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COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tuesday, 30 July 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

TABLINGS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **The Chairperson of the Human Settlements Portfolio Committee, Dr. N E Mokgethi, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Detail of the Department of Human Settlements Budget Vote 08 of the Provincial Appropriation Bill [G001-2024] for the 2024/25 FY, as follows:**



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Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements Oversight Report on Budget Vote 8 for the 2024/25 FY.

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Name of Committee	Human Settlements Portfolio Committee	Name of Department	Department of Human Settlements
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ACRONYMS

Abbreviation	Full Wording
ABT	Alternative Building Technology
AFCU	Anti-Fraud and Corruption Unit
AGSA	Auditor General of South Africa
APP	Annual Performance Plan
ARA	Affordable Rental Accommodation
BCM	Budget Cycle Model
CoE	Compensation of Employees
COVAC	Committee's Oversight Accountability Framework
CRUs	Communal Rental Units
EPRE	Estimates of Provincial Expenditure
FY	Financial Year
GAS	Gauteng Audit Services
GCR	Gauteng City Region
GDHS	Gauteng Department of Human Settlements
GPF	Gauteng Partnership Fund
GPG	Gauteng Provincial Government
HDA	Housing Development Agency
IDPs	Integrated Development Plans
IRDP	Integrated Residential Development Programme
MEC	Member of the Executive Council
MIG	Municipal Infrastructure Grant
MHD	Mixed Housing Development
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
MYHDP	Multi Year Housing Development Plan

NHBRC	National Home Builders Registration Council
NYDA	National Youth Development Agency
OSD	Occupational Specification Dispensation
PEBA	Programme Evaluation and Budget Analysis
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act
PWD	People with Disabilities
SMS	Senior Management Service
SOM	Sector Oversight Model
URP	Urban Renewal Project

Human Settlements Portfolio Committee

31 July 2024,

I Hon. Nomathemba Mokgethi, the Chairperson Human Settlements Portfolio Committee tables the Committee Oversight Report on the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements – 2024/25 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) allocation as follows:

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Portfolio Committee's consideration of the Vote 8 – 2024/25 MTEF allocation is to ensure that it will translate into the realisation of the Department of Human Settlements' mandate as per the Constitution of South Africa of 1996, Chapter 2 on Bill of Rights. Section 26(1)(2) guarantees the right to have access to housing, placing the responsibility on the Department to take "reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of the right to adequate housing". Furthermore, this should contribute towards achieving the both National Strategic Priorities as per the Medium-Term Strategic Framework 2019-2024; and the Gauteng Provincial Government's adopted Ten (10) Pillar-Programme for the 2019-2024.

The Department's 2024/2025 FY allocation amounts to the total of R5 767 478 000.00 of which R4 826 349 000.00 (84%) is the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) and 941 129 000.00 (16%) is the equitable share allocation. Included in the departmental budget for the 2024 MTEF is the conditional grants allocation which consists of Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) with R3.9 billion, Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant for Provinces (ISUPG) with R927 million and EPWP Integrated Grant from the National Department of Public Work with R5.4 million.

The Department's service delivery is implemented through four key programmes and allocated the budget as follows:

Programme 1: Administration: R670 623 000.00 for the year under review which shows a decrease when compared to the previous FY's allocation of R711 723 000.00.

The Portfolio Committee noted that the programme's budget over the MTEF will cater for compensation of employees, purchase of goods and services, and payment for capital assets to provide for tools of trade for employees. The budget for **goods and services** is mainly for payments to lease office buildings,

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software licences such as Microsoft Office licenses, fleet services, accruals, property payments (municipal rates and electricity), audit fees, communication costs, and provision of managerial and support services to the department.

Programme 2: Housing Needs, Planning and Research: R22 531 000.00 in 2024/25 FY, this is a slight decrease of about 0,8 percent when compared to the previous year's allocation.

