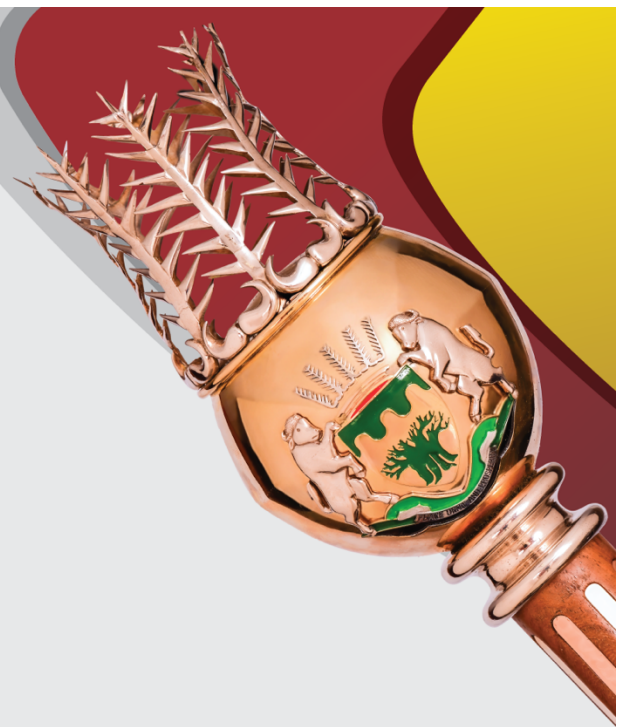




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2026/27

Hon. Dr. Makoma Makhurupetje
The Speaker



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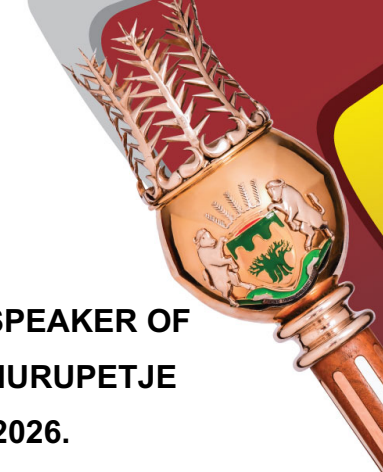
LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE HONOURABLE DR. MAKOMA MAKHURUPETJE LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE LEBOWAKGOMO ON THE 14TH OF MAY 2026.

**Deputy Speaker, Hon. Tebogo Grace Mamorobela,
Premier of the Limpopo Province, Hon. Dr Phophi Ramathuba,
Members of the Executive Council,
Chief Whip of the House, Hon. Essob Mmanoko Mokgonyana,
Deputy Chief Whip of the House, Hon Ganyane Rodgers Monama, and the entire
Whippers of the House
Leader of Government Business, Hon. Rodgers Basikopo Makamu
Leader of the Opposition Parties, Hon, Makgabo Lawrence Mapoulo
Chair of Chair of Committees, Hon. Thabo Andrew Mokone, and Deputy Chair of
Chairs of Committees, Hon Hassani Peter Ngobeni
Leader of the Official Opposition, Hon Makgabo Lawrence Mapoulo
Chairperson of the Oversight Mechanism, Hon. Prince Kennedy Tshivhase and
other Chairperson of committees
Honourable Members of this House,
Executive Mayors, Mayors, and Speakers of our municipalities present today
Special greetings to his worship Executive Mayor of Mopani and Provincial
Deputy Secretary Ntate Pule Shai, we acknowledge your presence
Traditional Leaders, Religious Leaders and other Key Stakeholders present in
this August House
Secretary to the Legislature, Dr Timothy Maake and Team Legislature,
HoDs and other Senior Officials
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Thobela, Avuxeni, Lotshani, Ndi matsheloni, Good morning, Goei more.

Deputy Speaker,

As we come to this August occasion, we all know and are assured that Limpopo
Legislature is a beacon of hope for majority of citizens in our beloved province.



