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Deputy Speaker, Hon. Tebogo Grace Mamorobela,
Premier of the Limpopo Province, Hon. Dr Phophi Ramathuba,
Leadership of the ANC led by the Provincial Secretary, Musanda vho Rueben
Madadzhe,
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Leaders of the Opposition Parties, Hon, Makgabo Lawrence Mapoulo
Chair of Committees, Hon. Thabo Mokone
Chairperson of the Oversight Mechanism, Hon. Kennedy Tshivhase,
Honourable Members of this House,
Executive Mayors, Mayors, Speakers of our municipalities,
Secretary to the Legislature, Dr Timothy Maake and Team Legislature,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Ke a le dumediša. Ndi matsheloni, Avuxeni, Lotshani, Good morning, Goei
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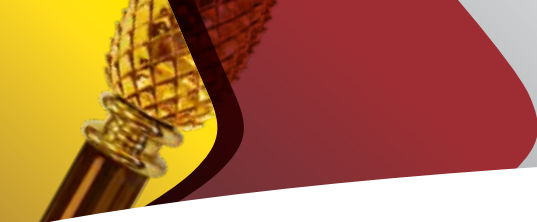
Honourable Members,

The 2025/26 Budget Speech is being delivered during the Freedom month. This is a period under which our democracy was realised through the first democratic elections held on the 27 April 1994. This election, gave hope to the people of South Africa, in particular, the people of Limpopo Province. We must celebrate this Freedom month mindful of the realities that confront society to this day.

Honourable Members, we need to remember that we also celebrate 70 years since the adoption of the Freedom Charter at the Congress of the People in Kliptown, marking a significant milestone for our country and the people of Limpopo Province. The Freedom Charter outlines a vision of a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic, and prosperous South Africa. A vision of a country in which government is founded on the will of the people, where the land is shared among those who work it, where the people share in the country's wealth, and all are equal before the law.

In his State of the Nation Address, on the 06 February 2025, His Excellency Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa alluded to this in line with the celebration of 70 years of the Freedom Charter, and he said: *"It is this vision that continues to guide us as we work to build the nation we all want"*. This was further elaborated by the Premier of Limpopo Province, Honourable Dr Phophi Ramathuba in her State of the Province Address and she said:

"As we commemorate the 70 years of the Freedom Charter, our province's economy has shown resilience in sectors like mining, government services, finance, trade, personal services and transport".



The people of Limpopo want a provincial government that treats all people with dignity, humility and respect. A government with accountable leaders prepared to serve people with complete dedication, and public servants who are ethical, skilled, and prepared to serve with passion. To this end, section 10 of the Constitution of the Republic makes it obligatory for the legislature, the executive, the judiciary and all organs of state to respect and protect the human dignity of everyone. This must never be compromised.

Honourable Members, I need to reiterate our Constitutional mandate as the legislature of law-making, maintaining oversight over the Executive and ensuring public involvement in matters that affect them. To this end, we have taken strides to ensure that we do not fail.

Honourable Members, we table this budget in the 7th Legislature under the context characterised by 4 elements and they are as follows:

Firstly, the number of Members of Legislature has increased from 49 to 64. This has increased the capacity of the Legislature towards executing its legal mandate. To that effect, we are required to make sure that the much needed resources are provided to the additional Members without failure. With that in mind, we would like to appreciate the understanding we have forged with the Provincial Treasury on the magnitude and critical importance of law-making, oversight and ensuring community involvement.

Secondly, political parties represented in the House have also increased from four to six making it necessary to ensure that they are also well resourced to make their contribution in ensuring that the democratic project is successful.

Thirdly, the Legislature is designated as a critical infrastructure, previously known as National Key Point, in terms of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act, 8 of 2019. This comes with huge responsibility to make sure that the critical infrastructure is fully and properly secured. In this regard, we need to

ensure that resources are available to respond to the requirements as set out in the Act. To this end, we will upgrade our infrastructure, safety and security system to meet with the required standards.

Fourth, for the Legislature to put in place effective oversight mechanisms while making impactful laws, there is a need to examine the current systems and mechanisms. One of the observations we have made is that the support provided to the Committees is not adequate as outlined in the **Sector Oversight Model**. In this regard, we must review the administrative support provided through researchers, coordinators, communicators and legal advisors to realise and maximise their full functionalities.

Honourable Members, we are delighted that during this 7th Legislature, we ushered in a new wave of belief and approach in doing our work. In this regard, we want to share with you **the key priorities for the 7th Legislature and are follows:**

1. Improve governance and leadership.

The emphasise on this priority is that we will make sure that the capacity of Members in doing their work is forever improved and that we must strive for accountable and responsible leadership.

