing information with stakeholders and Gauteng citizens; underspending on Transfers due to delays in court processes in finalising the pending Life Esidimeni claims as well as claimants' delays in submitting key documents to the OoP for verification to ensure the processing of payments. Programme 2: Institutional Development underspending was due to postponed of projects including Gauteng Men's Symposium, as well as delays in the payment of bursaries and purchasing of tools of trade.  Programme 3: Policy and Governance overspent by 14% due postponement of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter target to the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter on the processing of transfer payments to GCRO and Tshepo 1Million.]
<b>Mitigating measures by the Department to remedy over / under expenditure</b>
[Programme 1: Administration spent R56 million against the projected budget of R74 million reflecting 76% expenditure. Underspending was in relation Life Esidimeni claims. The closure of this project is underway. Programme 2: Institutional Development spent R75. 4 million out of the projected budget of R99. 7 million which is 76% of the quarterly budget. The underspending was due to the postponement of projects and payment of bursaries. The Office aims to implement these indicators in the new financial year.  Programme 3: Policy and Governance spent R103.2 million as opposed to the projected budget of R90.5 million which reflected 114% of quarterly expenditure. The processing of transfer payments to GCRO and Tshepo 1Million that were postponed from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the quarter under review contributed to this overspending. Proper planning is required to avoid overspending.]
<b>The Department's achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review</b>
<b>The Department's achievement with respect to Township Economy / SMME / local procurement for the period under review</b>
32% spending on Township Enterprises was recorded in the quarter under review.]
<b>A summary for the period under review with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days</b>
[It is noted that 99.5% (371 out of 373) valid invoices were paid within 15 days.]

<b>2. [Departmental Financial Performance for the period under review]</b>
<b>A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful, and irregular expenditure</b>
[Wasteful and irregular expenditure was not reported in the quarter under review.]
<b>A summary for the period under review with respect to efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes (Indicate status)</b>
<b>A summary for the period under review with respect to reduction of fraud and corruption in all SCM / procurement processes</b>
There was no fraud and corruption cases reported in the quarter under review.]
<b>A summary for the period under review with respect to ongoing clean audits</b>
[The OoP did not provide information with respect to ongoing clean audits]
<b>A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants (where applicable)</b>
[The OoP did not provide information on conditional grants in the quarter under review]

**3. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

<b>3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]</b>
<b>Overall Summary on Departmental Non-Financial Performance</b>
<i>An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Departmental Non-Financial Performance is sound and prudent</i>
A total 55 targets were planned for the quarter under review, (compared to 34 in the previous quarter), and 12 were not achieved. ]
<b>THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>

### **3 PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION**

The purpose of this Programme is to ensure overall strategic management and support to the Premier and the Director-General in fulfilling their statutory and political mandates; the provision of financial management and support services; and the provision of security management services to the Office of the Premier. A total of 10 targets were planned for implementation under this programme in the quarter under review, which falls within *Outcome 1: A skilled, capable, ethical, and developmental state* and *Outcome 2: A growing and inclusive economy, jobs, and infrastructure*. These targets are implemented through the 3 sub-programmes.

##### **3.1.1 Executive Secretariat Services and Cabinet Operations**

This sub-programme achieved all the 2 targets planned in the quarter under review. The target met relates to 1 Annual Council Schedule of Meetings, submitted to the Executive Council for approval, as well as 1 report on the implementation of Executive Council decisions as per APP plans.

Noting that the targets are reported bi-annually, the OoP should still include this sub-programme in all its quarterly reporting even if there is no target planned to maintain consistency and for the benefit of external stakeholders not to lose track due to lack of knowledge of internal processes.

#### **3.2 PROGRAMME 2: INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The purpose of this Programme is to lead, facilitate, coordinate, and support a skilled, ethical and performance orientated GCR; provide ICT related auxiliary support to the OoP towards modernising the public service; support the Premier and EXCO with legal advice and support; and promote and facilitate effective communication between government and the people of Gauteng, and the enhancement of service delivery and responsiveness. This programme planned 17 targets in the quarter under review, which covered *Outcome 1: A skilled, capable, ethical, and developmental state*; *Outcome 5: Responsive engagement between government and the citizenry and deepened social cohesion*, and *Outcome 6: collaborative relations between sub-national governments enhanced*. The targets were implemented through 4 sub-programmes. In the quarter under review, this programme achieved 14 of the 17 targets planned in the quarter under review, translating to 82% achievement, against a budget expenditure of 76%.

