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INTRODUCTION

I am confident that as we mark 20 years of our democracy this year will be one of the most remarkable years as we all work together to realize aspirations of our people to attain a better life for all. We present this year's Budget Policy Speech after the loss of a great man, an outstanding revolutionary, a world icon, President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. A founder and signatory of a very significant progressive international organization in protection of children, UNICEF.

If there is anyone in this house who still doubts that South Africa is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream and the sweat of our fore fathers and fallen heroes is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, one needs to take a moment and think carefully.

Hon Speaker & Members, I say this because our constitutional democracy over the past 20 years has been a point of reference and a beacon of hope revered by many world economies. With the dismantling of apartheid in 1994, we as this great nation won the right to determine our own destiny as we moved forward. We have moved forward because our people, young and old reaffirmed the spirit that triumphs over our differences. We are really living in a United Society.

I speak here today in the presence of ordinary rural women, senior citizens, veterans and children who continue to look up to us in accelerating the pace of service delivery. All they want from us is the re-affirmation that tomorrow will be better than today. To our distinguished guests from the remote outskirts of this beautiful Province, your presence today reminds us that we do not dare betray or disappoint the expectations of our own people otherwise history will judge us very harshly.

As we close the fourth term and passage to the fifth administration of our democratic government, we must review the distance we have travelled in terms of implementing the mandate given to us since 1994 (**Inde lendlela siyihambayo**). In spite of all the challenges we have encountered along the way, I am pleased to say that we have indeed done much to implement the commitments we made to our own people. However, it is obvious that we still have outstanding work to do to make our Province a better place to live in a sustainable manner. Whatever the challenges, we still progress.

PROGRAMME 1

1.1 CUSTOMER CARE

The Eastern Cape Department of Social Development will be establishing an Integrated Social Transformation Cluster 24-hour Call Centre. This will be linked to the already existing Social Work Command Centre within the National Department of Social Development designed to enhance monitoring and evaluation of specialist services rendered to victims of gender based violence in the country.

The call centre amongst other issues seeks to provide a rapid response to vulnerable people especially those affected by gender based violence in the province.

1.2 EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

The Department's average performance on the recruitment of people with disabilities remains at **1.28%**. In an attempt to contribute to the National Disability target of **2%**, the Department will ring fence **2,5%** of vacant funded posts for people with disabilities. The Department will monitor closely the implementation of the Employment Equity Plan to realise the above.

1.3 FAMILY BASED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MODEL

The Department will in 2014/15 formulate a Family Based Social Development Model (FBSDM) as a guiding policy framework to the provision of services in the Eastern Cape.

In most areas of the Eastern Cape family pattern is disintegrating, particularly in urban areas and it is clear that the development of strong healthy families in its various forms is critical.

The major contributing factors to vulnerability and disintegration of the family system include:

- Emergence of a variety of families that include child headed families, single headed families, female headed families, grandparent headed families as a result of social ills and socio political pressures; and
- Emergence of social pressures that caused disintegration in families.

These factors brought new risks which further threatened the organization of the family as an institution that is meant to nurture family members.

In conditions of extreme poverty, vulnerable groups like children, youth, women, older persons and people with disabilities become the hardest hit.

The family must be the unit, a nucleus through which the Department should operate, and that means must be found to preserve, strengthen and adapt the rights and duties common to families.

In other words the focus of the interventions of the Department of Social Development must be “family centred” which would of automatic lead to “people centred” approach and development. Sakha amakhaya aziziseko zeentsapho eziluqilima.

This means that a Family Based Practice must prioritise the family system as a unit of development and corner stone within the community context. This will also include promotion of the rights of gay and lesbian families.

This approach is intended to promote social cohesion, good parenting, family mirrors, role modelling build solidarity, and encourage a collective action of the families and/ or households within communities.

In order to realise the above, the Department has prioritised a series of seminars, colloquiums and workshops to engage various stakeholders particularly Faith Based Organisations, organs of Civil Society and communities to develop a common understanding on the above approach.

