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Report of the Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, Roads, Transport and Human Settlements to the Free State Legislature regarding the Fourth Quarterly Performance Reports for the 2025/26 financial year of the Departments of Public Works and Infrastructure, Human Settlements and Community Safety, Roads and Transport

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REPORT PROFILE

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The Portfolio Committee would like to extend its appreciation to the MECs and officials of the Departments for their assistance during the consideration of the Fourth Quarterly Non-Financial Reports.

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1. Introduction

The Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, Roads, Transport and Human Settlements met with the Departments of Public Works and Infrastructure, Human Settlements and Community Safety, Roads and Transport to consider their Fourth Quarterly Non-Financial Reports for the 2025/26 financial year.

2. Members of the Portfolio Committee

The Portfolio Committee comprises the following Honourable Members:

Van Vuuren, D	**(Chairperson)**
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Tshabalala, A. M.	(Member)

3. PROCEDURE OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

The Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, Roads, Transport and Human Settlements met with MEC for Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Hon. D. Mance, MEC for Department of Human Settlementss, Hon. T. Mokoena, and Hon. J. Mbalula for Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport and their officials on the 30

August 2026 to consider their Fourth Quarterly Non-Financial Reports for the 2025/26 financial year via Microsoft Teams.

The Committee exercised its oversight mandate in terms of section 114(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, which requires a provincial legislature to provide mechanisms to ensure that provincial executive organs of state are accountable to it and to maintain oversight over the exercise of provincial executive authority and provincial organs of state. Sections 116 and 118 provide for the Legislature's rules and committee system and for openness and public involvement in legislative processes.

4. CONSIDERATION OF FOURTH QUARTERLY NON-FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR OF DEPARTMENTS

4.1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The HOD, Mr. Tshabalala, presented their Fourth quarterly non-financial report for the 2025/26 financial year and outlined the core functions of the department as follows: -

(a) Planning, design, construction and maintenance of infrastructure.
(b) Management of Provincial Government-owned properties and facilitation of rented property.
(c) Provision of Provincial Government with office accommodation.
(d) Coordination, implementation, monitoring and compliance with the EPWP principles.
(e) Security management for provincial buildings.

Summary of Q4 Planned Targets against the Actual Achievements for Q4

Programme	No of targets			
	Q4 Planned Targets	Targets Achieved in Q4	Targets not planned for Q4 but achieved	Targets Not Achieved
Administration	**9**	**4**	**0**	**5**

Public Works Infrastructure	**10**	**6**	**2** ***(Slide 24 & 32)***	**4**
Expanded Public Works Programme	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Total	**22**	**13**	**2**	**9**

4.1.1 OBSERVATIONS / CHALLENGES

1. The department is not complying with the percentage of valid invoices paid within 30 days. The department should submit a report on the current performance level and the impact on supplier relationships and service delivery.
2. The department could not achieve the employee financial disclosure target. The department should submit a report on the steps taken to improve ethics compliance.

4.1.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The department must submit a report on the current performance level and the impact on supplier relationships and service delivery.
2. The department must submit a report on the e-recruitment solution and smart asset register, which should include the current status and projected completion date thereof.
3. The department must submit a report on the steps taken for employee financial disclosure.
4. The department must submit a report on how many capital infrastructure projects and planned maintenance projects were not completed as planned, and the specific reasons thereof, which should include the revised timeline for completion.
5. The department must submit a report regarding renewable energy projects and energy performance certificates, the current status, and what barriers are preventing progress thereof.
6. The department must submit a list of state-owned buildings that have not been utilized, inspected, and assessed for condition assessments and the risks that it poses to the province.
7. The department must submit the current state of facility management (cleaning, gardening) and physical security across government buildings.
8. The department should respond to all outstanding House resolutions.