It is a beacon of hope in that in fulfilling its constitutional mandate, it reassures our people that it acts as the cornerstone of representative democracy, translating the will of the people of Limpopo into law, holding government accountable on their conduct and manner in which they render services to them, and fostering inclusive public participation for all citizens of this lovely Province in its activities and that of government.

Yes, it is a beacon of hope in that it serves as a guardian of constitutional rights and a forum for resolving societal issues through democratic debate.

Honourable Members

As we table our budget, you will note that the commitment we have as MPLs is to never allow anything to diminish the importance and unquestioned excellence of such an institution as legislature, for it is itself, a noble product of immense sacrifices made by millions of our people historically. This budget should indeed protect this noble product.

Deputy Speaker,

Confirming the significance of this reminder as stated above, the President of South Africa, Ntate Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa in his State of the Nation Address delivered on the 12th of February 2026 said,

“Our strength comes from our institutions, which are robust and independent, and from the spirit of democracy and freedom that lives deep within us. Our strength and power come from one another. It comes from what we can achieve when we work together. Our strength comes from our respect for one another, even as we may differ on various issues”.

“Hiko thlonipha lavanga tinyiketela hi vutomi bya vona hi ta endla leswaku Pfhumba ra ku endla milawu ri tira hi ndlela leyinene”. Indeed together, we are responsible for making Legislature work, we are responsible for making this Legislature robust and independent.

Honourable Members

I am therefore honoured to stand before this August House to deliver the budget speech for VOTE 2 Limpopo Legislature for the FY 2026-27, with this background at hindsight.

I must indicate that our Annual Performance Plan for the Financial Year 2026-27 on which this budget is premised, is tailored to achieve specifically identified strategic outcomes. These outcomes include amongst others, improved governance and responsiveness; improved Political Party support and mechanisms; improved financial viability and sustainability; improved capacity, effectiveness, and efficiency of the Legislature; and improved oversight mechanisms, law making and public participation.

Honourable Members

Our assurance is that due diligence was to ensure that these strategic outcomes are also expressly embedded across the three (3) Main Programmes of the Legislature as provided in our Annual Performance Plan as follows:

- Programme 1 structured to enhance and achieve improved institutional governance and leadership, and this responsibility resides in the Office of the Speaker.
- Programme 2 entails activities that address issues relating to institutional administration and this is a competency of the Office of the Secretary supported by Budget and Treasury, as well as Corporate Services.
- Lastly, I must indicate that all the activities entailed in Programme 3 are designed to enable Legislature to address and achieve its core business, driven mainly by Parliamentary Services.

Honourable Members

We are pleased to report to this August House, that we continue to participate in several National and International Programmes. During the previous Financial Year, Limpopo Legislature participated in the National Speakers Forum which was co-chaired by Hon Thoko Didiza (Speaker of Parliament) and Hon Refilwe Mtsweni-Tsipane (The Chairperson of NCOP) from the 08 – 09 February 2026. It was within

this Forum that the development of the Regulations in line with section 65 (1) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 10 of 2009 was deliberated.

Honourable Members

The focus of the Speakers' Forum is continuously to ensure that Parliament and Legislatures are functional and that they fully implement their Constitutional mandate. We shall continue to be active members of the National Speakers Forum and shall at the same time strengthen our Provincial Speakers Forum to make more impact. The last sitting of the Provincial Speaker's Forum was in July 2025. We are determined to taking this collaboration and partnership to another level during this Financial Year, when the Speaker's Forum reconvenes.

Honourable Members

Limpopo Legislature has been participating in the international programmes under the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

In 2025-26 Financial Year, the Legislature participated in the Annual General Meetings of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Africa Region held in the Gambia from the 10 – 16 August 2025 and the International Conference was held Barbados from the 05 – 10 October 2025. In 2026-27 Financial Year, we shall be participating at the 55th Annual General Meeting for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for the Africa Region planned for the 09 – 19 August 2026 in Malawi.

