

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION; CULTURE, SPORT AND RECREATION ON THE 4TH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, SPORT AND RECREATION 2014/15

1. INTRODUCTION

As stated in Rule 218 sub-rule (1) (2) and (3) of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, the Member of the Executive Council responsible for a provincial department must table the quarterly reports of the department to the Speaker, within 30 calendar days after the end of a quarter.

The Committee considered the 4th quarterly report of the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation (the department) for the 2014/15 financial year, **reporting period January – March 2015**. Interaction with the department was aimed at assessing the department's performance for the quarter, in relation to its 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan (APP), the Mpumalanga Appropriation Bill, 2014 and the Adjusted Appropriation Bill, 2014.

2. METHOD OF WORK

The Honourable Speaker referred the 4th quarterly report of the department to the Committee for consideration and report back to the House.

On 21 July 2015 the Committee was briefed by the researcher on the 4th quarterly report of the department. The Committee interacted with the research analysis and resolved on the key concerns to be raised with the department during the deliberations, which were held on 24 July 2015. The analysis questions were sent to the department and the written responses thereto were submitted to the Legislature on 30 July 2015, together with the responses to the questions raised by the Committee during the deliberations. Subsequently, the Committee considered and adopted its report on 13 August 2015.

The Honourable MEC for Culture, Sport and Recreation, the Acting Head of Department (AHOD) and his senior management team, the Provincial Treasury, the Office of the Auditor-General were invited to the meeting.

3. OVERVIEW BY THE MEC

The Honourable MEC appreciated the opportunity to appear before the Committee again to report on the 4th quarterly performance of the department. She provided an overview of the department's progress as at 31 March 2015 and to date.

The Hon MEC indicated the following to the Committee:

- a. The 4th quarter report had been re-tabled on 24 July 2015 because the initial one which was tabled on 30 April 2015 had not been signed off by the MEC. The Hon Speaker had requested the department to correct this and re-table the report. The Committee accepted the apology of the Hon MEC and the re-tabled 4th quarter report.
- b. The HOD of the department will be appointed within the following two weeks (by 07 August 2015). The Committee welcomed this announcement.
- c. The department had implemented its programmes as per its mandate, although some reasons for non-achievement of APP targets were beyond the department's control. The Committee acknowledged this situation but urged the department to take authority of the situation and make necessary interventions to increase monitoring of projects.
- d. The department is working closely with the Auditor-General towards achieving a clean audit for the 2014/15 financial year. The Committee commended this work in progress.
- e. Political leadership was provided to diffuse the racial tension which arose at the Innibos festival in 2014. Important progress was made towards achieving a transformation agenda at the Innibos festival, resulting in an amicable relationship with the festival management and increased government funding for the festival in 2015. The Committee applauded the department for making this impact in the province.
- f. **Sport:** Mpumalanga learners have excelled in basketball, athletics, swimming and were selected for the Special Olympics in Los Angeles, California from 25 July 2015. The Committee welcomed this announcement and appreciated the department's support to these learners.
- g. The department has implemented the National Development Plan by supplying sport and cultural infrastructure. Five (5) of the planned libraries were reported complete as at 24 July 2015. However, Mthonjeni library was reported at 95% progress and due for completion by 30 September 2015.

- h. The Senior Manager for special Events in the department, Mr Festus Magagula, would be retiring at the end of July 2015.

4. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- a. The 4th quarterly report was neatly packaged and complied with the National Treasury reporting format for quarterly reports; targets were aligned with the approved 2014/15 APP.
- b. The Acting HOD presented the 4th quarterly report, indicating the actual outputs versus the planned targets, the challenges that prevented the planned targets from being achieved and the interventions that were put in place to address the challenges.
- c. The department did not table its 4th quarter dashboard report as requested by the Committee in the 3rd quarter.

