

Ensure spending brings in its targeted outcome

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ALL Limpopo government departments and institutions should ensure that every programme implemented meets the intended outcome for the benefit of citizens, treasury MEC Rob Tooley said while presenting the 2017-18 financial year budget of R51.9bn in Limpopo's legislative chamber in Lebowakgomo on Tuesday.

"For this to happen, all necessary oversight bodies must be vigilant and ensure these targets are indeed met, Tooley said.

"Our compensation of employees still remains relatively high around 70% of the total provincial budget, it would be appropriate if the outcomes of this spend realises that quality service is delivered to the people of the province," he said.

The provincial department of education was allocated the biggest slice of the pie with R28.7bn.

"Through this allocation the department will implement policy priorities which include funding of no fee schools, teacher development, scholar transport, procurement of school furniture and school safety as well as provision of the

school nutrition programme.

"An amount of R30m is allocated to ICT in the five districts."

The provincial health department was allocated R18bn. Part of the amount will be used for the purchase of essential medical and allied equipment and upgrading of IT infrastructure and procurement of patient verification system to enhance revenue collection.

Public works, roads and infrastructure department was allocated R3.1bn and would among others spend R30m on the provision for infrastructure capacitation plan.

The department would use R60m for procurement of new office space. Public entity, Roads Agency Limpopo will have R96.1m transferred for the department's allocation.

Budgets for other provincial department are as follows: Agriculture (R1.8bn), economic development environment and tourism (R1.5bn), cooperative governance human settlements and traditional affairs (R2.6bn), social development (R1.8bn), safety security and liaison (R103.7m), sports arts and culture (R460.2m) as well the office of office of the premier (R395.7m).

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