

NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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The Committee on Provincial Affairs and Finance met with Management of Provincial Legislature led by Speaker and Deputy Speaker to presents its Annual Report for 2010/2011 Financial year. This is done in line with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996 Subsection 2(a) which gives the North West Provincial Legislature powers to ensure that all Provincial executive organs of state in the Province are Accountable to it. The purpose was to scrutinize the Annual Report and to further evaluate the extent to which the Provincial Legislature has executed its mandate.

Hon, Speaker, we want clarity on what type of contracts were made for the amount of R18851 million during 2010/2011 Financial year. According to the response of the Legislature it was reported that there was no space in the Legislature building, then it was told that it was occupied by Researchers.

Investigation was done and it was discovered that no one occupied the offices, hence the Legislature is paying R50000 monthly rental was highly irregular, therefore most of the contracts have been terminated. Whose fault was that? Who was responsible for hiring those offices? Why didn't the Department make investigations before signing that contract between Legislature and Skyline Motors on renting a building in Mafikeng. It seems as if there is no proper administration and the Government money is just wasted because of lack of commitment and dedication. After how long was this discrepancy discovered. There is a sense that one gets that things are done without proper planning. One of the Principles of Batho Pele is " Value For Money" It is worrying that such huge amounts of money are committed to non- existent projects.

It would be interesting to find out how these payments are approved, and what motivation was used to finally get the payments honored.

Honorable Speaker, I wonder whether there is a committee that investigates the contracts before they are finally signed by the Department. If not so, it is high time that such a committee is put in place. They will ensure that proper procedures are followed to avoid paying such high amounts of monies and investigating after. The Department is losing a lot of money unnecessarily.

This money can be used for service delivery to the poor communities of this Province.

Hon, Speaker, The United Christian Democratic Party accepts the report.

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