

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PREMIERS' OFFICE;
FINANCE; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

**FOURTH (4th) QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR -
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM (DEDT)**

1. INTRODUCTION

The **Portfolio Committee on Premier's Office, Finance; Economic Development and Tourism** (the Committee) has a Constitutional mandate, in terms of Section 114(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa read with Rule 131(1)(b) of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature to oversee the performance of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (the department) and hold it accountable through various measures.

The consideration and scrutiny of the Fourth (4th) Quarterly Performance Report for 2018/2019 of the department is the tool the Committee uses to determine whether the department has proper plans and programmes to realise its strategic objectives and ultimately to deliver basic services to the citizens of Mpumalanga.

The Committee tables this report in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, as an account of its oversight work done for consideration and adoption in order to monitor the performance of the department for the 2018/2019 fourth quarter.

2. METHOD OF WORK

The Speaker referred the department's Fourth (4th) Quarterly Report to the Portfolio Committee on Premier's Office; Finance; Economic Development and Tourism for consideration and report back to the Legislature, as contemplated in Rule 218 of the Rules and Orders of Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (the Rules).

The Committee met to deliberate on the department's research analysis on the fourth quarterly report and scrutinize in detail the aforementioned document. The Committee further met the department on 21 June 2019, to deliberate on the 2018/19 fourth (4th) quarter report and subsequently met to consider the draft Committee report.

3. UPDATED PROGRESS REPORT ON HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON THE 2018/19 THIRD (3RD) QUARTER REPORT

The Committee considered an updated progress report in relation to the implementation of the House Resolutions emanating from the Committee report for the department's 3rd Quarterly Performance Report for the 2018/19 financial year. The Committee had to check the relevance of the progress the department submitted against the resolutions of the House (see Annexure A).

4. OVERVIEW BY THE MEC

The MEC of the department, Mr PS Ngomane gave an overview on the performance of the department for the 2018/19 4th Quarter Report to the Committee; and also covered the parastatals / public entities under the department, which include Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), and Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER). In respect of the vacant post of the Head of Department (HOD), the MEC stated that the Office of the Premier has confirmed that the post will be advertised on 30 June 2019. In order to avoid a vacuum, the Premier has extended the appointment of Mr Sebitso as the Acting HOD for a period not exceeding six (6) months or until an appointment is made – whichever comes first.

The MEC indicated that the post of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will be filled soon. A submission was made to the Executive Council and a request was made that this item be placed on the agenda of the first Cabinet Sitting in order to avoid any further delays. In conclusion, the MEC stated that the department remains committed to the facilitation of economic empowerment opportunities and the promotion of local economic development in the Province.

5. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The department was allocated a budget of R1 198 058 000.00 for the 2018/19 financial year. During the adjustment appropriation in November 2018 followed by the second amendment in early 2019, the department's budget was reduced to R1 160 452 000.00. At the end of the fourth quarter of the 2018/19 financial year, the department had spent R1 158 925 000.00 of its annual adjusted budget. This translates to an expenditure of 99.9%. This is against the expenditure of R847 828 000.00 in the third quarter at 71%. The department achieved 48 of its 55 (87%) planned targets for the fourth quarter of the 2018/19 financial year. This is against the 42 of the 55 targets achieved in the third quarter at 76%. The above fourth quarter analysis can be summed up in the table below:

Targets Planned	Actual Achieved	Adjusted Budget	Expenditure to date
55	48 (87%)	R1 160 452 000.00	R1 158 925 000.00 (99.9%)

6. PROGRAMME ANALYSIS

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

The Committee noted that the department has achieved seven (7) of its eight (8) targets in the quarter under review for the 2018/19 financial year under programme 1 named "Administration". This translates to 88% achievement for planned targets.

