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## A brief outline of plans for the province as laid out by the premier

### • Crime

Gauteng is the home of heartless and merciless criminals who do as they wish. Fighting crime is our apex priority. Car and facial recognition CCTV cameras will be installed, and residents will be armed with e-panic buttons linked to law enforcement agencies.

Two new helicopters have been bought with another four within the 2023/4 budget cycle. The private security agencies have also pledged to add theirs to the pool of helicopters that will patrol our skies. 180 state-of-the-art drones to infiltrate areas that are difficult to police to monitor will be unveiled along with 400 new police vehicles and 6 000 new members to monitor and police the province. Private security companies have also agreed to combine their resources with ours under a joint command structure to help fight crime together.

### • GBV

Gender-based violence is increasing and a fund has been allocated to respond to this by strengthening green door projects and working with Ikhaya Lethemba.

### • Drugs and substance abuse

1 351 additional beds will be added to treatment facilities and existing venues improved to help those suffering from addiction.

### • Townships and informal settlements

The Township Economic Development Act was adopted recently to support township businesses and fund them. Funds will be made available for goods and services to support township economies which includes firing up local economies, employment, and internet services to residents in these communities.

### • Taxi industry

R20 million has been set aside for seed capital for taxi associations to raise money in the market. Taxi ranks will become future shopping stations with restaurants, petrol stations, banks, and small businesses.

### • Informal settlements

Part of the plan to ensure informal settlements don't escalate is the

establishment of a 24-hour anti-land invasion tactical unit to prevent people from invading land illegally. Rather than have people wait for RDP housing, fully serviced stands with roads, water, and electricity are being released.

### • Homelessness

A draft policy to deal with the homeless is being finalised to enable the government to relocate and assist people sleeping rough. To mitigate urban hunger, R64 million has been set aside for food parcels, and R26 million for dignity packs (sanitary pads, soap, toothpaste, etc.)

### • Education

Gauteng is being benchmarked against international countries by participating in some international examinations like the Trends in Mathematics and Science Studies (TIMSS) where we ranked 11th with Singapore being number one worldwide. Gauteng has budgeted R6 million to build new schools in high-pressure communities and to rebuild 18 old asbestos schools at a cost of R1.5 billion sourced from the national treasury.

### • Youth

By the end of this term, 152 000 young people will be employed by the provincial government: 100 000 for the government's Expanded Public Works Programme, 40 000 for educational and general teacher assistance, and 6 000 for crime prevention wardens.

### • Officers of state

The State Security Agency was authorised to conduct lifestyle audits on the premier and all members of the executive council (MECs) where no conflict of interest was found. New MECs will undergo a similar process. The same will happen for public servants and other officials.

### • Gauteng Treasury

A new fully-fledged invoicing dispute resolutions unit will serve as an ombudsman for disputed invoices. This unit will be obliged to resolve disputed invoices within 7 working days unless the matter is with other state agencies, or, about corruption.

