



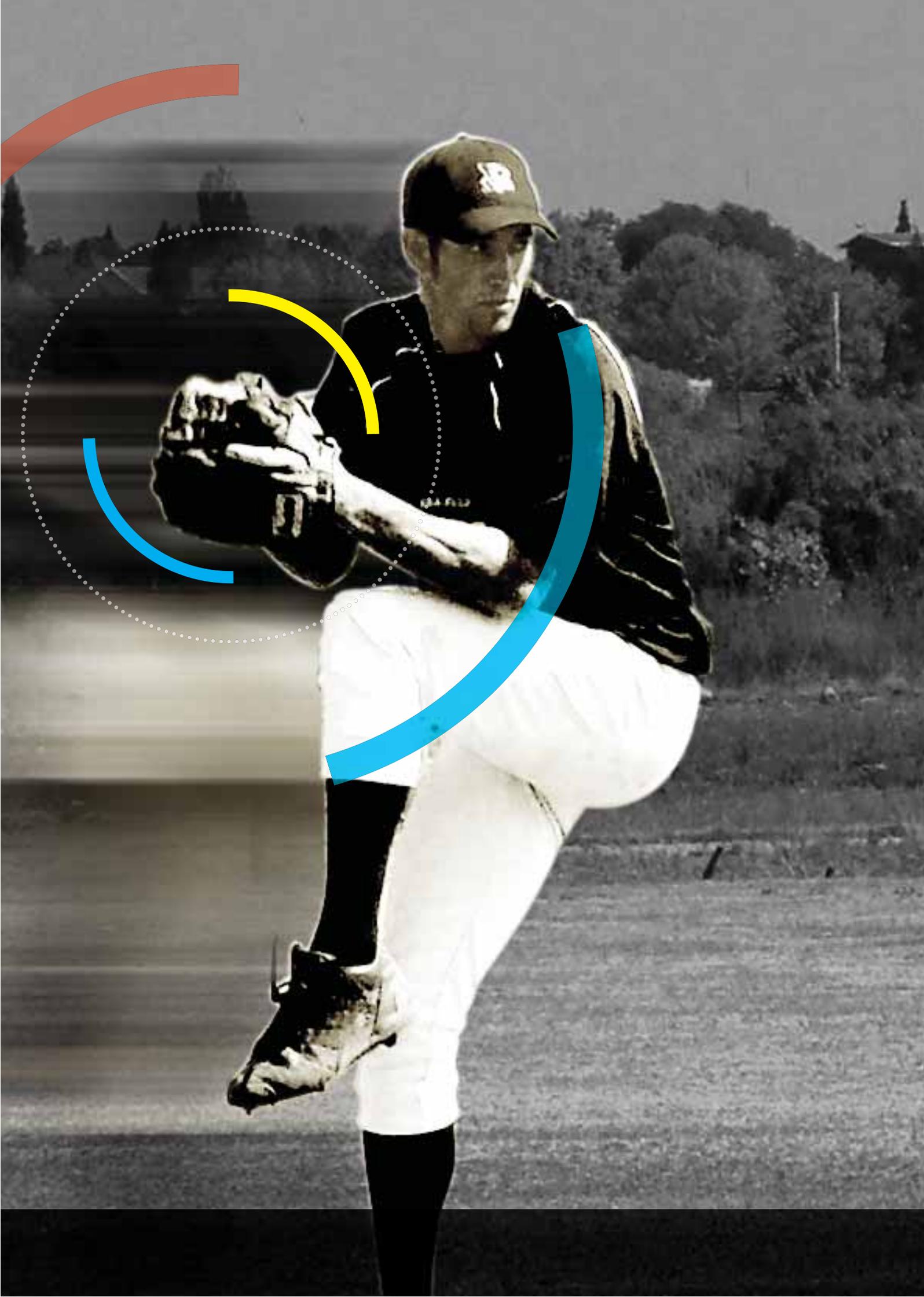
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