

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE MPUMALANGA SECOND ADJUSTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL [B 1B – 2018]

1. INTRODUCTION

The Portfolio Committee on Premier's Office, Finance, Economic Development and Tourism (the Portfolio Committee) proposed amendments to the Mpumalanga Second Adjustment Bill [B 1B – 2018] (the Bill), which amendments were referred to the Speaker in terms of Rule 195(2). The Speaker subsequently referred the proposed amendments to the Budget Committee (the Committee) for consideration and reporting to the House.

According to section 120(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, a provincial Act must provide for a procedure by which the provincial legislature may amend a money Bill. The Mpumalanga Finance Matters Act, 2006 (the Act) is such provincial Act. In terms of section 4 of the Act, "after the introduction in the Provincial Legislature of a Money Bill but prior to the passing of such Money Bill by the Provincial Legislature, the Money Bill concerned may only be amended as contemplated in section 120(3) of the Constitution, by consideration of such proposed amendments by the Budget Committee of the Provincial Legislature and which proposed amendments may be decided upon by the Provincial Legislature".

The establishment of the Budget Committee and the process it must follow in considering the proposed amendments made by the Portfolio Committee is provided for in rules 195 and 196 of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Legislature (the Rules).

Furthermore, the above-mentioned provisions are supported by the Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act, 2009 which provides for a mechanism for amending money Bills by provincial legislatures.

2. OBJECTS OF THE BILL

The Bill seeks to effect second adjustments to the appropriation of money from the Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Province in respect of the 2017/18 financial year ending 31 March 2018; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

3. METHOD OF WORK

In accordance with rule 195(3), the Speaker referred the Bill to the Budget Committee as established in terms of rule 196(1) of the Rules, for consideration and report to the House.

The Committee as part of its law-making process and as empowered by rule 196, met on 15 March 2018 and interacted on the Bill with special focus on amendments proposed by the Portfolio Committee. The MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism presented a brief overview on the Bill. The Head Official of the Provincial Treasury presented the proposed amendments on the Bill to the Committee.

4. COMMITTEE OBSERVATION(S)

The Committee noted the proposed amendments by the Portfolio Committee. The proposed amendments are as follows:

Vote 3: Provincial Treasury

- a) Correct figures on Compensation of Employees for all programmes
- b) Correct figure on Goods and Services for Programme 2

Vote 4: Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

- a) Correct figure on Compensation of Employees in Programme 4

Vote 5: Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Tourism

- a) Correct figure on Compensation of Employees for Programme 1
- b) Correct figures on Goods and Services for all programmes.

On the schedule of the Bill

- a) Correct the spelling for “Thabachweu”.
- b) Correct that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism surrendered money from Goods and Services, instead of from Compensation of Employees.

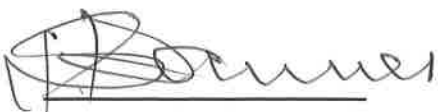
After thorough scrutiny of the proposed amendments, the Committee, in principle, pronounced that it concurs with the proposed amendments of the Portfolio Committee. The Committee met again on 16 March 2018 to consider its draft report on the Bill. The Committee resolved to agree with the proposed amendments thereon.

5. WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Committee invited written comments on the proposed amendments from the affected departments. Written comments were received from the Provincial Treasury. The Departments of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs did not submit written comments.

6. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee therefore recommends that the House approves the amendments and further adopts the Mpumalanga Second Adjustments Appropriation Bill, 2018 [B 1B – 2018].



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16/03/2018
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