6. OBSERVATIONS ON THE BUDGET EXPENDITURE

The Committee considered the department's 4th quarter expenditure trend and made the following observations:

- a. By 31 March 2015 the department had spent 92.8% of its budget, which implied material underspending (R411 104 000.00 of the adjusted budget of R443 576 000.00). In response to the Committee's question, the department said that the main reason for the underspending was the slow progress on delivery of infrastructure projects as coordinated by the implementing agent Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT).
- b. The Committee further asked what measures were taken in the 4th quarter to ensure that the unspent funds would be spent, to which the department confirmed that they had applied for a rollover from Provincial Treasury for the unspent funds of R30 273 000. 00. The Committee requested a copy of the application letter to Provincial Treasury, which was submitted by the department on 30 July 2015 and noted by the Committee.

Table 1: 4th quarter expenditure per programme

Programme	2014/15 Adjusted Budget R'000	4 th Quarter Expenditure R'000	4 th Quarter Expenditure %	Total Expenditure as at 31/03/2015	Total Under/Over Expenditure at 31/03/15
1. Administration	82 208	21 011	25.6%	80 184	2 024
2. Cultural Affairs	122 728	34 765	28.3%	120 617	1 111
3. Library and Archive Services	166 858	56 402	33.8%	143 810	23 048
4. Sports and Recreation	71 782	14 116	19.7%	66 492	5 290
Total	443 576	126 294	28.4%	411 103	32 473

c. Programme 1 Administration was on course with its expenditure for the 4th quarter, at 25.6%. Although the expenditure on Programme 2 Cultural Affairs overspent by 3.3% when comparing it to the 25% benchmark for quarterly expenditure, the programme reflects an overall underspending of R1 111 000.00 by the end of the financial year. Programme 3 Library and Archive Services also overspent by 8.8% for the 4th quarter, but had an overall underspending of R23 048 000.00 by the end of the financial year. Programme 4 Sports and Recreation reflected 19.7% underspending and had an overall underspending of R5 290 000.00 by the end of the financial year.

d. On the whole, the Committee noted the R32 403 000.00 rollover application of the department, but was satisfied that the department had put necessary measures in place by applying for a rollover to the Provincial Treasury. The Committee urged the department to improve its spending in the new financial year 2015/16 and to improve its monitoring of infrastructure projects such as libraries and sport combo courts.

Table 2: 4th quarter economic classification expenditure

Economic Classification	2014/15 Adjusted Budget R'000	Total Expenditure as at 31/03/2015 R'000	Under/Over	% Expenditure as at 31/03/2015
Compensation of Employees	152 926	145 187	7 739	95%
Goods and Services	155 309	148 867	6 442	96%
Transfers and Subsidies	9 406	8 720	686	93%
Payment of Capital Assets	125 935	108 329	17 606	86%
Total	443 576	411 103	32 473	93%

e. Expenditure on economic classifications was still low, the same as it was in the 3rd quarter. The department did not indicate whether the vacant funded SMS posts had been filled by the 4th quarter, as it had been indicated during the 3rd quarter deliberations that the process had been delayed by the security clearance for the

candidates. The 86% expenditure on payments for capital assets was significantly below expected expenditure, due to delayed completion of library infrastructure projects.

Table 3: Conditional grants spending for the 4th quarter:

Conditional Grant	2014/15 Annual Budget R'000	Expenditure as at 31/03/15 R'000	Under/Over	% Expenditure as at
EPWP & Social Sector Grant	4 779	4 709	70	99%
Community Library grant	115 897	103 493	12 404	89%
Mass Sport and Recreation	46 959	45 233	1 726	96%
Total	167 635	153 435	14 200	92%

- f. As at 31 March 2015 the department had spent 92% of conditional grant funding for 2014/15. This was reportedly due to three incomplete libraries, the incomplete archive system and the termination of the internet service provider contract. The department reported a challenge on the Library grant (municipal library support) caused by delays of municipalities to sign MOU's with the department for maintenance of infrastructure.