The Portfolio Committee noted with concern that this Programme has a history of underspending; this is despite it receiving the lowest share of the budget of the department. The budget available under the **policy sub-programme** will cater for the development and implementation of policies to achieve strategic objectives and ensure alignment and compliance with the regulatory environment. Funding is made available in respect of the planning sub-programme to support the development and alignment of the departmental planning frameworks including, the APPs, the integrated multi-year housing development plan, the mid-term budget policy statement, and the Programmes of Action in line with national and provincial requirements.

Programme 3: Housing Development: R4 887 499 000.00 for the year under review which is the biggest share of the budget allocated to the Department. The allocation has increased by 1.3 percent when compared to the allocation of the previous FY.

The Portfolio Committee noted that this programme plays a huge role in closing the gap of the “missing group”, those who do not qualify for an RDP and those who do not qualify for a bonded house. The huge increase of budget in financial intervention should be welcomed and commended by the portfolio Committee. In addition, the overall increase should be welcomed as this is the main Programme of the department.

The Portfolio Committee noted that the largest share of the budget is allocated in this Programme, which aims to establish sustainable human settlements where all citizens have access to housing and other social amenities. According to the report, the departmental budget will fund servicing of stands, provision of housing units, the Finance Linked Individual Programme (FLISP) programme, eradication of informal settlements, urban renewal projects, hostel redevelopment, acceleration of Mega Projects and the winding down of the Legacy Projects, and the Rapid Land Release Programme amongst other activities.

The budget will enable the department to deliver on Outcomes 3 and 4: “*Integrated, sustainable, spatially transformed human settlements and liveable neighbourhoods*” and “*Social justice through security of*

tenure and asset value for beneficiaries,” respectively. Included in the programmes budget over the MTEF are the Human Settlements Development

Grant, the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant, the EPWP Grant for job creation initiatives, provincial earmarked allocation for the Rapid Land Release and fast-tracking delivery on urban renewal projects, and incomplete projects (RDP houses).

Programme 4: Housing Assets Management and Properties Management: R186 824 000.00 for the year under review which is a decrease of 21 percent when compared to the previous FY’s budget allocation.

According to the report, the decrease is due to conditional grants baseline budget cuts implementation as well as the reprioritisation of the business plan related to the HSDG. The programme will continue to coordinate, manage, and oversee the maintenance of departmental immovable assets in the form of flats, hostels, and vacant stands, and encourage and support the provision of tools and personnel to maintain these immovable assets.

The Portfolio Committee noted that the department has one entity, the Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF) which received an allocation of R624 489 000.00 for the year under review. The transfers to the agency for this financial year increases by 33% when compared to the previous year’s allocation.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Human Settlements Portfolio Committee exercises oversight through its assessment of the financial and non-financial performance of the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements for the 2024/25 financial year and whether the allocated budget is in line with the planned performance targets as outlined in the Departmental Annual Performance Plan (APP).

The Report reveals whether the budget allocation and the APP are aligned to the national and Provincial Priorities as outlined in the State of Nation Address (SONA) and State of the Province Address (SOPA) of 2024 and for the five (5) year political term of 2024-2029. The SONA, SOPA and 5-year political term made emphasis on the priorities focusing but not limited to the adopted ten (10)-pillar programme of radical TMR.

The Committee’s assessment of the Budget Vote 8 utilised the Sector Oversight Model (SOM) for guidance to verify whether the proposed inputs (resources) translate to outputs (annual targets) in order

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to realize the required outcomes thus ensuring that the funds apportioned to the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements are used cost effectively.

3. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- The office of the Speaker referred Vote 8 of the Appropriation Bill for 2024/25 FY in terms of Rule 220(2) of the Standing Rules, to the Portfolio Committee of Human Settlements for consideration and reporting.
- On the 25th of July 2024, the Portfolio Committee Researcher presented the analysis on Vote 8 of the Appropriation Bill for the 2024/25 MTEF.
- On the same day, 25th July 2024, the Department presented the Vote 8 Appropriation Bill for the 2024/25 MTEF.
- The Portfolio Committee deliberated and adopted the draft report on Vote 8 for the 2024/25 MTEF on the 29th of July 2024.

4. COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY

In assessing the quality of Reporting Formats and Quality Parameters, the Portfolio Committee noted that the Department committed to paying attention in future financial years.