2. Strengthen the law-making process, and oversight mechanisms


It has been observed that we need to improve on our law-making processes and how we hold the Executive to account. One of those critical things we plan to do is to ensure that our laws must result in an impact on the lives of the people of Limpopo Province instead of just passing the laws that may not assist to change their lives. This we shall do working with everyone.

3. Enhance Public Participation.

It is a fact that we have been conducting public hearings whenever there are Bills that require the attention of either Parliament or the Provincial Legislatures. However, we have observed that at times such engagements are not empowering enough on our people. In this regard, we are going to make sure that we identified key stakeholders so that we can forge relationships with them for purposes of enhancing public participation. In simple terms, we plan to embark on a drive to conduct formal engagements with stakeholders such as faith-based organisations, institutions of higher learning, just to mention a few on the work of the Legislature and how they can make a contribution.

Honourable Members, we have embarked on a strategic planning that led to our new impact statement. The newly crafted impact statement of the Legislature reads, *“A Legislature that strengthens oversight mechanism and enhances the legislative process for the improvement of the quality of life of all its communities”*. This impact statement forms the spine and theme of the legislative work throughout the 7th Legislature. Our performance measures will be more impact-driven. To this end the Legislature will ensure that all reports (APPs, Annual Reports and Quarterly reports) are timeously tabled in the house in terms of the Standing Rules and Orders of the House. This is an indication to us that *“dilo di tshentshitse”*, philosophically – a serious paradigm shift as pronounced by *Thomas Kuhn (The Structure of the Scientific Revolution)*.

The legislature will promote accountability by taking its parliamentary outreach programme commonly known as ***Taking Parliament to the People***. This will be taken to each of the provincial districts/regions as per financial year. This parliamentary outreach programme will be taking stock and receive reports from the Executive Council about the progress and programme in place affecting service delivery challenges specifically in the targeted geographic space.



The Standing Committee on Public Participation and Petitions has since the commencement of the 7th Legislature **Petitioner Makgato Raisibe Catherine** was left in devastating condition due to a lack of houses in Tjale Village at gaDikgale. The MEC, through donors, built a house and officially handed it over to the beneficiary on 20 December 2024. The Standing Committee members were in attendance.


The Petitioner, Ms Mahlangu S.J complained about nonpayment of accommodation while acting as District Director at the Department of Education. The nonpayment was resolved, and she received payment.

The Petition system brings hope and trust to the citizens of the province as a responsive and accountable government. As the legislature we appreciate the support from Members of the Executive and other entities. They responded to complainants and availed themselves for adjudication and meetings to listen to their people in spite of their congested and pressing programmes.

Honourable Members, oversight and accountability are provided by the Constitution of South Africa and Portfolio and Standing committees will **scrutinize**, examine or look closely to reports of the executive. It is in this context that accountability is required by the Legislature on the executive arm of government with an intention to advance a better life for our people.

Quarterly reports from the Executive and Legislature

The Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act 2009 as well as Rules and Orders of the House affirm that the APPs, Annual Reports and quarterly reports from the Executive and Provincial Legislature be tabled in the House on the date determined by the Speaker. Further, all Resolutions by House with reference to mainly SCOPA be reported in the House. *‘Dilo di tshentshitse’*. This is part of **accountability and good governance** and is




underpinned by the Constitution which provides that executive is accountable collectively and individually to the Legislature. The people of Limpopo dreams and aspirations is that provincial administration expend public funds in the line with what they voted us for.

Honourable Members, questions for oral and written reply is an extended oversight mechanism by individual members. The Legislature supported by the Standing Rules and Orders of the House continues to encourage Member of the Executive to issue executive statements to issue a statement to inform the people of Limpopo about service delivery.

Honourable Members, in the recent State of the Province Address, the Honourable **Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba,** reminded us about the floods which struck our province. To this end, the Limpopo Legislature has established for the first time a new committee on the Pandemic and Disaster Oversight Committee guided by Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002. The province is more vulnerable to potential health and natural disasters, particularly relating to potential hazards like flooding, storms, and hazardous materials incidents, with a strong emphasis on collaboration between various government departments, local municipalities, and community stakeholders to ensure a unified approach to disaster management. The Limpopo Legislature Pandemic and Disaster Committee will play oversight in order to monitor and proactively mitigating disaster risks.