7. DELIBERATIONS ON THE PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

The Committee interacted with the department on the programmes and noted the following:

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

The purpose of this programme is to provide overall management and administrative support to the department. It consists of two sub-programmes, which are the Office of the MEC and Office of the HOD.

The department was commended for achieving all seven (7) of its planned 4th quarter targets in programme 1. The 4th quarter expenditure was 25.6%, which was within the 25% benchmark range.

PROGRAMME 2: CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The purpose of this programme is to promote cultural diversity for socio-economic development and transformation for the citizens of Mpumalanga. It has three (3) sub-programmes, namely Arts and Culture, Language Services and Museum Services.

Arts and Culture sub-programme

Cultural Hub

Although the programme achieved 12 of 14 planned targets (85.7%) which was an improvement from the 3rd quarter (14 of 17 planned targets - 76%) the Committee did not support the department's poor implementation of the Cultural Hub in the 2014/15 financial year. Despite spending the entire allocated budget of R65 million, key outputs on the APP were not achieved throughout the year, such as the geo-tech investigation (1st quarter) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (2nd quarter).

By the end of the 3rd quarter, the land for the Cultural Hub had already been procured and by the end of the 4th quarter, the department reported that planned outputs on the APP could not be achieved due to inadequate resources.

The Committee had noted during the 3rd quarter deliberations, that the tender process had been withdrawn due to insufficient funds. The project was found to be too costly and professional team was then engaged to downscale the plan and package the project for a possible Public Private Partnership (PPP). When asked what informed the decision to elevate the project to a PPP after spending so much on it, the department responded that after the pronouncement of the project in the 2014 State of the Province address, the directive was received to explore public private partnership options due to the viability of the project.

The department was further asked to provide the latest status on the PPP. It was reported to the Committee that National Treasury had agreed to register the Cultural Hub as a PPP project in the National Database. Further consultative meetings were held with stakeholders including DCSR, DPWRT, Provincial Treasury, National Treasury and Mbombela Local Municipality where it was agreed that DPWRT should appoint a project steering committee to formulate terms of reference for the appointment of transactions advisors.

For the 2015/16 financial year the project was allocated a budget of R41 080 000.00 and as at 30 July 2015 no expenditure was incurred, since the DPWRT had been requested to submit a portfolio of evidence on the work done before any invoices can be processed. The department submitted a breakdown of expenditure from 2012/13 to 2014/15 financial year.

Heritage Services sub-programme

Botshabelo heritage site

Throughout the 2014/15 financial year, the Committee had raised its concerns about this dilapidated and vandalized heritage site, which is situated along the N11 road about 7km north of Middelburg in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

The House Resolution for the 3rd quarter report obligated the department to report on progress at the Botshabelo heritage site and the feasibility of continuing to support it. The department submitted the report on 29 May 2015 and the following progress was noted:

- a. The department acknowledged the importance of interventions to preserve the heritage value at the site.
- b. The Botshabelo Heritage site is situated within privately owned land (the farm Toevlugt 320 JS, Middelburg) and the role of the DCSR, through the Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority (MHRA) is regulatory in nature. Although the DCSR is the custodian of all provincial heritage resources, it is not responsible for physical management of the heritage resources.
- c. Currently the site is under the management of the Botshabelo Community Development Trust (the Trust). The Trust was appointed by the Botshabelo Community to manage the affairs of the site. After the successful land claim in 2002, the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality assisted in the management of the site for some time, until it was completely transferred to the Trust.
- d. Only a portion of the site has structures of heritage value, which the Trust has agreed should be preserved. The Trust also intends to establish a village on the remaining extent of the farm. The proposal (DARDLEA ref. no 17/2/3 N-167) includes 1000 residential stands, a business stand, community facilities and a combined school. The village proposal has created contention among Trust Members, as they differ in opinions relating to the prioritization of the heritage site versus the proposal to re-settle the community in a new village.
- e. The National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 stipulates that the relevant Authority, which in this case is the MHRA, must enter into negotiations with the owner in order to safeguard the integrity of the heritage. The Act further stipulates that in the event the land owner intentionally or unintentionally allows the site to fall into disrepair, the provincial heritage authority may serve the owner with the compulsory repair order in terms of which the owner will be expected to take necessary steps to restore and ensure the protection of the site. The DCSR indicated that they had opted for positive engagement with the Trust as they foresaw that the option of the repair order would not yield the desired results of restoring the heritage site.
- f. In 2008 the DCSR assisted the Trust to solicit funding from the National Lottery, of which some was used; the unused funding of R11 million was frozen amid the disagreements amongst the Trust members. The South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA)