- In terms of the **Information Level Test**, which guides the assessment of the quality of information presented by the Department to the Portfolio Committee.
- The **Budget Variance Study** was applied to determine the variance between Projected Expenditure and the Actual Expenditure of the past FY using the 2023/24 FY as the base year, the R5 767 478 000. 00 is examined, to determine the adequacy of the Budget allocation and whether the targets set are realistic.
- The **Interdependent priorities study** examines key programmes across Departments to establish whether there is interdependence between them. For instance, it helps to analyse the delivery of services such as new housing development, with appropriate roads construction; social sector services such as schools, hospitals; and safety and liaison (Community Policing Forum (CPF) establishment.

5. OVERSIGHT ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Portfolio Committee assessed the Departments' plans as outlined in the 2024/25 APP against the Vote 8 – 2024/25 MTEF allocation in relation to the Strategic and Political Priorities.

In the Portfolio Committee's consideration of this allocation towards ensuring integrated, sustainable Human Settlements in Gauteng, there must be a determination of whether budget Vote 8's planning would translate into the realization of the key Policy pronouncements such as the National and the Gauteng Provincial Strategic Priorities as per the Electoral Mandate of the 2019-2024; the New Growth Path (NGP) and the National Development Plan (NDP) imperatives; and Policy pronouncements as emphasized in both the State of the Province Address (SONA) and the Gauteng Premiers SOPA of 2024 which reiterated the ten (10) Pillar Programme.

5.1. APPRAISAL OF LINKAGES TO THE NDP

The **National Development Plan (NDP)** sanctions spatial development that will meaningfully integrate marginalised groups in the economy such as “where people live and work matters”. The NDP also provides key principles that must underlie the transformation of human settlements. These include:

- Human settlements must systematically change the entrenched apartheid spatial patterns that resulted in social inequality and economic inefficiencies.
- Human settlements must be responsive to the unique needs and potentials of rural and urban areas.
- Human settlements policies and legislation must realize people's constitutional right to housing.
- The delivery of housing must restructure towns and cities, strengthen the livelihood prospects of households, and support active citizenship and involvement in conceptual and planning processes.
- Human settlement spaces must be livable, equitable, sustainable, resilient, efficient and support economic opportunities and social cohesion.
- Human settlement developments must provide people with a greater choice of where to live.

6. OVERALL ALLOCATION TRENDS

6.1. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

The Department's 2024/2025 FY allocation amounts to the total of R5 767 478 000.00 of which R4 826 349 000.00 (84%) is the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) and 941 129 000.00 (16%) is the equitable share allocation. The Portfolio Committee noted a decrease of 2,6 percent when comparing it to the previous FY's revised budget.

The Portfolio Committee noted the following, with particular focus on the 2024/25 FY:

- The **Conditional Grant**: increases from R5 921 824 000.00 in 2023/24 FY to R5 767 478 000.00 in the 2024/25 FY. The Department receives funding from three conditional grants namely: the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG); the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG) as well as the Expanded Public Works Programme Grant (EPWP) for job creation initiatives.

Departmental Entity: Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF)

The Department has one public entity reporting to it being the Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF) received an allocation of R624 489 000.00 for the year under review. The transfers to the agency for this financial year increases by 33% when compared to the previous year's allocation.

6.2. OVERALL ASSESSMENT PER ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION: 2024/25 FY

The Portfolio Committee made the following observations on the 2024/25 MTEF allocation with the outer years as the baseline:

- On **Current Payments**, the application of Budget variance study shows that the allocation for the 2024/25 FY increased to R1 079 120 000.00 when compared to the previous FY's allocation that was sitting at R957 915 000.00. The allocation will drastically decrease in 2025/26 FY and will pick up again the last financial year of the MTEF.
 - **Compensation of employees** receives an allocation of R558 712 000.00 (10%) which is an increase when compared to the previous FY's allocation of R507 709 000.00.
 - **Goods and services** received R520 408 000.00 which is an increase from the previous financial year's allocation of R448 450 000.00 (7%). The report shows that the allocation for this line item will start to decrease in the outer years of the MTEF of which in 2025/26 FY will receive an amount of R382 873 000.00 and R401 906 000.00 in 2026/2027 FY.
 - **On Transfers & Subsidies**, the amount allocated is R4 204 158 000.00 and all this amount will be transferred to social benefits and households. With Social benefits receiving R2 172

000.00 and households receiving R4 201 986 000.00. The allocation will continue to increase in the last FY of the outer years.