Honourable Members, the Legislature had already undertaken site visits to existing agricultural projects like the Lebowa kgomo Chicken Abattoir, Mashashane Hatchery, and Zebediela Citrus Farm. The Portfolio Committee on Agriculture recently concluded a series of insightful oversight visits to flood-affected farms at critical sites such as SL and Sons, Tsela Trading, and the Baradipelo Farming projects in Waterberg. The committee observed the




remarkable rehabilitation efforts at catalytic projects such as Tshilwavhusiku co-operative in Vhembe district, Majeje Citrus in Mopane district, Tafelkop farmers association in Sekhukhune district and at the Potato-belt in the Capricorn district. To demonstrate our quest to improve the lives of the people through oversight, we have already hosted the North West Legislature Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, who were interested in learning best practices in this regard. They will still come because our vision is to achieve impact. Similarly, we shall also embark on such learning opportunities.

Honourable Members, the Legislature through its Portfolio Committee on Education congratulates the department's improvement in the matric results to 85% in the 2024/25 academic year. The committee further wants to tell a good story – Limpopo province is currently number 4 in terms of bachelor passes, with 41 370 bachelor passes, and currently produces 44.3% bachelor passes. This is indeed a plausible good story to tell. The 7th Legislature will undertake monitoring and focused intervention oversight on the Foundation Phase focusing on Early Childhood Development.

Honourable Members, the Portfolio Committee of the Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Limpopo Gambling Board, Limpopo Tourism Agency, Limpopo Economic Development Agency, and all their subsidiaries will be monitored on whether they implement the government policies and plans in view of contributing to the economic growth and sustainability. This we shall do to ensure that government develops an economy which is responsive to the plight of our people.

The committee will in the 7th Legislature monitor government procurement on youth, women and rural economy to promote localisation and expand SMMEs. This is in line with the implementation of the economic recovery plan which places impact of legislation at the centre of oversight by the Limpopo



Legislature. These include catalytic projects such as the Special Economic Zones (Musina-Makhado and Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ; Industrial Parks such as the Nkowankowa, Seshego and Thohoyandou Industrial Parks, etc).

Honourable Members, the Department of Social Development provides the bulk of its services in partnership with civil society organisations which include Nonprofit Organisations (NPOs) and Community-based Based Organisations. It is proper that these various centres which include Drop-in Centres, Social Behaviour Change centres, Community Based Centres focusing on HIV/AIDS, residential facilities for both older persons and people with disabilities, proactive workshops across the province and many more are visited to assess their state of affairs and to understand where our vulnerable people are served.

Honourable Member, the Legislature through Portfolio Committee of CoGHSTA is to play oversight and monitoring of the work designated to the department which includes the performance of municipalities amongst others. While we appreciate and congratulate municipalities that continue to show some improvement in the area of governance, more still need to be achieved on translating audit outcomes to sustainable service delivery, a matter close to my heart. In this regard, the Portfolio Committee will play oversight on how the department working with municipalities will achieve the objects of local government as enshrined in section 152 of the Constitution.

Honourable Members, the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Community Safety had noted and embraced the National Development Plan Vision 2030. The portfolio committee should strive to ensure that the department remains consistent in terms of increasing the revenue of the province through their services. Oversight visits and support by the committee will be conducted to ensure that our driving learners and traffic services are more effective and efficient equipped with the necessary infrastructure. Law enforcement officers

must be equipped with the necessary resources to be in a position to enforce law and order.

The Committee had further noted that crime prevention campaigns should be implemented across the whole province. Crime against vulnerable groups with a special focus on gender-based violence and femicide must be curbed.

Honourable Members, the Portfolio Committee on Health oversees the implementation of health programmes. In this regard, the Portfolio Committee will ensure that all health facilities including the 474 clinics across the Province are monitored with an intention to ensure that the health of our people is not compromised. This oversight, will include the monitoring of the maintenance, upgrading, revitalisation, and construction of healthcare facilities meant to implement **National Health Insurance**. This will include the timeous completion of the Limpopo Academic Hospital.

Honourable Members, the portfolio committee on Provincial Treasury ensured that five departments and two public entities improved their audit outcomes. Overall the province achieved clean audits with four (4) departments and two (2) clean audits with public entities in the financial year 2023/24 and this is plausible. This brings clean audits to a total of six when compared with the previous financial year. The committee should ensure that the expenditure on infrastructure and conditional grants is improved.

Honourable Members, we have observed the efforts by the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure to ensure that our roads are maintained and repaired through “*Dikgerekgere Programme*”. This has ignited the Province in so far as road maintenance and we must appreciate it. In enhancing the work of the department, the Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure is ready to conduct oversight in all the areas of responsibility for the department including the maintenance of buildings owned by government.

Honourable Members, the 7th Legislature has already made tremendous progress in the accountability and oversight ecosystem. To this end, all government departments and entities have appeared through SCOPA from January to March 2025 on the 2022/23 and 2023/24 audit outcomes. This committee conducts its oversight role in line with section(115) of the Constitution which states that “a provincial legislature or any of its committees may summon any person to appear before it to give evidence on oath or affirmation, or to produce documents”. SCOPA’s work enhances the public’s trust due to its transparency when conducting the Legislature’s business.