1.4. EPWP

In line with the pronouncement on the ANC Manifesto on job creation of 6 million work opportunities in the next five years; the Department of Social Development is planning to create **4 627** work opportunities. The work opportunities have been created through the following Programmes:

- Victim Empowerment Programme
- People with Disabilities
- HIV and AIDS
- Early Childhood Development
- Isibindi
- National Youth Service (NYS)

For creating the above work opportunities the Department has been incentivized to create additional work opportunities totaling to **233**.

1.5. ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRADITIONAL INITIATION

The challenges experienced within the traditional initiation process have necessitated the Department to play a role towards contributing to a permanent solution.

A number of interventions have been identified to be utilized as part of the mandate of the Department of Social Development which includes the following:

- Immediate attention will be to prioritize the provision of **psycho-social support** to those initiates that have lost their manhood (**amputated**) through unfortunate circumstances including their **traumatised families** who have **lost their sons**.
- In this intervention the Department will utilise **300** experienced male social workers and community development practitioners

familiar with the custom to assist the affected young men with professional counselling so as to cope with difficult circumstances such as loss of male organs and exposure to frightening experiences. These officials will be working closely under the guidance of the House of Traditional Leaders as well as Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA). The Department has made available **70 vehicles** in this regard to assist monitoring teams and traditional initiation fora.

- Focus will be on **emotional support and affirmation** that will capacitate the young men to deal with life's demanding challenges, thus enabling them to understand their environment and the real circumstances they are faced with and begin to develop hope for the future.

The Children's Act No. 38 of 2005; Section 28 of the **Bill of rights** and the **UN Convention** on the rights of the child dictates that "In any matter affecting a child, the **Best interest of the Child** are paramount"

The African Charter on the rights of the African Child stipulates that "Children's charter is higher than any customary, traditional, cultural, religious practice that doesn't fit with the rights, duties, and obligations in the charter"

All these instruments talk to **Protection, Safety, Care and Survival of Children.**

1.6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR DSD FUNDED INITIATIVES

The Department during the year 2014/15 is set to conduct an impact assessment to evaluate the extent that these funded initiatives have been able to bring about the desired changes in the lives of the poor.

The intention of this impact assessment is to develop innovative approaches that will enable communities to create sustainable and effective developmental projects. This impact assessment will

incorporate a full evaluation of the current funded projects sustainability, financial viability, their capacity to implement, govern, manage, monitor, evaluate, report and whether they have addressed realistically the challenges of low income (vulnerable) and high levels of hunger amongst the poor communities of the Eastern Cape.

A total budget set aside for this intervention is **R 6 million**.

1.7. STRENGTHENING OF WELLNESS PROGRAMMES:

During **2014/15**, the Department will strengthen the Wellness Programme for the purpose of a productive workforce and will focus on the following key areas:

- Debriefing of Social Workers on quarterly basis.
- Facilitate approval and roll out of policies such as Wellness Management, Sport, Health and Productivity Policies.

An amount of **R1 million** has been allocated to strengthen wellness programmes

1.8. ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMME

The Anti-Poverty Strategy was formally approved as a guiding document to implement the anti- poverty initiatives in the province. The National Department of Social Development has already adopted the strategy as a blue print for the implementation and coordination of the anti-poverty initiatives.

The Department will together with its partners and members of civil society establish Community Nutrition Development Centres, Early

Childhood Development Centres and Household Food Gardens in each of the **16** identified Anti-Poverty Sites.

Emphasis on the Anti-Poverty Programme will be facilitation, implementation and monitoring targeting coordination of the **(3)** three clusters of government.