- **Payments for Capital Assets** received an allocation of R484 200 000.00 which is a huge increase of 94 percent from the previous FY's allocation of R256 823 000.00. All this amount will be transferred to land and sub-soil assets and machinery and equipment. The allocation will decrease in 2025/26 FY and again slightly increase in 2026/27 FY.
- **Land and sub-soil assets:** received an allocation of R478 200 000.00 which is a huge increase when compared to the previous financial year's budget.
- **Machinery and Equipment:** The budget has decreased from R7 495 000.00 in 2023/24 FY to R6 200 000.00 in 2024/25 FY. The budget will start to drastically decrease in 2025/26 FY and in the last year of the MTEF.
- **Software and other intangible Assets** receives an allocation of R300 000.00 for the 2024/25 FY. There will be no allocation for this line item during the year under review.

7. ALLOCATIONS PER PROGRAMME

7.1. PROGRAMME 1- ADMINISTRATION

The Portfolio Committee made the following observations on the 2024/25 FY:

The Portfolio Committee noted that programme 1 received an allocation of R670 623 000.00 for the year under review which shows a decrease when compared to the previous FY's allocation of R711 723 000.00. The allocation will increase in 2025/26 FY to R682 654 000.00 and in 2026/27 FY will start to increase to R715 477 000.00.

Programme 1's Economic Classification 2024/25 MTEF:

The allocation towards **Current payments** is R662 251 000.00 (20%) for Programme 1.

- Of this allocation R295 497 000.00 goes to **Compensation of employees** and R366 754 000.00 is allocated to **Goods and services**.
- With regards to **Transfers and Subsidies to households**, received an allocation of R2 172 000.00.
- On **Payments for capital assets** received an allocation of R6 200 000.00 of which all the funding goes to **Machinery and equipment** and **Software and other Tangible assets** do not receive funding.

7.2. PROGRAMME 2- HOUSING NEEDS, RESEARCH AND PLANNING

The Portfolio Committee noted that the budget allocation for Programme 2 for the 2024/25 FY received an allocation of R22 531 000.00 in 2024/25 FY, this is a slight decrease of about 0,8 percent when compared to the previous year's allocation. The allocation will start to increase in the two outer years of the MTEF. The Portfolio Committee noted that this Programme has a history of underspending, this is despite it receiving the lowest share of the budget of the department.

Programme 2's Economic Classification 2024/25 MTEF

The Portfolio Committee noted that the **Current payments** is allocated an amount of R22 532 000. 00.

- With regards to **Compensation of employees** received an allocation of R17 689 000. 00 and R4 842 000. 00 goes to the payment of **Goods and services**.

7.3. PROGRAMME 3 - HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Portfolio Committee noted that the budget allocation for Programme 3 received an amount of R4 887 499 000.00 for the year under review which is the biggest share of the budget allocated to the Department. The allocation has increased by 1.3 percent when compared to the allocation of the previous FY. The allocation will increase in the two outer years of the MTEF. The **financial intervention sub-Programme** gets a budget increase of 357.5 percent from an allocation of R132 092 000.00 to R604 326 000.00 during the year under review.

Programme 3's Economic Classification 2024/25 MTEF

The Portfolio Committee noted that the **goods and services** receive a budget decrease of 39 percent from an allocation R1 872 000. 00 in the previous FY to R1 143 000. 00 during the year under review. **Payments for capital assets** received a budget increase of 92 percent from an allocation of R249 031 000. 00 in the previous financial year to R478 000 000.00 in the current financial year.

