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BUDGET SPEECH

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INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson, our Honourable Premier, my colleagues in the cabinet, chairperson and members of the sport and recreation portfolio committee, honourable members of this House, members of the sporting family, including the representatives of the sports federations, sponsors, NGOs, CBOs, sport stars, foreign diplomats, the media and other invited guests.

I present this budget against the background of the tremendous support given to sport and recreation development by the Honourable Premier, together with the understanding shown by the Honourable MEC for Finance and Economic Development, the Head and others in the treasury. The whole scenario of Sports development in KwaZulu-Natal must be seen against very important developments both at a national and international level and also with the developing structures in the continent of Africa. In his State of the Nation address President Thabo Mbeki has said that South Africa owes it to the football world to prepare properly for the 2010 Soccer World Cup, thus challenging South Africans to work together to ensure that the country hosts "the best



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Soccer World Cup ever". With the climax of the 2006 World Cup in Germany, the host country baton would pass to South Africa. "From then on, until 2010, the whole world will watch us carefully to judge whether we will be a worthy host of this prestigious tournament," the President told Parliament. Thus we must work together to restore the sport of soccer in our Province to a full strength, and play our role in the preparation of a winning national team and, ensure that the World Cup makes a huge contribution to improve the lives of all the citizens of this Province, and give additional impetus to the development of the country and continent as a whole. KwaZulu-Natal has demonstrated to the world that it has the capacity to thrill an international audience. We have become the mecca of major international events and have dispelled the myth of ineptitude by effectively placing the Province and South Africa on the map by hosting world renowned events such as the Dusi Canoe Marathon, the Comrades Marathon, the Durban July Handicap, Swimming World Cup, Rugby World Cup, Cricket World Cup and the A1 Grand Prix.

On a developmental level the Province has successfully hosted the largest South African Games in partnership with the Ethekewini Municipality and SASCO. A total of 9 Provinces and over 10 000 athletes, volunteers and well wishers descended on the City of Durban and were, according to the National Minister of Sport and Recreation, the Rev. Dr. M.M. Stofile, "part of best and most efficiently run SA Games ever." On a performance level KwaZulu-Natal improved tremendously by coming a close second to the might of Gauteng and had it not have been for a lack of medals in athletics, KwaZulu-Natal would have been worthy champions.



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Since April 23, 2004 KwaZulu-Natal is beginning to rise on all fronts in the sports arena. Together with a partnership with the federations, sponsors and municipalities, development and transformation in sport is taking place throughout the length and breadth of our Province to the extent, that many from disadvantaged communities are now taking part in competitive sport such as surfing, canoeing, swimming, rugby, tennis, etc. Interest in sport has been so great that our meagre budget is not able to cope with the demand.

In addition to the flagship programmes of the National Department of Sport and Recreation – Mass Participation and Building for Sport and Recreation, sport has taken on another dimension. The National Departments of Sport and Recreation and Education have joined together to initiate mass participation in school sport. Later I will deal with the partnership that has been established between the Departments of Education, and Sport and Recreation at National and all the Provincial levels.

In the State of the Province address which I will not repeat in detail, our Honourable Premier, who has a deep passion for sport, has set the scene in respect of the establishment of sports academies and centres for excellence in institutions such as the FET colleges, tertiary institutions, etc. As a result of our talent identification programme, future stars can receive assistance which will ensure we create a pool of talent for KwaZulu-Natal who can go on to become future medal winners, not only for our province but for the country as a whole.

I must express my appreciation to my small staff of 124 for the manner in which they



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have handled the challenges posed to the Department, where the DPSA has suggested that in order to perform our task effectively we require a compliment of 313. This small staff has effectively carried out the mandate given to us by the Honourable Premier, the National Department of Sport and Recreation and SASCOG, the supreme sports controlling body in South Africa

The budget allocation of R95m for 2005/6 included a rollover of R6m and a grant of R2m for the Siyadlala Mass Participation Programme. Whilst the allocation for the Department of Sport and Recreation for 2006/7 shows an approximate increase of 19 % to the previous base line allocation; closer examination will reveal that this amount includes an increased conditional grant of R21,3 million from the National Department of Sport and Recreation for *"School Sport Mass Participation"* , for the first time, and *"Community Mass Participation Programmes"*. I regret to advise this Honourable House and the sporting family of KwaZulu-Natal, that in real terms, the Department of Sport and Recreation has not received any increase from the Provincial Treasury for this financial year. The R4m increase is ring-fenced as an apportionment to the compensation of employees. Further, these two new Mass Participation Programmes will impact on human resources and administrative support and thus place a tremendous burden on the Department to meet its mandates. I must stress that it will be virtually impossible without any additional funding for staff to carry out the additional heavy mandates given to my Department by the National Department of Sport and Recreation in respect of School Sport Mass Participation and Community Mass Participation Programmes.



