

INTRODUCTION

Speaker, in 2004 the people of the Western Cape gave the ANC the mandate to govern the Province with the understanding and commitment that we will together with them, enter into a Contract to Create Work and Fight Poverty.

On the occasion of this Budget Speech, it is therefore important for us to reflect on this commitment and assess whether we have kept to this contract and whether we are still on track to deliver on our mandate.

Since 2004, this Government has adopted a business-unusual approach towards service delivery through various campaigns such as, 100 days campaign, Easter Delivery, Siyabulela, Christmas Boxes and many more, demonstrated not only our serious commitment to giving practical effect to the People's Contract, but also the urgency with which we tackled the challenges of fighting poverty and underdevelopment.

Speaker, it is therefore important to acknowledge the strides made by the Department to speed up transformation in the fields of arts, culture, heritage, sport and recreation.

Allow me to share with you some of the legacies we have established in our collective efforts to **CREATE WORK AND FIGHT POVERTY**, hereby building communities and changing lives through arts, culture and sport.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We have contributed significantly to the social and human capital strategies of the Province during the current term, thereby confirming that sport and culture can play a huge role in the economic growth of the country.

Besides the current staff establishment of the Department, and in line **with our intent to build communities and change lives through culture and sport**, 406 new job opportunities have been created and sustained through the School Sport Mass Participation Programme (SSMPP) and Siyadlala Mass Participation Programme (SMPP) respectively. The Department has employed a total of 220 sport assistants to coordinate sport and recreation activities in 183 schools across the Province.

Through these programs, we are not only providing employment to the youth but also building a pool of skilled sport trainers and coaches. The learnership program we are running in partnership with THETA equips young people with sufficient skills to become fully accredited sport coaches upon graduation, and makes them eligible for employment as trainers/coaches in the formal sector.

Research conducted by our Monitoring and Evaluation Unit on the impact of funding to cultural organizations during 2007/8 financial year found that:

- in excess of 200 jobs were created in 2007/8. Of these, 185 jobs are from 9 organizations
- a further 850 ad-hoc contracts (97.2% BEE compliant) were created through Cape Town Opera
- close to 100 youth were trained & gained employment as scriptwriters, professional dancers, established bands or recruited into the SA Navy Brass Band section.

Against this background, our annual funding to cultural organizations provides not only the source of employment to this informal sector but is also seed funding for the growth of cultural industries. Our funding of major events is an investment that contributes towards economic growth. These events market our Province as a major sport and cultural destination leading to greater opportunities for job creation, skills development and investment. The promotion of our Province through these major events creates opportunities in tourism and also stimulates the hospitality sector.

Speaker, we have just concluded a study on the contribution that the hosting of major events can make towards social and economic development. This study has shown that these major events have a huge and wide social and economic impact on our Province and country. Substantial revenue is generated through tickets sales, media, licensing, transport, accommodation, consumption of foods and drinks, sales of sport goods and equipment, and other related goods and services.

The 2003 Cricket World Cup Economic Impact Evaluation found that the net foreign spend accruing to South Africa was R1.1 billion. Overall the 2003 Cricket World Cup generated R2 billion in the South African economy. It is argued that it contributed 0.16 percent to the GDP and 0.9 to net foreign spend. R178 million was generated in Cape Town alone.

Similarly the outlook for 2010 is:

That tickets sales of 2.72 million will generate R4.6 billion
Capital expenditure on infrastructure of R12.7 billion will contribute 21.3 billion to the GDP generating 159 000 new employment opportunities. Note that R7.2billion will be paid to government in taxes.

In 2001, the economic impact of the Cape Argus/Pick a Pay Cycle Tour, was conservatively measured at R125.2million from hospitality, transportation, catering and other sales. The contribution to the Western Cape GDP is measured at 0.17 percent and 0.03 to the National GDP.

The combined contribution of the Cape Argus/Pick a Pay and the Cricket World Cup in 2003 surpassed the contribution from mining and quarrying to the Provincial economy which was 0.27 and 0.23 respectively.

The Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon attracts an increasing number of foreign entrants and which resulted in an estimated economic impact of R7.8 million.