7.4. PROGRAMME 4 - HOUSING ASSETS MANAGEMENT & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Portfolio Committee noted that the budget allocation for Programme 4 is R186 824 000.00 for the year under review which is a decrease of 21 percent when compared to the previous FY's budget allocation. The allocation is estimated to decrease in 2025/26 FY and in 2026/27 FY to R44 198 000.00.

Programme 4's Economic Classification 2024/25 MTEF:

The Portfolio Committee noted that the **Current payments** is allocated an amount of R184 824 000.00

- **compensation of employees** received and amount of R39 156 000. 00, there is an increase of 4.5 percent when comparing it to the previous year's allocation and **goods and services** receives an amount of R147 668 000.00.

8. OVERSIGHT ON PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

As required by the Standing Rules of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, the Portfolio Committee is required to invite stakeholders to all committee meetings mainly to observe Committee proceedings and later make verbal or written submissions. The Portfolio Committee did not invite stakeholders due to time constraints.

9. OVERSIGHT ON RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT

The Portfolio Committee, in its endeavours to enhance oversight and comply with the prescripts of SOM, periodically assesses the Department's responses on resolutions passed by the House. This exercise is aimed at ensuring that House resolutions impact positively on service delivery targets as a way of improving the lives of the people of Gauteng.

RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING THE PREVIOUS QUARTER	RESOLUTIONS / ACTION DUE DURING THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW	RESOLUTIONS CLOSED
<i>Number of Resolutions passed during the Quarter under review</i>	<i>Number of Resolution Responses / Action due in the Quarter under review</i>	<i>From those due in the Quarter under review, how many Resolutions are now closed</i>
04 (3 rd Quarterly Report 2023/24 FY) 05 (2 nd FIS Report 2023/24 FY)	0	None
Nature of Resolutions	How many new and how many outstanding	Reasons for Resolutions not yet closed
3rd Quarterly Report 2: internal arrangement: and 2: service delivery 2nd FIS Report 2: internal arrangements:	09	Analysis of resolutions to be presented to the Committee on the 19 th September 2024.

RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING THE PREVIOUS QUARTER	RESOLUTIONS / ACTION DUE DURING THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW	RESOLUTIONS CLOSED
1: good governance: and 2: service delivery		
<i>With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Quarter under review but still Open, what measures has the Committee taken to ensure speedy Closure of these Resolutions</i>		
Due to elections no meetings were conducted to present the resolutions.		

10. OVERSIGHT ON PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION

The Portfolio Committee Researcher undertook an independent performance verification to the following projects:

1. GOUDRAND EXTENSION 4 PROJECT MEGA PROJECT

The Department has approved the project for 13 197 top structures as follows:

- 3 500 Fully subsidize RDP Walkups
- 5 000 Walk-Up Rental Units
- 2 168 FLISP Walk-Up Units
- 1 325 FLISP houses
- 1 204 Bonded houses.
- Roads and storm water – completed.
- Water – completed.
- Sewer – completed.
- Electricity – 294 (phase1) installed in December 2023.
- 570 (phase2) installed in February 2024.
- Planned Targets for 2024/25

Planned Stands:1075

- Sanitation= 55%
- Water = 9%
- Stormwater= 29%
- Roads = 14%

Planned Units: 260

- Foundations= 255

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- Wall plates= 255
- Roof = 255
- 95% completion = 104
- TARGET COMMUNITIES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

- Scomplaas - 500
- Solplatjie – 675
- Braamfischerville - 200
- Zamimpilo – 600
- Florida/Roodepoort- 400
- Special cases- 125
- Leratong Transit camp – 450
- Dunusa – 450
- Vivo- 100

2. OBED “MTHOMBENI” NKOSI PROJECT

- Obed “Mthombeni” Nkosi is a Mixed Housing Development Subsidy project. This is a Greenfield project aimed at accommodating community from the Ratanda informal settlement, Bersig Informal Settlement, Jameson Park Informal Settlements and backyards.
- The project is situated within the jurisdiction of the Lesedi Local Municipality in the Sedibeng District Municipality.
- The project is for the construction of approximately 7 111 houses, water and sewer reticulation.
- The project also has provision for Rapid Land Release, FLISP and / or Bonded stock.
- The layout plan caters for Educational, Clinic, Community Facilities and Public Open Spaces.
- Over 1 400 job opportunities have been created since the inception of the project in 2018.

