What the Provincial Government’s Budget will do for us in 2006/07

PREMIER’S DEPARTMENT: PREMIER EBRAHIM RASOOL
BUDGET: R 310 927 000

- The Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS) – iKapa Ehhilumayo – to be released for public comment in July 2006.
  1. Public Transport
  2. World Cup 2010
  3. Energy supply
  4. Skills development
  5. Cape Flats Renewal Programme
- PGDS implementation vehicles:
  1. A new, more strategically focused, Cabinet system
  2. A more coherent policy centre in government
  3. Alignment of Government work through the Premier’s Coordinating Forums (PCF)
  4. Three new functional Planning Regions (Cape Town, Southern Cape, Hinterland)
  5. Partnerships (Investment leverage, higher education, Provincial Development Council)
- Enhanced capacity for the State to deliver through re-engineered Department

COMMUNITY SAFETY: MEC LEONARD RAMATLAKANE
BUDGET: R 181 257 000

- Recruit and train 2000 new Bambanani Volunteers to combat crime
- Recruit and train 500 Bambanani Volunteers to combat gangs and violence in high risk schools
- R700 000 to extend the capacity of investigators and prosecutors
- Train additional 500 Victim Support Counsellors at Police Stations to assist women and children
- Increase capacity of the Child Rapid Response Unit to prevent missing children
- Reduce contact crime by further 8-10%
- Reduce motor vehicle fatalities by further 5-7%

TOURISM AND TREASURY: MEC LYNNE BROWN
BUDGET: R 178 383 000

- Develop False Bay coast as a tourist route
- Operate a year round 24/7 Tourist in Distress campaign
- Evaluate the quality of existing tourist attractions, products and services
- Establish Tourism People Development Forum for skills
- Massification of tourism Enterprise Development programmes, focusing on survivalist and micro enterprises
- Establish fund to develop new small tourism businesses in District Municipalities
- Roll-out domestic tourism campaign
- Enhanced oversight to improve spending
- Budgeting to promote shared growth and development
- Enhanced working relations and alignment between departments and municipalities
- Ensure social procurement and management of provincial assets

TRANSポート AND PUBLIC WORKS: MEC MARCUS FRANSUS (PCT)
BUDGET: R 2 064 326 000

- Launch Strategic Infrastructure Plan - July
- Award 250 bursaries over next MTTF - R250m
- Launch Learnership 1000 - 14 June
- Launch Youth and Women in Construction
- Develop Public Transport Improvement Plan

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND POVERTY AaliveNATION: MEC KOLEKA MQUWIANA
BUDGET: R 727 143 000

- Increase access to services
- Integrated substance abuse programmes
- Research on the status and safety of children
- Lead efforts to ensure that women enjoy equal freedom and civil liberties
- Administrative and secretarial learnings for disabled young people
- Strategic partnerships for services to empower young people
- Research to identify child-headed households to design and implement service delivery model
- Support sustainable community small business enterprises

ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MEC TASNIEM ESSOP
BUDGET: R 319 821 000

- Micro-Economic Development Strategy
- Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment, Local Economic Development and Enterprise Development
- Interventions in workforce skills development
- Investment recruitment and trade promotion
- Implement Provincial Spatial Development Framework
- Integrate environmental, development planning, and heritage legislation
- Develop key programmes to drive the Environment Economy
- Facilitate market expansion for products from recycled materials and the role of poor communities
- Provincial climate change response strategy
- Sustainable Development Implementation Plan
- Support Western Cape Nature Conservation to develop comprehensive fire lighting strategy
- Finalise Integrated Energy Strategy
- Launch sustainable livelihood and community based natural resource management programmes
- Strengthen Air Quality Management

Agriculture: MEC COBIS DOWRY
BUDGET: R 2 254 034 000

- Feasibility study of Bio-Ethanol Production
- Launch pilot project for dedicated rural finance scheme
- Agriculture BEE awareness campaign
- Agri-Business Incentive Unit
- Introducing 4500 historically disadvantaged students to sustainable land resource use
- Test cattle of emerging farmers on the Cape Flats for Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis
- Implement strategic plan to improve living conditions of farm workers

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING: MEC RICHARD DYNATYI
BUDGET: R 776 962 000

- 2005/06: spent entire housing conditional grant, built 16 053 houses, provided 18 412 serviced sites, completed twenty basic services projects
- 2006/07: spend housing conditional grant by December 2006 and provide emergency relief to thousands of residents
- Implement new Human Settlements Strategy, including pilot projects in Bettensberg Bay, Bido Valley and Blueberry Hill
- Hands-on support to municipalities in developing sustainable spatial frameworks, provision of centralised resources, training councilors and establishment of district youth units
- Combat corruption by assisting municipalities with fraud prevention

EDUCATION: MEC CAMERON DUGMORE
BUDGET: R 6 988 131 000

- Invest R6·988-billion in education and skills development, mainly in public schools and FET colleges
- Numeracy and literacy, as the foundation for all education and training
- FET in schools and colleges, to prepare learners for higher education and the world of work
- Infrastructure - providing schools, halls, laboratories and computers
- School safety
- Social capital, to build partnerships in education
- Department redesign, to build capacity and to transform education

CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: MEC WHITEY JACOBS
BUDGET: R 187 691 000

- Provincial summits for Football and School sport
- Provincial netball tournament to highlight fight against domestic violence
- Establish Coordinating Committee to manage provincial school sport
- Construct 4 sport facilities in farming communities
- Commence upgrade of Langa Stadium
- Upgrade further 10 school sport facilities
- Extend the Siylandla sport hubs from 11 to 32 communities to promote mass participation
- Build libraries in Haarlem and Vredenburg and extend mobile libraries to 5 rural communities
- Memorialize the first victims of the 1976 Youth uprising in the Western Cape
- Finalise plans to upgrade Phillipi stadium
- Launch Disability Sport Academy in cooperation with University of Stellenbosch

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