

**REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HELD 08 SEPTEMBER 2016**

(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROADS AND TRANSPORT)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mpumalanga Legislature is duly vested with a mandate to maintain oversight of provincial executive authority and any organ of state and all provincial executive authority including provincial organs of state are accountable to it in compliance with section 114 of the constitution. The legislature is independent and performs its functions impartially without prejudice enshrining the rule of law.

In terms of Standing Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature 2013, the **Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and People with Disabilities** (the committee), is established in terms of Rule 135 (h) and has powers to conduct oversight on transversal issues affecting designated groups. The Committee is composed of a multiparty representation and is empowered to develop mechanisms to conduct oversight over provincial departments and public institutions.

The select committee is vested with the power to monitor, investigate and enquire into and make recommendations concerning any organ of state or constitutional body regarding transversal and transformation matters to ensure a province free from gender discrimination and inequalities in promotion of the Bill Of Rights.

The committee in accordance with Rule 119 may summon any person to appear before it to give evidence on oath/ affirmation, or to produce documents and permit oral evidence. The committee may compel an institution or a person to comply with summon subject to the rules and orders or a provincial legislation.

The Legislature seeks to establish whether provincial government delivers services effectively and efficiently within the respective local municipality areas.

2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The objective was to assess the annual plan for 2016/17 on the improvement of quality of life to Women's, Youth, Children and People with Disability.

3. METHOD OF WORK

The Committee invited and met with the Department of Public Works Roads and Transport as per the programme of the Legislature and quarterly target of the committee to a committee meeting, held 08 September 2016, and further considered the committee report on the 11 October 2016.

4. PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROADS AND TRANSPORT

Ms. Chantel Barnard together with management responsible from the Department took the committee through the presentation on the annual plans for 2016/17. In the presentation they outline the following programmes:

4.1 Economic Empowerment for Women, Youth and People with Disability

Annual target	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Budget
Implementation of EPWP programme	Employment of 350 NYS beneficiaries	-	-	-	R2 504 000
	Employment of 5964 beneficiaries under the Siyatentela Roads Maintenance	-	-	-	60 000 000
	Employment of 55 Learner contractor through the Sakhabakhi IV Emerging Contractor Programme	-	-	-	9 649 000

4.2 Educational and Skills Development programme for Youth, Women and People With Disabilities

ANNUAL TARGET	QUARTER 1	QUARTER 2	QUARTER 3	QUARTER 4	BUDGET
Coordinate training and development for youth employed by the department		1 Session			100 000
Coordinate Career Guidance for youth at School	4 Sessions	-	-	-	20 000
Implementation of Internship and learnerships programmes	-	-	-	Appointment of 110 interns	3 000 000
	-	-	-	Appointment of 60 learners	

4.3 Sustainable job opportunities created for youth, women, and People with Disabilities

ANNUAL TARGET	QUARTER 1	QUARTER 2	QUARTER 3	QUARTER 4	BUDGET
33172 work opportunities created for women	3 649	11 610	13 269	4 644	R6 270 000 operational budget
33 172 Work opportunities for Youth	3 649	11 610	13 26	4 644	
1 206 Work opportunities created for people with disabilities	133	422	482	169	

The committee welcomed and appreciated the presentation and made the following comments and questions:

The committee wanted to know the plan in place which will ensure that all planned activities for 2016/17 financial year are implemented and monitored and that the department should provide a quarterly report in terms of implementation progress.

Furthermore, the committee wanted to know whether the 33 172 work opportunities are on permanent or contract basis and noted that EPWP is a national programme that the department is implementing as skill development and not on a permanent basis.

The EPWP is not reaching all the corners of the province and the committee would like to know plans to ensure that people from rural areas do benefit. It was noted that the geographical spread is not entirely reached but the department is working towards getting a database to ensure that all areas do benefit from the programmes.

In line with the geographical spread the committee noted that the department is not meeting the 1% of employment to people with disabilities and noted that it faces challenges because most people living with disabilities are on the grant system which makes it impossible for them to benefit on both the EPWP and the Social grant.

5.1 FINDINGS

After the deliberations, the Committee made the following findings:

- 1) Departments have a good plan on paper and lack monitoring and implementations.
- 2) EPWP is not reaching all the corners of the province, particularly the deep rural areas.

5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The department must develop an implementation plan that will have responsible personnel and due date in terms of reporting and provide a quarterly report on progress made to the committee.
- 2) The EPWP must be enhanced through municipalities to be able to reach all corners of the province in terms of geographical spread and number of intake must be balanced based on the population within the municipality.

5. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson extended her appreciation to Members of the Committee, officials from the department of Public Works Roads & Transport; the support staff of the Legislature for their participation during the deliberations.

The Committee tables this report to the House for adoption with its recommendations and progress to be provided to the committee.



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**CHAIRPERSON: SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN,
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11/10/16
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