##### **3.2.1 Institutional Development: Strategic Human Resources**

### **3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]**

This sub-programme achieved 6 out of the 8 planned targets in the quarter under review. The targets met include amongst others, 1 report on SHERQ management; a total of 668 as opposed to the targeted 250 officials from targeted groups capacitated through empowerment programmes in the GPG departments, and 1 progress report on the status of Discipline Case Management System for GPG departments.

However, the target to compile 1 report on culture change interventions for implementation in the GPG departments was not achieved because the report submitted did not meet the minimum requirements on the Technical Indicator Descriptor (TID). The Office reported that the indicator and target will be reviewed in the APP for 2023/24 during the adjustment period to ensure alignment with the TID.

It is further noted that the report on the implementation of the departmental HRD plans was not achieved. The Office reported that “according to DPSA Human Resource Development Framework, submission of HRD Development plans is annually due on 31 May 2023 and the OoP is in the process of consolidation and compilation of the HRD Plans. The OoP should be cautious of stipulated timelines in the existing frameworks during the strategic planning process to avoid irregularities on the set targets in the APP.

#### **3.2.2 Information Communication Technology**

The Office achieved the only (1) target planned for this sub-programme in the quarter under review. The target met relates to 100% as opposed to the targeted 99% uptime on WAN links and no downtime was recorded on the WAN.

#### **3.2.3 Communication Services**

This sub-programme achieved all 3 targets planned for the quarter under review. The targets met includes amongst others, 1 research study commissioned as targeted and 1 programme was implemented to market the Gauteng City Region. The Committee has noted with concern the duplication of information under this sub-programme, with the first part reporting only 2 targets and the second part, reporting 3 targets. There is a need for the Office to ensure quality-checking of reporting prior to submission to avoid this confusion.

### **3.2.4 Service Delivery Interventions**

This sub-programme achieved 4 of the 5 targets planned in the quarter under review. The targets met include 1 quarterly report on tracking responses for cases that are lodged on the CRM System and 1 quarterly report on household, community and ward profiles conducted in the priority wards.

However, the OoP recorded 0% instead of the targeted 85% registered COGTA CDWs using the CRM system in the quarter under review. The Office attributed this deviation to the failure of the evidence to meet the consistency test and was therefore not accepted. The purpose of this system is to ensure an integrated ward-based system utilised by GCR wide community workers. The OoP should provide a report on the impact of the non-achievement of this target on service delivery and the mitigating plan to ensure the achievement of this target.

### **3.3 PROGRAMME 3: POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

This programme aims to lead, facilitate, coordinate, and support the active advancement of gender equality, women empowerment, youth development and the rights of people with disabilities, older persons, and military veterans; support the Premier and the Executive Council with policy advice and support, international and intergovernmental relations, and integrated cooperative governance. It leads, facilitate, coordinate, and support the implementation of the Integrity Management Programme in the GCR; and drive province-wide outcomes-based planning, performance monitoring and evaluation, to improve government performance towards enhanced service delivery and GCR development impacts/outcomes and lead planning for sustainable development in the Gauteng City Region.

In the quarter under review, this programme planned 28 targets, when compared to 16 targets in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. These targets fall within *Outcome 1: A skilled, capable, ethical, and developmental state; Outcome 2: A growing and inclusive economy, jobs, and infrastructure; Outcome 3: Inclusive quality education and healthcare and growing the skills needed for the economy; Outcome 5: Responsive engagement between government and the citizenry and deepened social cohesion, and Outcome 6: Collaborative relations between sub-national governments.* This programme implemented its targets through 7 sub-programmes and recorded an achievement of 21 of its 28 targets planned, translating to 75% targets achieved in the quarter under review, against a budget spending of 114%. There was no record of targets achievement under Sub-Programme: Policy, Research, and Advisory Services.

#### **3.3.1 Policy and Governance: GEYODI and MVO**

### **3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]**

This sub-programme achieved all 4 targets planned for the quarter under review. The targets met include, 1 report on the analysis of the GPG wide procurement spend on enterprises owned by targeted groups and 1 quarterly report on the alignment of departmental sector policies, programmes, and budget to provincial transformation policies to advance the rights of targeted groups.