4.2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY, ROADS AND TRANSPORT (excluding Community Safety component)

The Deputy Director General, Adv. Molotsi of the department presented their Fourth quarterly non-financial report for the 2025/26 financial year and outlined the departmental programmes as follows:

(a) Programme 1: Administration
(b) Programme 3: Transport Operations
(c) Programme 4: Transport Regulation
(d) Programme 5: Transport Infrastructure
(e) Fleet Management Trading Entity

ANALYSIS REPORT: PERFORMANCE REPORT

4th Quarter Performance		
Number of targets planned	**Number of targets fully achieved**	**% Achieved**
7	7	100%
17	16	94%
8	7	88%
15	15	100%
13	13	100%
4	4	100%
64	**62**	**97%**

4.2.1 OBSERVATIONS / CHALLENGES

1. The Committee is concerned that the department underachieved on the target planned for Transport Operations.
2. The Fleet Management Trading Entity (FMTE) may face resource limitations, including funding and equipment availability, which could affect its ability to respond effectively to disaster relief efforts and other community projects and submit a report thereof to the Committee.

4.2.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The department must submit a detailed report on specific funding and equipment limitations faced by the Fleet Management Trading Entity (FMTE), and how these are going to be addressed.
2. The department must submit a report on any plans in place to diversify funding sources or seek partnerships to address resource constraints.
3. The department must submit a report on the FMTE prioritizing its response to disaster relief efforts and other community projects within the context of limited resources.
4. The department must submit a report on the mechanisms that are in place to coordinate efforts with various municipalities, and how effective these mechanisms are.
5. The department must submit a report on how they intend to address challenges in sharing data and information between the department and municipalities.
6. The department must submit a report on how the joint projects and initiatives are being planned and implemented to ensure efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts.
7. The department must respond to all outstanding House resolutions.

4.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Head of the Department, Mr. Phahlo, presented the Fourth Quarterly Non-Financial Report for the 2025/26 financial year and outlined the departmental programmes as follows:

a) Programme 1: Administration
b) Programme 2: Housing Needs, Research and Planning
c) Programme 3: Housing Development.
d) Programme 4: Housing Asset and Property Management

Analysis fourth quarter report 2025/26

NAME OF PROGRAMME	TOTAL NO PLANNED TARGETS	ACHIEVED	NOT ACHIEVED	OTHER ACHIEVED
PROGRAMME1: ADMINISTRATION	2	1	1	
PROGRAMME 2: HOUSING NEEDS RESEARCH AND PLANNING	4	3	1	

PROGRAMME 3: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	**14**	**9**	**5**	
PROGRAMME 4: HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	**2**	**2**	**0**	
TOTAL	**22**	**15**	**7**	

4.3.1 OBSERVATIONS / CHALLENGES

1. The department is not paying suppliers within 30 days.
2. The department lacks an approved organizational structure, which has an impact on departmental performance and service delivery.
3. The department should have mechanisms in place to enforce consequence management for targets not achieved in the Annual Performance Plan.

4.3.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The department must comply with the supply chain management policy of paying suppliers within 30 days.
2. The department must have a plan in place to address the lack of accountability for unmet targets.
3. The department must address the high staff turnover.
4. The department must submit a report on strategies that are being implemented to improve employee retention and job satisfaction.
5. The department must submit a detailed report on how they intend to improve the audit outcomes.
6. The department should submit a detailed report on how they intend to address any recurring issues identified in previous audits.
7. The department must submit a progress report on the processes that are in place for conducting risk assessments on the strategic thrust of the department.
8. The department must have a plan in place to enhance its research capacity to support evidence-based decision-making.
9. The department must submit a detailed report on how to address the main causes of disputes regarding the registration of title deeds, and have mechanisms in place to address these issues.
10. The department must submit a detailed report on any steps that are being taken to streamline the title deed registration process to reduce disputes.
11. The department must submit a detailed report on the primary reasons for the slow progress on housing projects, and any contingency plan to address these issues.
12. The department must submit a detailed report on measures that are being implemented to accelerate project timelines and meet performance targets.

13. The department must submit a detailed report on all projects that are currently blocked due to vandalism or neglect, and the underlying causes and contingency plan to address these issues.
14. The department must come up with a contingency plan on how they intend to address the number of projects and houses enrolled with the National Home Building Registration Council (NHBRC).
15. The department must respond to all outstanding House resolutions.

5. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Departments must address all the challenges, findings and observations of the Committee.
- The Departments must honour the deadlines as stipulated by the Committee and report back to the Committee.
- A progress report on implementation thereof must be submitted after 30 days of the tabling of the report.
- The report be adopted by the House.