made a submission to the Master of the High Court to recognize the members of the newly elected board in 2014; this would allow the Trust to have access to the funds as the newly appointed authority.

- g. In the midst of all the disputes amongst the Trust members, the DCSR conducted a site visit to Botshabelo Heritage site and realized that the valuable heritage at the site has been compromised. As an intervention after the visit, the HOD of the DCSR set up a task team inclusive of the Trust, the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, the Nkangala District Municipality and the SAHRA to assist in ensuring that interventions are proposed and implemented.
- h. Since this intervention, many of the artefacts that were still on site were recorded and moved to a facility of the local municipality and the Pilgrim's Rest museum for safe-keeping until the site is restored. The DCSR committed that they will continue to support the efforts to recognize the legitimacy of the Board so that the frozen funding can be released for restoration of the site.

Naming of provincial government buildings

- i. The department failed to achieve the planned target to finalize the process of renaming the provincial government buildings (buildings 1-8) and the reason for not achieving this was not reported. The department explained that the proposed names had been presented to the Executive Council (EXCO) for approval, but EXCO had extended the public consultation period, with the revised deadline being the end of the 2nd quarter of 2015/16 financial year. The department further explained that as the lead department of an inter-departmental adhoc committee which was established to facilitate the process, they wrote letters to departments informing them of the process and inviting submissions. Notices were also put up around the complex to invite submissions; nomination boxes were placed at the foyers of all the buildings. The department also issued media alerts and engaged the public on social media. As part of the extended consultation process (June 19 deadline) the following stakeholders were engaged: Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders, Regional and Local Geographical Names Committees, Ehlanzeni IDP Representative Forum, Ehlanzeni and Nkangala Regional Geographical Names Committees. The department submitted the list of proposed names to the Committee.

Museum Services sub-programme

- j. By the end of the 2014/15 financial year the department did not meet its set targets for number of visitors to Barberton Museum, Pilgrim's Rest Museum and the Kghodwana Cultural Village. The sub-programme achieved 27 636 visitors at museums against a target of 38 000 for the year. The Committee resolved in the 3rd quarter already that the department must strengthen its marketing strategy to increase public awareness at these historical museums.

PROGRAMME 3: LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE SERVICES

The purpose of this programme is to promote public libraries, archives and record management in the province. It has three (3) sub-programmes, namely Library Services, Archival Services and Events Management.

The Committee noted that Programme 3 had achieved **08** of its **10** planned targets (**80%**), for the 4th quarter, which equals the 3rd quarter performance.

Library Services sub-programme

- The department reported to the Committee that as at 31 March 2015 there were only two (2) libraries that were not completed. During the deliberations on the 4th quarter report, the department was asked for a progress report on all incomplete libraries planned for the 2014/15 financial year. The department reported that as at 31 July 2015, the Glenmore library was 100% complete and Emthonjeni library was at 95%, due to be completed by the end of September 2015.
- The Committee requested the department to provide a list of all new library facilities at the planning stage; the list was submitted and included timeframes for completion.
- The Committee had noted in the 3rd quarter deliberations that by 31 March 2015 all 110 libraries would have functional internet services, as planned.
- Maintenance of library infrastructure was a challenge as the municipalities did not sign the MOU with the department in the 4th quarter as planned. However, to date, the department reported that the MOU has been signed and the full implementation of this function has been reprioritized to the next financial year 2015/16.