TOTAL DELIVERY TO DATE SINCE INCEPTION

- 7111 serviced stands
- 4977 houses / units (i.e., 2840 walk-ups and 2137 stand-alone)

3. IMPUMELELO EXTENSION 3, 4 & 5 PROJECT

- Impumelelo Extension 3, 4 and 5 is an eradication of Informal Settlement project. The project is partly in-situ and partly Greenfield project aimed at accommodating community from the informal settlement and backyards.

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- The project will consist of 6284 stands (of which 1536 houses will be delivered at Impumelelo Ext 3, 3512 at Impumelelo Ext 4 and 1236 at Impumelelo Ext 5).
- The project also has provision for Rapid Land Release, FLISP and / or Bonded stock.
- The layout plan caters for an Educational, clinic, Community Facilities and Public Open Spaces.
- Over 800 job opportunities have been created since the inception of the project in 2018.

TOTAL DELIVERY TO DATE SINCE INCEPTION

- **6 284** serviced stands
- **4253** houses / units completed to date (3390 walk-ups and 863 stand-alone)

11. OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA

The Portfolio Committee noted that the 2024/25 FY budget targets for the year under review and noted that there has been a decrease of 2,6 percent when comparing it to the previous FY's revised budget. The Portfolio Committee will continue to monitor and assess the Department's technical performance and budget expenditure on a quarterly basis. The allocated budget will not enable the department to cover all its mandate.

The main concern is the issue of the bulk infrastructure and electricity affecting most of the projects where houses/units are remaining unoccupied. There is no detailed plan as to how the department will ensure that there is funding for the provision of bulk infrastructure. There is nowhere in the report that shows that there is any agreement with other sector departments and municipalities to tackle the issue of the insufficient bulk infrastructure. The department is running a risk of building houses that will not be allocated to the beneficiaries because they will not be "complete".

12. CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1. COMMITTEE CONCERNS

PROGRAMME 4: HOUSING ASSETS MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

1. The Portfolio Committee remains concerned with the 21% decrease of budget in relation to Programme 4 as this may compromise efficient service delivery.
2. The Portfolio Committee remains concerned with a huge increase of 33% to the GPF for the year under review when compared to the previous year's allocation.

3. Lack of reporting on the huge increase of 85,60 percent in Category A municipalities and a huge decrease of 67% in Category B municipalities.
4. The Portfolio Committee remains concerned with lack of bulk infrastructure provision with regards to water and electricity in the Mega Projects.
5. Lack of reporting with regards to issuing of title deeds and the status quo of township proclamation.
6. Lack of reporting with regards to the incomplete housing projects.
7. Lack of reporting with regards to progress made and work done on the six hostels owned by the department.

12.2. PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department should provide responses to the following as raised by 30 August 2024:

Programmes 4:

1. The Department should provide a rationale behind the budget decrease in this programme and if this is not going to affect service delivery, especially on the upgrading of informal Settlements and the impact thereof.
 - Furthermore, provide measures in place to ensure that the planned targets will be achieved.
2. The Department should provide reasons for a huge increase in funding for GPF.
3. The Department should provide a rationale behind a huge budget increase on Category A municipalities and huge decrease on category B and if this will not affect service delivery.
4. The Department should provide a detailed report on how bulk infrastructure provision will be resolved.
5. The Department should submit a plan indicating how title deeds will be distributed along with the list of municipalities. Furthermore, provide the status quo of those townships in terms of proclamation.
6. The Department should submit plans for the incomplete housing projects and estimation time frames for completion of these projects.
7. The Department should submit a detailed report on progress made and work done on the six hostels owned by the department.

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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14. ADOPTION

In terms of Rule 117 (2)(c) read with Rule 164, the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements presents the Oversight Report on Budget Vote 8 of the Department Human Settlements for the 2024/25 financial year for adoption; taking into account, committee concerns and the proposed recommendations made in this report.