#### **3.3.2 Tshepo 1Million**

This programme did not produce the targeted 1 quarterly report on the implementation of the Tshepo 1Million Programme in the quarter under review. The Office reported that deviation from this target was due to evidence failure to meet consistency test in terms of the reported figures. This was due to discrepancy on the misalignment with the set targets as per the signed MoU between OoP and Harambee (the implementing agent), and this resulted in non-acceptance of the evidence provided. The Office reported that in mitigating this variance, the partnership with Harambee was amicably terminated with effect from 31 March 2023 with no penalties or prejudice to GPG and amongst others, on condition that Harambee fulfils all agreed outstanding activities by 31 March 2023 and submit a preliminary 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report on 28 February 2023 to trigger the final payment. The OoP should explain whether Harambee received payment-based on the findings related to discrepancies on misalignment of set targets on the report it has submitted.

The OoP further explained that a transition plan to wind down T1M is underway, and the programme has been remodelled and a new Gauteng Young Integrated Strategy (GYIDS) will be developed. Furthermore, this programme will be housed at the Gauteng Department of Education and Youth Development. The OoP should explain the reasons for developing a new GYIDS instead of amending the existing one since public funds were utilised in its compilation. Furthermore, the OoP should explain the role of Gauteng Youth Panel in the skills-based approach that GPG is pursuing and the plans in place for the information/ data that the panel has collected during the public awareness campaigns conducted on GYIDS across the 5 regions of Gauteng as it was reported during the Committee Feedback Session on 19 January 2023.

In terms of winding down the Harambee contract with GPG, an agreement has been reached that all GPG departments may continue to receive recruitment services at no cost from Harambee on condition GPG departments registers on the SA Youth Partner Network and sign the Terms and Conditions (which would serve as a contract for these recruitment services) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Harambee, the Gauteng Office of the Premier and Gauteng City Region Academy are working closely together to ensure that GPG departments can continue to benefit from the co-investments that have been made in this partnership over the years.

### 3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]

#### 3.3.3 Intergovernmental Relations

This sub-programme achieved all 3 targets planned for the quarter under review. This includes 1 analysis report on inter-governmental relations and 1 report on the collaboration with Africa and the world as well as 1 strategic regional level structured engagement.

#### 3.3.4 Policy and Governance: Service Delivery and Integrity Management

This sub-programme achieved 4 out of the 5 targets planned for the quarter under review. The targets met include 1 annual report of GPG Compliance Risk Assessment on Ethics and Anti-Corruption legislation and policy prescripts and 86% finalised fraud and corruption cases reported on the National Anti-corruption Hotline National Anti-corruption Hotline (NACH), against the set target of 80% as well as 92% fraud and corruption cases reported to the law enforcement agencies for criminal investigation, against a target of 80% and 4 approved fraud detection review reports issued, against the targeted 2.

The Office reported that the ongoing engagements with GPG departments that resulted in the failure to produce a report on the value of assets lost through reported financial misconduct and economic crimes has been finalised and no assets were lost in 2022/23 FY.

#### 3.3.5 Cluster Management (Executive Council Systems Support and Services and Leader of Government Business)

The Office achieved all 2 targets planned for this sub-programme in the quarter under review. The targets met include 1 quarterly report on decision matrixes produced for the Executive Council cycle of meetings and 1 Analysis report on questions posed in the Legislature.

#### 3.3.6 Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Policy, Research and Advisory Services)

This sub-programme did not achieve all 4 targets planned for the quarter under review. These targets include the facilitation 1 report on Rand value of net new investment. The Office reported that in terms of GGDA's internal process, a final report is produced a month after the end of the quarter of the financial year and the report expected to undergo GGDA Board approval. The root cause for this divergence was due to different reporting timelines between the OoP and GGDA's internal process. It is noted that the OoP's reporting timeline started before GGDA process was concluded. To prevent a recurrence and to align the timelines, the OoP highlighted that the reporting period will be reviewed during the adjustment period (September/October 2023).