Speaker due to time constraints I am not able to give more details but other benefits as mentioned before relates to tourism, sport development and the building of social capital and human capital. I do however wish to inform the House that the hosting of the 2006 Vodacom Challenge and the involvement of Manchester United had a direct influence on Manchester United making a contribution towards the building of a FIFA approved synthetic grass football field in Gansbaai.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Public entities

Speaker, we continue to value the work of our public entities namely the Cultural Commission, Language Committee and Heritage Western Cape. Whilst we continue to deliver some of our services through these three public entities, we have noted the comments from the Standing Committee on our annual reports for the financial years 2005/06 and 2006/07. You will notice that this past financial year there is a vast improvement as we have begun a process of demarcating responsibilities as applicable in the relevant legislations. However, there is still lots that needs to be done in the allocation of functions and financial resources to these public entities. In this regard, the Language Committee in particular is worth mentioning, as it does not have any other form of financial revenue besides what is appropriated to them by this House.

In the heritage sector we are still faced with challenges with regards to the scarcity of professional skills particularly from the designated groups and the continued dominance and skewed deeply engraved history of the former colonial power.

Speaker, I acknowledge the presence of the Chairpersons of these public entities in the gallery today - Dr. Michael Le Cordeur – Chairperson of the Language committee, Dr. Mthobeli Guma the Chairperson of Heritage Western Cape and Ms Celeste Matthews the Deputy Chairperson of the Cultural Commission. (Chairperson of the Commission is unable to be us as he is abroad). An amount of R2 million will be allocated to these bodies. As I have indicated before, this allocation is not enough however; the Department will continue to support their programs through the relevant sub – directorates.

Funding of Cultural Organisations

Over the past four years, the Department was able to gradually increase funding to previously marginalized groups and bodies with an emphasis on those that are rural based, comprised of women, girls and the disabled. This resulted in a steady decrease in funding to professional bodies. The increase of funding to these smaller organisations allowed the Department to support no less than 573 cultural organizations.

The situation is not ideal as Professional bodies play a critical role to market and promote our Province, although it is imperative that we level the playing fields and empower the most disadvantaged. I want to challenge the City of Cape Town to fund the Cape Town based Professional organizations such the Cape Town City Ballet, Cape Town Opera and other city based organizations. Our funding should only complement that of the City. We will however, continue through our funding to give relief to these organizations.

Our funding to rural based organization in particular has had a positive impact, and the support an organization such as the Kairos Drama Group of Heidelberg has received, contributed towards the development of actors such as:

Christo Davids who currently plays the role of Errol Pieters and Theodore Jantjies who plays the role of Zander Meintjies in Sewende Laan and Maurice Paige who plays the role of Calvin Xavier in Isidingo.

Speaker, I'm happy to welcome their mentor Annelene Hartnick in the house today.

For 2008/9 we will increase funding to community based cultural organizations by 10% bringing the total share of groups from previously disadvantaged backgrounds to 50% of our total contribution to all cultural organisations.

Cultural Forums

For the first time, the Western Cape cultural industries from disadvantaged communities are being formally organized. The formation of cultural forums is an important mechanism to improve communication and to ensure that government has a vehicle to capacitate and develop this sector, particularly in rural communities.

Since the process of organizing cultural organizations into forums commenced in 2006, we have launched 23 cultural forums in communities across our Province and 16 more cultural forums will be established this financial year.

The Western Cape Musicians Association

The Western Cape Musicians Association was launched in February of last year and marked the beginning of a new era for the musicians in our province. For the first time, musicians have a legitimate mouthpiece to communicate with government and the private sector, and an association that is mandated to ensure the development of different musical genres. They are presently working on the establishment of a benevolent fund for musicians.

Following the successful launch of the provincial structure of the Western Cape Musicians Association and three rural structures in Beaufort West, Eden and Overberg, focus will shift this year to ensure that the West Coast, Boland and Cape Town regions launch this year.

We will continue to support the Musicians Association until such time that we are confident that this association can fully function on its own. I am convinced after my meeting with them last month that this is going to be sooner than I anticipated. I want to welcome their Chairperson, Mr. Joe Mtimka to the House today and thank him for his contribution to towards the empowerment of musicians in our Province.

Cultural Festivals

Speaker, as I mentioned before, our contribution towards major events and cultural tourism, is a direct investment in the local economy as it boosts the tourism industry, creates employment and provides skills development opportunities. I wish to use an example of one such festival to illustrate this point.

The Cape Town International Jazz Festival's talent identification and development programs has through the jazz development, business and journalism workshops accredited 150 learners and students with South African Qualifications Authority approved certifications.