1.9. INFRASTRUCTURE

In the **2014/15** Financial Year, the Department will focus on the construction, refurbishment and renovations of the following institutions:

- " **Burgersdorp Secure Care Centre**
- " **P.E Treatment centre**

To address challenges of office accommodation, the Department will continue to construct, renovate and refurbish the following offices: **Libode Local Service office, Maluti Local Service Office, Stutterheim Local**

Service Office, Fort Beaufort Local Service Office, Whittlesea Local Service Office, Sterkstroom Local Service Office, Hoffmeyer Local Service Office, Dimbaza Local Service Office, Zwelitsha Local Service Office, Ngqeleni Local Service Centre, Ibhayi Complex Tower and Alfred Nzo District Office.

The Department will further approach Local Municipalities and House of Traditional Leaders (inqila) to avail their offices and great places to be utilised by our Social Workers and Community Development Practitioners as they bring services closer to the people.

Madam Speaker, in support of the implementation of the recommendations of the audit report throughout the Province, the Department will comply with Article 9 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities and Optional Protocol by ensuring accessibility in Departmental buildings.

An amount of **R62 million** is set aside for infrastructure development.

PROGRAMME 2: SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

2.1. CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS

People from **60** years and above constitute seven **(7)** % of the Eastern Cape population and are categorized as older persons. This is a group of people who are significant to our history, possess wisdom and have a special responsibility in the socialization of younger generations within the society.

The Province continues to experience high incidences of abuse, ill treatment and brutal killings of older persons. This is due to lingering perceptions and false accusations that older persons illnesses are associated with witchcraft. In an attempt to counter this perception, the Department is committed to embark on comprehensive awareness campaigns on the consequences of Alzheimers Disease particularly in rural areas. These campaigns will be conducted through Community Based Care Centres. The Department will continue to fund **233** of these centres and an additional new **21** centres totaling **254** in the Province.

These centres will also be utilized as satellite and overnight shelter as **a** prompt response to violence perpetrated against older persons. The Department in partnership with private sector and Department of Health will facilitate accessing of health care service by older persons within these centres and family homes.

The Department has recently launched an Older Persons Policy in **October 2013** as a framework to guide the transformation of services to older person. This Policy Framework will be rolled out in all six **(6)** Districts and two **(2)** Metros in this financial Year.

The Department will strengthen the Programme on Active Ageing to promote a healthy long lasting life style.

The total budget allocated for these activities amounts to **R90 million**.

2.2. SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In an effort to uplift socio economic empowerment the Department will implement skills development programmes for people with disabilities. This programme will assist people with disabilities to gain skills and to promote self-sustainability. People with disabilities who have completed the skills development programme will be organized to establish themselves as cooperatives through Sustainable Livelihoods Programme and further linked to markets.

A total of **528** people with disabilities are set to benefit from the budget amounting to **R28 million**.

2.3. HIV and AIDS

The Department will continue to render psychosocial support services to Orphans and vulnerable children infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

These interventions will enhance the support given to vulnerable school going children in disadvantaged communities through the Integrated School Health Programme in partnership with the Department of Health and the Department of Basic Education.

In an effort to strengthen and contribute to the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), the Department will capacitate Community Care Givers to render qualitative services effectively and efficiently within Home Community Based Care Programme.

The total budget for these activities is **R21 million**.

PROGRAMME 3:

3.1. CARE & SUPPORT SERVICES TO FAMILIES

The Department will utilize this programme to fight poverty and strengthen family unit through social mobilization in line with **Family Based Approach**.

In partnership with NGO sector, the Department will strengthen community based care programmes focusing on family support services as a response to challenges of family disintegration. The family support services include counseling services, marriage enrichment, anger management, mediation and reunification services.

In an attempt to instill family values the Department will strengthen Family Preservation Programmes through provision of programmes such as prevention, early intervention, youth mentorship services, family group conferencing and Family Therapy.

The focus on a family as a unit will assist the Department to target **single parents' families** and ensure that both parents take an active role in the upbringing of their children. **Single Parents and Fatherhood programmes** will be implemented in order to empower and support affected families.

The total budget allocated for these activities is **R8 million**.