### 3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]

It is noted with concern that 1 Regional Master Plan completed (N12 Masingita) was not achieved. The Office reported that submission was made to DAC to approve the cancellation of the tender based on recommendations made by the Bid Evaluation Committee, and the Terms of Reference will be reworked and resubmitted to procure a service provider to draft the Master Plan.

Furthermore, 1 report on repositioning the GCR Energy Security Office and to conduct 1 research study as per approved research agenda, was commissioned but will be completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023/2024 FY. The Office reported that the appointment of a service provider on a 1-month contract is to assist in the selection of prospective candidate/s out of 16 shortlisted projects/proposals for partnership that will collectively develop energy projects for the province to fulfil its mandate of unblocking regulatory barriers (to fast-tracking regulatory compliance). The OoP should provide the reasons that caused this non-achievement instead of only highlighted its intentions to mitigate this challenge. The Committee is concerned that this sub-programme recorded an over-expenditure while 4 of the planned targets under sub-programme were not achieved, and other sub-programmes within this programme also recorded non-achievement of targets.

#### **3.3.7 Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Deliverology Support Unit)**

This sub-programme achieved all 3 targets planned for the quarter under review. The targets met include 1 quarterly report on progress against targets in the Delivery Agreements of the Governance and Planning Cluster and 1 quarterly report on progress against targets in the Delivery Agreements in the Economic Cluster.

#### **3.3.8. Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Strategic Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation)**

This sub-programme achieved 5 out of the 6 targets planned for the quarter under review. The targets met include 1 monitoring report on the implementation of AG findings on pre-determined objectives by GPG departments and 1 analysis report on alignment of 2023/24 Annual Performance Plan for GPG departments.

However, the OoP conducted 1 as opposed to the targeted 2 evaluation studies in the quarter under review. The Office reported that evaluations are currently at appointment of service provider stage, therefore, the implementation of the affected evaluations will continue in the 2023/24 financial year. The Committee is concerned about overspending

<b>3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]</b>
under Programme 3: Policy and Governance even when under-performance is recorded, since 7 out of 28 planned targets were not achieved in the quarter under review. The Committee is of the view that there is no clear alignment of the allocated budget against the planned targets.
<b>Number of APP targets relevant for this Quarter</b>
A total of 55 APP targets were planned for the quarter under review.
<b>Number of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter</b>
A total of 43 out of 55 planned targets were achieved in the quarter under review.
<b>Percentage of APP targets for this Quarter that have been achieved during this Quarter</b>
89% APP targets were achieved in the quarter under review.
<b>Percentage of APP achievement for the previous Quarter (for Comparison)</b>
91% APP targets were achieved in the previous quarter.
<b>Main areas in the APP that have experienced non-achievement or over achievement during this Quarter</b>
Programme 1: Administration achieved 80% (8 of 10) APP targets. Programme 2: Institutional Development achieved 82% (14 of 17) APP targets, and Programme 3: Policy and Governance achieved 75% (21 of 28) APP targets.
<b>Main reasons provided by the Department for non-achievement or over achievement of its APP during this Quarter</b>
Programme 1: Administration: Life- Esidimeni project contributed to the non-achievement of APP targets. Programme 2: Institutional Development: The postponement of some of the projects and non-payment of bursaries contributed to the non-achievement of APP targets. Programme 3: Policy and Governance: Deviation from this target was on evidence's failure to meet the consistency test due to discrepancy on misalignment with the targets set in the MOU signed between OoP and Harambee (implementing agent of Tshepo 1Million), therefore the evidence could not be accepted. In mitigating, this deviation, the partnership with Harambee has been amicably terminated with effect from 31 March 2023.
<b>Measures in place (with timeframes) to correct the deviation in targets for this Quarter and to prevent recurrence of such or similar deviation</b>
Programme 1: Administration: The closure of the Life Esidimeni project is underway. Programme 2: Institutional Development: Postponed projects and non- payment- of bursaries will be executed in the new financial year (2023/24 FY).

### 3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]

Programme 3: Policy and Governance: Failure to meet the consistency test due to discrepancy on misalignment with the targets set in the MoU signed between OoP and Harambee (implementing agent), resulted in the termination of the contract between the OoP and Harambee.

It is further noted that in Programme 3: Policy and Governance, the Office reported that the ongoing engagements with GPG departments that resulted in the failure to produce a report on the value of assets lost through reported financial misconduct and economic crimes has been finalised and there were no assets were lost in 2022/23 FY.