Honourable Members

This August House should note that South Africa will be hosting the 69th Annual General Meeting for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association International conference from the 13 - 18 September 2026 in Cape Town. This Annual General Meeting shall be hosted under the custodianship of the Parliament of South Africa and the Commonwealth Parliament Association (CPA) South Africa Branch.

Honourable Members

The significance of this event highlights South Africa's role in the CPA. We, together with parliamentarians in the commonwealth are bound to partake in this August

Occasion and we shall do so to have a hand in the strengthening of democracy and crafting parliamentary development. In this regard, we shall be re-launching our CPA Branch before the end July 2026 in order to implement all programmes and activities such as the women, youth and disability programmes.

Honourable Members

Programme 3 as outlined in our Annual Performance Plan focuses on our Constitutional mandate of oversight, law-making and public involvement. In holding Members of the Executive Council accountable, the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development together with the Portfolio committee on LEDET successfully managed to ensure that the Executive Council resuscitate the Lebowakgomo Abattoir and Mashahane Hatchery which is now functional. Through the intervention and efforts of committees, we shall continue to unlock work opportunities and improve local livelihoods.

Honourable Members

The Portfolio Committee on Education conducted oversight visits to schools in the province in varying intervals. The impact of the oversight work performed by this committee was witnessed during the announcements of the grade 12 results. In this regard, the Executive Council was able to achieve an improvement of the results from 85,1% in 2024 to 86,15 in 2025.

Honourable Members

These improved results, demonstrate the collective impact achievable when both the Legislature and the Executive are accountable and invested in rendering excellent work. Well done to members of the Portfolio Committee on Education and the Member of the Executive Council responsible for education. Keep up the good work.

Honourable Members

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) conducted 33 public hearings successfully, with all government departments and entities having appeared before it. These engagements led to the improved audit outcomes that were recorded by various departments and entities. In this regard, improvements from qualified to unqualified audit outcome in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 were recorded in the Department of

Education, Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure and Department of Social Development.

Honourable Members

I must also indicate that we also observed an improvement from unqualified to clean audit during the same period in the Department of Transport and Community Safety. The Department of Limpopo Economic Development and Tourism and Limpopo Tourism Agency improved from unqualified to clean audit outcome in the same period.

Honourable Members

We must commend the Office of the Premier; Department of Provincial Treasury and the Department of Sports Arts and Culture retained their clean audit outcome. All these achievements were as a result of the oversight role of the Legislature, enhanced by the cooperation received from Sector Departments.

Honourable Members

Limpopo Legislature continues to give effect to the right for the people of Limpopo to submit petitions to the Legislature. This mechanism is provided for petitioners who seek intervention in certain matters after exhausting all other available avenues. In the previous Financial Year, we received and processed seventy-seven (77) petitions, of which 15 of them were closed.

Honourable Members

The impact of petitions handling by the Legislature have continued to make positive impact on the lives of our people in the province.

A good story must be told.

The Public Participation and Petitions Committee have successfully concluded the case of Mr Joseph Mohlala, a Community Liaison Officer (CLO) at Fetakgomo/Tubatse Local Municipality. Mr Joseph Mohlala lodged a Petition regarding the non-payment of his salary for several months, amounting to R28 000.00. He was employed at an incomplete water and sanitation project in Habeng Village, Ward 14 since 2017. The petition was formally received in 2018.

Honourable Members

I must indicate that the matter underwent several adjudication processes without resolution. However, following the adjudication held on 29 October 2025, the Sekhukhune District Municipality successfully processed and paid the outstanding amount owed to Mr Mohlala. The effectiveness of this mechanism is critical in resolving so many unresolved disputes our people have with various institutions throughout this province. Congratulations to the committee and the municipality, a good job well done.

Honourable Members

It is with great appreciation to note that through the work of the Portfolio Committee on LEDET, Great North Transport has bought seven (7) new buses for its commuters. While the number of buses purchased looks small, we must appreciate the response of the company on the oversight work conducted by the Committee.

