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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, 19 May 2020, (at 09:00) Microsoft Team

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Bosman, G (Chairperson)

Mackenzie, RD

Philander, WF

African National Congress

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Brinkhuis, G

Additional Member

Bans, A

Windvogel, R

Apology

Minister Fernandez, SG– Social Development

Persons in attendance

Dr. Macdonald, R

Mr. Jordan, C

Ms. Johnson, M

Mr. Hewu, M

Ms. van Reenen, A

Mr. Smith, J

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and allowed for brief introductions.

2. Briefing by the Department of Social Development on its Quarterly Performance Reports for the period October-December 2019 and January- March 2020

Dr Macdonald, Head of the Department of Social Development, proceeded to brief the Committee on the Department's Quarterly Performance Reports for the period October-December 2019 and January–March 2020. He informed the Committee that the social sector was not customised during the financial year under review, there was no set of nationally agreed upon performance indicators for the financial year ending March 2020, the Department collected performance information against 51 performance indicators. The HOD reported that the Department continues to use the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluations classification of output achievement into the following, that deviations from targets are explained by where outputs are 100%, it means that the targets have been achieved, 50 -99% means the targets were partially achieved and 0-49 means the targets were not achieved.

Due to the length of the presentation, the Committee focused more on the indicators that were not achieved during the period under review. The Department also reported that information for the 3rd Quarter has been validated and is considered accurate and complete because it has been checked against its source documents. The information recorded as 4th Quarter is still preliminary as it still has to be checked for accuracy and completeness. All programmes are in the process of validating their fourth-quarter performance information in preparation for its submission to the NDS on 9 June 2020.

The Department mentioned that the targets for the following indicators were not achieved in Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of the financial year under review, the targets are on:

- 2.1 Programme 2: Social Welfare Services: The target for the number of older persons accessing residential facilities was not achieved due to Persons with disabilities under the age of 60 years accommodated at older person's residential facilities, and emergency bed provision.

The target for the number of Persons with Disabilities accessing residential facilities was also not achieved, due to resident relocation, transfer to other facilities, and reunification with families as well as infrastructure works/renovations. Furthermore, the target for the number of Persons with Disabilities in DSD funded community based day care programmes was also not achieved due to absenteeism due to transport problems and illness.

- 2.2 Programme 3: Children & Families: The target for the number of family members reunited with their families was not achieved, due to DSD clients refusing to be reunited with their families and sometimes families refusing to take them back. The social workers continuing to engage with families.

The Department further reported that the target for the number of children reunified with their families or alternative caregivers was not achieved. The Department mentioned that the Reunification is a lengthy process and dependent on the readiness of children and their parents. The target was also not achieved for the number of parents and caregivers that have completed parent education and training programmes. The Department reported that Social worker vacancies impacted on performance. The subsequent filling of vacancies has improved completion rates.

- 2.3 Programme 4: Restorative Services. The target for the number of children in conflict with the law referred to diversion programmes was not achieved. The Department emphasized that the performance of this programme is dependent on court referrals.
- 2.4 Programme 5: Development and Research. The target for the number of youth participating in skills development programmes. The Department reported that budget pressures delayed further expansion of the number of youth cafés initially targeted for the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

3. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provides it with the following information by Monday 1 June 2020

- 3.1 A detailed list of all the ECDs that are funded by the Department of Social Development in the province. The list should indicate regions and those that are operating in rural areas.
- 3.2 A list of the Youth Cafes in the province and their physical addresses.
- 3.3 A copy of the protocols that the Department has put in place to guide the Old Age Homes in the province during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.4 Detailed information on what the Department has put in place to strengthen and capacitate soup kitchens in various communities that are not registered during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.5 The Department to share with the Committee a copy of the draft national regulations that regulate the provision of food parcels with regards to non-cooked food. (This document must be submitted on or before Friday 22 May 2020).



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MR G BOSMAN, MPP

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