SLIMS (Library Information Management System)

The Committee asked the department to provide a progress report on the transfer of municipal libraries to the department and what is the current SLIMS status of each library, per municipality. The department did submit the progress report and indicated that the process of transferring the libraries function had been put on hold. Currently the department is giving support to municipalities. It was further reported by the department that 102 libraries have functional SLIMS and six (6) libraries were still not utilizing the system. It was noted that Lekwa Local Municipality had not migrated to SLIMS and the department is supporting those municipalities that are experiencing challenges in migrating to SLIMS. The list of SLIMS statistics was submitted to the Committee.

Archive Building

The department reported to the Committee that currently the archive systems, which were imported from Germany, are installed at the archive building. It was also reported that the purchasing of furniture and equipment, including the electronic records management system was planned over a three year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16 financial years.

PROGRAMME 4: SPORT AND RECREATION

The purpose of this programme is to develop and enhance the sporting and recreation capabilities of the people of Mpumalanga. It consists of four (4) sub-programmes namely Sport, Community Sport and Recreation, School Sport and Club Development

The Committee noted the following on programme 4:

- a. The department was asked to explain the poor performance on this programme (56.25%) of planned targets. Only 09 out of the 16 planned targets for the 4th quarter were achieved.
- b. The department explained that the main reason for the poor performance was lack of human capacity. The APP targets are based on the conditional grant from the national Department of Sport and Recreation, which also developed a standard organogram. According to the department, there was no stability in the Chief Directorate which caused it not to achieve its targets. The Committee urged the department to ensure that the Chief Directorate is adequately staffed.
- c. The department failed to facilitate the establishment of 3 sport and recreation combo courts due to delays in the appointment of the service provider. The department reported

that the project will be implemented in the next financial year that is 2015/16 financial year. In response to the Committee's question as to the delays in appointing the service provider, the department explained that they had insisted that the implementing agent (DPWRT) appoint a new service provider that had capacity to ensure quality work, as opposed to the previous service provider. The department also informed the Committee that the service providers were on site at Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme Local municipality and Dipaliseng Local Municipality to construct 3 sport combo courts that are due for completion at the end of September 2015. The Committee insisted that the department should develop a turnaround strategy to avoid repetitive poor workmanship; the department committed that they would appoint a dedicated infrastructure person to ensure that projects are completed as per the plans and timeframes of the department, as well as to advise the department on whether to pay or withhold payment on invoices.

- d. The Committee requested that the department should look into providing a sport combo court at Tsakane Special School in Bohlabela district (Tintswalo village) in the 2016 academic year. The department committed that they had already included Tsakane Special School in their first draft APP for 2016/17 financial year.
- e. Lack of capacity of the provincial sport councils and federations to produce audited financial statements has been an ongoing challenge for the department throughout the financial year. In the 4th quarter, the department reported that it had supported 07 out of the planned 11 sport institutions. The department indicated that they could not transfer funds to the non-compliant institutions due to their lack of accountability. The Committee questioned what specific capacity building initiatives the department had implemented to assist these institutions.
- f. The department reported the following intervention to ensure transfers to sport bodies:
 - Provincial Treasury has been engaged to provide financial management workshops to the institutions.
 - The revival of the Mpumalanga Sport Confederation (MSC) which will be the conduit for transfer of funds to the respective institutions.
 - One of the department's sport promotion officers was appointed to be administrator of the MSC to monitor all transfers to the institutions.
- g. The department targeted to support 150 clubs with sport equipment and attire. The quarterly targets were consistently not met and by the 4th quarter, 110 clubs were actually supported. The Committee raised a concern that the same reason given was that the service provider failed to deliver the items on time. This ongoing challenge with

suppliers is unacceptable; the department has to drastically strengthen its contract management and take action against non-performing suppliers.

