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Honorable Speaker,

Honorable Deputy Speaker ,

Honorable Premier,

Members of the Executive Council,

Chief Whip of the Legislature,

Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee for Sport, Arts and Culture,

Members of the Provincial Legislature

Officials from the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture

Comrades and Friends

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Molweni , Dumelang , Goeie Middag , Good Afternoon

My maiden budget speech is presented to you virtually, as we continue to embark on our journey to be true pioneers of the 4th Industrial Revolution. I am extremely delighted to deliver my budget speech to you during the month of voluntarism or spirit selflessness where we dedicate our 67 minutes to a great world icon by doing good.

Tomorrow the 18th July , we urge honourable members to lead by example and join the volunteer corps in turning around the lives of our people. When doing so you are furthermore reminded to adhere to all the regulations and compliance related matters of COVID-19.

This budget presentation is also taking place when our province, the country and the entire world is faced with the global pandemic of COVID-19. Our sector was severely affected when His Excellency, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the State of National Disaster for the Country due to COVID-19 pandemic in line with the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 on the 15 March 2020.

This declaration has affected almost every sector in the country including sport, arts and culture sector and has prohibited hosting of events. This is a serious blow to the sector because in order for us to promote social cohesion and nation building, be it through celebration of commemorative days , music festivals , concerts or sporting events we are dependent on the gathering of people . Our mandate can only be achieved through organised events and when people come together.

Honourable Speaker

It therefore gives us great pleasure to report back to this House on some of the commitments made during the last budget speech as part of our drive towards a society that is socially integrated , a society that has a sense of belonging with national identity and cultural diversity through our programmes in sport, arts and culture and library services . The successful implementation of these programmes are directly linked towards our united vision of a “Modern, Growing and Successful Province” as championed by our Premier, Dr. Zamani Saul.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Completion and successful opening of the Sandile Present Study Library in Upington.
- Completion of the construction and resourcing of the Greenpoint Community Library in Kimberley
- Connectivity of Internet and Wifi services to 174 Community Libraries for the benefit of the community members and library users.
- Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Sol Plaatje’s birth year through the hosting of the Northern Cape Writers Festival and Sol Plaatje Memorial Lecture in collaboration with the Sol Plaatje University.

ARTS AND CULTURE

- Successful hosting of 10 Commemorative Days , with the highlight being the National Heritage Day where the President of the Republic of South Africa Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the key note address.
- Honouring of the then Living Legend uBaba Credo Mtuwa by refurbishing his home
- 2019 was declared the International Year of Indigenous Languages and as a Province we celebrated with the unveiling of a Tombstone for Ouma Elsie Vaalbooi

SPORT AND RECREATION

- Successful Hosting of the District to Province to National Winter School Championship
- Support to the Provincial Gymnastics team that participated in the World Championships in Austria
- Support to the Northern Cape Cricket Union in order to host 9 under 19 Cricket World Cup Games in Kimberley
- Process and discussions for the consolidation of a Premier Soccer League Status in the Province.
- Successful hosting of the National Youth Camp

Honorable Speaker, today we would also like to pay homage to all the departed souls of influential inspirational artists and sports people who have played an important role in the development of our sector.

Honourable Speaker,

Allow me to turn my attention to the plans of the Department of Sport , Arts and Culture Development for the 2020/ 21 financial year in our effort to promote social cohesion and nation building.

Programme One – Administration

The purpose of the programme is to conduct the overall management and administrative support to the department. A total of **R 96.5 Million** has been budgeted for this programme for the current financial year. Our goal as the department is to improve good governance focusing on achieving favorable audit outcomes, improving financial governance and achieving pre-determined goals and objectives. The department has been stagnant on unqualified audit opinion from the AG's Office for the past four financial years and it is our goal to achieve a clean audit with no findings.

Programme Two – Cultural Affairs

The purpose of this programme is to promote culture, conserve and manage the cultural, historical assets and resources of the Province by rendering various services. A total of **R70 .6 million** has been budgeted for this programme for the current financial year. The programme consists

of the following sub-programmes : Management , Arts and Culture; Museum Services; Heritage Resource Services and Language services

The Department will continue to celebrate national and significant days to empower communities for enriched cultural heritage as well as build memory on the history of the Province and country at large. An amount of R 10 million was budgeted for this programme.

