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# EXPENDITURE BEFORE 2009/10 APPROPRIATION BILL IS PASSED: LEGAL LIMITATIONS

## **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this circular, issued in terms of section 29 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (No 1of 1999) (PFMA), is to remind accounting officers of the guiding statutory limitations regarding 2009/10 expenditure before the 2009 Main Budget (Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2009) is enacted.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 2. The tabling of the 2009 Budget and First Reading of the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2009, has taken place on 24 February 2009.
- 3. The Second Reading, consideration of the different votes, Third Reading and finalisation of the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2009, are only due to take place after the general elections on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2009 once the Bill has been revived by the new Provincial Parliament.
- 4. The Western Cape is thus in a position where a new financial year has already started, although the 2009 Main Budget has not as yet been approved.

#### **GUIDING STATUTORY LIMITATIONS**

- 5. Section 29 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999) (PFMA) stipulates that:
  - "(1) If an annual budget is not passed before the start of the financial year to which it relates, funds may be withdrawn in accordance with this section from the relevant Revenue Fund for the services of the state or the province concerned during that financial year as direct charges against the Fund until the budget is passed.
  - (2) Funds withdrawn from the Revenue Fund in terms of subsection (1) -
    - (a) may be utilised only for services which funds were appropriated in the previous annual budget or adjustments budget; and
    - (b) may not -
      - (i) during the first four months of the financial year, exceed 45 per cent of the total amount appropriated in the previous annual budget;
      - (ii) during each of the following months, exceed 10 per cent of the total amount appropriated in the previous annual budget; and
      - (iii) in aggregate, exceed the total amount appropriated in the previous annual budget.

- (3) The funds provided for in subsection (1) are not additional to funds appropriated for the relevant financial year and any funds withdrawn in terms of that subsection must be regarded as forming part of the funds appropriated in the relevant annual budget for that financial year."
- 6. In terms of Section 3 of the Western Cape Direct Charges Act, 2000, as amended, if an annual budget is not passed before the start of the financial year to which it relates, funds may be withdrawn from the Provincial Revenue Fund as a direct charge against the Fund until the Budget is passed, in accordance with section 29 of the PFMA.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

- 7. Accounting Officers must note the statutory limitations as detailed above, that, until the 2009 Main Budget (Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2009) has been enacted, -
  - (a) No new services may be funded in the 2009/10 financial year, except for services carried through from the 2008/09 Main and Adjusted Budgets.
  - (b) The table below illustrates the monetary (expenditure) limitations per provincial department:

	Provincial Department R'000	Main Appropriation 2008/09	Expenditure limitation 45 % April to June 2009/10	Expenditure limitation 10 % per month after June 2009/10
1.	Department of the Premier	407 473	183 363	40 747
2.	Provincial Parliament	63 690	28 661	6 369
3.	Provincial Treasury	120 596	54 268	12 060
4.	Community Safety	228 282	102 727	22 828
5.	Education	9 019 913	4 058 961	901 991
6.	Health	8 641 973	3 888 888	864 197
7.	Social Development	1 088 065	489 629	108 807
8.	Local Government and Housing	1 451 041	652 968	145 104
9.	Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	198 817	89 468	19 882
10.	Transport and Public Works	2 610 516	1 174 732	261 052
11.	Agriculture	344 704	155 117	34 470
12.	Economic Development and Tourism	219 244	98 660	21 924
13.	Cultural Affairs and Sport	497 740	223 983	49 774
Total Estimates of Provincial Expenditure		24 892 054	11 201 424	2 489 205

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- (c) Expenditure for the period April to June 2009 is limited to 45 per cent of the total amount appropriated in the previous Annual Budget.
- (d) For each of the months following July 2009, expenditure will be limited to 10 per cent of the total amount appropriated in the previous Annual Budget.
- (e) In aggregate expenditure will be limited to the total amount appropriated in the 2008 Main Budget.
- 8. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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