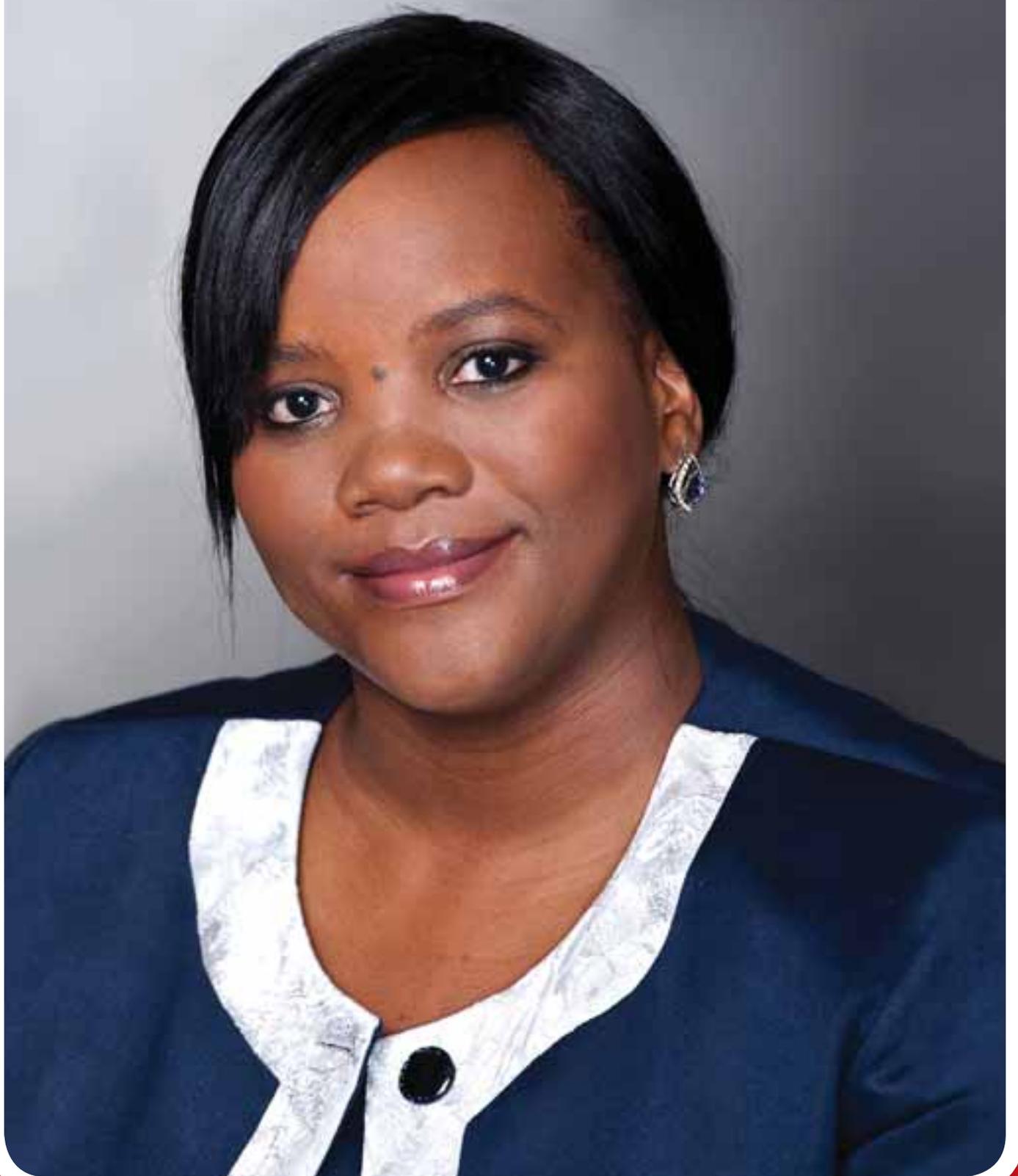
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shall be the right for all*