8. FINDINGS

The Committee made the following findings on the 4th quarterly report of the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation:

- 8.1. Monitoring and evaluation was a weakness in the department throughout the 2014/15 financial year. Managers failed to address the ongoing challenges of poor workmanship by service providers and poor monitoring by the implementing agent, Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT). As a result, the Annual Performance Plan (APP) was not implemented correctly and a R32 403 000.00 rollover had to be applied for.
- 8.2. The MEC indicated that the HOD post was to be filled within two weeks of the Committee deliberations on the 4th quarter report, which should be by 07 August 2014. Interviews and competency assessments for five (5) funded SMS posts had been finalized by the 2nd quarter but by the 3rd quarter it was reported that although security clearance of the candidates was being finalized, the imposed moratorium prevented the filling of the vacant SMS posts.
- 8.3. Lack of human capacity in Programme 4 Sport and Recreation meant that it could not comply with the standardized organogram as prescribed by the National Department of Sports and Recreation for all nine provinces. This caused the programme not to implement the standardized business plan, hence the poor performance on targets.
- 8.4. The department spent 93% of its budget by the end of the financial year 2014/15 and applied for a rollover of R32 403 000.00. Slow spending was a constant challenge for the department throughout the financial year 2014/15. Payment on Capital Assets was low by the end of the 4th quarter, at 89% due to the slow implementation of library infrastructure. This was also reflected in the low expenditure on Community Library grant (86%).
- 8.5. The department did not submit the 4th quarter dashboard report as resolved by the Committee in the 3rd quarter deliberations.
- 8.6. The Cultural Hub was not implemented as planned in the 2014/15 APP, reportedly due to insufficient funds (the 2014/15 allocation of R65 million had been spent before the

end of the 4th quarter). The department underestimated the project scope as proper costing of the project was not done. However, the project has been registered as a public private partnership (PPP) with National Treasury.

- 8.7. Disagreements within the Botshabelo Community Development Trust have contributed to the delay in restoring the heritage value of the Botshabelo Heritage site. The department has played a facilitator role in directing the processes towards restoration of the site. R11 million funding from the National Lottery is available to the Board of Trustees for the improvement of the site, but it cannot be accessed due to the contestation of the newly elected Board's legitimacy. The DCSR and the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA) have applied for a court order to establish the legitimacy of the Board, so as to access the funding.
- 8.8. The Committee requested the department to provide an update on Pilgrim's Rest Museum and whether there had been any continuity with regards to commitments made by the previous HOD of the department.
- 8.9. The Committee made the following findings on library services:
 - a. As at 31 March 2015, the department reported that all planned libraries for 2014/15 had been completed, with the exception of two (2), namely Emthonjeni and Glenmore. As at 30 July 2015, Glenmore was reported 100% complete and Emthonjeni was at 95% due for completion by 30 September 2015.
 - b. The department submitted a list of libraries at the planning stage for the 2015/16 financial year.
 - c. The process to transfer all municipal libraries to the department is not complete. Not all libraries were SLIMS compliant at the end of the 2014/15 financial year; the department is not making sufficient progress in this regard.
- 8.10. The electronic recording system at the Archive Building was reportedly delivered and installed during the 4th quarter.
- 8.11. Poor implementation of sport combo courts was a cause for concern throughout the financial year due to poor workmanship by service providers appointed by the implementing agent. As at 24 July 2015, the department reported that new service providers were appointed and were on site to construct two (2) combo courts at Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality and one (1) at Dipaliseng Local Municipality.