It is quite unusual for this programme not to achieve all its targets as it has been a trend for the past two (2) years or so that they achieve all their targets. On page 11 of the quarterly report under the Financial Management sub-programme, the department failed for the second consecutive time to pay all invoices within thirty (30) days; they were at 99.5%. Three (3) invoices out of the total of 616 were not processed. The department also reported in the previous quarter that the process of appointing the HOD and CFO was still underway.

i. The Committee enquired on why the programme failed to pay the three (3) invoices, which were due to be paid within the thirty (30) days. In response, the department indicated that the invoices received from the service providers had discrepancies which required to be addressed, hence the delay. Amongst other things, were challenges relating to names and banking details not matching on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

ii. According to the department, the appointment of the CFO was submitted to the Executive Council for consideration; no decision has been received as yet. With regards to the position of the HOD, it was stated that the HOD's post is the sole prerogative of the Office of the Premier; in the meantime, the Premier has extended the acting period of Mr Sebitso as HOD from 01 May to 31 October 2019.

iii. The Committee requested the department to provide an update on the status quo on the three (3) suspended MEGA executive officials. The department mentioned that as per the Cabinet Resolution 12 /19, the Integrity Management Unit was appointed to conduct the investigation. The investigation is not finalised yet.

iv. According to the department, the process of appointing the Interim Board has commenced. Adverts were issued and potential candidates were forwarded to the MEC for processing. Adverts for the full term Board have been published in the Sowetan Newspaper and the Provincial Gazette.

Programme 1: Expenditure Analysis

Main Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	As at 4th Quarter	% of Main Budget
99,406,000	93,082,000	92,956,000	100%

Targets Planned	Actual Achieved
08	07 (88%)

The main budget for Programme 1 was R99 406 000.00 as set out at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. The budget was reduced to R93 082 000.00. The actual budget spent at the end of the fourth quarter was R92 956 000.00 which is at 100% of the adjusted annual budget.

	Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	Actual expenditure	% of Budget
Compensation of Employees	63,726,000	61,620,000	63,347,000	103%
Goods and Services	31,584,000	27,138,000	26,020,000	96%
Capital Assets	3,620,000	3,848,000	3,447,000	90%
Transfers & Subsidies	476,000	476,000	142,000	30%

The Economic Classification of Programme 1 reflects that Compensation of Employees budget was allocated R63 726 000.00 at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. This was reduced to R61 620 000.00. The department had spent R63 347 000.00 (103%) on Compensation of Employees for this programme. The Goods and Services budget was R31 584 000.00 and also reduced to R27 138 000.00. Actual spent on Goods and Services at the end of the fourth quarter was R26 020 000.00; that is 96% of the annual adjusted Goods and Services budget.

v. The over-expenditure on CoE by 3% (R1 727 000.00) was due to misalignment of budget between programmes as explained by the department; the department as a whole under-spent on COE. The over-expenditure will be cleared by adjustment against under-expenditure on other programmes through the post adjustment process. However, it should be noted that the department as a vote did not overspend on COE.

PROGRAMME 2: INTEGRATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Committee noted that the department attained eleven (11) of its twelve (12) planned targets for Programme 2 in the fourth quarter of the 2018/19 financial year, translating to 92% targets achieved under the programme named "Integrated Economic Development".

On page 16 of the department's quarterly report under the Enterprise Development sub-programme, the programme achieved four (4) of its five (5) targets. It failed to monitor the functioning of two (2) self-service sites in the Nkangala and Gert Sibande region. The department

stated that the CIPC had indicated that only mobile units should be installed with computers. The department further stated that the computers will be procured in the 2019/20 financial year.

Programme 2: Expenditure Analysis

Main Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	As at 4th Quarter	% of Main Budget
558,986,000	533,218,000	532,652,000	100%
Targets Planned		Actual Achieved	
12		11 (92%)	

The main budget for Programme 2 was R558 986 000.00 as set out at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. This was reduced to R533 218 000.00. The actual budget spent at the end of the fourth quarter was R532 652 000.00 at 100% of the annual adjusted budget.

	Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	Actual expenditure	% of Budget
Compensation of Employees	28,869,000	28,869,000	27,895,000	97%
Goods and Services	35,672,000	41,404,000	41,741,000	101%
Transfers	173,957,000	191,457,000	191,524,000	100%
Payments for Capital Assets	320,488,000	271,488,000	271,488,000	100%
Payments for Financial Assets	0	0	4,000	-

The Economic Classification of Programme 2 reflects that Compensation of Employees budget was allocated R28 869 000.00 at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. The department has spent R27 895 000 (97%) on Compensation of Employees for this programme. The Goods and Services budget was R35 672 000.00 at the beginning of the financial year and was increased to R41 404 000.00. Actual spent on Goods and Services at the end of the fourth quarter was R41 741 000.00 (101%). Transfers and Subsidies to MEGA were at 100% of the annual adjusted budget.

i. The department indicated that the over-expenditure on Goods and Services budget by 1% (R337 000.00), was as a result of the budget cuts, which were effected after commitments were already made.

PROGRAMME 3: TRADE AND SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

The Committee noted that the department attained its entire thirteen (13) planned targets under Programme 3 named "Trade and Sector Development". This translates to 100% achieved targets in the fourth quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.

The department stated that the Techno-parks were still on schedule and that all targets are being met. It also reported that the designation of the Nkomazi SEZ has been finalised.

i. The department cited the following challenges experienced throughout the fourth quarter on the Techno Parks:

- With regards to the Petrochemical Industrial Technology Park in Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, there was a delay due to the finalisation of the servitude of access to the Industrial Technology Park. This issue has since been resolved and the project plan is back on track.

- As far as the Forestry Industrial Technology Park in Thaba Chweu Local Municipality (Sabie) is concerned, the department mentioned that there was a delay due to a private person owning the surface rights as well as an objection from the adjacent land owners and Sabie ratepayers association. The department is attending to the issues raised with a view of finding amicable solutions.

ii. Furthermore, the department stated that changes in the leadership of the Provincial Government, Mining Houses and the then Department of Mineral Resources presented challenges on the performance of the Provincial Mining Forum. However, the department is engaged in the process of revitalising the Provincial Mining Forum working in partnership with the Mineral Council which enjoys the subscription of the majority of mining companies operating in the Province and the Mine Water Coordinating Body (MWCB) whose focus is on water reclamation and mine closures.

Programme 3: Expenditure Analysis

Main Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	As at 4th Quarter	% of Main Budget
25,045,000	17,329,000	16,654,000	96%
Targets Planned		Actual Achieved	
13		13 (100%)	

The main budget for Programme 3 as set out at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year was R25 045 000.00. This was adjusted downwards to R17 329 000.00. The actual budget spent at the end of the fourth quarter was R16 654 000.00 which is at 96% of the annual adjusted budget.

	Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	Actual expenditure	% of Budget
Compensation of Employees	12,284,000	12,284,000	11,560,000	94%
Goods and Services	9,259,000	3,193,000	3,319,000	104%
Transfers & Subsidies	3,502,000	1,852,000	1,775,000	96%

The Economic Classification of Programme 3 reflects that Compensation of Employees budget was allocated R12 284 000.00 at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. The department had spent R11 560 000.00 (94%) on Compensation of Employees for this programme. The Goods and Services budget was R9 259 000.00 at the beginning of the financial year and was reduced to R3 193 000.00. Actual spent on Goods and Services at the end of the fourth quarter was R3 319 000.00; that is 104% of the annual adjusted Goods and Services budget. This reflects an over-expenditure of 3% at R126 000.00.

iii. According to the department, the over-expenditure on Goods and Services budget by R126 000.00, was as a result of the budget cuts which were effected after commitments were already made.

PROGRAMME 4: BUSINESS REGULATION & GOVERNANCE

The Committee noted that the department attained six (6) of its eight (8) planned targets (75%) under Programme 4 named "Business Regulations and Governance" for the third quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.

The programme failed to hold three (3) Consumer Court hearings in terms of the Mpumalanga Consumer Affairs Act; it instead held one (1). The programme stated that the three (3) hearings could not be held because they were resolved through mediation and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. The programme further failed to conduct a review of the Mpumalanga Business Act because the process is managed by the small business ministry.

i. The Committee sought clarity from the department on when it envisages the review of the Mpumalanga Business Act to be completed considering that this was the last quarter of the 2018/19 financial year. In response, the department stated that the Mpumalanga Business Act is envisaged to be completed by the end of 2020/21 financial year. This is because of the consultation process taking longer than expected with National Departments of Small Business Development and Trade and Industry.