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The White paper on Sport and Recreation refers to the respective roles of stakeholders to achieve our objectives of sport promotion, development and wellness but a much broader coalition will enhance our chances even further, provided we streamline and coordinate our efforts to avoid destructive competition and running turf battles. Sport federations, Government, non-governmental organizations (NGO's), higher education institutions, schools, faith-based organizations, the youth sector and the private sector are potential coalition partners in the effort to provide the youth and communities with participation opportunities and, in so doing, promote development, health and wellness. Thus, as a Department we need to strengthen our relationship with the above organizations and forge links with other Government Departments. Inter-departmental co-operation with Local Government, Health and in particular, Education is critical for the delivery of sport and recreation and in contributing to our effort to accelerate our progress towards the achievement of the goal of a better life for our people in the province. It will give additional impetus to our struggle to achieve Africa's renaissance.

There is universal recognition for the right of children to play and participate in organized physical activity. The United Nations considers sport to be a fundamental human right. This is embodied in Article 1 of the Charter of Physical Education and Sport adopted by UNESCO in 1978. My Department subscribes to this. Moreover, Government is committed to the Millennium development goals and the Department of Sport and Recreation concurs that sport and recreation is an effective tool for assisting in the effort to actualize specific targets contained therein. Sport and Recreation is acknowledged as an essential part of daily living for young people and access to, and opportunities for, participation should be available to everybody on an equitable basis.



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Equality of access and opportunity to participate in physical activity should be made available to all, including those with disabilities and chronic illness. The landmark agreement signed between the National Ministers of Education and, Sport and Recreation, where physical education and school sport is taken out of the orphanage and, both departments are committed to clearly defined roles in the promotion and upliftment of sport at grassroots level in our country. Both the Minister of Sport and

Recreation, the Honourable Rev. Dr M.M. Stofile and the Minister of Education, the Honourable Ms. N. Pandor, clarified the responsibility of national and provincial departments of sport unambiguously. No learner must be disqualified from representative sport on the ground of ability or inability to pay.

Chairperson, I find it necessary to deal with certain important aspects of the sport and recreation budget against developments nationally, in Africa and internationally so that the province of KwaZulu-Natal becomes an important partner in this grand highway that leads towards excellence in our sport. During the last financial year, I had to familiarize myself with sport and recreation policy and mandates, both from a National and Provincial perspective and make the strategic adjustments that are linked to delivery on the ground. The Portfolio Committee has been regularly briefed about our difficulties and deficiencies but we did not falter to commence with the process of building a foundation for the progress and upliftment of Sport and Recreation in our Province.

The 2005/2006 financial year was the Department's second year of operation and was extremely challenging as the Department focused on setting the foundation in



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administration. The Department succeeded in filling all funded posts, securing office accommodation for head office as well as regional offices. It completed the process of setting up the IT structures in terms of e-mail, website, servers, etc. The Department will use this foundation to deliver against its mandates for the 2006/2007 financial year despite a number of challenges it may face.

CHALLENGES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

Inadequate Human Resources

Whilst the Organizational Structure of the Department makes allowance for 313 posts, funding was only received for 39% of these posts. These 124 posts were filled. The Department requires additional funding for further posts to carry out the mandates determined by Cabinet. Whilst the department has set up 4 Regional offices, restructuring along District lines is essential for effective service delivery. The establishment of 11 District offices will enhance the successful implementation of the Department's Strategic Plan.

Sport and Recreation Facilities and Infrastructure

The President in his State of the Nation address indicated that the public sector will accelerate infrastructure investment in the underdeveloped urban and rural areas of our country through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), Expanded Public Works



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Programme (EPWP) and other infrastructure funds to improve service delivery in the areas of the Second Economy, including the provision of amongst others, sports facilities. The Department is currently engaging Municipalities to include sport and recreation facilities in their priorities for MIG allocation. In spite of limited funding being available from MIG, the Department committed a sum of R12,825m towards facilities and infrastructure development. To date 8 sports fields have been erected with a further 16 awaiting completion in this financial year. Infrastructure development for 2006/7 has been targeted for the following areas; Umzinyathi, Umkhanyakude, Umgungundlovu, Ilembe, Sisonke, Zululand and Uthukela.

Demand for Services

Whilst the awareness of the Department has increased resulting in an increased demand for its services, insufficient funding will hamper the roll out of programmes across all areas.

Transformation

An active and winning Nation in which equitable access to opportunities and support in sport and recreation activities contribute to the development of a healthy, productive, united, non-racist, non-sexist South Africa. South Africans are not at the same time separate sporting and social beings. Transformation in sport and recreation is, therefore, inextricably tied up with the mandate of the government to transform the society in general. Sports transformation must be an integral part of the vision and programmes of individual federations. My Department commits itself to change in sport and recreation in South African society in all its facets and manifestations.



