FREE STATE LEGISLATURE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT TO THE FREE STATE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE FIRST QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE FREE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR

22 SEPTEMBER 2026

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE FREE STATE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

The Committee on Budget and Oversight herewith submits its report and recommendations regarding the First Quarterly Performance Report of the Free State Legislature for the 2026/27 financial year to the House.

The Committee would like to extend its appreciation to the Acting Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Free State Legislature for their contribution and assistance during the consideration of the report.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Budget and Oversight met with the Free State Legislature to consider the First Quarterly Performance Report for the 2026/27 financial year.

2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee comprises the following members:

Hon. N. Garekoe	**(Chairperson)**
Hon. A.B. Cloete	(Member)
Hon. M. Foko	(Member)
Hon. M.D. Khoabane	(Member)
Hon. R. Jankielsohn	(Member)
Hon. S.L. Mkhabela	(Member)
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Hon. M. Msimanga	(Member)
Hon. N. Ndungane	(Member)
Hon. Z. Sigwebela	(Member)
Hon. D. Van Vuuren	(Member)

3. PROCEDURE OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

The Committee met with the Acting Secretary to the Free State Provincial Legislature, in his capacity as the Accounting Officer, on 2 September 2026 to consider the First Quarterly Performance Report of the Free State Legislature for the 2026/27 financial year.

The promulgation of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, which is aimed at regulating the financial management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures, made provision for the establishment of the Budget and Oversight Committee in the Legislature to maintain

oversight of the financial management of the Legislature by, among other things:

(i) Consider the strategic plan, annual performance plan and budget tabled in the House,
(ii) Consider instructions or directives issued by the Speaker to the Accounting Officer,
(iii) Consider the annual report tabled in the House,
(iv) Perform any other related function.

4. THE FIRST QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE FREE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Free State Legislature presented its performance report to the Committee, and the Committee was informed as follows:

4.1. Compliance

An electronic copy of the report was submitted on time.

4.2. Performance of programmes was as follows:

The Budget and Oversight Committee is requested to note the following for the 1st Quarter (2026/27):

Programme 1: Institutional Leadership and Administration	Achieved 100% of planned targets (7/7)
Programme 2: Core Business	Achieved 100% of planned targets (16/16)
Programme 3: International Relations	Achieved 100% of planned targets (1/1)
Programme 4: Members & Political Parties Support	Achieved 100% of planned targets (2/2)

Overall: 26 of 26 applicable planned targets achieved and validated for the 1st Quarter of 2026/27 (100%). All targets across all four Programmes were fully achieved, and no remedial actions were required.

5. OBSERVATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE

After the presentation by the FSL, the Committee made the following observations and recommendations:

1. The Committee noted and commended the Free State Legislature (FSL) for successfully achieving all its planned targets.
2. The Committee commended the FSL for the increase in funding allocated to political parties.
3. The Committee acknowledged that the FSL is in the process of appointing a new travel agency, following challenges experienced with the previous service provider.
4. The Committee acknowledged and appreciated the Hon. Speaker's continued commitment to the work of the Committee, particularly his consistent attendance and participation when invited to Committee meetings.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations are submitted for consideration and adoption by the House:

1. That the report of the Committee be adopted by the House.