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Limpopo budget needs a reset, says DA

LIMPOPO - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo is calling for an urgent reset of the provincial budget to decisively tackle unemployment, curb wasteful expenditure, and improve service delivery.

According to Jacques Smalle, DA Limpopo Spokesperson on Finance, a fundamental shift is required in the provincial budget, one that demands accountability, prioritizes infrastructure and investment, and ensures that every rand spent is directed towards creating jobs and delivering essential services.

"The DA is calling for a comprehensive review of spending and savings across all departments, provincial entities, and municipalities to identify areas for cost-cutting and redirect funds to essential services and infrastructure," he said.

Smalle added that the party wants to see failed programmes and projects closed down, and duplicity of roles eliminated to effect savings and improve

efficiency.

"The DA is questioning the efficacy and desirability of provincial-owned entities such as Great North Transport (GNT), Gateway Airports Authority Limited (GAAL), and the Road Agency Limpopo (RAL). Why persevere with RAL while the when provincial roads maintenance is being transferred back to the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure?" asked Smalle.

He emphasized the need for increased and targeted infrastructure spending, stating that it is essential to drive economic growth, productivity, and competitive environment.

"We are calling for increased use of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to fund and develop infrastructure, and to recapitalise, expand and operate municipal infrastructure and service delivery," Smalle said.

He also highlighting the persistent lack of accountability and consequence

management within the provincial administration, stating that corruption and maladministration continue to undermine the impact of budgets, stunt development, and cripple Limpopo's growth prospects.

"The DA is demanding accountability and swift and decisive consequences for those guilty of malfeasance," said Smalle.



Jacques Smalle, DA Limpopo Spokesperson on Finance, says the party is calling for increased use of PPPs to fund and develop infrastructure, and to recapitalise, expand and operate municipal infrastructure to fast-track service delivery.