

Select Committee on Finance Public Hearings on 4th Quarter Spending on Conditional Grants and CAPEX PRESENTATION BY EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Overview



This presentation follows the format requested in the letter of 26 April 2007 and covers the following:

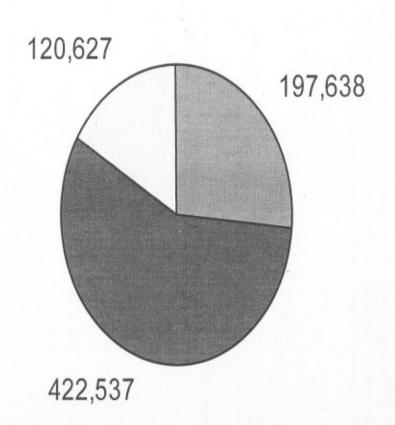
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Overview of EC Department

The Department of Social Development in the Eastern Cape (Vote 4) introduced the new Programme structure with 3 programmes in 2006/07:

- Prog 1: Administration
- Prog 2: Social welfare services
- Prog 3: Development and research.
- Expenditure has been updated from March IYM for AFS. Expenditure was R101,3%.

2006/07-Budget and Expenditure (Amounts in R'000



- Administration
- Social Welfare Services
- □ Development and Research

CAPEX for 2006/07 (cont)

	Project name	Project	Estimated Project Duration		2006/07	2006/07	Progress	Status
			Date: Start	Date: Finish	Expenditu re - End March-07	Budget		
1	Qumbu Secure Care Centre	New	Dec-06	Apr-08	363	1,600	As instructed by Mr. Yawa this project was tendered - tenders closing on 27 February 2008.	Out on tender
2	Humansdorp Multi Purpose Centre	New	Feb-04	Mar-08	6,042	3,700	Site handed over to contractor on 21 February 2006. 55% Completed.	On site
3	SD Head Office move to Phalo House	Maint.	Jan-06	Mar-06	0	3,200	Funds must be rolled over to be used in this financial year for this project - due to treasury instruction to move.	On site
4	Erica Place of Safety: Fencing	Maint.	Dec-07	Mar-07	718	0	Emergency fencing replacement, tender closed in December 2006, awaiting issue of works order from SD	On site
5	Middledrift Service Office	Upgrade	Apr-01	Mar-06	129	600	Contractor appointed October 2006, Works order only received in December 2006, site handed over in January 2007.	On site

CAPEX (cont)



	Project name	Project	Estimated Project Duration		2006/07	2006/07	Progress	Status
			Date: Start	Date: Finish	Expenditu re - End March-07	Budget		
6	Alice Service Office	Upgrade	Apr-01	Mar-07	106	400	Contractor appointed October 2006, Works order only received in November 2006, site handed over in January 2007.	On site
7	Grahamstown Multi-purpose Centre & Place of Safety	New	Apr-02	Mar-08	1,337	6,000	This project was tendered on 2 February 2006 and tenders closed on 28 February 2006. Works Order was only received in November 2006. Site handed over on 12 December 2006.	On site
8	Siyalinga/Thembelihle Centre - Phase 2	Upgrade	Apr-04	Mar-07	3,897	3,800	Site handed over to contractor on 24 January 2006. 90% Completed.	On site
9	Khayalethemba Social Development Office	Upgrade	Jan-05	Mar-07	2,584	2,500	Completed	Completed
10	Aliwal North C/Development Centre	New	Apr-04	Mar-07	3,174	1,200	Completed	Completed
11	Peddie Community Development Centre	New	Apr-02	Mar-07	1,931	2,700	Completed	Completed

CAPEX (cont)



Project name	Project	Estimated Project Duration		2006/07	2006/07	Progress	Status
		Date: Start	Date: Finish	Expenditu re - End March-07	Budget		
2 Maintenance - Parkhomes	Upgrade	Oct-03	Mar-06	288	0	Project completed, maintenance done to 38 sites	Completed
3 Seymour District Office	Upgrade	Oct-03	Mar-06	35	0	Final account approved - final payments issued.	Completed
Air-conditioning - Parkhomes & Service	Upgrade	Oct-03	Mar-06	93	0	Project completed, air-conditioning added to 78 park-homes	Completed
Siyalinga/Thembelihle Centre - Fencing	Upgrade	Oct-03	Mar-06	19	0	Project final account approved and project completed.	Completed
Upgrading of Butterworth TT College (Area Office)	Maint.	Apr-05	Mar-06	345	600	Project completed.	Completed
TOTAL				21,061	26,300		

Summary of CAPEX



- Expenditure on CAPEX was R21,061 m out of a budget of R26,3 m. (80%).
- Delays were in some projects were mainly caused by delays in tendering, handover of sites, or appointment of contractors.
- Where projects delayed, funds were reprioritised to emergency renovation of park homes and completion of other project

Details of monitoring capacity

The Departmental monitoring and reporting capacity throughout the year functioned at different levels. Individual senior managers were required to monitor their respective activities and projects. The Project Facilitation Unit monitored specific medium to large scale projects. The Directorate for Strategic Planning provided overall monitoring, coordination of M & E and reporting on Departmental projects. Initially this Directorate was short staffed, but key posts in the monitoring and evaluation.

- Individual projects and activities were monitored by Programme Managers and the Project Facilitation Unit using a specific DSD tool.
- Monthly IYM was done and submitted.
- Quarterly reports were compiled against the targets in the APP
- A specific monitoring tool for administration and management information was designed and utilised
- Half-yearly Oversight was done by the EC Provincial Legislature.

Indication of capacity constraints

Challenges	Intervention		
Staff shortages. DSD started 2006/07 year with almost 51% vacancies on the approved structure (excluding social security posts).	By the end of the 2006/07 year the Department had advertised some 498 posts, of which 464 had been filled. The balance are mainly cases where the first candidates have declined and the second candidates are being processed. 500 funded vacant posts for the 2007/08 year have already been advertised.		
Establishment of SASSA EC. The establishment of SASSA EC from 1 April 2006 had a negative impact on the Department in that a large number of contract workers in the Finance and HR sections were included in the staff ring-fenced for transfer to SASSA. Subsequently SASSA recruited a number of key people through their recruitment process.	Initially SASSA EC seconded some of the key staff back until posts could be advertised and filled.		

Conclusion



- The final figures for 2006/07 will appear in the AFS.
- The indications are, as reflected in the Treasury press release of 3 May 2007, that the Department has spent 101,3% of its budget.
- Judging by the draft Annual Report which is being prepared, the Department has also met the targets that it set in its 2006/07 Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan.