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MEC Ravi Pillay's Vision



MEC Ravi Pillay with HOD Simiso Magagula. MEC Pillay has set a clear five year vision.

MEC Ravi Pillay, who has previously served as MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, is a widely recognized and respected leadership figure in KwaZulu-Natal, generating much admiration for his principled approach to the most complex current challenges and his deep commitment to furthering the ideals of the Freedom Charter.

MEC Pillay joins a department that has demonstrated its resolve to be a centre of excellence in the management of public finances. Provincial Treasury has received nine (9) clean audit reports consecutively, with a clear focus on achieving a tenth clean audit report.

MEC Pillay is working with a team of dedicated experts and professionals, led by the longest serving Head of Department, Mr Simiso Magagula, who himself was voted in 2017 by National Treasury as the best head of department nationally.

Having tabled a R130 billion Provincial Budget on the 9th of July 2019, MEC Pillay has placed emphasis on the following:

- Working closely with COGTA to address the negative audit outcomes in municipalities;
- To intensify the fight against fraud and corruption in the public service;
- To undertake, through the SCM Unit, comprehensive compliance assessments of departments, municipalities and public entities to reduce irregular expenditure;
- To monitor the implementation of the Cost Containment Regulations as gazetted by National Treasury in June 2019 in order to help eliminate wastage of public resources on non-service delivery items;
- To support the Radical Economic Transformation Programme through a progressive supply chain management regime;
- To mobilise the private sector to partner with government in order to speed up economic change and service delivery to the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

NGO Bestows Lifetime Achievement Award On MEC Pillay



MEC Ravi Pillay with Chairman and founder of the NGO, Dr Dan Moodley. Schools, pupils, supporters and sponsors were also awarded trophies and certificates.

A Pietermaritzburg-based NGO Love to Live, bestowed a lifetime achievement award on MEC Ravi Pillay.

Chairman and founder of the NGO, Dr Dan Moodley, said the award was in recognition of MEC Pillay's "outstanding, lifelong and dedicated contribution towards social justice and community upliftment in South Africa through continued activism and service to society". MEC Pillay received the award during Love To Live's awards ceremony held at the Eddels Sports Club in Mountain Rise.

Schools, pupils, supporters and sponsors were also awarded trophies and certificates in recognition of their role in either supporting the NGO or in participating in some of the programmes run by the 20-year-old NGO. Some of the awards were handed over by MEC Pillay.

At the ceremony, Love To Live also launched its anti-drugs campaign under the theme "Don't Do Drugs, Just Say No". Delivering an address at the event, MEC Pillay applauded the organisation for the sterling work it has done in the upliftment of communities in Pietermaritzburg and beyond.

Pledging support to the Don't Do Drugs Just Say No campaign MEC Pillay said it was the duty of all members of society to play a part in the war against drugs.

"The fight against drugs and substance abuse is also a fight against many other social ills. This is because of the proven linkages between drug abuse and other social ills such as crime, violence, gangsterism and risky sexual behaviour. If we allow drug trade and drug abuse to flourish in our communities we will not be able to keep our children safe, let alone keep them at school until matric," said MEC Pillay.



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Budget Allocations

KwaZulu-Natal will be spending R130.5 billion in 2019/20. The largest share of the provincial budget goes to Education who receives 41.4%, followed by Health at 34.5%. This means that these two departments jointly receive nearly 76% of the budget, with the balance of 24% allocated to the remaining 13 departments.

Important to note is that R13.6 billion of the provincial budget is spent on infrastructure which is about 10% of the provincial budget.

It is well known that infrastructure spending by government generally results in higher economic output in the short-term by stimulating demand, but also in the long-term as it increases the overall productivity of a country. This type of investment will contribute towards economic growth and job creation.

What will the R130.5 billion deliver?

Education



HOD Magagula has championed the school's support programme by donating school uniforms and shoes to needy learners.

The budget allocation over the MTEF is R54 billion, R57.7 billion and R60.9 billion and relates to the provincial priority of education and skills development.

