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MEC SEAPARO SEKOATI CONGRATULATES LIMPOPO MUNICIPALITIES FOR IMPROVED AUDIT OUTCOMES

MEC Seaparo Sekoati wishes to send his heartfelt congratulations to all Municipalities in Limpopo which have improved their Audit Outcomes for the 2019/2020 Audit period.

The audit outcomes as issued by the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) shows continued improvements in financial performance of Municipalities in Limpopo.

The MEC's jubilation is informed by the fact that none of the Municipalities in the Province have received a Disclaimer outcome, and by the increasing number of Municipalities which improved to Unqualified Audit outcomes and those which continuously improved from Qualified to Unqualified outcomes in the year under review, particularly Capricorn District Municipality for their Clean Audit outcome for the second consecutive year.

In 2018/19 audit period, six (06) Municipalities received Unqualified Audit opinions, which improved to fifteen (15) Municipalities in 2019/2020. Added this, other ten (10) Municipalities have received Qualified Audit outcomes, an improvement from eight (08) in 2018/19.

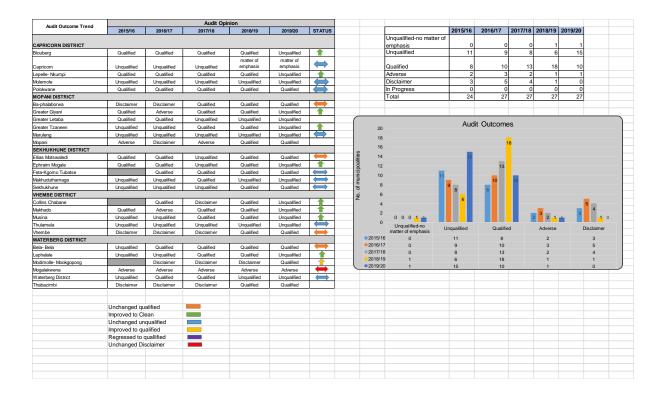
Albeit all these improvements, the MEC remains conscious that more work still needs to be done to improve all Municipalities outcome, particularly Mogalakwena Municipality which received an Adverse report, and all other Municipalities with qualified reports to a desirable Clean Audit outcome position.

He remains mindful that clean audit outcomes are a key indicator and an assuring tool to the public that state resources are prudently utilized and managed, and that all endeavors are made to eliminate unauthorized, irregular, and wasteful expenditure, while preventing corruption at all cost.

MEC Sekoati acknowledges and appreciates the continued collaborative work between Limpopo Coghsta and the Provincial Treasury and the important role that which this collaborative framework plays in supporting Municipalities in the implementation of Municipal Finance Management Act and other fiscal management policies and directives.

He further wishes to appreciate the sterling work of Team Treasury for their efforts in providing the most critical technical assistance to Municipalities in the preparation of audit action plans and reviews thereto, including the review of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) prior submission to the Auditor General South Africa (AGSA).

Attached hereto is a summary of the Audit outcomes as reported by the AGSA



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