

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

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In the consolidated statement on the performance of Municipalities, the Finance Management Act that govern the implementation of government policies on Municipal Public Finance, demand that Municipal officials remain accountable throughout the entire Financial year, through regular and consistent reporting requirements. At Municipal Financial Management level, accountability includes providing reliable and accurate information to stakeholders, including Provincial and National Governments.

I hereby agree 100% that the Accounting Officer must assist the Mayor to provide regular Financial Performance reports to their council.

Hon Speaker, how can we expect Municipal officials to do their work, when they are temporarily employed and keep on changing posts. There is no stability and consistency in Municipalities. This must be rectified by the Department as soon as possible.

Hon , Speaker, The Department is losing a lot of money, officials are being trained, workshop after workshop, but ultimately they leave for greener pastures, because most of them are temporarily employed.

The Department must rectify this situation . Permanent employment is the best remedy. Try this and you will see the difference

There is a tendency of hiring people who are not qualified to do the job. How can you expect good results when they are not qualified. Posts are not filled because they wait for their friends to come and fill them even if they are not suitable for the posts. Posts must be advertised properly, so as to give people a chance to apply.

There is no service delivery in our Municipalities, roads are bad , no water. People in Rural areas are paying the same amount for motor licences, but their roads are worse than in urban areas.

This Hon, Speaker, is unfair to others as the Department of Finance has offered technical support to assist Municipalities to prepare and submit quality reports.

Some Municipalities decide not to submit reports- Why? Is it like this ? Lack of commitment, dedication and hardwork, above all, not qualified enough to do the job.

I would like to thank and congratulate officials who are dedicated and hardworking.

Hon Speaker, I thank you,

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Whip: UCDP.