The numerous jazz outreach programs with schools have reached more than 1 200 learners. This has lead to the discovery of the youngest drummer in the world a five year old, Daniel Pietersen and the promising bass guitarist, Jonathan Rubain.

The skills development aspect of the festival has produced China Dyira and his technical crew of 15, who have all been trained at the Cape Town International Jazz Festival. He has since established his own company called Unique Music Productions based at his home in Langa. They all joined us here today.

Given the strategic role these major cultural events play, the Department will continue to support festivals such as the Cape Town International Jazz Festival,

Cape Town Festival, Knysna Oyster Festival and many more festivals and events.

We have identified the following additional programs to further develop this sector:

- An Arts and Culture Indaba will be held in July 2008 to identify challenges facing the industry. The envisaged outcomes is the formulation of practical strategies to take the industry forward. The Indaba will be preceded by a youth arts and culture summit in June as part of Youth Month.
- The Department will organize arts and culture weeks in Eden and West Coast where a platform for artistic and cultural expression will be created as a mechanism to mainstream marginalised cultures and give practical effect to the vision of a Home for All.
- The Western Cape Writers Association for Literary Arts will be launched this year to create a platform for prospective writers to develop and explore different genres of the literary arts. To popularize this initiative, a campaign will be launched in the Province through community media and schools to encourage artists to tell stories that reflect 2010.

R19. 3 m will be allocated for Arts and Culture programs.

Language Development

In 2005 a Provincial Language Policy was approved to giving equal status to the three official languages of the Province, i.e. English, isiXhosa and Afrikaans.

We can proudly say that most of the Provincial Government Departments have started implementing the Language Policy and have appointed language practitioners to monitor and ensure that the three official languages are used equitably.

The promotion of multi-lingualism and the development of indigenous and marginalized languages remained a key deliverable of the Department in partnership with WCED.

Speaker, let me share with this House a few highlights:

- Nama language workshops were held to revive this language and culminated in a certification ceremony and a Nama Choral Music Festival last year in September. This festival will be held annually.
- An isiXhosa Festival, now an annual event, is organized to promote and showcase Xhosa culture.

This financial year the key language projects will include:

- Sign Language classes to parents and family members of deaf learners from Noluthando School for the deaf in Khayelitsha, De La Bat and Nuwehoop in Worcester.
- Offering Nama classes in 11 towns in the Western Cape which include Ratelgat, Palmoed, Mitchell's Plain, Hawston, Oudshoorn, Great Brak River and Kranshoek.
- A Xhosa Awareness week aimed at elevating the status of isiXhosa and its significance will be held in July 2008.
- The Creative Writing in isiXhosa project in conjunction with tertiary institutions will continue.
- A youth camp on communication skills in the 3 official languages will be held at Kromme Rhee in September and will be done in cooperation with the Department of Education.

R3, 453m is allotted to implement language programs.

Initiation Program

The Initiation Project launched in November 2007, is a response of the Department to the many reported incidences of harm and mal-practice that initiates had to endure during this important rite of passage. The main challenge we are faced with in our Province is to ensure that the preservation and practice of this tradition happens in a healthy, dignified and humane manner. In the past incidences of hospitalization and even the death of an initiate as reported earlier this year, marred this period. Progress has been made to institutionalize and manage the initiation, as and important cultural ritual.

We wish to thank the Drakenstein Municipality for allocating two sites for abeSotho/Amahlubi and Xhosas, paving the way for the protection and preservation of these sites. Negotiations are progressing well with Mossel Bay and Worcester Municipalities to identify and reserve more sites for initiation. Other municipalities have shown interest in identifying and reserving sites to ensure that our people are able to practice their culture.

During the launch we certificated 42 traditional surgeons and care givers and additional courses will be rolled out in the Province.

An inter-departmental task team comprising of the Departments of Health, Transport and Public Works and Environmental Affairs is being established to take the process forward. I wish to welcome a delegation from the traditional leaders, healers and surgeons who have been of great help to the Department in shaping our program on initiation to the House today.

The Department of Transport and Public Works is presently investigating whether some aspects of this program can be included in the Expanded Public Works Program.

Memorialisation.

In my budget speech on the 22nd May 2006 I said: "In December, we will be unveiling a memorial for the first victims of the uprising in the Western Cape, namely Xolile Motse from Langa who was killed on 11 August 1976 and Christopher Truter from Bonteheuwel who died on 25 August 1976."