Honourable Members

The work of all the Committees is reflected in the achievements outlined by the Members of the Executive Councils. We want to appreciate the work done by all Portfolio Committees. Ours is to play oversight, make laws and ensure public participation.

Honourable Members

We take this opportunity to thank Members of the Provincial Executive, entities and municipalities who continue to support and partake in this process when called to do so. The success in the resolution of several requests for assistance and redress of grievances would not be realised without this support and participation. We greatly appreciate.

Honourable Members

Through the Standing Committee on the Quality of Life, Status of Women, Youth and People with Disabilities, we have successfully hosted various sectoral parliaments during the previous Financial Year. These includes the Youth Parliament, Women's Parliament, Parliament for People with Disability, and Men's parliament.

Honourable Members

Over the years, we have seen how sectoral parliaments had played a critical role in enhancing Legislature's commitment to giving our people the opportunity to use it as their voice. We look forward to hosting these sectoral parliaments during this Financial Year.

Honourable Members

We committed in the previous Financial Year to embark on a mission on stakeholder engagement to make it easier to conduct formal engagements with stakeholders on the work of the Legislature in law making and how they can contribute.

Indeed, we have had an opportunity to successfully, together with these stakeholders to process 11 Bills. We have eliminated challenges associated with this process and are convinced that we shall continue to do better in the future.

Honourable Members

The 7th administration of Limpopo Legislature made a commitment from the onset, to promote accountability through "Taking Legislature to the People" as its parliamentary outreach programme. It is therefore our undertaking that this programme shall be taken to each provincial district/regions within each Financial Year (FY) going forward.

Honourable Members

This August House must note that the initiative of "**Taking Legislature to People**" has since been realized and that Legislature held a successful session of the "**Taking Legislature to the People**" from the 10th to the 13th November 2025 at the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality in the Sekhukhune District.

Honourable Members

We shall continue to ensure inclusive participation by giving a voice to rural communities throughout Limpopo Province and further take steps to bridge the gap between Government and the lived realities on the ground. As we focus on the 2026-27 Financial Year, we will ensure that this programme is rolled out in other districts to be identified in accordance with the research report.

Honourable Members

The State of the Province Address (SOPA) was held successfully on the 5th of March 2026 at Jack Botes Hall in Polokwane. This year's SOPA drew attendance from various constituencies in the province and has once again reminded us that with our diversity, Limpopo Province can still attain social cohesion and unity.

Honourable Members

Let me take this opportunity to thank all partners who contributed towards the hosting of the magnitude of the event we had. Again, team legislature continues to make us proud. Without the diligent work these men and women had put in organising this event, we would not have achieved as we have done. Keep up the good work.

Honourable Members

Recently, we have consolidated our partnership with Limpopo Forum for Institutions Supporting Democracy (**LFISD**). This platform provides an opportunity for Legislature to work closely with institutions supporting and safeguarding democracy such as the Public Protector South Africa – Limpopo (**PPSA**), The Commission of Equality (**CGE**), Auditor General (**AG**), South African Human Rights Commission (**SAHRC**), the Independent Electoral Commission (**IEC**), the Pan South African Language Board (**PanSALB**), Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (**ICASA**), Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (**CRL Rights Commission**), The Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (**CCMA**) and the Public Service Commission (**PSC**).

Honourable Members

I must indicate that we have already held a meet and greet session with the forum's representatives in the previous Financial Year. For us as Limpopo Legislature, this partnership marks the beginning of greater things to happen and is aimed at impacting on our collective role on oversight and in assessing the conduct of the Provincial Executive. Beyond this, this platform enhances intergovernmental relations, collaboration and partnership towards making meaningful impact on the lives of our people.