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Madame Speaker
Honourable Premier and colleagues in the Executive
Deputy Speaker
Honourable Members
Distinguished Guests, Business Leaders,
Members of the Sporting Fraternity, Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me pleasure to stand before this house to present Budget Vote 16 of the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Madam Speaker,

In 2009, the Department of Sport and Recreation was called to develop programmes that seek to encourage a healthy lifestyle among the youth and to occupy their abundant energies by engaging in sporting activities. In line with the National Sport and Recreation Plan (NSRP), we were tasked to create an enabling environment for the delivery of sport and recreation in order to build an active and winning province.

Madam Speaker,

Sport played an important role in creating awareness around the world and mobilizing millions of people to join the efforts against the brutal apartheid system. The masses of our people ensured that apartheid sport became an international issue and forced the inhuman regime to bend and make adjustments in its policies.

The Freedom Charter, as a progressive document of our liberation struggle, was able to recognise the importance of sport and recreation in promoting healthy lifestyles and peace. It therefore declared access to sport and recreational facilities as a right for all. In its 53rd Congress in Mangaung, the African National Congress noted the important role sport plays in promoting community development, social cohesion and sharpening the minds of children in schools.

Madam Speaker,

It is with a great sense of pride that we report to this house and the people of KwaZulu-Natal on the successes we have registered over the past four years. We also recognise that there is still a need to ensure the organization and development of all sporting codes in the country. Therefore, in order to fully realize the implementation of the vision of building a competitive sporting nation we must adequately resource sport in the country. The National Development Plan (NDP) emphasizes the important role that sport plays in promoting wellness and social cohesion. It further highlights the role of sport and physical education as an integral part of a child's development. In order to realize the vision of building an active and winning nation, we must ensure that sport and recreation is adequately resourced.

Madam Speaker,

Our new strategic framework embraces the National Sport and Recreation Plan, the National Development Plan and the Provincial Growth and Development Plan. To align the department with these policies, it was necessary to revise the organizational structure in order to improve service delivery. The revised structure has been endorsed by all our key stakeholders including organized labour. The structure has been submitted to the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) for approval.

2013 ORANGE AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

Madam Speaker,

Our province has on countless occasions experienced the power of sport in unifying the people of this country. In the beginning of the year, we witnessed with great pride the successful hosting of the 2013 Orange Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON). Once again sport proved to be a catalyst in uniting South Africans and Africans from around the continent.

In 2010, South Africa became the first African country to host the Fifa World Cup. KwaZulu-Natal, particularly the Durban fan park and the iconic Moses Mabhida Stadium drew thousands of soccer fans to our province. We demonstrated once again that we are a destination of choice for hosting major sporting events. We salute the people of KwaZulu-Natal for their continuous support of our national teams.

WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

In recognition of our excellent track record in hosting international sporting events, KwaZulu-Natal will host the World Transplant Games (WTG) from 28 July – 04 August 2013. This event is set to attract over 1,500 participants representing 55 Nations in 13 sporting codes. It will also raise public awareness and provide educational opportunities around organ donation and transplantation. It is envisaged that the WTG will result in positive spin-offs for the local economy. The department has allocated a total amount of R2, 5million towards the hosting of this event. This event is testimony to the power of sport in contributing to an active and healthy life.

TRIBUTES

Madam Speaker,

It is with great sadness that our province lost several sporting icons in the past year. Let me begin by paying tribute to cycling legend Burry Stander, who at the age of 25 had already represented his country in a number of world events. Stander is fondly remembered for his courage and passion for the sport and, his patriotism. His dedication and commitment was evident at the highly competitive men's cross country race at the 2012 London Olympics where he finished fifth. He was a true South African ambassador in the cycling world.

We also mourn the passing of 17-year-old, Bongukuhle Langa, a Grade 11 learner from Newcastle High School who died on the school rugby field during a training session recently. Whilst the incident is being investigated, we urge all rugby playing schools to adhere to the Smart Bok Management System, which is designed to limit injuries in rugby. Another tragic incident we witnessed was the senseless death of Brett Williams (29), a visiting rugby fan. We condemn hooliganism in the strongest possible terms at our sport venues. We are confident that our law enforcement agencies will bring the matter to its logical conclusion. The department will continue to enforce the implementation of the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act promulgated by SRSA in 2010 to ensure safety in our sport venues.

SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Madam Speaker,

Our sport stars have continued to shine on the world stage, competing and winning against the best athletes with their stellar performances. Whilst, as a province, we may have lost star batsman Hashim Amla, he continues to be a role model for our youth. His domination of world cricket will inspire future generations to greatness. Our home team, the Dolphins, have produced yet another star in David Miller, who is exploding on the cricket international scene. Kyle Abbott has also made a dream debut in his test career with his 7 wicket haul against Pakistan.

Our reigning Olympic Champion, Chad Le Clos's star continues to rise. The 200m breaststroke champion was honoured with the Order of Ikhamanga by President Jacob Zuma for his achievements. KwaZulu-Natal will be well represented in the Swimming SA team to compete at the 15th Fina World Championships in Barcelona. In addition to Chad Le Clos, freestyler Leith Shankland and long-distance swimmer Myles Brown are anchoring the male contingent. Rene Warnes (21) and two 17 year-olds, Tara Nicholas and Kyna Pereira, are included in the women's squad of eight. This augurs well for our preparations for Rio 2016.