SCOPA acts as a watchdog that tracks how the rands and cents appropriated by the Legislature were spent by the Departments and Public Entities. SCOPA is the voice of the voiceless in rooting out corruption, malpractices, and maladministration. SCOPA must in the 7th administration work tirelessly to conduct the public hearings and request departments and public entities to provide evidence on matters raised by the Auditor-General.

The committee will identify projects where collaboration with the Portfolio Committees will be sought to assess progress made on projects and financial implications thereof. This is part of oversight and accountability. The new approach in this 7th Legislature is SCOPA will hold public hearings quarterly.

Honourable Members, the Portfolio Committee on Sports, Arts, and Culture plays oversight role on the Department. The committee has ensured that the department has broken the chain of years of unqualified audit opinion and finally became clean in the 2023/2024 financial year. This committee is planning to interact with all the Statutory bodies in a quest to understand their operations and account on the their allocated resources. This includes bodies such as the **Limpopo Arts and Culture Council, Limpopo Provincial Language Committee, Provincial Library and Information Services Board, Limpopo**


Heritage Resource Authority, Limpopo Provincial Geographic Names Committee and Limpopo Province Archives Council amongst others.

In ensuring that the department contributes to the creation of a diverse, socially cohesive society with a common national identity and efforts to increase economic growth, the building of a Provincial Theatre which was planned more than a decade ago has finally commenced in January 2024 and to date the progress is very satisfactory. As a result, the Portfolio Committee will conduct periodic oversights to this project as well.

Honourable Members, now that we have highlighted critical areas of our work, we will focus on the resources planned to achieve the abovementioned tasks. The total budget for the Legislature in the 2025/26 financial year is **R671.660 m** of the equitable share.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMES	BUDGET		
DESCRIPTION:	R'000		
PROGRAMMES	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Programme 1: Governance and Leadership	229,847	245,229	256,264
Programme 2: Administration	199,713	197,314	206,193
Programme 3: Parliamentary Services	125,599	137,292	153,958
Programme 4: Strategic and Knowledge Management Services	37,722	41,728	43,608
Direct Charge	78,779	81,305	84,964
Total Budget	671,660	702,868	744,987

Honourable Members, I wish to indicate that a high sum of this budget we are presenting today, shall be spent within the Province as highlighted by MEC Mahoai during his Budget speech. In this regard, I am pleased to confirm that soon, we shall signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of



Limpopo to support us in the capacity building programmes which will include Members, our staff, members of the Municipal Public Accounts Committees and the Speakers to augment the work of both Provincial Treasury and CoGHSTA.

Honourable Members, allow me to express my deepest gratitude to the Deputy Speaker, Hon Tebogo Grace Mamorobela, Chair of Chairs, Hon Thabo Mokone, Deputy Chair of Chairs, Hon Hasani Ngobeni, the Chief Whip, Hon Essop Mokgonyana, the Deputy Chief Whip, Hon. Rodgers Monama for their wise counselling, support and their leadership. I also want to appreciate all Chairpersons and Members of Portfolio Committees for the sterling work you continue to render. Thank you also to the Leader of Government Business, Hon Basikop Makamu, all opposition parties in the House, the Chapter 9 institutions in particular, the Auditor General of South Africa for their support in the work of SCOPA. We also want to thank Chapter 10 institution, in supporting the work of the Legislature led by the resident Public Service Commissioner.

Honourable Members, as I conclude, allow me to thank the Honourable **Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba** for her leadership in the Executive which makes our oversight work easier. I also would like to thank the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Tebogo Grace Mamorobela, the Chair of Chair Hon. Thabo Mokone and Deputy Chair of Chair, Hon. Hasani Ngobeni for working as a team. I would be committing a mistake if I may not appreciate and thank Members of the Oversight Mechanism Committee as led by Hon. Kennedy Tshivhase for making sure that we account on the work of the Legislature. To all Honourable Members, thank you for all the good work we have been doing together.

Honourable Members, the vision that we have espoused as the Legislature would have not been possible if it was not the tireless work and effort of the Secretary to the Limpopo Legislature, **Dr Matshankutu Timothy Maake** and his team.

Thank you so much for the commitment and dedication you have demonstrated and the leadership you are providing to the administration.

It is my honour and privilege to table the Limpopo Provincial Legislature 2025/26 Budget Vote 2 to this House.

Thank You!

Ndo Livhuwa

Kea Leboga

Na Khensa

Siyathokoza

Baie Dankie

Ke tswatsweo !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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