



**REPORT OF THE SPORT AND RECREATION PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE  
ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022/23 BUDGET VOTE 10 -  
DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE  
HOUSE SITTING OF 10 MAY 2022**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

I hereby greet the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Chairperson, the Hon. Members of the House present physically and virtually, the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, officials of the department and distinguished guests.

As the chairperson of the Sport and Recreation Portfolio Committee, I have been tasked to present the committee's deliberations and findings to the House today on Vote 10: Sport, Arts and Culture budget for the 2022/23 Financial Year.

The committee presents this report to the House under difficult circumstances, which are characterised by the continuing budget constraints facing the country and the province, which have been now worsened by the recent floods that have been experienced by the people of Kwa-Zulu Natal from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13 April 2022. This is where many people of the province lost their loved ones and many of their possessions which were so precious to them. It is with this statement, that the Committee wishes to convey its deepest condolences to those who have lost their loved ones and its deepest sorrow on those who lost their most precious possessions. To those affected and impacted, the Committee wishes to

indicate that 'Your pain is our pain, and your loss is our loss', sithi dudu, alwehlanga lungehlanga. May this budget to be presented to the House today by the MEC; Sport, Arts and Culture be a beacon of hope to those sportswomen and sportsmen deeply affected and impacted by the recent floods.

I wish to remind this House that the Sports and Recreation Portfolio Committee exists with the mandate to exercise its mandate as stipulated by the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, recorded under Rule 122 of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature. The Committee has a responsibility of ensuring that it consider and adopts the budget for Vote 10 of 2022/23 Financial Year.

Since the Sports and Recreation Portfolio Committee understands that the Committee exists to deliver in one of the constitutional mandates assigned to the Legislature, being Public Participation, it undertook a stakeholder engagement, which was held on 08<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in Sibusisiwe Hall under Mandeni Local Municipality, iLembe District. Inputs were solicited from the stakeholders present in the meeting, and the Committee ensured that the inputs presented in the meeting have been noted and taken up by the department when finalising its 2022/23 Final Budget and APP.

Thereafter, to ensure that the committee delivers also in another constitutional mandate assigned to the Legislature, namely oversight, the Sports and Recreation Portfolio Committees deliberated and engaged the Department on its budget and APP for the upcoming 2022/23 Financial Year in the joint meeting (of Sports and Recreation and Arts and Culture Portfolio Committees) which was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 in uMthunzi Hotel, Port Shepstone. This was after the Committee received briefing

from the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in the very same joint meeting.

## **2.BUDGET OVERVIEW**

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture has been allocated a budget of **R1, 489 billion for the 2022/23** financial year. The Committee have observed that the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture budget is broken down as follows in the 2022/23 MTEF:

- **Programme 1: Administration**, which has been allocated R280, 759 million in 2022/23 Budget Year, for the provision of effective management and administration of the department and to ensure effective and efficient use of financial and human resources.

The committee has noted that included in this budget of R280, 759 million is a prioritised budgeted amount of R21, 538 million for the filling of forty-nine (49) critical vacant posts over the 2022/23 MTEF. The Committee will closely monitor the departments progress in terms of filling of these forty-nine (49) posts, in line with the departments commitment of finalising the organisational structure, as per its amalgamation processes.

The committee has also noted with pleasure that the department has budgeted R1, 000 million for external bursaries under the *Transfers to Households* category in the 2022/23 MTEF, with R1, 444 million having been allocated for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 MTEF. This will go a long way in assisting the artists and athletes who want to pursue their academic dreams.

- **Programme 4: Sports and Recreation**, which has been allocated R378,174 million in 2022/23 Budget Year, for the provision of promotion, development, administration and funding of sport in KZN. Moreover, the Committee has noted that this programme also

ensures advancement of participation in sport and recreation, talent identification and the promotion of performance excellence.

The Committee has also noted that of the R378, 174 million is an amount of R97, 278 million which relates to the Mass Participation and Sport Development (MPSD) conditional grant. The Committee has noted that this grant funding is to be utilised for hosting Sport Programmes/Events, procurement of goods and services for various federations and community outreach programmes, amongst others.

Moreover, the department has been allocated an amount of R2, 280 million for the 2022/23 Financial Year, in relation to the Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces, which will be utilised by the department, for the employment of Healthy Lifestyle Co-ordinators and School Sport Co-ordinators who administer and host tournaments/ championships on the various sport codes, such as netball and indigenous games in schools. In 2022/23 Financial Year, the department has indicated that the R2, 280 million will be used for the appointment of eighty-six (86) Healthy Lifestyle Co-Ordinator's and School Sport Co-ordinators.

Once again, under this programme, the Committees has noted with keen interest that the department has budgeted to fill fourteen (14) critical vacant posts, to a budgeted amount of R8, 559 million over the MTEF. Once again, the Committee will closely monitor the department's progress in terms of filling of these fourteen (14) posts, in line with department's commitment of finalising the organisational structure, as per its amalgamation processes.

