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MPUMALANGA DA IS WRONG ON REMUNERATION OF MEC KHOLWANE

Mbombela - The Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury rejects the spurious allegation that MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane received an amount of R315 thousand from the department's budget during the 2014/15 financial year.

This allegation, which is contained in the statement by the Democratic Alliance, is based on misinterpretation of the report.

It is a matter of public knowledge that the Provincial Government was reconfigured following the National and Provincial elections in 2014. The new political leadership, as will be seen in the Annual Reports of various Departments, took public office towards the end of May 2014.

Before then, the Provincial Treasury and the Department of Economic Development, [Environment] and Tourism had separate Executing Authorities who were compensated in accordance to and within the parameters of Proclamation No. 5 of 2015.

The amount of R315 thousand reflected in the Annual Report of the 2014/15 is for the period before MEC Kholwane assumed the role of the Executing Authority of the Provincial Treasury.

Under the leadership of MEC Kholwane, the two departments acted swiftly in addressing what would have been a duplication of resources by centralizing the budget of the Office of the MEC in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. This process was concluded when the Adjustment Appropriation Act, 2014 was passed into a Provincial Legislation in 2014.

The Annual Report of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism indicates that the actual expenditure on statutory appropriation was R1.771 million, which was less than the upper limit of R1.822 million as set out in the same Proclamation.

The actual expenditure reflected in the same Annual Report includes two months' salary earned by the former Executing Authority for the same financial year.

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