On the football front, the Durban Ladies pair, strikers, Silindile Ngubane and defender, Charlotte Mshengu recently joined our stalwart defender, Zamandosi Cele, to keep the KZN flag flying high in the Banyana Banyana camp. Who can forget the goal-scoring exploits of Siyabonga Sangweni in the Africa Cup of Nations?

Madam Speaker, I was standing here last year when I mentioned the name of Bridgitte Hartley as one of the KZN-born athletes representing this country at the London Olympics. As we all know, Hartley returned home with a bronze medal after finishing third in the K1 500m women's single kayak event. Jordy Smith continues to ride the crest of a wave and is ranked 2nd on the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) World Championship Tour and won the recent Billabong Pro Rio 2013. Morati Mthlane from Mtubatuba is the reigning IBF Welterweight Champion. Bongwiwe Msomi and Precious Mthembu represented the Spar Proteas Netball Team at the Diamond Championships against Malawi.

Despite all these successes the following concerns still give me sleepless nights:

- Lack of adequate sport and recreation facilities.
- The continued lack of adherence to good corporate governance amongst sport bodies in the province.
- Limited resources, especially lack of funding for sport and recreation programmes.
- Prioritizing the 15% of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant solely for sport and recreation infrastructure.

SCHOOL SPORT

Madam Speaker,

School Sport is the bedrock for sport development! Early this year, we entered into a Collaboration Protocol with the Department of Education where we committed to deliver a sustainable and integrated plan to provide school children, with opportunities to take part in physical education and organized sport. The department has demonstrated its commitment to the development of school sport by investing R169m over the past four years through a conditional grant. Since 2009, the School Sport Mass Participation Programme (SSMPP) was implemented in over 1,000 previously disadvantaged schools in 44 targeted wards. Last year, 1,540 schools registered in the school sport programme with 27 winning schools from the Provincial Top Schools Programme participating in the

National Tournament at the Tshwane University of Technology, KwaZulu-Natal was placed third overall. I must emphasise that the success of the school sport programme will depend on the collaboration between all the stakeholders including parents, learners and teachers. In the current MTEF, working in partnership with the Department of Education, we plan to register 3,000 schools in the School Sport Programme. This programme will carry a budget of R63,7 million. There is a dire need to build sport facilities in the majority of schools to fast-track transformation. The department has in this financial year set aside R8,1 million for the construction and rehabilitation of school sport facilities to ensure that learners have access to quality sport infrastructure. Sport equipment and attire will be provided to 500 schools.

The department will also support the establishment of I I Sport Focus Schools to promote the nurturing and development of talented athletes identified through the school sport league programme. The Sport Focus Schools will be aligned to the Academy System in the province. Provision will be made for learners with disabilities to participate in the programme. The school sport league is an integral part of the programme, which will culminate in a Provincial and National Top Schools Tournament.

SIYADLALA MASS PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

Madam Speaker,

In line with promoting healthy lifestyles, we committed ourselves to establish the Siyadlala Mass Participation Programme. Through this programme, 117 activity hubs were created, benefiting over 1 million people. Over the past four years, an amount of R104m has been spent to improve the health and well-being of our communities and to address social ills. This financial year, the Department has committed a budget of R18,4m to the Siyadlala Programme to encourage physical activity and to address social ills that confront our communities. The programme, which will be incorporated into Ward-based Intervention Programme, aims to benefit 40,000 people this year.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Madam Speaker,

Transformation in sport remains a challenge in the face of inadequate infrastructure. Challenges of lack of infrastructure have been with us for centuries. I am raising this point so that we can appreciate the impact of the past upon the present and take active and collective responsibility to fast track transformation in our country. I am sure you will agree with me that the skewed allocation of sport and recreation facilities in South African society constitutes one of the cruelest legacies of apartheid. You will also agree with me that the discrepancies in the provision of physical, financial and human resources in sport and recreation between disadvantaged and privileged communities continue to prevail. As a result, this continues to inhibit development and access to sport in disadvantaged communities.

To rectify these imbalances of the past, the department invested R108m in the construction of 45 combination courts, 32 community sport facilities, 34 upgrades and renovations to existing facilities which included the completion of 10 “kick-about” soccer fields. 33 facility managers were appointed through grants to identified municipalities. In the period under review, the department transferred R8,2m as maintenance grants to municipalities.