Programme 4: Expenditure Analysis

Main Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	As at 4th Quarter	% of Main Budget
115,210,000	114,434,000	114,406,000	100%
Targets Planned		Actual Achieved	
08		06 (75%)	

The main budget for Programme 4 is R115 210 000.00 as set out at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. This was adjusted downwards to R114 434 000.00. The actual budget spent at the end of the fourth quarter was R114 406 000.00 which is at 100% of the annual adjusted budget.

	Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	Actual expenditure	% of Budget
Compensation of Employees	16,513,000	16,513,000	16,439,000	100%
Goods and Services	2,387,000	1,611,000	1,657,000	103%
Transfers	96,310,000	96,310,000	96,310,000	100%

The Economic Classification of Programme 4 reflects that Compensation of Employees budget was allocated R16 513 000.00 at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. The department has spent R16 439 000.00 (100%) on Compensation of Employees for this programme. The Goods and Services budget was R2 387 000.00 at the beginning of the financial year and was further reduced to R1 611 000.00. Actual spent on Goods and Services was R1 657 000.00; that is 103% of the annual adjusted Goods and Services budget. Transfers and Subsidies to MER were at 100% of the annual adjusted budget.

ii. According to the department, the over-expenditure on Goods and Services budget by R46 000.00, was as a result of the budget cuts which were effected after commitments were already made.

PROGRAMME 5: ECONOMIC PLANNING

The Committee noted that the department attained ten (10) of its twelve (12) planned targets under programme 5 named "Economic Planning". This translates to 83% achievement for planned targets.

On page 37 of the department's quarterly report under the sub-programme Knowledge Management, the department failed to report on priority economic development initiatives due to a diversion of human resources to deal with the Mpumalanga Employment and Business Survey (MEBS) project. It has since been rescheduled for May 2019. The MEBS project was undertaken but the preliminary report was not produced.

i. According to the department, the MEBS Survey was rescheduled to be undertaken from January to April 2019 due to the service provider (StatsSA) prioritising the national survey on agriculture. This was done to avoid clash of surveys taking place simultaneously. The report is expected to be released in the second quarter of the 2019/20 financial year.

Programme 5: Expenditure Analysis

Main Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	As at 4th Quarter	% of Main Budget
20,016,000	18,890,000	18,609,000	99%

Targets Planned	Actual Achieved
12	10 (83%)

The main budget for Programme 5 was R20 016 000.00 as set out at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. This was reduced to R18 890 000.00. The actual budget spent at the end of the fourth quarter was R18 609 000.00 which is at 99% of the annual adjusted budget.

	Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	Actual expenditure	% of Budget
Compensation of Employees	14,732,000	14,732,000	14,486,000	98%
Goods and Services	5,284,000	4,158,000	4,123,000	99%

The Economic Classification of Programme 5 reflects that Compensation of Employees budget was allocated R14 732 000.00 at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. The department had spent R14 486 000.00 (98%) on Compensation of Employees for this programme. The Goods and Services budget was R5 284 000.00 at the beginning of the financial year and was reduced to R4 158 000.00. Actual spent on Goods and Services at the end of the fourth quarter was R4 123 000.00. That is 99% of the annual adjusted Goods and Services budget.

PROGRAMME 6: TOURISM

The Committee noted that the department attained one (1) of its two (2) planned targets under Programme 6 named "Tourism". This translates to 50% achieved targets in the fourth quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.

On page 42 of the department's quarterly report, the programme failed to produce the Mpumalanga Tourism Summit report. The department had stated in the previous quarter that the Mpumalanga Tourism Summit could not be held in the previous quarter and that it would be held during the fourth quarter. However, it was not held in the fourth quarter owing to budget cuts. The department has further committed that the summit will be held in the 2019/20 financial year.