Our focus during this Financial Year is also to consolidate and take our partnership with the University of Limpopo and University of South Africa (UNISA) – Limpopo Campus to another level. As you are aware, our partnership revolves on capacity building programmes for both SCOPA and MPACs to enhance their capacity on oversight. This partnership shall permeate through the Speaker’s Forum, and we rely on the contribution of the University of Limpopo and UNISA – Limpopo Campus as partners to achieve great.

The legislature continues to implement Special Programmes to work closer to the vulnerable such as children, elderly and the people with disability through celebration of Mandela Day, visits to schools and the Christmas celebrations with Early Childhood schools.

Honourable Members

Study tours are an integral part of Programme 3 and are central in giving Members of the Provincial Legislature exposure on how other institutions in the legislative sector conducts their business, and in addition an opportunity to benchmark.

Honourable Members

I must indicate that all Committees made their submissions in the previous financial unfortunately the process of countries accepting to host us is beyond our control. We continue to engage with the Department of International Relations for assistance, and I am happy that the Deputy Minister Botes is ready to host us soon to unlock most of the challenges we are facing. While there were several challenges in this process, we are pleased to confirm that the Portfolio Committee on Social Development has visited Kenya, and we are looking forward to the feedback they shall provide, with the hope that such shall enhance our oversight mechanism.

Honourable Members

This August House must also note that the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture visited Mpumalanga Province recently and they will be the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture will be visiting the Eastern Cape in the coming week. Portfolio Committee on Education will be visiting Free State Province soon. A considerable number of committees will be taking joined visit to KZN. Logistics are under way. The importance of these visits

and their impact on the work of the Legislature cannot be over-emphasised, hence more money is needed in this regard and I confirm we will ensure all committees are fully supported.

Honourable Members

It is worth noting that the Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure has committed to implement infrastructure projects for the Legislature in the current Financial Year. The projects to be implemented are as follows:

- Construction of 15 houses for Members at the Parliamentary Village: R 89 000 000.00
- Office refurbishment at Legislature Offices: R 21 000 000.00.
- Security upgrades at Legislature Offices: R 8 706 000.00.
- Construction of dedicated access road: R 12 000 000.00
- Maintenance of Parliamentary Houses: R 10 000 000.00

Even though budgets for various projects implemented at Lebowakgomo and Parliamentary are not allocated to us, we feel it is important to highlight that the Legislature working with the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure are improving the security and infrastructure assets.

Honourable Members

The Legislature has successfully reviewed the organisational structure with an intention to ensure that it is aligned to the strategic plan and further embraces the implementation of the Sector Oversight Model (SOM). For the 2025/26 financial year, a total of twenty-eight (28) funded posts were advertised and filled. The total number of posts that are not filled stands at 38 resulting in a vacancy rate of 14% which we plan to fill in the 2026/27 financial year in line with the recruitment plan focusing on areas of legal advisors and IT amongst other to support committees. The 38 posts are made up of 24 new funded posts and 14 replacement posts as a result of internal promotions through recruitment and selection. In this regard, the Legislature have filled all the positions at the top management level during the 2025/26 financial year.

Honourable Members

During the 2025/26 period, for the 1st time in the history of the legislature we managed to fill the position of the Treasury Advisor for the Office of the Speaker as required by the provisions of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 10 of 2009. The incumbent will be supporting the Office of the Speaker in playing its monitoring and support role over the administration on financial matters and advise the Executing Authority accordingly. We take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Mmakgolane M A. who brings huge experience in financial reporting including working for AG. As matters stand, she has already made an impact because she was able to advice on how the audit must be approached.

Honourable Members

We have an obligation as Legislature to ensure that we build an ethical, accountable and more responsible administration as well as to deal with corruption whenever is rearing its ugly head to achieve the goals we have set ahead of us. Following the completion of the forensic investigation, the administration is at a point of implementing the recommendations. The investigation covered the construction of the perimeter fence, Vodacom contract, chamber system, appointment of the travel management companies, non-closure of the books after audit, SAGE financial system and human resources management. In terms of the findings, it has been uncovered that internal controls were compromised leading to a financial loss of **R136 851 916.15 between 2019 and 2024 FY (One Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixteen Rands and Fifteen Cent)**. Currently, the administration is busy with the implementation of all the recommendations.