The McGregor Museum and the Northern Cape Heritage Council will always be of paramount importance in terms of preservation and conservation of heritage in our Province.

The Northern Cape Arts and Culture Council is also the extending arm of the department in recognising the importance of freedom of expression in the arts and culture sector and believing that the involvement of young people increases their academic performance, encourages creativity, and supports talent at an early stage.

The Department has therefore allocated an amount of **R 7.1 million** to the Northern Cape Arts and Culture Council to provide funding for arts and culture growth and **R 4.8 million** to the McGregor Museum and **R 1.8 million** to the Northern Cape Heritage Council for the promotion and preservation of our culture and heritage.

The McGregor Museum manages and administers large and very significant collections that constitute part of South Africa's national estate.

The budget allocated to the museums is therefore for them ensure that these collections are properly conserved so that future generations can access them for research as well as visual reasons.

It will be further utilized for ensuring that we honour and celebrate our collective heritage by promoting our diverse cultural identities as well as preserving the heritage of our people, as well as to continue deliver services in its specialist disciplines which promote a greater awareness and appreciation of South Africa's diverse cultural and natural heritage. Ongoing research on these diverse collections will continue to position the Museum both locally and internationally as a recognised institution of research excellence.

Honourable Speaker

The Resistance and Liberation Heritage Route (RLHR) project is a national memory project aimed at commemorating, celebrating, educating, promoting, preserving, conserving and providing a durable testament of South African's road to independence. In our Province , the Mayibuye Uprising Precinct , The Upington 26 and the battle at Langeberg in Kuruman forms part of this route. We will be concluding the Memorandum of understanding with the National Heritage Council at a cost **of R 1.5 million** for the feasibility study.

Programme Three – Library and Archives Services

The purpose of the programme is to assist local authorities in rendering of public library services and providing of an archive services in the Province. The programme consist of the following sub-programmes: management, library services and archives. A total of **R 185.7 million** has been budgeted for this programme for the current financial year.

The Department is in the process of commencing with the construction of the Provincial Library Depot at a cost of **R 22 million**. In order to ensure that our libraries in the municipalities are fully effective and transformed we have allocated a budget of **R 36 .6 million** to assist them. The department will also ensure that we continuously provide our libraries with updated relevant, educative and localized reading material. For this we have allocated a budget of amount of **R 3.5 million**.

Programme Four – Sport and Recreation

The purpose of this programme is to provide assistance to provincial sport associations and other relevant bodies to stimulate the development of sport and recreational services on the ground.

The following are the sub-programmes under programme four: Management, sport, recreation and school sport. A total of **R 62.8 million** was budgeted for this programme. The department will be rolling out the Provincial School Sport Programme throughout the Province in this financial year. Schools in the Province will benefit from the programme through the provision of equipment to all participating schools and support towards the district , provincial and national games (National School Championship) to the tune of **R 10 million**.

We are hosting the annual National Social Cohesion Youth Camp which is an endeavour to harness the moral fibre and inculcate values as well as life skills. **R3 million** has been allocated for this purpose.

We have furthermore budgeted an amount of **R 2.8 million** for the hosting of our annual Rural Sport Games , which is held to ensure that we promote and develop sport in each and every corner of our Province.

Honourable Speaker

The budget for the 2020/ 2021 financial year of the Department totals an amount of **R 415 million** and the allocation is as follows,

Administration :	R 96.5 million
Arts and Culture :	R 70.6 million
Library Services and Archive :	R 185. 7 million
Sport and Recreation :	R 62.8 million

Our budget allocation represents a clear demonstration of our tacit commitment to ensuring we redirect financial resources to where it is needed most in terms of service delivery. It also bears testimony of our efficiencies through better planning and application of existing resources.

Honourable Speaker

Allow me to thank the honourable Premier of the Northern Cape Dr. Zamani Saul , my colleagues in the Executive Council and the members of the Sport, Arts and Culture Portfolio Committee for their leadership, support and guidance in the execution of this important mandate.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Head of department Ms Ruth Palm and her Senior Management Team and to my Head Ministry Mr. Eric

Gaborone and the Ministerial staff for their continued commitment and loyalty I have received on my short journey thus far.

I thank you.