Programme 6: Expenditure Analysis

Main Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	As at 4th Quarter	% of Main Budget
379,395,000	383,499,000	383,648,000	100%

Targets Planned	Actual Achieved
02	01 (50%)

The main budget for Programme 6 was R379 395 000.00 as set out at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. During the adjustment appropriation process, the programme's budget was adjusted upwards to R383 499 000.00. The actual budget spent at the end of the fourth quarter was R383 648 000.00 which is at 100% of the annual adjusted budget.

	Budget 2018/19	Adjusted Budget	Actual expenditure	% of Budget
Compensation of Employees	3,538,000	3,538,000	3,542,000	100%
Goods and Services	9,424,000	1,028,000	1,173,000	114%
Transfers & Subsidies	366,433,000	378,933,000	378,933,000	100%

The Economic Classification of Programme 6 reflects that Compensation of Employees budget is allocated R3 538 000.00 at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year. The department had spent R3 542 000.00 (100%) on Compensation of Employees for this programme. The Goods and Services budget was R9 424 000.00 at the beginning of the financial year and was reduced to R1 028 000.00. Actual spent on Goods and Services at the end of the fourth quarter was R1 173 000.00; that is 114% of the annual adjusted Goods and Services budget. That is an over-expenditure of 14%. Transfers and Subsidies to MTPA were at 100% of the annual adjusted budget of the programme.

i. According to the department, the over-expenditure on Goods and Services budget by 14% was as a result of the budget cuts which were effected after commitments were already made.

7. FINDINGS

After the interaction with the department, the Committee made the following findings:

- 7.1 The post of the Head of Department (HOD) is confirmed to be re-advertised on 30 June 2019.
- 7.2 The appointment of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) was submitted to the Executive Council for consideration; no decision has been received as yet.
- 7.3 The department failed for the second consecutive quarter to pay all invoices within thirty (30) days.
- 7.4 The Mpumalanga Employment and Business Survey (MEBS) project was undertaken but the preliminary report was not produced; the report is expected to be released in the second quarter of the 2019/20 financial year.
- 7.5 As per the Cabinet Resolution 12/19, the Integrity Management Unit was appointed to conduct the investigation of the three (3) suspended Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA) Executive officials.

7.6 The interim board that has been recently appointed by the MEC will serve for no longer than six (6) months after which a new permanent board would have been appointed.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following recommendations:

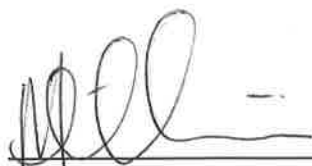
- 8.1 The department must expedite the process of filling the vacant position of the HOD and update the Committee, as this process is long over-due. The department must submit a progress report in this regard by 30 August 2019.
- 8.2 The department must keep the Committee abreast on the status quo of appointing the CFO and submit a progress report by 31 July 2019.
- 8.3 The department, in the 2019/20 financial year, must ensure that all invoices are paid within thirty (30) days and verify the information supplied by service providers within the stipulated time-frame to avoid late payments.
- 8.4 The Mpumalanga Employment and Business Survey (MEBS) report must be submitted to the Committee not later than 30 August 2019.
- 8.5 The department must submit a progress report on the investigation conducted on the three (3) MEGA Executive officials by the end of the second quarter of the 2019/20 financial year.
- 8.6 The Executive authority must ensure that a permanent MEGA board is in place by the end of December 2019.

9. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson wishes to express his gratitude to the MEC, Mr PS Ngomane, the Acting HOD, Mr NM Sebitso and the senior officials of the department for their active involvement during the deliberations with the entity.

The Chairperson further wishes to thank the Hon. Members of the Committee for their sterling participation and input during the deliberations on the fourth (4th) quarter report of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism also thanked the Legislature staff for their support and contribution towards the production of this report.

Unless otherwise stated a report detailing progress in the implementation of all recommendations in this report should be forwarded to the Committee by 15 August 2019 and thereafter on a quarterly basis.