8.12. Lack of capacity of the provincial sport councils and federations to produce audited financial statements was an ongoing challenge for the department throughout the financial year 2014/15. In the 4th quarter, the department made an effort to support 07 out of the planned 11 sport institutions; the other four were not supported due to their lack of accountability. The department reported that the Provincial Treasury had been engaged to provide financial management workshops to the institutions.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings above, the Committee recommended that the department must:

- 9.1. Strengthen monitoring and evaluation by managers. The Risk Management unit must assist the department to sound early warning signals. The dedicated infrastructure person appointed to monitor projects of the department must meet monthly with the programme managers, risk management, the implementing agent (DPWRT) and the service providers; monthly reports must be submitted to the Accounting Officer must indicate early warning signs and recommend action to be taken by the DPWRT.
- 9.2. Submit a progress report on the vacant and filled SMS posts as at 15 September 2015, including the HOD post. Indicate the appointment dates and post levels.
- 9.3. Submit a progress report as at 15 September 2015 on the capacity of programme 4 to implement the business plan prescribed by the National Department of Sport and Recreation. There must be a plan in place to deal with lack of human capacity in programme 4, if the prescribed organogram cannot be filled immediately.
- 9.4. The department must strengthen its financial management to improve spending of its equitable share and conditional grants as per planned outputs. Provide written proof that the R 32 403 000.00 rolled over from the 2014/15 financial year was spent for what it was originally intended.
- 9.5. Always submit the quarterly dashboard reports to the Legislature, as an addendum to the departmental quarterly reports. The two reports should always be tabled together.
- 9.6. Provide the Committee with a progress report on the status of the Cultural Hub as a public private partnership (PPP) as at 15 September 2015. Indicate the planned activities/ targets for 2015/16 financial year, with timeframes.

- 9.7. Submit a progress report on the status of the court order to legitimize the Board of Trustees at the Botshabelo Heritage Site. As soon as the Board is recognized as the legitimate authority, the department should facilitate the process of accessing the R11 million funding for the restoration of the heritage site.
- 9.8. Submit a progress report as at 15 September 2015 on the Pilgrim's Rest Museum, clearly indicating the department's role and update on any commitments made by the previous HOD of the department.
- 9.9. The department must provide the following on delivery of library services:
- a. Submit a progress report on Glenmore and Emthonjeni libraries as at 15 September 2015 and also indicate progress to date on the commitment made by the department to provide a library at Acornhoek in the Bohlabela district.
 - b. Submit a progress report as at 15 September 2015 on all the libraries planned for 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.
 - c. Submit a progress report as at 15 September 2015 on the process of transferring the municipal libraries to the department and the SLIMS compliance of all libraries as per the planned targets/timeframes for the 2015/16 financial year.
 - d. Submit a progress report as at 15 September 2015 on the implementation of library infrastructure maintenance in the 2015/16 financial year.
- 9.10. Submit a progress report on the functionality of the Archive Building as at 15 September 2015, including a breakdown of the expenditure to date on the furniture and equipment for the facility. Indicate the projected budget and expenditure for the 2015/16 financial year.
- 9.11. The department must provide the following on delivery of sport combo court
- a. Submit a progress report as at 15 September 2015 on the implementation of the three (3) sport combo courts under construction by the new service providers.
 - b. Indicate name of the service provider, scope of work and completion timeframes.
 - c. Submit a turnaround plan for all poorly constructed combo courts in 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years; include clear timeframes and remedial action to be taken.
 - d. Ensure that allocated budgets are spent according to plans, with no variation orders granted.


9.12. Submit the 2015/16 schedule for financial management workshops to be provided by provincial Treasury to the sport bodies supported by the department. The schedule should indicate when and where the trainings will be held, who will attend and what the intended impact of the training will be.

10. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson thanked the Honourable Members for their valuable input in consideration of the 4th quarterly report of the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation for the 2014/15 financial year. The Committee also acknowledged the assistance of its support staff.

The Committee appreciated the Honourable MEC's overview as it addressed the Committee's concerns efficiently and frankly. The Acting HOD and his senior management team were also commended for presenting the department's 4th quarter report and providing relevant information to the Committee.

Finally, the House is requested to adopt this Committee report with its recommendations. A progress report on the implementation of the House resolutions contained in this report must be submitted to the Legislature **by 30 September 2015**.



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**CHAIRPERSON: PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION; CULTURE, SPORT AND RECREATION**

20/08/2015

DATE