In this province, no-fee learners currently constitute 75% of the total population of learners in public ordinary schools. The National School Nutrition Programme will provide nutritious meals to 2.3 million learners in 5 729 schools.

Health



Premier Sihle Zikalala, Acting Mayor of EThekweni Municipality and MEC Ravi Pillay at an HIV/AIDS awareness march in Durban.

The Department of Health budget over the MTEF is R45 billion, R48.2 billion and R51.6 billion. The department plan on conducting 3 074 435 HIV tests, to reduce the malaria case fatality rate from 0.8% to 0.54%, to perform 9 700 cataract surgeries and to increase the average number of daily operational ambulances from 179 to 200.

The commissioning of the new Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme Memorial Hospital is planned for 2019/20, as well as an increase in the number of clients on the Centralised Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution from 1.7 million to 2.2 million.

Transport

The Department of Transport receives 8.3% of the provincial budget. The budget allocation is R10.8 billion, R11.3 billion and R12 billion over the MTEF.

The department will continue with the construction of roads to link rural communities to provincial hubs of activity, in order to achieve the strategic goal of providing access and mobility within the province.

The department will also continue with the subsidisation of bus services, learner transport services and undertake law enforcement campaigns to promote road safety. Transport's budget also provides for the Shova Kalula programme, which is an intervention to improve mobility by providing bicycles to people, including learners in rural, remote and poorly resourced areas, to enable them to access basic needs, as well as social and economic opportunities. The department will distribute 2 400 bicycles in 2019/20.

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Umngeni Interchange on the N2, Durban.

Human Settlement



Government will continue with the programme of slum eradication in KZN.

The Department of Human Settlements receives R4 billion, R4.2 billion and R3.9 billion over the MTEF.

The department is in the process of finalising a 20-year strategy, which will guide the upgrading of all hostels and ensure that development costs are standardised. Continued focus and roll-out of slums clearance projects is a provincial priority and projects in this regard are currently at various stages of the housing delivery cycle.

In terms of rural housing development, it is expected that approximately 7 850 units will be completed in areas such as uMzinyathi, Amajuba, Harry Gwala, uMkhanyakude and Ugu. Houses damaged by the flood disaster on 10 October 2017 will be repaired with R247 million allocated for reconstruction and repair of houses in the eThekweni Metro for 2019/20. A total of 1 500 houses will be rehabilitated.

Social development



Provincial Treasury taking a stand against the abuse of women and children.

The Department of Social Development receives R3.5 billion, R3.7 billion and R3.9 billion over the MTEF.

The work of this department is centred around improving the conditions of life for all South Africans, especially the poor and thus fits into the provincial priority of providing good basic services, as well as sustainable livelihoods.

The department will continue to implement integrated youth development programmes in its youth centres and academies and will collaborate with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs and other stakeholders in the implementation of the high impact skills development programmes, thus contributing to the provincial priority of skills development, job creation and growing the economy. Planned new infrastructure projects in this regard are the Wentworth Youth Development Centre and the Hibiscus Coast Youth Academy, among others.

Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA)



His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini greets EDTEA MEC, Nomusa Dube and MEC Ravi Pillay at Osothu Royal Palace in Nongoma.

EDTEA receives R3.2 billion, R3.4 billion and R3.6 billion over the MTEF.

The major projects for EDTEA in 2019/20 include Operation Vula and the Radical Economic Transformation programme. This includes the KZN Gijima Local Competitiveness Fund project which will target the agro-processing value chain sector.

The department will also prioritise the establishment of shared production facilities for small enterprises in support of Operation Vula commodities such as cleaning detergents, bakery products and toilet paper. The Sakhinzuzo project is another important project and is a partnership project with Tongaat Hulett whereby support is given to small-scale sugarcane growers.

Agriculture and Rural Development



MEC Pillay planting a mango tree to promote a culture of growing food at home and in schools.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development receives R2.4 billion, R2.6 billion and R2.7 billion over the MTEF.

In terms of the horticulture programme, the focus will be on promoting vegetable production in line with the Radical Agrarian Socio-economic Transformation programme, as well as sub-tropical fruits such as macadamia, citrus, mango and amarula.

