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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BRIEFED BY AUDITOR-GENERAL ON AUDIT OUTCOMES OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Portfolio Committee of Social Development, led by Hon. Dr Tlou Chokoe today received a briefing from the Auditor-General on the audit outcomes of the department of Social Development for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Auditor-General reported that the Gauteng Department of Social Development obtained an unqualified audit opinion with material findings on compliance with laws and regulations. It was found that the accounting officer failed to prevent irregular expenditure amounting to over R6 million due to lack of preventative, detective and monitoring controls in place as well as limited oversight responsibility regarding compliance and internal controls over compliance with laws and regulations. It was found by the Auditor General that conclusions of multiple investigations instituted by the department which were found during the audit were not implemented and as a result the department became non-compliant with the law (PFMA)



Other matters identified during the audit was about the verification and monitoring processes on Non-Profit Organisations (NPO's) and their related beneficiaries which the department's senior management have committed to enhance the processes through utilising of IT innovations and integrating with other departments such as e-Gov, Health and Home Affairs.

The Portfolio Committee found the audit findings of the Auditor General on the department to be concerning as they are the same as that of the previous financial year. The Portfolio Committee then moved to adopt the Auditor-General's recommendations as the committee's action plan which will be underpinned by resolutions tracking methods which are reviewed per each quarter.

In its recommendations the Auditor General requested the portfolio committee to continue strengthening and monitoring the achievements of targets as set out by the department and ensure that budget spent is aligned to actual service delivery to have a more positive impact as well as enhancing the oversight on the department's procurement processes to prevent non-compliance with laws and regulations.

ISSUED BY THE GPL'S COMMUNICATIONS UNIT ON BEHALF OF CHAIRPERSON OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, HON. DR TLOU CHOKOE

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