3.2. CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION

In giving effect to the **Children's Act No 38 of 2005** the Department will continue to provide protection services to vulnerable children in partnership with other stakeholders such as Child Protection Organizations (CPO's), Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. The Department will continue to fund **49** CPOs that are providing these services throughout the province.

The Department will intensify Operation Hlangula as a prompt response to children in need of care and protection as well as misuse of children's grants.

The total budget allocated for these activities is **R39 million**.

3.3. ECD & PARTIAL CARE

Research reveals that children's survival, development and life trajectories are largely determined by their early socio-economic circumstances.

Early Childhood Development is very critical in the development stages of a human being for the first **1000** days and therefore it is a government priority.

In addition to **1283** existing ECD Centres the Department will fund one hundred and seventy seven (**177**) new ECD Centres, which will be funded to benefit **57 365** children. The establishment of new ECD centres will focus on the **sixteen (16) Anti-Poverty Sites**.

In an attempt to improve accessibility to Early Childhood Development Programmes targeting children living in deep rural areas, two (2) Mobile Toy Libraries will also be purchased to strengthened provision of such services.

Funding of eight (8) Non Centre Based Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes will continue towards benefitting children who cannot access centre based ECD services in the eight districts of the province.

The Department will continue to fund twenty two (22) Special Day Care Centres to provide developmental and integrated services that will benefit children with disabilities.

The total budget allocated for these activities is **R175 million**.



3.4. CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRE

Alternative care services will continue to be provided for children in need of care and protection through funding of **34** Child and Youth Care Centres in the **8** Districts of the province.

The total allocated budget for these activities is R44 million.

3.5. COMMUNITY BASED CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

The Department will expand the provision of Early Intervention and prevention programmes through **Isibindi Model** in **Joe Gqabi** and **Cacadu** Districts benefitting children in need of care and protection, including orphaned and vulnerable children. The Department has partnered with **UNICEF** to strengthen all Isibindi Safe Parks for the protection of vulnerable children.

As part of strengthening community based services for children, the Department will continue to support and subsidize eight (**8**) Community Based Cluster Foster Homes (CBCFHs) in the entire Province. Services to children living and working on the streets will continue to be provided throughout the Province.

The total allocated budget for these activities is **R15 million**.

PROGRAMME 4.

4.1. CRIME PREVENTION AND SUPPORT

The role of the Department in this programme is the implementation of Integrated Social Crime Prevention programmes targeting out of school youth and children at risk.

The Department will continue to provide residential care programme to children in conflict with the law in five existing Child and Youth Care Centres. The **five (5)** existing Child and Youth Care Centres for children in conflict with the law are in **Nelson Mandela Metro (Enkuselweni Secure Care Center)**, **Buffalo City Metro (John X Merriman and Bhisho Secure Center)** and **OR TAMBO (Sikhuselekile and Qumbu Secure Care Centers)** will continue to render therapeutic and vocational skills training such as carpentry, bricklaying and sewing. The existing Child and Youth Care Centres will extend their services by having outreach programmes for the benefit of communities where they are established.

The Department will implement re-integration programme for ex-offenders. The need for the programme emanates from the plight that ex-offenders and their families experience after they have been discharged from serving long prison terms. These include joblessness, dysfunctional families, and marital disputes and so on. The programme seeks to reclaim and re-integrate ex-offenders to their families and communities .

The total allocated budget for these activities amounts to **R32 million**.



4.2. VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Crime and violence continue to present a dilemma and serve as an impediment to attaining a better life for all particularly women and children. The impact, which can be physical, emotional, social and economic, is experienced not only by the victims themselves, but by their families and communities. Gender based violence remains one of the most pervasive types of crime and violence which affects women, families, communities and society. The Department of Social Development as the lead Department on Victim Empowerment continues to improve coordination and cooperation between government Departments and civil society organizations to harmonise services to victims of crime and violence.