I regret to inform this House that we have since failed to honour these young people, who have bravely sacrifice their lives for our freedom. I sincerely apologise to their families, friends and loved ones.

This was due to our consultation processes which were started very late. However, we are working tirelessly with the Youth Commission to expedite this process as was evident at the consultative meeting in held in Bonteheuwel, this past Saturday. We will announce the site for the memorial wall to honour all those who have sacrifice their lives in 1976 on 16 June, South African Youth Day.

MUSEUMS

Speaker, the department has moved away from using museums as merely depots of items with historical and heritage value. Museums have become agents of social change and development.

Oral History Project

The Oral History Project launched at the Caledon Museum on 24 September 2005, marked the unveiling of a "scrapbook", documenting years of oral history and family research by the community. The "scrapbook" is an example of a tangible manifestation of oral history.

The Oral history Project has since been rolled out in other museums such as Beaufort West and provides marginalized communities with the opportunity to reflect on their own stories as a means of transforming museums. The Citrusdal Oral History Project involved the elderly people who had an opportunity to tell the untold stories of the West Coast.

This research project which was started last year in Citrusdal will be built upon and posters and a booklet on the history of Citrusdal will be produced by the end of this financial year.

Museums Services

The proposed new Museum legislation has been consulted with communities throughout the Province. The proposals were received with appreciation, and the positive feedback has been incorporated into the revised policy document. We are presently consulting internally after which, the final draft will be presented to Cabinet for the legislative processes to start. The new legislation is aimed at cementing the role of museums as agents for social change and development.

Beaufort West Museum

The transformation of the Beaufort West Museum began in 2006 with public consultation on the future of the museum. Outreach education projects to schools, aimed at creating heritage awareness and pride in personal and family history were implemented throughout the district.

In 2007 Chris Barnard, a son of Beaufort West, was remembered as the pioneer surgeon who, 40 years ago, performed the first human heart transplant in the world. The Museum Service has been researching the life of Chris Barnard and new exhibitions will be installed over the next financial year.

Historic Mission Stations Education Project

The establishment of mission stations in the 18th century is inextricably linked to the abolition of slavery. Starting in Genadendal, education programs for learners in the higher grades, grades 11 and 12, will be presented. The Museum Service has established a co-operative relationship with the Education Department and its district offices in order to ensure the success of this project. The Genadendal restoration project in cooperation with the Delft University in the Netherlands has been a good example of the role heritage preservation can play to impact on the quality of live of people and contribute towards social change and development.

Time Travel Education Methodology

Time Travel Education Methodology is a new and innovative technique to bring heritage and history to learners and the community, using role-playing and acting as a means of education. The Department has entered into a relationship with the Departments of Education and Social Development to promote this program and to share resources to implement the time travel technique. New time travels will be researched and it will be rolled out to more museums. In October 2008 the Worcester Museum will host an International Conference on Time Travel.

International Museum Day

International Museum Day will be held on 18 May with the theme this year – formulated by UNESCO-ICOM, “Museums as agents of social change and development”

Heritage Resource Management

The growth in the construction industry has placed a huge responsibility on Heritage Western Cape to deal with applications promptly so as to ensure that we do not compromise economic growth and development.

I have made reference to the challenge of skills in the heritage sector. Educating communities on the preserving and promotion of heritage matters is however an added challenge.

R31, 4m is allocated for museum and heritage services

LIBRARIES

The Department made a concerted effort to empower all communities of the Western Cape through the provision of library services. While more than 50% of the total budget of library services is earmarked for library stocks, significant strides have also been made to provide new library buildings and/or upgrade buildings to accommodate the growing needs of communities for knowledge and information.

In the period between 2004 and 2007 we have delivered 12 brand new and/or upgraded library buildings to the following communities:

2004/5

- 1) Buffeljagsriver in Swellendam Municipality
- 2) Nelspoort in Beaufort West Municipality
- 3) Kranshoek in Bitou Municipality
- 4) Rawsonville in Breede River Valley
- 5) Waenshuiskrans in Cape Agulhas Municipality

2005/6

- 1) Leeu Gamka in Prince Albert Municipality
- 2) Klaastroom in Prince Albert Municipality
- 3) Vredenberg in Saldanha Municipality
- 4) Knysna

2006/7

- 1) Barrydale
- 2) Zuurbraak
- 3) Haarlem

R2 million will be transferred to Drakenstein Municipality for the building of a new library building in Gouda.