One of the lessons learnt was that the procurement of goods and services were always done on deviation since the 2019/20 to 2024/25. The recent developments are that all procurement of goods and services are handled in line with the appropriate provisions of the law and policies. It important to also highlight the gap in the deletion of financial transactions from our system, a matter that shall be followed up. The outcome of the forensic investigation has led to the administration putting in place measures to improve the internal controls beside the need to apply consequence management.

Hon Members,

The audit for the financial year 2024/25 by the AGSA resulted in Limpopo Legislature receiving an unqualified audit opinion with matters of emphasis. Management has developed the Post-Audit Action Plan to address issues raised by the Auditor-General of South Africa in 2024/2025 which were more of the material misstatement of annual financial statements owing to the corrections emanating from prior year errors. We have since implemented all the findings raised by the Auditor-General of South Africa and we are looking forward to returning to the clean audit.

Honourable Members

The allocation for Limpopo Legislature has been increased from R671 660 000.00 (**Six hundred and seventy-one million six hundred and sixty thousand Rands**) in 2025/26 to R755 469 000,00 (**Seven hundred and fifty-five million four hundred and sixty-nine thousand Rands**) in 2026-27 FY which is a 12.3% increase.

Honourable Members

For the 2026/27 financial year, our budget is allocated as follows:

- Programme 1: Governance and Leadership - R28 465 000.00
- Programme 2: Administration - R258 101 000.00
- Programme 3: Parliamentary Services - R387 598 000.00
- **TOTAL: R755 469 000**

Honourable Members

The allocation of the budget has taken into consideration our legal mandate and core business. In this regard, Programme 3 has received the highest allocation with Political Party Support receiving a total of R201 265 000,00 followed by Committee Services with R53 197 000,00 of the total budget allocated to Parliamentary Services. In this regard, capital expenditure received a total of R16 125 000.00. This allocation will be utilised to refurbish the key access infrastructure with an intention of improving security measures within our offices in Lebowakgomo. On the political party support, we have targeted to transfer 100% of the Constituency allocation to the six (6) political parties represented in the House on a proportional basis. This will go a long in continuing to ensure that constituency work continues for the benefit of our communities.

I take this opportunity to thank Hon MEC Mahoai and HOD Pratt, for always listening to us when we say our baseline was incorrectly conceptualised historically and you continue to assist. Thank you so much, we shall still continue to knock at your door, please don't chase us away.

Honourable Members

Let me take this opportunity to appreciate the sterling work by members of the Oversight Mechanism Committee led by Hon Tshivhase Midiavhathu Prince Kennedy. Your continued guidance and oversight work on the Legislature is noted. Keep up with your good work.

Honourable Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba we thank you for the leadership and continued support and cooperation you always give to Legislature, together with Members of the Executive Council. Our oversight work is always made easier. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank 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.

Honourable Members

My sincere appreciation also goes to Secretary to the Legislature, Dr Maake T and the entire team in the Legislature which he leads. Without this team's passionate dedication to their work and to the goal of building a credible and functional Legislature, we would fail as Members of the Legislature to discharge our own responsibility to our province and its people.

Honourable Members

Let me take this opportunity to confirm President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa's assertion as captured during the State of the Nation Address, that

“We have indeed turned a corner. Now we must look ahead and move with speed”.

Honourable Members

In the same vain, I maintain that, gradually and perhaps in greater ways, we are, as a people, making such contribution as we are capable of making, towards the creation of a better universe. We indeed look ahead and shall move with speed.

It is my honour and privilege to table the Limpopo Provincial Legislature 2026/27 Budget Vote to this House for consideration and adoption.

Thak You

Ndo livhuwa

Kea Leboga

Na khensa

Siyathokoza

Baie Dankie

Ke tswatsweo