The Department will continue its commitment to intensify and accelerate efforts to prevent acts of crime and violence in partnership with all stakeholders through social mobilisation and intensified awareness and prevention programmes. The integrated awareness and educational programmes will focus on effects of victimisation on gender based violence, trafficking in persons, sex workers, harmful traditional practices and domestic violence. In addition to this the Everyday Heroes brand will be intensified as part of community conversations, mobilisation and social cohesion.

The Department will continue providing support to **102 White Door Centres of Hope** with **(12)** twelve additional centres and expand its services to include outreach programmes and skills development in all Districts and Metros.

Khuseleka One Stop Centres will be strengthened to ensure provision of multi-disciplinary services, outreach programmes, therapeutic and rehabilitation services for trafficked persons. Four **(4)** One Stop Centres will continue providing support to victims of crime and violence. In addition to this the Department will continue providing financial support

to **17** shelters (safe homes) to expand shelter services and ensure safety and security services within the centres.

The total budget allocated for these activities is **R47 million**.



4.3. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION

In line with Prevention of and Treatment for **Substance Abuse Act 70 of 2008**, the Department will continue to implement integrated programme aimed at alleviating substance abuse through preventative, rehabilitative and community based interventions. During **2014-15** financial year the Department will continue to intensify the implementation of prevention programmes through **200** Teenagers Against Drug Abuse (TADA) programme as well as **65** additional TADA programmes. These programmes will be implemented in partnership with the Departments of Safety and Liaison and Education in Schools as part of integrated outreach programmes.

The Department will continue to fund Five **(5)** Private Treatment Centres. They are geographical place as follows ; **one (1) at O.R. Tambo District (Thembelitsha Rehabilitation Centre , one (1) at Buffalo City (SANCA East London) and Three (3) in Nelson Mandela metro (SANCA Port Elizabeth , Shepherd's Field and Welbedacht) .** Treatment Centre's serve as in and out- patient centre's for provision of assessment, counseling, and provision of treatment services for substance abusers as well as community based services. Construction of a State Treatment Centre in Port Elizabeth will be completed in **October 2014**; this will ensure that people who cannot afford private treatment care will have access to rehabilitation and treatment services.

In an effort to ensure that substance abuse programmes are accessible the Department will fund seven **(7)** Community Based projects rendering prevention and aftercare services on substance abuse.

In **2014-15** the total budget allocation for these activities is **R7 million**.

4.4. SASSA

The Department in partnership with SASSA will continue engaging various stakeholders to meet the December deadline set aside by the High Court on Foster Care.

PROGRAMME 5

5.1. COMMUNITY MOBILISATION

The Department has within its new mandate to focus on community mobilisation. This programme will follow a process that involves continuous engagement and mobilization of communities, stakeholders and resources. It focuses on intangible psycho-social issues such as building community confidence and collective self-esteem, social cohesion, solidarity, linking the individual with community collective consciousness and promoting unity in diversity.

The total budget for these programmes stand at **R572 Thousand**.

5.2. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING & SUPPORT

In order to empower Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) and Community Based Organisations (CBO) to deliver effectively and ensure their compliance with the minimum norms and standards, the Department will continue with its partnership with **NDA** and other credible institutions to roll out the capacity building programme which includes mentorship and aftercare.

A total budget of **R23 million** is available for these activities.

5.3. POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

South Africa is facing unprecedented challenges that threaten the livelihood and wellbeing of society. The contributing factors are high levels of poverty, unemployment and high incidences of HIV and AIDS. These challenges require appropriate policies, interventions and an enabling environment for their implementation.

In order to address the above social challenges, the Department will:

- Implement Household food production and nutrition programmes.
- Establish Community Development Food and Nutrition Centres (food banks).
- Establish food gardens in Early Childhood Development and Home Community Based Care Centres
- Implement Food Security and Nutrition Programmes in all sixteen anti-poverty sites
- Pilot two agro-processing plants at Amathole District Municipality targeting Amahlathi and Mnquma local municipalities.
- Pilot establishment of Secondary Cooperatives in three **(3)** Districts as Green Food Produce Markets in partnership with SASSA and NDA.