Extended Rural Library Service Project (Wheelie Wagons)

The Wheelie Wagon Program plays a valuable role in addressing the needs of rural communities. Thus far, 14 Wheelie Wagons have been supplied to the rural areas of Molsvlei and Stofkraal in the West Coast, Koekedouw in Witzenberg, Klipdale in Cape Agulhas and other identified areas all in an effort to give practical effect to ASGISA and empower rural communities by making libraries more accessible

The extended rural mobile libraries will be sustained and extended to 5 rural areas in this financial year.

This financial year we received a conditional grant of R 31. 434million, which represents an approximate increase of 95% from 2007/8. R24.9 million will be transferred to municipalities to address the critical staff shortages at public libraries. This intervention will considerably improve service delivery, given the substantial increase from R15. 626million in 2007/8.

An amount of R1 095 610 has been set aside to provide ICT infrastructure in 20 sites to give internet access to mostly rural libraries.

An amount of R 93 818 million is allocated to library services this financial year. This represent an increase of 23. 05 %.

Archive Services

The Archives Service function transferred from the National Department in May 2006, has played an important role in rendering a records management and preservation service to government departments.

During 2008/9 we will rollout a program to collect non-public records of the diverse communities of the Western Cape.

The Department has designed five courses for government departments and will train at least 100 government employees in proper management and care of public records.

A project to engage and teach youth about the collection of oral history and genealogical research will be embarked upon this year.

An outreach program focusing on the 21 plus 6 priority areas will be conducted to educate the youth and women specifically about the importance of non-public records and their role in social history.

R8. 474 million is budgeted for Archives this financial year.

SPORT AND RECREATION

At his inaugural Budget Speech on 24 June 2004, my colleague, Chris Stali, stated that the legacy of Apartheid has left great disparities between black and white communities in terms of the provisioning of facilities.

Sport facilities

In line with the vision of creating the Western Cape as Home for All, the Department's facility provisioning strategy is based on leveling the playing field and ensuring access for all our people to sport and recreation facilities. Our Department has achieved great strides in providing sport facilities to schools and communities since 2004.

Before the abolition of the Building for Sport and Recreation Program (BSRP) during 2004/5 financial year, the Department successfully has built 28 sport facilities in 10 local authorities.

Regrettably the funding for sport facilities was transferred to the Municipal Infrastructural Grant (MIG) where sport is not enjoying the priority it used to enjoy at BSRP and the results thereof can be clearly seen.

Subsequently the 2005/6 to 2007/8 financial years budget allocations for facilities has decreased quite dramatically because funding earmarked facilities is re-directed to other priority areas by municipalities. This is something we are very concerned about.

Notwithstanding this, a total of 30 facilities has been upgrade or build in 25 municipalities.

I am pleased to note the resolution of the Polokwane Conference which reads as follows: "Funding currently under MIG, which is aimed at sports facilities, should be diverted to the Departments of Sports and Recreation and Education"

The Department will increase the provision of accessible sport and recreation facilities and 8 facilities will be upgraded and or built this financial year.

School Sport Programs

The Provincial Coordination Committee for School Sport (PROCOC) established in May 2007 has commenced work to coordinate and facilitate school sport programs. Given this huge task and many teething problems, not much progress has been made.

The Department in conjunction with the Department of Education will convene a School Sport summit in July 2008 to develop strategies to better coordinate school sport activities.

Notwithstanding this, the Department has deployed 220 sport assistants to implement sport at 183 schools. Cluster tournaments are being organized to facilitate competitions and promote sport excellence.

A total of 24 school sport facilities were provided to schools across the Province at an average rate of six facilities per year over the last four years at a cost of R4.4m. The facilities range from multi-purpose courts to soccer and rugby playing fields, giving thousands of learner's instant access to codes like volleyball, basketball, tennis, netball, soccer and rugby.

The induction and placement of an additional 40 newly appointed sport assistants will be finalized during this school term. To further develop the skills levels of sport assistants, all 260 assistants will be trained in events management.

This financial year, a total of 200 schools will be incorporated into the SSMPP program.