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OVERVIEW OF BUDGET

The 2006/2007 budget allocation is summarized below:

Programmes	Budget 2006/2007
Administration	25,111,000
Sport Co-ordination	80,960,000
Total	106,071,000

Economic Classification	Budget 2006/2007
Compensation to employees	26,953,000
Goods and Services	59,749,000
Transfer Payments	18,719,000
Capital Assets	650,000
Total	106,071,000



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PROGRAMME 1 : ADMINISTRATION

The budget allocation for this programme is R25, 111, 000 and the funds will be utilised to render support services to the Department and provide overall management. The main aims are policy formulation by the MEC; strategic planning and management by the Head of Department, human resource management and auxiliary services. The Administration programme is responsible for the development of policies and procedures.

PROGRAMME 2 : SPORT CO-ORDINATION

A summary of the budget allocation for 2006/2007 financial year for this programme is as follows:

Sub-programme	Budget 2006/2007
Junior Sport	10,052,000
Community Sport	12,224,000
Sport Management	22,507,000
Recreation	7,265,000
Facilities	7,612,000
Mass School Sport	10,600,000
Community Mass Participation	10,700,000
Total	80,960,000



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The purpose of this programme is to promote, develop, administer and fund sport in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. It also ensures advancement of participation in sport and recreation, talent identification, the promotion of performance excellence and, to facilitate the provision and upgrading of sport and recreation facilities in partnership with local authorities.

2010 World Cup

Internally the Department has set up a 5 person 2010 Task Team which will focus on a high level strategy to increase the number of players, administrators, coaches, technical officials and volunteers. The team will work closely with the South African Football Association to address the formation of structures, capacity building, player and infrastructure development, provision of equipment and support services. In 2006/7 R15m has been ring fenced by the Department for the 2010 World Cup preparation.

Premier's Sports Awards

The Premier's Sports Awards is an annual event that provides an ideal opportunity for the province to showcase & reward its abundant talent from the sporting fraternity. In so doing, it serves to motivate athletes, coaches, administrators and technical officials by bestowing the honour of the first citizen, the Premier on them.

Kwanaloga and Inter-Provincial Games

This is a partnership between the Department and Kwanaloga where Kwanaloga is the lead agency in these Games and the Department will provide human resource expertise at grass roots level and both human resource and financial support to the Provincial



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Event. The vision of these Games is to nurture sports potential in all KZN municipalities from grass roots to world-class level and encourage partnerships and co-ordination with relevant stakeholders.

Financial Assistance to Non Profit Institutions

Financial assistance will be rendered to non profit institutions in accordance with the Department's funding policy for:

- development programmes,
- hosting provincial, national and international events
- assisting athletes who will participate in National events outside the province

Operation MBO

Operation MBO is the provincial massification programme based on geographic integration and coordination, with joint planning and implementation of projects, that all contribute comprehensively towards poverty eradication, human development and improved quality of life. Operation Mbo will be undertaken across all the sub-programmes i.e. community sport, junior sport, recreation, facilities, mass school sport and community mass participation.

Junior Football Organisers

This programme aims to inspire young people through football to see themselves as valuable contributors to the 2010 World Cup. It involves the training of young high school leaders, coaches, referees and teachers to deliver Junior Football Festivals to Under 12 boys and girls.



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Junior Dipapadi

This is a programme which provides teachers with information and strategies focusing on the basic skills of locomotion, ball control, throwing, tracking and trapping, kicking and striking. This programme will be rolled out in collaboration with the Department of Education and identified schools.

Dreams and Teams and Young Leaders

This programme facilitates the process of training educators, community based sports officers as tutors of the programme who in turn provide learners (aged 14-17 yrs) with leadership skills. After learners conduct ongoing coaching sessions, they organise sports festivals for primary school children and the Community.

Young Champions

This is a programme of moral regeneration. The programme is targeted at those communities that reflect a high prevalence of crime, drug abuse etc. and involves the youth in Sport and Recreational activities that will impact positively on their lives

Provincial Games

This is a squad selection programme where athletes will be identified and undergo high performance training in preparation for the South African Games 2007.

Federations

The Department, together with federations and sports councils, will ensure the formation of junior leagues and thereby increasing the number of participants. The



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priority codes are athletics, cricket, golf, football, hockey, netball, boxing, rugby, swimming, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, surfing, lifesaving and disability sport.

Provincial and National Schools Champions

This involves learners' participation in competitive programmes which commences at school level and continues to National and International Level. Our responsibility is to fund and ensure the excellent delivery of Provincial and National events in the various codes.

Equity Programmes - Women

This programme targets active involvement of women in sporting activities.