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ANNEXURE A

UPDATED PROGRESS REPORT ON HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON THE 2018/19 THIRD (3RD) QUARTER REPORT

RESOLUTION	UPDATED PROGRESS REPORT	STATUS
1. The department must keep the Committee abreast on the developments of the newly established SEZ entity and submit a progress report by the 29 March 2019.	In 2015, the Mpumalanga Provincial Executive Committed took a decision to pursue the designation of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) within the Province. In line with the objectives of the SEZ programme, among which is to create jobs through value-addition (industrialisation) of locally available resources, a pre-feasibility study was conducted to first identify the strategic resources, and secondly identify the best location that would optimise the key objectives of the SEZ programme. The proposed SEZ site in Nkomazi is strategically located along the N4 Maputo Corridor, and is within 200km of most of the agricultural commodities required for the targeted agro-processing industries. The Nkomazi SEZ has adopted the theme "From Endowment to Abundance", indicating its clear focus to beneficiate the natural endowments of the region into economic prosperity derived from significant participation in national and global supply chains, supported by inclusive growth.	On-going
2. The department must expedite the process of filling of vacant post of the HOD and update the Committee, as this process is long overdue. The department must submit a progress report in this regard by 29 March 2019.	The interviews for the position of the HOD were held and we are awaiting the decision from the Executive Council. However, the Premier has extended the acting appointment of Mr Sebitso by another six months (From 01 May 2019 to 31 October 2019).	On-going
3. The department must ensure that all targets are met and achieved as planned in the final quarter of the current 2018/19 financial year.	The department has implemented 94% of its planned targets for 2018/19 financial year. To date the department has implemented its planned targets for 2018/19 financial year as follows: The Integrated SMME strategy, Integrated Airlift Strategy, Tourism Bill, review of Mpumalanga Tourism Growth Strategy, Provincial LED Framework/strategy and Forestry strategy have been developed which are in a form of draft pending the approval process by the Executive Council. In addition, the detailed tourism assessment report and the development of the database have been completed. The projects that are a multi-year projects are being developed however, for the Forestry Technology Park, there is a slight delay as the issue of the land still delays the project from continuing as planned. The Petro-chemical Industrial Technology Park is	On-going

	<p>continuing as planned and the EIA process will be completed in the second quarter of the 2019/20 financial year.</p> <p>The other projects such as the symbiosis projects, report on the informal economy have been implemented successfully. Work on Employment and Business tracking tool/survey is continuing, as the target for 2018/19 financial year was to compile business registers for two (2) local municipalities namely: Steve Tshwete and Emalahleni Municipalities have been achieved.</p>	
<p>4. The department must ensure the resolutions taken at the Mpumalanga Tourism Summit are implemented accordingly with clear time frames. A progress report on the implementation of the summit to the Committee not later than 29 March 2019.</p>	<p>The Tourism Summit could not take place owing to the drastic budget cut of the programme during the recent budget adjustment process. However, the department will in the next financial year (2019/20) be establishing the Mpumalanga Tourism Summit Forum (MTSF).</p> <p>This platform will amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote effective collaboration between key tourism stakeholders and partners as well as alignment of plans and strategies across the sector; - Deliberate on the timeous and cost effective implementation of the MTDS 2019-2024 and other similar tourism programmes/strategies; - Consider any other critical issue/s important to the successful implementation of the MTDS and other strategies/programmes; - Review progress made in the implementation of the MTDS, identify challenges as well as recommending solutions, policy and strategy changes; - Identify risks that impact on tourism and the achievement of objectives of the MTDS in particular to ensure collaborative effort on risk mitigation solutions; - Share information between MTSF members more effectively by improving information sharing network; - Provide feedback on the Department of Economic and Tourism & MTPA programmes and those within the mandate of other stakeholders/TSF members. 	On-going
<p>5. The department must submit a progress report on the process of appointing the interim Board for MEGA.</p>	<p>The shareholder representative at the time resolved to put the appointment of the interim Board as contemplated in Section 7(4) of the MEGA Act No.1 of 2010, in abeyance because the term of office for Members of the interim Board cannot exceed a period of six (6) months, in abeyance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The shareholder representative opted to appoint a full term board as contemplated in Section 7(1) and (2) of the Act. Pursuant to this process, a Notice was published calling for nominations and the closing date was 02 April 2019. The notice has since been re-published in June 2019 following the starting of the 6th administration. 	On-going