Madam Speaker,

The NDP proposes that every ward should have adequate facilities for basic exercise and sporting activity and suggests improving public services and spaces. In spite of investing more than R108m in 111 sport and recreation facilities in schools and communities across the province in the past four years, the department is faced with a number of challenges. I have commissioned a full audit report on the state of all sport and recreation facilities in the province. Preliminary reports indicate that a number of these facilities will require renovation and proper maintenance. To address this situation, early this year I convened a meeting with all the mayors to ensure that our facilities are utilized and fully maintained. I am pleased to share with this house that the mayors were unanimous in their support for the utilization of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) for the construction and maintenance of sport facilities.

With a budget of R49,8 million our infrastructure development programme will this year yield 12 new basic sport & recreation facilities, 9 facilities will be upgraded and renovated, 11 new combination courts will be constructed in sport focus schools with a further 15 to be constructed in other schools as part of community facilities.

WARD-BASED INTERVENTION PACKAGE

Madam Speaker,

To ensure alignment of our delivery plan at local level, the department seeks to be present in all wards. Greater emphasis will be placed on engaging local communities to actively participate in sport. This will be done in partnership with the Departments of Social Development, Housing, Rural Development and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Lovelife and a German Development Agency GIZ which is actively involved in sport development programmes across South Africa. These departments already have volunteers on the ground who will receive training on the implementation of the programme.

We recognise and acknowledge the critical role which will be played by the Ward-Based Intervention Package on this front to ensure that poor communities are the main recipients of sport and recreation services. This approach is aimed at addressing social ills through sport and recreation and will be implemented with our key partners in 828 wards. The Ward-Based Intervention Package promotes youth and gender empowerment programmes, job creation, infrastructure development and support for a sustainable club system. Youth ambassadors and volunteers will be instrumental in delivering sport and recreation services at ward level.

JOB CREATION

Government has identified five key priorities to address the triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality. To this end, we have initiated strategies to support job creation.

Since 2009 over R139m has been invested in the creation of contract-based jobs to sustain the Mass Participation Programme. Currently, the department has over 1,400 contract-based jobs for sport assistants. These sport assistants will be deployed in 828 wards at the cost of R39,6m.

A total of 39 permanent posts have been created to implement the Mass Participation and School Sport Programmes. Young people that have been employed on contract will be given first preference when these jobs are advertised. The department has set aside R5,4m for these jobs. In addition, 22 caretaker posts have been created through municipalities where the department has constructed sport and recreation facilities.

RECREATION

The provision of recreation services is key to the establishment of socially cohesive and healthy communities. With a budget of R15,3m the department will reach broad sectors of the population to improve their health and well-being. We will deliver recreation programmes through the development and support of community recreation clubs, groups and sites. The department has developed innovative programmes from Learn and Play initiatives targeting children in Early Childhood Development Centres to Active Aging Programmes aiming to benefit those who are over 60 years. We will also embark on a campaign to address the scourge of obesity, improve physical fitness and reduce the risk of diseases through participation in mass-based events. Our wellness programme of Work and Play will promote the health of public sector employees culminating in an annual Provincial Work and Play Games.

OUTDOOR GYMS

Madam Speaker,

The implementation of Outdoor Gyms with free public access will be a key intervention in fighting the province's obesity epidemic, thereby addressing the health and well-being of our communities. This flagship programme will see clusters of traditional fitness equipment with 8 to 19 exercise stations including elliptical machines, leg press and sit-up benches being installed in parks and open spaces for communities that do not have access to formal gyms. The concept is appealing because outdoor gyms use available park space that municipalities already own. The process of rolling out the outdoor gyms has begun. All the 11 Districts will benefit from this R11m programme. By the end of this year, each district will boast two gym parks.

MEETING OUR TRANSFORMATION TARGETS THROUGH SUPPORT FOR SPORT FEDERATIONS

Madam Speaker,

I am pleased to report that a number of sport federations have begun to comply with the requirements of the PFMA. As a result, the department has increased its transfer payment budget to meet the needs of sport development and high performance.

Sport federations are now compelled to submit long-term business plans which clearly outline a pathway for talent optimization to elite international levels.