The total budget for this programme stands at **R14 million**



5.4. COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Community based research and planning utilises household and participatory research methodologies to develop a baseline data and a livelihood framework analysis for a targeted service delivery. Household profiling provide communities an opportunity to learn about the life and conditions of their locality. In the upcoming financial year, the Department will purchase electronic profiling gadgets that will help to speed the profiling process.

A Study on the “Risks and Protective Factors Associated with Substance Abuse among the Youth” will be conducted in view of the serious concern of substance abuse in communities. The findings from this research will inform prevention programmes aimed at young people.

The total budget for these programmes stand at **R578 Thousand**.

5.5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The National Youth Policy, 2009 - 2014 defines youth development as “ an intentional comprehensive approach that provides space, opportunities and support for young people to maximise their individual and collective creative energies for personal development as well as development of the broader society of which they are an integral part”.

The National Youth Accord signed by the President in the last financial year mandated the Departments and private sector to put more budget on youth development programmes. This financial year the department will focus on **National Youth Service (NYS)**, Youth Mobilisation (empowerment programme), and Entrepreneurship Development programmes.

The Department will in this financial year continue to strengthen the already existing seven (**7**) entrepreneurship development initiatives for unemployed young people.

The Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) with a view to strengthen initiatives funded by the Department of Social Development.

In order to accelerate youth empowerment the Department has forged partnership with the **Stendon University** in order to implement Youth Camps for **200** young people. Youth Camps as a springboard to establish viable and sustainable youth clubs and other youth empowerment programmes, focusing on social change programmes, safety and healthy lifestyles as well as leadership training and team building. Moreover, the University will ensure that at least **20** students from Europe will be part of the youth camps to ensure cross cultural interaction. The University will also provide training to **22** young people in end Chef Skills and ensure that the said youth after completion of their five (**5**) months training be placed in a suitable based environment. Stendon University will monitor, facilitate and assist the **22** student, youth to ensure sustainable employment.

Honourable Speaker and Honourable Members, the high decline of moral fibre remains our greatest challenges, the intergenerational programmes is one of the strategies of the Department to address this challenge. This programme encourages generations to engage in dialogues that will address issues of culture, indigenous knowledge and revival old age values of Ubuntu and will also focus on building healthy functioning communities with young people playing a vital role.

In addition, the Department will empower **100** young people through an accredited training for these young people to become highly trained instructors and personal trainers.

In addition, we have recruited more than **200** unemployed youth for the National Youth Service Programme. Currently, negotiations are at an advanced stage between the Department and Rhodes University for these young people to be trained on a SETA **2** (two) year accredited Community Development Programme. On completion of their training,

they will work closely with Early Childhood Development Centres. We are already giving them a stipend of **R1200**.

A total budget of **R16 million** is available for these activities.

6.6. WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

The Department is tasked with the responsibility to **empower women** to reduce levels of vulnerability. The advocacy & awareness programmes will be intensified within communities focusing on women's rights.

The Department is targeting **308** women to be empowered with leadership skills, technological & business skills through Public- Private Partnership Programmes.

The Department will continue to strengthen **40** Women Initiatives.

The Department in partnership with Institutions of Higher Learning and Private Sector in the Province will develop a comprehensive conceptual framework to guide young Women Development. An amount of **R10 million** will be set aside to establish a Resource Centre in the Province with an aim to facilitate the empowerment of women with a special focus to victims of gender based violence.

A total budget of **R15 million** is available for these activities.

5.7. POPULATION POLICY PROMOTION

The Department will continue to monitor the implementation of the Population Policy within the Province and to undertake research to make available reliable information for evidence planning.

The Department will increase awareness on population factors by dissemination of research findings, population capacity development and population advocacy.

The partnership with the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** will ensure that the Department continues to receive technical support with the implementation of the population policy mandate.

