

FOREWORD

The Expenditure Review 2002 is an effort in assessing the qualitative performance of the Province as a whole, as well as the votes (provincial departments) individually, taking historical trends and sector specific issues into account and showing the implications for the Medium Term Expenditure Framework until 2004/05, based on current allocations. An attempt is also made to reflect on non-financial information to give the reader a better understanding on the performance of the Province and provincial departments.

The Review contains a General Overview in which overall trends have been captured. The rest of the document consists of chapters discussing each vote (provincial department) individually.

Although limited information on the quality and quantity of budget expenditure was previously included as a sub-section of Chapter 4 – Provincial Overview of the Western Cape Fiscal Policy 2002 – 2005, the analysis was broadened in this Review to include more non-financial data and to offer insight into service delivery in the Province. Due to the end result being much more substantial, it was decided to publish it in a separate book. The Expenditure Review 2002 thus complements the Western Cape Fiscal Policy 2003 – 2006, which describes how resources are and should be allocated in the Province.

The Review is an attempt to offer non-financial policy analysts, policy makers, political representatives, implementers and academics some understanding of the impact of the budget allocation process and policy debates on the delivering of social and basic services. I wish to thank the personnel of the Directorate Expenditure Control in the Provincial Treasury for the hard work that went into producing the publication, as well as the accounting officers of the various provincial departments and their personnel for so readily providing information and comments.

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