The interventions will include increased market access, increased extension support, and encouraging value addition to primary products, provision of capacity building to smallholder farmers, encouraging export of primary and processed products, as well as promoting partnerships with commodity organisations.

Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA)



His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini extends greetings to MEC Pillay.

COGTA receives R1.8 billion, R1.9 billion and R2 billion over the MTEF.

Monitoring the implementation of service delivery programmes relating to electricity, water and sanitation, indigent policies (used for keeping record of all households that qualify for free basic services), will continue to be a priority, as will supporting and maintaining functional Disaster Management Centres, and providing assistance with disaster risk management planning.

The department will also ensure that the Traditional Council elections, which are planned to take place in 2019, are transparent and fair.

Public Works

The Department of Public Works receives R1.7 billion, R1.8 billion and R1.9 billion over the MTEF. The department will pay property rates relating to provincial properties, while also focusing on its core mandate, which is the erection and/or acquisition of buildings, structures and engineering works and the maintenance of buildings to client specifications.

In terms of the provincial priority of job creation, the department will continue to ensure that EPWP generates more work opportunities to contribute meaningfully to poverty alleviation. The programme will be extended to more beneficiaries with disabilities and will assist beneficiaries in establishing co-operatives, thus contributing to the provincial priority of growing SMMES and co-operatives.

The EPWP intends to support more than 5 000 beneficiaries in over 2 000 schools across all eleven district municipalities. The department will also provide support to departments and municipalities to ensure that their EPWP job creation targets are attained.



EPWP programme has generated work opportunities for unemployed youth.

Arts and Culture



Provincial Treasury celebrating Heritage month at the uMsunduzi Museum.

The Department of Arts and Culture receives R1.1 billion per annum over the MTEF.

The department will also continue to provide for the provincialisation of libraries, as well as the construction of new libraries to increase the reach across the province. The department will complete the Ngwavuma library in 2019/20 and will commence with the construction of libraries in Mtubatuba, Richmond, uMhlatuze, Nquthu and Dannhauser.

Provincial Treasury

Provincial Treasury receives R721.6 million, R725.7 million and R765.4 million over the MTEF.

Provincial Treasury has been identified as a key player in supporting the Radical Economic Transformation programme through the implementation of a progressive supply chain management regime. To this end, Provincial Treasury will closely monitor and report on the extent that departments implement the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) in the drafting of tenders.

Support will also be provided to assist departments in the interpretation and implementation of the PPPFA regulations that were promulgated in April 2017, in order to address the economic imbalances that persist in the public procurement space in KwaZulu-Natal. This contributes to the provincial priority of transforming and growing the economy.



MEC Pillay and HOD Magagula at the Legislature during the tabling of the 2019/20 Budget Speech.

Provincial Legislature

The Provincial Legislature receives R598.8 million, R638.9 million and R674.1 million over the MTEF.

The Legislature will continue to improve its oversight over, among others, departments and public entities during the year. Public involvement initiatives like Taking Legislature to the People and sector parliaments will continue in 2019/20.

Office of The Premier



Premier, Sihle Zikalala and MEC Ravi Pillay.

The Office of the Premier receives R714 million, R753.9 million and R795.4 million over the MTEF.

The bulk of the department's budget allocation is for cross-cutting and transversal activities, such as Operation Sukuma Sakhe, Integrity Management, Youth Development, support to His Majesty, the King, as well as transfers to its public entity, the Royal Household Trust.

Sport and Recreation



Recreation moment at the Carbineers Park.



Edward Mothibi winner of the 2019 Comrades Marathon

The Department of Sport and Recreation receives R479 million, R506.6 million and R535.4 million over the MTEF.

The department plans to construct 94 sport and recreation facilities in total, comprising two basic sport and recreation facilities, 33 play gyms, 22 multi-purpose courts, 33 children's kick-about sport facilities, as well as completing four district fitness centres.

