



**REF:** Call for proposals

**ENQUIRIES:** Mr. C. Jordan

Dear all

### **Call for proposals for the year 21/22 : ECD and Partial care Facilities:**

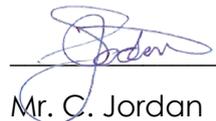
In February 2019 President Cyril Ramaphosa announced at his State of the Nation Address that the ECD powers and functions administered by DSD under Chapter 5 and 6 of the Children's Act would be shifted to the Department of Basic Education (DBE) in order to consolidate education under a single department and prepare the way for two years of mandatory pre-school education. These functions include, inter alia, the registration of ECD facilities, the registration of ECD programmes, the monitoring of norms and standards, and the funding of NGO-run ECDs.

Following the announcement, national DBE and DSD developed a high-level migration plan to guide the process and held a series of consultations with the provinces and ECD sector through the course of 2019. The Western Cape consultation was held on 8 October 2019 and included representatives of the provincial DSD, the WCED, various NGOs, municipalities and academic institutions. The National Treasury subsequently contracted a service-provider, GTAC, to conduct a diagnostic analysis of the DSD ECD function in order to set out the various technical factors that would need to be taken into consideration for the function shift. The analysis was tabled in October 2020 that indicated that the target date for the function shift is 1 April 2021.

Our province is in the process of submitting a cabinet submission to the Premier of the Western Cape to indicate that these timelines are not conducive or realistic for a smooth transition from DSD to DBE.

In view of this context, our Head of Department of Social Development has taken the decision to not undertake a call for proposals for funding applications for the 21/22 financial year and postpone it until such time more clarity is provided on the timeframes of the shift of ECDs to DBE.

We will undertake to complete our annual performance assessments for funding for the year 2021/22 with existing contracts and, based on the assessments, provide new contracts for another year.



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