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KZN TREASURY STATEMENT ON THE 2025-26 ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET

KwaZulu-Natal Finance MEC, Mr. Francois Rodgers, has today tabled the Provincial Adjustments Budget for the 2025-26 financial year.

In his address, MEC Rodgers detailed how the Government of Provincial Unity (GPU) has identified optimistic growth projections despite national and international fiscal pressures affecting KZN.

Identified challenges include tariffs imposed on trading partners by the administration of Mr. Donald Trump, President of the United States.

MEC Rodgers said:

“The province is projected to grow modestly by 1.4% in 2025, slightly above the national rate of 1.2%. This growth is expected to accelerate further, reaching 2.1% in 2026 and 2.3% in 2027, driven by improvements in infrastructure and key sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism.”

Accordingly, in line with the mission of establishing an ethical and capable state, the GPU intends to ensure continued support and investment into growth-driving sectors to address persistent socio-economic challenges such as poverty and unemployment.

The provincial agricultural sector is expected to experience continued adoption of technology to maximise yields whilst safeguarding sustainable practices.

Greater effort will be invested in marketing and infrastructure rehabilitation to boost the local tourism sector.

MEC Rodgers also announced that R3.6 billion recently allocated to KZN by the National Finance Minister, Mr. Enoch Godongwana, will be utilised in a manner that protects KZN's social security net whilst ensuring the province's long-term economic viability.

The Department of Education will receive an additional R641 million to retain teachers and offset budget pressures under Compensation of Employees. Further allocations include R354 million for the Education Infrastructure Grant (EIG) unforeseen and unavoidable allocation to be directed to repairs as a result of recent natural disasters.

The Department of Health will receive an additional R1,4 billion to address urgent pressures, including the continued employment of community service doctors and interns, offsetting budget pressures in personnel, and funding essential goods and services.

An amount totalling R630 million will be utilised for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of infrastructure damaged by rainfall, flooding, thunderstorms, and strong winds between April 2024 and June 2025 in the departments of Health, Transport, Education and Public Works and Infrastructure.

MEC Rodgers added:



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“As the driver of the Financial Recovery Plan, we envisage to start seeing the benefits of our collective efforts in the new year. This will include improving cash flow management to reduce over commitment which results in unauthorised expenditure.”

The 2026-27 financial year is expected to be challenging in light of further cuts to the Provincial Equitable Share. However, MEC Rodgers reiterated that the GPU remains committed to ensuring that the most vulnerable citizens are prioritised and shielded from the impact of the fiscal pressures.

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