In addition, the following targets under subprogramme: Policy and Governance: Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (Policy, Research and Advisory Services) in Programme 3 were not achieved. This includes:

- The target to facilitate 1 report on Rand value of net new investment was not achieved. It is noted that the root cause for this divergence was due to different reporting timelines between the Office and GGDA's internal process as the OoP's reporting timeline started before the GGDA process was concluded. To prevent a recurrence and to align the timelines, the OoP highlighted that the reporting period will be reviewed during the adjustment period (September/October 2023).
- In terms of the non-achievement of 1 Regional Master Plan (N12 Masingita), the reason provided for this deviation was that a submission was made to DAC to approve the cancellation of the tender, based on recommendations made by the Bid Evaluation Committee. The Office reported that the Terms of Reference (ToR) will be reworked and resubmitted to procure a service provider to draft the Master Plan.
- The Office reported that 1 report on repositioning the GCR Energy Security Office was not achieved. The Office reported that the appointment of a service provider on a 1-month contract is to assist in the selection of prospective candidate/s out of 16 shortlisted projects/proposals for partnership that will collectively develop energy projects for the province to fulfil its mandate of unblocking regulatory barriers (to fast-tracking regulatory compliance). The Committee notes how the OoP aims to mitigate the challenge of not achieving this target; however, the reason that led to this deviation should be provided.
- The target of 1 research study to be conducted as per approved research agenda, was commissioned but is expected to be completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023/2024 FY. The OoP should provide the reason for the non-achievement of this target instead of providing its intentions to mitigate this challenge.

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

### 3. [Departmental Achievement of APP Targets]

The Committee is concerned that over-expenditure was incurred by 14% under Programme 3: Policy and Governance with 7 out of 28 planned targets not achieved in the quarter under review.

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

The emerging priority of the Office of the Premier was in relation to Covid-19 response plan. However, the programme has been halted due to the country and province reaching stable levels on the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

The OoP reported that it uses the Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Made Simple (MERMS) as a tool to capture, monitor and track progress on performance information of each business unit against the planned APP targets. This is a three-phased performance reporting system where Directors are submitters of performance information, Chief Directors, verifiers of the submitted reports and Deputy Directors General, approvers of the verified reports. This process has enhanced the accountability of programme managers within the OoP. Different submission timelines are provided to submitters, verifiers, and approvers for purposes of meeting statutory deadlines to oversight bodies.

## 4 OVERSIGHT ON RESOLUTION AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

### 4.1 INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

#### 4.1 [RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT]

##### Overall Summary on Departmental Resolutions Management

*An overall Summary of the Committee's assessment of Departmental Resolutions Management*

[A total of 1 resolution on the Committee Oversight Report on the OoP's Adjustment Budget Report for 2022/2023 FY was received on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as per the request for extension instead of the actual submission date of 28 April 2023.]

#### THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT

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

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

<b>4.1 [RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT]</b>	
1 resolution on the Committee Oversight Report on the OoP's Adjustment Budget Report for 2022/2023 FY.	1 resolution on the Committee Oversight Report on the OoP's Adjustment Budget Report for 2022/2023 FY has been responded to.
<b>What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Departmental responses to Committee Resolutions</b>	
The Office requested extension for the submission of response to the resolution on the Committee Oversight Report on the OoP's Adjustment Budget Report for 2022/2023 FY. The OoP submitted the response to the Committee Resolution on 15 May 2023, and actual submission date was 28 April 2023.	
<b>With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Quarter under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department [with mitigating measures to submission]</b>	
1 resolution response on the OoP's Adjustment Budget Report for 2022/2023 FY has been received and but not yet analysed. This resolution will be analysed in the next quarter	

## 4.2 INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF PETITIONS REFERRED BY THE GPL

<b>4.2 [PETITIONS MANAGEMENT]</b>	
<b>Overall Summary on Departmental Petitions Management</b>	
<i>An overall Summary of the Committee's assessment of Departmental Petitions Management</i>	
[There were no petitions referred to the Committee in the quarter under review.	
<b>THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL PETITIONS MANAGEMENT</b>	
<b>How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department during the Quarter under review</b>	<b>With respect to all Petitions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department</b>
There are no outstanding responses to petitions from the OoP.	There were no Petitions responses due from the OoP in the quarter under review.
<b>What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Departmental responses to referred Petitions</b>	

#### 4.2 [PETITIONS MANAGEMENT]

The Committee has not received referrals on Petitions in the quarter under review.

