

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE FREE STATE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

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

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health, and Social Services herewith submit the report and recommendations regarding Annual Performance Plans for the period 2026/2027 financial year of the Departments of Education, Health, and Social Development. The Portfolio Committee could not have presented this report without valuable contribution of Honorable MEC for Social Development, Ms M. Hlalele, Honorable MEC for Health, M.V. Mahlatsi and Honorable. MEC for Education, M. Maboya and officials of the departments of Education, Health and Social Development.

The Committee further acknowledges the critical analysis by Hon. Members of the Committee as well as sterling services rendered by the secretariat and staff of the Free State legislature.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services met with the Departments of Health, Education and Social Development on 04 August 2026 to consider Annual Performance Plans for 2026/2027 financial year as per the provisions of Standing Rules and Orders of the Free State Legislature.

2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee comprises the following Members:

Hon. M. Liphoko (Chairperson)

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3. PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Portfolio Committee met with the Departments of Education, Health, and Social Service on the 04 August 2026 to consider Annual Performance Plans for the period 2025/2026 financial year. The Committee was provided with analysis and performance reports by the committee researcher.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLANS FOR THE PERIOD 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

4.1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Department appeared before the committee on Education, Health and Social Services to present the annual performance plans for the 2026/2027 financial year with the following programmes:

Programme 1 - Administration
Programme 2 - District Health Services
Programme 3 - Emergency Medical Services
Programme 4 - Provincial Hospitals
Programme 5 - Central Hospitals
Programme 6 - Health Sciences and Training
Programme 7 - Health Care Support Services
Programme 8 - Health Facilities Management

The department presented the annual performance plan for the period 2026/2027 financial year, after the presentation the Committee acknowledged, noted and adopted the contents of the annual performance plan for the period 2026/2027 financial year.

4.1.2. OBSERVATIONS

- The Portfolio Committee noted the contents of the annual performance plan (APP) for the period 2026/2027 and its targets thereof, this will form part and strengthening of oversight programme of the Committee for the period 2026/2027 financial year.

4.1.3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services recommends that the report as tabled be adopted by the house.

4.2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department appeared before the committee on Education, Health and Social Services to present the annual performance plans for the 2026/2027 financial year with the following programmes:

Program 1: Administration
Program 2: Public Ordinary schools
Program 3: Independent schools
Program 4: Public special schools
Program 5: Early childhood development
Program 6: Infrastructure
Program 7: Examinations

The department presented its annual performance plan for the period 2026/2027 financial year, after the presentation the Committee acknowledged, noted and adopted the contents of the annual performance plan for the period 2026/2027 financial year.

4.2.1. OBSERVATIONS

- The Portfolio Committee noted the contents of the annual performance plan (APP) for the period 2026/2027 and its targets thereof, this will form part and strengthening of oversight programme of the Committee for the period 2026/2027 financial year.

4.2.2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services recommends that the report as tabled be adopted by the house.

4.3. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Department appeared before the committee on Education, Health and Social Services to present the annual performance plans for the 2026/2027 financial year with the following programmes:

Programme 1 – Administration
Programme 2 – Social Welfare Services
Programme 3 – Children and Families
Programme 4 – Restorative Services
Programme 5 – Community Development

The department presented its annual performance plan for the 2026/2027 financial year, after presentation the Committee acknowledged, noted and adopted the contents of the annual performance plan for the period 2026/2027 financial year.

4.3.1.OBSERVATIONS

5. The Portfolio Committee noted the contents of the annual performance plan (APP) for the period 2026/2027 and its targets thereof, this will form part and strengthening of oversight program of the Committee for the period 2026/2027 financial year.

5.3.1.GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services recommends that the report as tabled be adopted by the house.