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House chair

Honourable Minister

Fellow Provincial MEC's

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Heads of the Departments

Chair of the House and distinguished permanent member of the NCOP, let me thank the House and its leadership to afford me the opportunity to elaborate and share information on the jobs created by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in the Free State Province in 2021/22 Financial Year.

Through the implementation of four EPWP community development initiatives for 2021/22, as at the end of July, **1 932 work opportunities** against the target of **2 190 work opportunities** were created by the Department. **172 of these work opportunities** were created under the National Youth Service.

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2030 proposes the strengthening of youth service programmes and the introduction of new, community-based initiatives to offer young people life skills and entrepreneurship training. It is in this context that we are implementing the National Youth Service. It is also a direct response to the lack of patriotism amongst most of the young people. The Department will expand the National Youth Service by employing additional **70** youth in Ngwathe Local Municipality in Q2. It is a collaboration with Sasol Company to enhance skills development within Free State government to create employment opportunities for youth.

As the overall EPWP provincial coordinator, the Department facilitated the creation of **41 012 work opportunities** in the first quarter of 2021/22 with the following contribution breakdown:

- **National Departments 1 390 (4% contribution)**
- **Provincial Departments 11 692 (31% contribution)**
- **Municipalities 4 681 (11% contribution)**
- **CoGTA-CWP 22 249 (54% contribution)**

The Township Revitalisation Programme is the flagship EPWP programme that supports municipalities, showcasing Labour Intensive Construction methodologies while creating temporary work opportunities and skills development in our communities. The programme prioritizes transfer of skills to young people during construction of township roads. They are offered accredited training on Building and Civil Construction, National Qualification Framework Level 3.

The construction of these roads commences in the second quarter, in the following 12 towns: **Allanridge, Botshabelo, Bultfontein, Clarens, Frankfort, Koppies, Memel, Oppermansgronde, Paul Roux, Villiers, Vrede and Zastron. 240** work opportunities will be created of which 50% will be youth.

As a department we have 52 projects that have created 39 jobs, 19 youth employments opportunities and 19 jobs opportunities for women and we did not achieve any milestone in terms of creating jobs for people living with disability, this is against the budget of R136 444.00. And I think this does not augur well for us as the department to perform so poorly in this sector. It is in this regard that we will have to make every effort to accommodate more people living with disability and increase the numbers across the board that will reflect our efforts and seriousness as a department.

Mangaung

Focusing on jobs created per Districts Municipality based on five districts in the Free State. In Mangaung Metro for 2021/22 we budgeted R1 349 704, with 143 projects, that created 559 jobs, and youth employed were at 559, and women employed 47 and lastly 17 jobs were created for people living with disability.

Xhariep

An amount of R379 273 was budgeted for Xhariep, and 39 projects were created creating 559 jobs, number of youths employed were at 23, and women employed at 47 and no employment were created for people living with disability.

Fezile Dabi

An amount of R600 002 was budgeted and 66 projects were created resulting in 759 jobs, 49 youth employment were created, and 20 women were employed and 2 employment job opportunities were created.

Lejweleputswa

An amount of 776 281 was budgeted and 69 projects were created and 566 jobs were created, 45 youth employment, 50 women employment opportunities created.

Thabo Mofutsanyane

R739 063 was budgeted, and 35 projects created, 731 jobs created, 39 youth employed, 32 women also employed and 2 people living with disability employed.

In total R4 499 663 was budgeted, creating 423 projects, 2 762 jobs opportunities, creating 265 youth employment, 146 women benefiting for employment opportunities and 21 people living with disability being employed.

A number of jobs created per project status: 2020/22

Fourteen construction and other projects et al, were initiated budgeted at R4 499 663, creating 423 projects, creating 2 762 jobs, resulting in 265 youth employment, 146 women employment and 21 people living with disability benefited through employment.

Number of jobs created per project status: 2021/22 financial year.

In total these are 33 infrastructure projects that include schools, community hall, housing units under construction, care facilities, bridges/culverts etc. The total budgets

is as follows-R4 499 663, creating 423 projects, and creating 2 762 jobs, 265 youth employment, 146 women employment and 21 people living with disability benefited.

Thank you.

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