### **3. KEY FOCUS AREAS FOR 2022/23**

In terms of the Departments 2022/23 Final APP, the Committee has noted that the Departments priorities were aligned with the National Development Plan (NDP), Provincial Growth Development Plan (PGDP) and the seven (7) national government priorities. The Committee has re-committed itself in focusing its non-financial oversight on priorities derived from the Department's 2022/23 Annual Performance Plan (APP), namely:

- Healthy lifestyles, occupational Health and wellness programmes will be prioritized.
- Consider employing lifestyle coaches to implement the healthy lifestyles programme in all districts.
- Promote elite athletes through high performance programmes to increase the number of Podium finishes at international competitions to promote national pride.
- Develop key developmental programmes to create more access to rugby, cricket and water sport for people from rural and disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Implement a Ward-based Intervention Programme (WIP) designed to reach broad sectors of the populations, including marginalized groups, and affording them access to participation and a share in the wider sport community.

### **4. OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS BY THE SPORTS AND RECREATION PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE**

- The Committee acknowledges and welcomes the proclamation of the President in the gazette in line with section 7(5)(b) of the Public Service Act, as per request of the Premier to amend section 2 to

create the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture which is now legally recognised as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

- The Committee acknowledged the Department for maintaining to focus its the key mandate, being social cohesion and moral regeneration and job creation targeting youth, women and the disabled. This will be through the departments continuation of support for the athletes and development and transformation programmes of all sporting codes, with special focus on creating more access to rugby, cricket and water sport for people from rural and disadvantaged backgrounds, in line with the prescripts of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and Treasury Regulations.
- The Committee welcomes the introduction of the *Funding Policy* under this programme by the department, which provides guidelines on application for both financial and non-financial support, solicited and unsolicited requests and bidding for major events by federations/entities.
- Moreover, the Committee also welcomes the departments' continued initiative to build eleven (11) Combo Courts in the eleven (11) districts, as well as two (2) Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in each of the eleven (11) districts.
- Under Programme 4: Sport and Recreation, the Committee has also observed with gratefulness, that the department has considered in their future financial plans, the construction of Belgrade Fitness Centre to be situated in Zululand District under uPhongolo Local Municipality. The Committee has observed that the funding for the construction of the Belgrade Fitness Centre has been provided by the merged departments in the 2024/25 MTEF,

as contained in the *‘Provincial Treasury’s Estimates of Capital Expenditures Book’* to an amount of R10, 214 million.

- Once again, under Programme 4: Sport and Recreation, the Committee has noted with enthusiasm that the eSikhaleni, uMzimkhulu, Alfred Duma and Newcastle Fitness Centres have been allocated funding for the continuation of the construction of these fitness centres projects, to a total amount of R52, 880 million in the 2022/23 Financial Year as contained in the *‘Provincial Treasury’s Estimates of Capital Expenditures Book’*. The Committees will continue playing their robust financial and non-financial oversight role over the construction of these projects in the 2022/23 Financial Year.
- Following the recently held Provincial Executive Council Lekgotla, the Committee has noted with appreciation, in its budget deliberations, that the department has identified a further R1, 135 million to supplement the *Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant* for Provinces through internal reprioritization. The department has indicated that these funds will be used to employ forty-three (43) Sports Assistants under the *Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant* for Provinces for the administration of hosting of tournaments/championships on the various sport codes, such as netball and indigenous games in schools.

#### **4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

For the Department to deliver services efficiently and effectively, the Committee recommends that the Department must:

- Strengthen its monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. This is imperative since the Department transfers much of its budget to KZN arts and cultural non-profit institutions and SMMEs.

The Department has a responsibility to ensure that money is used effectively and efficiently.

- Speed up the process of re-aligning the merged Departmental Organisational structure and Post Establishment to effectively execute its functions in line with its mandate and strategic direction.
- Ensure that the filling of the budgeted critical vacant posts, especially those that have a great impact on service delivery is prioritised as this Committee strongly believes that service delivery should not be compromised.
- Strengthen the focus of the key mandate of the merged department being social cohesion and moral regeneration and job creation targeting the youth, women and disabled.

The Committee wishes to highlight to this House that all parties supported the 2022/23 Budget and 2022/23 Final Draft APP of Department of Sport, Arts and Culture except for the Democratic Alliance which expressed reservation and needed to consult with its Caucus.

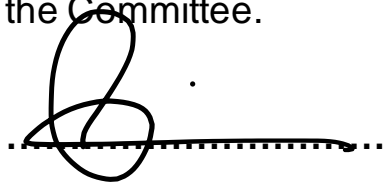
## **5. CONCLUSION**

Whilst the Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation recognises the critical role of nation building and social cohesion and moral regeneration (in terms of the seven (7) priorities of the 6<sup>th</sup> Administration) assigned to the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, the Committee is reaffirming its untiring commitment to the Department in supporting it, as it continues fulfilling this crucial mandate of national building and social cohesion and moral regeneration.

The Honourable Committee Members of the Sport and Recreation Portfolio Committee wishes to thank the MEC, Hon. HGS Mavimbela, the HOD, and senior officials of the Department for their dedication in serving



the needs of the people of Kwa-Zulu Natal province and nation at large. Further appreciation goes to the Committee support staff of the Sports and Recreation, for their continued assistance, advice and dedication to the Committee.



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