A total budget of **R2 million** is available for these activities.

5.8. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NDA)

In an effort to improve service delivery and bringing change to the vulnerable group of our society, the Department will strengthen working relations with NDA in the areas of early childhood development, food security and capacity building to funded initiatives.

6. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

6.1. DISABLED PEOPLE SOUTH AFRICA (DPSA)

- The Department in partnership with the private sector will purchase shoes that are manufactured by disabled people for back to school campaign to sustain these funded projects.
- The Department will ensure that people with disabilities obtain accredited training in order to be ready to run cooperatives and the Department will provide funding in this regard. Further, the Department will train people with disabilities and link them to job opportunities.

6.2. NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NYDA)

- The Agency has committed an amount of **R1.3 million** for cooperatives in Kwa-Cele Village with and the NYDA will ensure mentorship of the members of cooperatives and will expand the centre to become an **Economic Expo**.
- Trained cooperatives in the area.
- Installed computers in the Youth Centre that is attached to Rise and Shine Bakery.
- The cooperatives will be launched in **March 2014** by the Presidency in partnership with the Provincial Government.

6.3. VODACOM

Vodacom has committed to assist the Department in linking the envisaged Integrated Social Transformation Cluster **24** hour call centre

to the already existing Social Work Command Centre within the National Department of Social Development.

6.4. VODACOM MTN FOUNDATION

MTN Foundation will assist with four **(4)** additional new White Door Centres of Hope to the already existing four **(4)** centres and will transform them to be centres of excellence.

6.5. OLD MUTUAL

ZOld Mutual has committed to support the Department's initiatives of providing Sanitary Towels for school girls coming from vulnerable families. Assistance will also be provided on Financial Literacy Programme to the Department funded initiatives and subsidised NPOs.

6.6. ABSA

ABSA has provided funding amounting to **R900 000** for the Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato Programme that is being implemented by women in four **(4)** Districts. Funding for capacity building and training of women cooperatives by Nelson Mandela Metro University on business skills and marketing.

6.7. STENDON UNIVERSITY

The Department has a long established partnership with Netherland's Stendon University based in Port Alfred which is globally recognised for its specialized hospitality studies. The University has this financial year launched a top chef skills programme which involves **22** unemployed youth from across the Province. The University has already committed to employ permanently **11** best performing young people from this pool of **22**.

7. CONCLUSION

Hon Speaker & Members, we are aware of the fact that this government owes its legitimacy from the popular mandate it received from many ordinary people since **1994**. We know very well that we have an obligation always and at all times to listen and respond to the voices of our own people. Our people understand the enormity of the task that lies ahead.

In an effort to strive towards the realization to achieve Human Rights a quest to sustainable development, the Department is to ensure a very high shared system of moral values universally within the code of conduct.

Our democratic government led by a visionary ruling party advocate for the values of national unity and social cohesion. As public representatives, we must lead with a measure of humility and determination in our quest to heal the divides that want to hold back our progress.

Charlotte Maxeke said in speaking of Bantu women in urban areas, (quote) “the first thing to be considered is the home, around which and in which the whole activity of family life circulates. First of all, the home is the residence of the family, and home and family life are successful only where husband and wife live happily together, bringing up their family in a sensible way, sharing the responsible naturally involved in a fair and wholeheartedly spirit”.

Honourable Speaker and Members, I now present to you the budget proposal for **2014/15**.

Programme	2014/15 Medium-term expenditure estimate			
	2014/15	% SPLIT	2015/16	2016/17
Administration	392 239	18%	421 853	446 867
Social Welfare Services	444 450	21%	463 699	476 698
Children and Families	765 888	35%	786 425	848 634
Restorative Services	267 075	12%	276 080	278 226
Development and Research	289 306	13%	314 457	324 096
Subtotal	2 158 958.0	100%	2 262 514	2 374 521

I thank you,

Ndiyabulela Kakhulu, Maz'enethole!!!

Malibongwe!!!