Equity Programmes - Disability

In order to address the issues of transformation, the Department works closely with Disability Sport South Africa to ensure the inclusivity of athletes with disabilities in as many of the mainstream activities as possible.

The Provincial Academy

As per decree by SASCO the Department works closely with the Provincial Academy of Sport to promote high performance sport.

Club Development

This is a new national programme to increase participation in sport and recreation at grass roots, at the simplest level of organisation, the club. A number of clubs will be



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formed to play in the leagues within communities such as Nkandla, Msinga & Umkhanyakude. The codes of sport include Football and Netball.

Community Development Games

The Community Games is the culmination of the capacity building and coaching programmes and will focus on identified codes of sport. The Games will also serve as a selection event for District teams to participate in the Provincial Games.

Training and Development

This programme focuses on the training of administrators, coaches, referees and technical officials.

Indigenous Games

The indigenous games provide insight into cultural practices of various groups in the province and reinforce community values, customs, symbolize the beauty of diversity and promotion of the African renaissance. The challenge is to trace, reintroduce and promote the rich games such as Induku, Mlabalaba, Khokho, Jukskei.



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Rural Horse Riding

Ukutelebhela and horse riding is a popular past time pursued by African men and boys. An initiative was undertaken by the Department by staging the biggest Rural Horse Riding festival at Dundee in July 2005. In 2006 this will be introduced to other districts across the province.

Senior Citizens

Like everyone else, recreation benefits Senior Citizens by improving their wellness and confidence. Activities will be structured so that their needs to socialize and improve physical and emotional strength are enhanced. This programme involves the formation of recreation clubs.

Learn to Swim

Drowning is common along coastal areas and rivers. This programme focuses on water safety, basic swimming skills and fun.

Young Adventure Programme

This is an outdoor adventure programme for the youth. The outdoors provide learning opportunities, builds positive character and leadership skills.

Learn and Play

This is a fun filled activity for those under 12 years of age. The goal is to promote active lifestyle at a young age and provide learning opportunities at the same time.



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Work and Play

Recreation provides the necessary atmosphere and environment to energize employees, encourage inter-departmental co-operation and improve their wellbeing. Each provincial department is expected to commit to providing recreational opportunities as part of their employee wellbeing strategy.

Recre-hab

This is a rehabilitation programme for prisoners and street children. Recreation can be an alternative to unhealthy behavior such as drug abuse and violence.

Masidlale

This programme creates community awareness about recreation and its benefits in the rural areas.

Community Mass Participation Programme

Siyadlala is a national flagship programme aimed at getting the nation to play. South Africa has a high level of lifestyle challenges, diseases, including high blood pressure, heart attacks and crime. The programme will focus on high crime areas, government nodal points, rural and poverty stricken areas.

An additional 19 new hubs will be created bringing the total number of hubs to 39. A variety of activities will be offered in the hubs including aerobics, gymnastada, fun walks/joggings, street ball (soccer, netball, basket ball, handball) and indigenous games. The hubs will render life skills support to the youth in their communities. A total



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of 500 000 people shall benefit from this programme, with a total of 400 youth being employed on a contract basis, with women receiving priority.

Mass School Participation Programme

The purpose of the grant is the promotion of mass participation within disadvantaged schools in selected number of sport activities and the empowerment of communities, educators and volunteers to manage these activities in conjunction with the Department of Education. This will be achieved by developing and implementing a programme incorporating 6 codes of sport that focuses on an intra-school and inter-school intensive sports programme within clusters. 159 Primary and Secondary schools in 9 Clusters have been identified. The grant caters for capacity development, the provision of equipment, a monitoring and evaluation strategy and the establishment of appropriate structures and partnerships.

Conclusion

Government is committed to the promotion of sport and development of active lifestyles, within the confines of available resources. The Department of Sport and Recreation will continue to advocate for additional resources to meet the goals that we have set for ourselves in this regard. We have achieved success. There is no imaginable reason why this should not continue to be the case in future. All we ask for is your continued support for the cause.



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In his State of the Nation address, President Thabo Mbeki said, " While we must indeed celebrate the high levels of optimism that inspire our people, who are convinced that our country has entered its Age of Hope, we must also focus on and pay particular attention to the implications of those high levels of optimism with regard to what we must do together to achieve the objective of a better life for all our people." We have to respond to the hopes of the people by doing everything possible to meet their expectations.

Finally, I wish to thank the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, Mr P Ngcobo for the excellent partnership that exists between my Department and the committee. I want to personally thank the former chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, Ms GN Swartbooi for her support. I also want to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Head of Department, Mrs. S Khan, the senior management team and all officials of the Department and the Ministry, sports federations and the media for all their efforts. The stage is now set to take this grand partnership further.

I recommend that the budget be adopted.