

PROGRAMME 4: FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

The purpose of the programme is to ensure sound financial management and financial accountability in the province through:

- ✓ capacity building;
- ✓ financial reporting;
- ✓ development of financial management transversal policies;
- ✓ support of oversight structures/bodies;
- ✓ monitoring and supporting departments in effective utilisation of financial management information systems;
- ✓ implementation of relevant financial management information systems in departments; and lastly
- ✓ monitoring and supporting departments and public entities in implementing effective risk management and internal control processes.

The Branch is comprised of the following sub-programmes:

❖ Programme Support is responsible for:

- Administering Accounting Services, overseeing financial management information systems in departments and Risk Management in Provincial Departments and Public Entities.

❖ Accounting Services is responsible for:

- Providing support to provincial departments and public entities on accounting standards and frameworks for timely and accurate financial reporting;
- Monitoring compliance with the PFMA, Treasury regulations and other relevant policies and prescripts in departments and public entities.
- Supporting oversight structures/bodies of departments and public entities
- Coordinating financial management training and providing transversal systems training in the province

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, PLANNED TARGETS AND ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

The support provided by Provincial Treasury in 2018/19 resulted in improvement by two (2) votes, which is Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) and Community Safety (DCS), where LEDET moved from Qualified Audit opinion in 2017/18 to Unqualified Audit opinion in 2018/19 and DCS moved from Unqualified Audit Opinion in 2017/18 to Clean Audit in 2018/19. Limpopo Provincial Government achieved two Clean Audits in 2018/19 from Community Safety and Provincial Treasury who maintained its clean audit for the third successive year. There is still a need for continuous monitoring and support to ensure that these trends are improved and sustained.

There is consistent performance in audit outcome performance of public entities where all public entities audit outcomes for 2017/18 and 2018/19 are the same. Gateway Airport Authority Limited (GAAL) and Limpopo Development Agency (LEDA) are still qualified and require continuous monitoring and support to ensure improvement to unqualified audit opinions in 2019/20 financial year. The department will also continue to provide support to the three public entities (Limpopo Tourism Agency, Gambling Board and Road Agency Limpopo) so that they can improve from Unqualified Audit opinions to Clean Audit.

As contemplated in Handbook for the appointment of persons to boards of state and state controlled institutions, approved by Cabinet on 17 September 2008, paragraph 38 of the handbook provides for government officials to be appointed to the board of a state or state controlled institution under special circumstances which justify the appointment. The special conditions are listed as follows:

- a) Improving board performance;
- b) Capacity building;
- c) Serve in private capacity;
- d) Ex officio appointment;
- e) Capitalising on experience; and
- f) Observers.