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

The Committee has not referred Petitions to the Office of the Premier in the quarter under review.

#### 5. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

##### 5. [Oversight on Departmental Public Engagement]

##### Overall Summary on Departmental Public Engagement

*An overall Summary of the Committee's assessment of Departmental Public Engagements*

[The Office held several public engagements in the quarter under review to involve the public in its activities. These activities range from Ntirhisano Outreach Programmes, School readiness programmes and school engagements, Gauteng Energy Expo, Gauteng Matric Results announcements, and Gauteng ePolicing Roundtable, amongst others.

A total of 10 stakeholder institutions were invited to attend the Committee’s virtual meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 during the presentation of the research analysis on OoP’s 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report for 2022/23 FY. A total of 5 stakeholder institutions attended the virtual meeting. These include Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA); Financial Fiscal Commission (FFC); South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC); Public Service Commission (PSC) and Public Protector South Africa (PPSA). On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the OoP presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report for 2022/23 FY and responded to questions emanating from the Committee research analysis. The Financial Fiscal Commission (FFC) made the following submission.

- On the transfer payment to GCRO and Tshepo 1Million that were processed together with quarter four transfer payments, provide more information on the impact of processing four payments together on planning and expenditure on recipients and ability to spend such funds.
- With respect to the overall underspending for 2022/23, provide reasons for the under-spending and plans in place to ensure that such underspending will not be experienced in the 2023/24 financial year.
- On the failure to achieve the target on people with disabilities due to limited number of companies owned by People with Disabilities and a lack of access to capital to finance orders, there is a need to intensify campaigns to ensure that People with Disabilities are aware of opportunities that are made available, and workshops be scheduled where targeted people will be trained.

**THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS**

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

None.

**Summary of Public Education programmes of the Department during the period under review**

None.

**Feedback sessions conducted by the Department during the period under review**

None.

## 6. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS

<b>6. [DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS (Specifically relevant to the Portfolio of this Department) ]</b>
<i>Overall Summary on Departmental implementation of relevant (portfolio specific) Laws / Legislation</i>
[None.]

## 7. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES

<b>7. [DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS / TREATIES]</b>
<i>Overall Summary on Departmental implementation of relevant Internal Agreements / Treaties [Only if applicable]</i>
<p>[In terms of international treaties and agreements in the quarter under review the following was reported:</p> <p><b>Gauteng Province &amp; Emilia Romagna Region:</b> Gauteng Provincial Government hosted Reggio Emilia from the 25 to the 30 October 2022. The meeting was held in Johannesburg with international partners concentrating on efforts towards re-igniting the Gauteng and South African economy and fostering and enhancing valuable partnerships to fight poverty and inequality. Premier Lesufi also paid a courtesy visit to the Mayor of Reggio Emilia from 18 to 19 March 2023 to continue relations on working closely with one another to advance trade, investment, and tourism between the 2 territories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA) and AICEP, Portugal:</b> At the invite of the Economic and Trade Counsellor of the Embassy of Portugal in South Africa, delegates will accompany the Member of the Executive Council for Gauteng Department of Economic Development to Portugal for promotional purposes as outlined in the programme.</li></ul>

## 8. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT



## 8. [DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT]

### *Overall Summary on management and delivery of Departmental Projects*

**[Life Esidimeni]:** All 517 claims received in the quarter under review were verified by 31 March 2023. A total of 407 claims qualified to receive compensation. A total of 110 claims did not qualify to receive compensation. A total 365 claims were paid as the 1<sup>st</sup> portion; and total of 7 claims were undergoing an assessment process to confirm rightful beneficiaries before payment is made; a total of 5 claims are waiting to be processed for payment of 1<sup>st</sup> portion. A total of 3 claims are awaiting resolution of family disputes and 27 completed forms are being awaited from claimants.

