

Education gets R65.4bn

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WITH R30.6bn injected in its coffers, the provincial department of education boasts the lion's share of the R65.4bn budget for the 2018-19 financial year.

Presenting the budget in the provincial legislative chamber in Leb-owakgomo, provincial treasury MEC Rob Tooley said the allocation to the education department included R2.3bn conditional grants and R565.9m from their own revenue.

“Through this allocation the department will prioritise the provision of quality basic education which will include pupil attainment programmes, school nutrition, scholar transport, delivery and maintenance of school infrastructure and appointment of qualified teachers and administration

personnel,” Tooley said. The provincial department of health was allocated R19.5bn of which R2.7bn was for conditional grants and R495.4m was from own revenue.

“The allocation is increased by R1.1 billion over the medium term expenditure framework period to subsidise the increased cost of medicines and suppliers.

The funding will be utilised to ensure that the department delivers quality, accessible and affordable health care to the people of Limpopo.”

Tooley allocated the public works, roads and infrastructure department R3.1bn of which R988.9m will be transferred to Roads Agency Limpopo.

The cooperative governance human settlement and traditional affairs department received R2.6bn.

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