Unpacking The Budget

Budget analyst
Sma Mpanza, on Vuma
FM (103FM) unpacking the
2019/2020 Provincial Budget
presented by MEC Ravi Pillay in
the Provincial Legislature.



Hindu Enterprise Development Corporation



MEC Ravi Pillay was a guest speaker at the banquet of the Hindu Enterprise Development Corporation held in Durban recently. In his speech, the MEC emphasised the need to build a strong social compact. He also said there was a need to ensure inclusive economic growth adding that economic inequality was a threat to social cohesion. The event was also attended by Mr Anish Rajan, the Consul General of India in Durban, who delivered the main address.

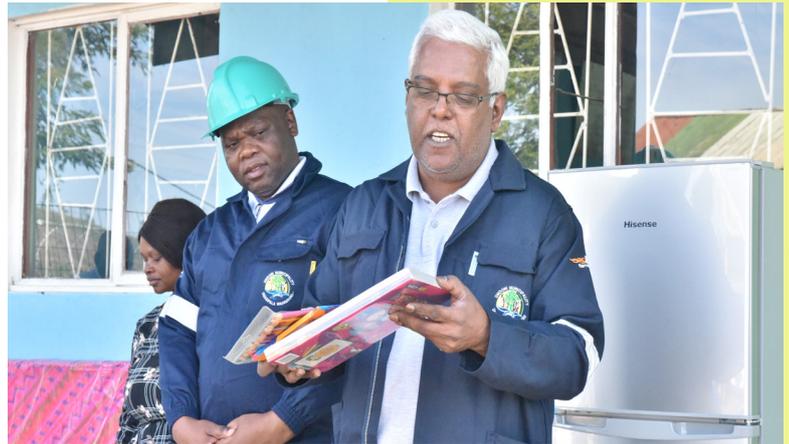
Youth Parliament



Provincial Treasury was among the departments that exhibited at Sibongile in Dundee. The exhibitions were held as part of the Youth Parliament which sat in Dundee. Finance MEC Ravi Pillay also attended a sitting of the Youth Parliament.



MEC AND MAYOR OF UMDONI MUNICIPALITY BRING JUBILATION TO MBULULA AREA, SOUTHCOAST OF KZN



MEC Ravi Pillay devoted his 67 Minutes of Mandela Day making donations, painting and planting trees.

MEC Ravi Pillay at Mbulula Creche in ward 5, KwaDumisa.

MEC Ravi Pillay, in association with the Mayor of uMdoni Municipality, Thabani Dube, brought smiles and jubilation to over 50 children of Mbulula Crèche, and their parents when they jointly spent their 67 minutes painting, gardening and making necessary donations to better the condition of the crèche.

Mbulula Crèche, situated in ward 5, KwaDumisa area under uMdoni Municipality, is one of the impoverished crèches in the area. MEC Pillay and Cllr Dube dedicated their Mandela Day trying to improve the lives of children and the condition of the crèche.

Addressing the parents and children, Dube said the choice of the crèche was based on their challenges and it was not a difficult decision to come and lend a helping hand in the spirit of Mandela Day.

Pillay said the late former president, Dr Nelson Mandela, loved children and education and Mbulula Crèche was an obvious choice.

"As government, we are committed to making a difference in the lives of communities. It is particularly special when we do it in a Madiba Spirit. Education is important and raising children well is equally important. They are the future of this country," said MEC Pillay.

MEC Pillay further donated 20 mattresses, 50 blankets, a fridge, urn, microwave, kettle and colouring books and pencils. He further planted a mango tree donated by the Department of Agriculture a bid to ensure that children grow their own fruits. The Department of Health also donated toothbrushes for the children. MEC Pillay then joined the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr. Sihle Zikalala, in a string of other Mandela Day events in Pietermaritzburg.



Courtesy Visit To Treasury House

MEC Ravi Pillay paid a surprise courtesy visit to staff at Treasury House. Accompanied by HOD Simiso Magagula, MEC Pillay visited various offices and workstations within the building during which he interacted and shared jokes with staff members including interns and senior officials within Provincial Treasury.



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