A total of 63 claims were paid as part of the second portion by 31 March 2023, a total 4 claims are awaiting to be processed for payment of 2<sup>nd</sup> portion. Fedgroup is assisting families of deceased Mental Health Care Users with the administrative process for payment of the second portion. In terms of Survivor's claims, the High Court application process contemplated in Rule 57 of the Uniform Rules of the High Court is still underway. Some of the applications have been heard. The court order has been granted for some of the applications and supplementary affidavits are being prepared for applications that were not granted the order. With regards to the applications that were granted the order, the OoP is currently waiting for recommendations from the appointed Curator Bonis before payment can be made. The Office of the Premier is currently considering available options to close the claims process for this project.

## 9. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT ON GEYODI EMPOWERMENT IN COMMUNITIES

### 9. GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

#### *Overall Summary on Departmental achievement on actual GEYODI empowerment in communities*

[ None]

## 10. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY

## 10. [DEPARTMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY]

### *Overall Summary on Departmental Compliance and Quality*

[The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report of the Office was submitted within the stipulated legislation, on the 28th of April 2023.]

### THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL COMPLIANCE, QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

GPL	None
Auditor General (AGSA)	13 requests received; 11 are due in the quarter under review and 2 requests have already been submitted.
Public Service Commission (PSC)	None.
Compliance with relevant fiduciary Legislation [e.g. PFMA]	Information on PFMA was not provided in the quarter under review.

## 11. OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA

### 11.1 [ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA] (Only relevant if deemed necessary)

*Any other area of Departmental 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.*

[While the Office of the Premier has cited that its report goes through a number of quality-checks before submission to the Committee, considerable attention needs to be taken at each of these levels, as it is noted that data presented in Programme 2: Sub-programme Communication Service, duplication of information has been detected with the first tabulated data reporting only two targets and the second, reported three targets. The Office is urged to conduct thorough quality-checking of reports prior to submission to avoid confusion on reported information.]

## 12. OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

<b>[A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT]</b>
<b>Overall Summary on a capacitated Department and Good Governance</b>
<i>An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department is adequately capacitated and resourced to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates</i>
In terms of the Human Resource capacity, the Office currently has a vacancy rate of 13.6%. Out of the 625 posts in the OoP, a total of 531 are filled. In terms of terminations, a total of 17 exits were recorded in the quarter under review, of which 10 were resignations; a total of 2 retirements, a total of 5 contracts expired. New appointments in the quarter under review amounted to 18; of which 2 are permanent; 13 are fixed term contracts and 3 internships. In terms of GEYODI Compliance, 58% of Women are at SMS level; 6% of People with Disabilities; and 1,5% of the employees are Youth.
<b>THE DETAILS ON A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT</b>
<i>Information on the current Departmental Structure and level of implementation thereof</i>
[ The OoP organisational structure was not provided in the quarter under review.]
<b>Detailed information on the current vacancies (at all staff levels)</b>
[Out of the 625 positions ,531 are filled]
<b>Current vacancy rate</b>
[13.6%]
<b>Current acting positions (at all Staff levels)</b>
[None]
<b>Terminations during the period under review</b>
[17 posts were terminated in the quarter under review]
<b>New appointments during the period under review</b>
[A total of 18 new appointments were made.]
<b>Detailed information on the GEYODI / HDI empowerment for the period under review</b>
In terms of GEYODI / HDI compliance reflected 58% Women at SMS,.6% Employees with Disabilities and 15.1% Youth Employees in the quarter under review.]
<b>Detailed information on any suspensions for the period under review</b>

**[A CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT]**

[There were no suspensions in the quarter under review.]

**13. OVERSIGHT ON GOOD GOVERNANCE**

**13.2 [GOOD GOVERNANCE]**

**Overall Summary on Good Governance processes at the Department**

*An overall Summary of whether the Committee thinks the Department is adequately governed and thus able to carry out its functions and discharge its mandates*

[The Office of the Premier oversees the implementation of the GPG-wide strategic programmes informed by the Growing Gauteng Together (GGT2030) action plan by conducting performance monitoring, evaluations, and reporting on a quarterly, annual, medium- and long-term basis. Through the implementation of the GGT2030, the performance of the Office of the Premier is assessed based on the quality of strategic leadership, policy advice and decisive interventions offered to GPG departments to ensure the implementation of apex programmes.