Since 2009, the Department has transferred R38,8m to 61 sport & recreation federations for the delivery of sport and recreation programmes. Olympic swimming champion Chad Le Clos has been a beneficiary through our more than R3m investment into KZN Aquatics and in particular their elite programme.

Last year the department spent R19m in support of the development and high performance programmes of 48 Sport and Recreation Federations and entities. In this financial year these federations are benefitting from an increased budget of R21,7m that will be transferred to them as per agreed-upon indicators and targets for development programmes.

An amount of R2,9m was transferred to the KZN Rugby Union to support the development programme which seeks to transform schools rugby across the province. Part of this funding will be used to establish district structures, formalise school leagues in districts and improve synergy between schools and clubs.

This year, the department invested over R1m to support 80 development paddlers through the formation of the Canoe Club Academy. Eight of the Top 20 finishers in the men's section in the Dusi Canoe Marathon were development paddlers. Sibonelo Zondi finished third in the Men's K1 whilst Candy Mavundla was the only African women paddler to finish the K1.

R1,8m is allocated for a talent optimization and high performance programme for BMX Biking in GIBA Gorge, in the Dassenhoek area. All disadvantaged schools in this area will benefit. In addition, an Olympic Standard BMX Track and Academy is being constructed. The track promises to be the first of its kind in the country and will attract international riders.

The department has supported the Provincial Academy of Sport as well as a district-based academy of sport in Umgungundlovu. The finalisation of the provincial plan for academies will result in the establishment of regional academies in the 2013/2014 financial year.

Honourable Speaker,

The department has invested R1m to transform cricket at grassroots level. The KZN Cricket Union's "African Cricket Development Programme" is designed to improve

the level of cricket in our townships. The programme will be implemented through the development of cricket infrastructure and supply of equipment to clubs developed in previously disadvantaged communities.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Last year, we emphasized that we will focus on good governance in sport federations. Audits on 14 sport federations were conducted. The results were not pleasing! We subsequently rolled-out a workshop on financial management through the Durban University of Technology (DUT) to all sport and recreation federations to improve their corporate governance. I made a commitment that we will root out the maladministration that is crippling our sport. In the current financial year we are strengthening our monitoring mechanisms to ensure that the department's funding is used effectively for the delivery of sport and recreation in the province.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Honourable Speaker,

An amount of R10m has been budgeted for developing capacity of sport administrators, coaches, technical officials and volunteers. Adherence to the SA National Coaching Framework will ensure the improvement in the standard of coaching and allow for coach development and career pathways.

The department is also tracking the performance of all athletes and coaches through an innovative electronic database system. The system implemented through the sport federations allows us to verify the age of athletes and will also create jobs for unemployed youth. The programme will be implemented in prioritized codes of sport by August 2013. An amount of R700,000 has been allocated for bursaries and scholarships for learners from Grade 10 to 12 and out of school youth who have displayed sporting talent in prioritized codes of sport. Consideration is given to youth who have made a significant contribution to sport through volunteerism, coaching and administration. To date, the programme has benefited 23 young people.

SERVICE DELIVERY PARTNERS

SASCOC has identified the Provincial Sport Confederation as a strategic partner in development, delivery and monitoring of sport. 11 District Sport Confederations have been established and local municipalities are replicating this model.

BUDGET

Madam Speaker,

The department has received an allocation of R381,3m for the 2013/2014 financial year. There is a decrease in the provincial allocation of R2,8m (0,1%) from the previous financial year.

The Mass Participation Sport Development (MPSD) Grant allocation of R79,9m shows a decrease of 12,3% in the 2013/2014 MTEF due to the 0,3% budget cuts imposed on all votes. The department was also allocated an EPWP integrated and social sector incentive grant of R4,9m.

The department has 2 programmes. Programme 1 Administration and Programme 2 Sport and Recreation. The department has allocated R301,2m (79%) of the budget to service delivery imperatives under Sport and Recreation.

CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker,

As I table the 2013/2014 Budget Allocations for Vote 16, I have no doubt that working together we will be able to deliver sport and recreation services to all the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

Finally I wish to thank the Honourable Premier, Dr Z.L. Mkhize for his leadership and guidance and the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation, Ms Z.M. Ludidi and members of the Portfolio Committee for their commitment and support for the programmes of the department. I also want to thank all the staff in the Department for their hard work. Lastly, I want to thank my family for their understanding and the many sacrifices they have had to make.

Thank You!



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