**14. OVERSIGHT ON POSITIVE OUTCOMES OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

**14.1 [Summarized information on any positive outcomes of Departmental activities during the period under review]**

None.

**15. FINDING/S, RECOMMENDATION/S, AND IMPLICATIONS ON LAW-MAKING**

**15.1 Committee Findings /Concerns**

Committee is concerned that/about:

15.1.1 The remodelling of the Tshepo 1-Million programme which would be housed in the Gauteng Department of Education will include the development of a new Gauteng Youth Integrated Strategy (GYIDS). What are the reasons for developing a new GYIDS instead of amending the existing one since public funds were utilised in its

compilation. What is the role of Gauteng Youth Panel in the new direction of skills-based approach that GPG is taking? How does the OoP aim to utilize information/ data that the panel has already collated across the 5 regions through public awareness campaigns conducted on Gauteng Youth Integrated Strategy (GYIDS) as it was reported during OC POL feedback Session in January 2023? Furthermore, did Harambee receive payment-based on the findings related to discrepancies on misalignment of set targets on the report it has submitted that resulted in the termination of the contract?

15.1.2 The OoP recorded 0% instead of the targeted 85% registered COGTA CDWs using the CRM system in the quarter under review due to the failure of evidence to meet the consistency test which was therefore, not accepted. What is the impact of the non-achievement of this target on service delivery and the mitigating plan to ensure the achievement of this target?

15.1.3 Over-spending under Programme 3: Policy and Governance even when non-achievement of 7 out of 28 planned targets was recorded under this programme in the quarter under review. The Committee is concerned about lack of proper planning under this programme and is of the view that the postponement of the transfer of payments to GCRO and Tshepo 1Million from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter included the allocated budget for these KPIs which should not have affected the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter overspending.

15.1.4 The annual perception survey was not produced in the quarter under review as planned. The utilization of media monitoring to gauge residents' perception of government is not enough as it is not inclusive of all Gauteng citizens.

## 15.2 Committee Recommendation/s

Based on the information set out herein-above as well as the Committee Concerns, the Committee therefore recommends as follows:			
Ref Number	Recommendations	Type of response expected	Due Date
CHS/QXPR/001	15.2.1 The Premier should:	Provide reasons for developing a new Gauteng Youth Integrated Development Strategy (GYIDS) instead of amending the existing one since public funds were utilised in its compilation. The report should explain the plans in place for the Gauteng Youth Panel in the new direction of skills-based approach that GPG is taking. In addition, explain how the information/data that the panel has already collated across the 5 regions of Gauteng through public awareness campaigns conducted on Gauteng Youth Integrated Development Strategy (GYIDS) will be utilised. The report should further explain whether Harambee received payment-based on the findings related to discrepancies on misalignment of set targets on the report it has submitted that culminated in the termination of the contract.	Monday, 31/07/2023

15.2.2 The Premier should:	Provide a report on service delivery impact of recording 0% instead of the targeted 85% registered COGTA CDWs using the CRM system in the quarter under review, due to the failure of evidence to meet the consistency test which was not accepted.	Monday, 31/07/2023
15.2.3 The Premier should:	Provide a report on the reasons that led to over-spending under Programme 3: Policy and Governance even when under-achievement of 7 out of 28 planned targets was recorded in the quarter under review. The report should explain why the postponement of transfer of payments to GCRO and Tshepo 1-Million from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter to the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter affected the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter over-spending since postponement of targets should be inclusive of the allocated budget. The report should further include corrective measures that are in place to ensure proper planning of KPIs under this programme going forward.	Monday, 31/07/2023
15.2.4 The Premier should	Provide the details on the status of plans to conduct the Annual Perception Survey that was not conducted in the quarter under review, which culminated in the non-compilation of the report as planned in the APP as the utilization of media monitoring to gauge residents' perception of government is not enough and not inclusive of all Gauteng citizens. The report should highlight the impact of postponing this report to the 2023/2024 financial year.	Monday, 31/07/2023

### 15.3 Implications on Law Making

There were no implications on Law-Making detected on the OoP's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report for 2022/23 financial year.

### 16. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## **17. ADOPTION**

In accordance with Rule [164] of the Standing Rules of the GPL, the Committee hereby presents the report to the House for adoption.