Five schools namely, Beaufort West Secondary, Van Custem Combine School in De Doorns, Phakama Secondary School in Phillippi, Langa High School and Steinville in Piketberg will be linked with the UK exchange program for the development of sport and these learners will visit their counterparts during the 3rd quarter.

To continue the program of providing schools with standard sport facilities, an amount of R2million has been allocated for the upgrading of six school facilities during 2008/9. Two schools in Delft, Masibambisane High and Kairos Primary have been catered for in the previous financial year. Construction will be finalized during the current financial year.

R29. 703 million has been allocated to school sports this financial year. This is an increase of 28.99 % from the 2007/8 financial year.

The Western Cape Sport School

The Western Cape Sport School was opened in January 2007 with 80 learners enrolled in grades 8 and 9. The school combines sports and academic studies, both of which are treated equally. It also offers athletics, gymnastics, netball, swimming, volleyball and soccer, and also provides learners with opportunity to study sports science subjects.

The Sport School is the first of its kind in Southern Africa and has had numerous success stories with regards to academic and sport achievements. It has produced four medalists in the first year of its existence and 16 individual athletes have been selected to represent the Western Cape and National teams.

The following achievements are worth noting:

- Rowhan Rhode won a silver medal in long and high jump in Western Cape Schools Championships and SA Games,
- The boy's volleyball teams won gold while representing South Africa in Italy late last year.
- Charne Rousouw and Simone Snyders were overall winners in gymnastics at the Western Cape and National Championships and qualified to participate in 2008 Beijing Olympics in senior and junior categories respectively.
- In swimming Ken Fredericks represented Western Cape at the SA Games and participated in the SA short course tournament. Dean Laytens represented South Africa in the COSSAS Games.

They all join us in the gallery today and I wish to congratulate them on their achievements.

R9. 280 million has been allocated to the school this financial year.

Beijing Olympics

Speaker, I am also happy to inform you that numerous of our athletes in the Western Cape have already qualified to participate in the Beijing Olympics in August. Amongst them are Natalie Du Toit, Ernst Van Dyk and Robert Ooshuizen. Janine Joseph and Geraldine Naidoo have reached level B qualification status and I am confident that they, together with others will qualify soon. Today we are joined in the gallery by Mr Wilfred Daniels of the Athletic South Africa's, high performance center who will also be the manager of the Beijing Athletics team.

Boxing

The Western Cape has produce a number of South African and International Boxing Champions, such as Sydney Hoho, Sydney Msuthu, Nikka Khumalo, Derrick and Ashley Whiteboy, Garry and Jimmy Murray, Beshew Sibaca and

Skeleton Mboma. These yesteryear heroes were role models to upcoming boxers hence today under difficult conditions, we are still able to produce international icons such as Mzonke Fana.

It is a fact that the standard of boxing has declined in our Province, however we need to appreciate the fact that there is a number of dedicated individuals, who have managed to keep boxing alive in the Western Cape.

On 24 May we will be hosting the Western Cape Boxing Indaba, which will result in a program of action that will guide us in developing and promoting boxing as well as establish a structure that will oversee the implementation of such a boxing program.

Club Development Program

The Club Development Program aimed at bridging the divide between grass roots sport and elite sport is a program to capacitate, empower and develop sport clubs at local level. The program has provided coaching, administrative technical skills training, equipment and playing gear to 44 clubs in codes such as football, netball, rugby and athletics.

Today we are joined by representatives from two of those clubs namely, Adriana Adonis from St Helena Bay Netball and Faiza Adams from Farnese Athletics Club in Manenberg.

In 2008/9 a total of 52 clubs that will identified from the 21 areas of priority plus six, will be placed in the Club Development program.

R8, 293m is allocated to this program

The Christmas Tinto U/15 tournament

The Christmas Tinto U/15 tournament initiated in 2005, has been successfully hosted in Langa, Manenberg and Gansbaai over the last three years respectively. The tournament aimed at unearthing young talent and leaving an infrastructural legacy behind, has already produced some positive results.

The tournament will be held in all six football regions of our Province over the next few years and will therefore see the development of football facilities in all these regions.

Thus far, R4.5 million has been spent and transferred to the City of Cape Town and the Gansbaai municipalities respectively, for the upgrade and development of the Langa Sport stadium, The Greens Sport Complex and the new and recently opened world class sport facility in Gansbaai.

To date, no work to upgrade the Langa and Manenberg facilities has commenced.

Our partners from ABSA/Barclays represented by Mr. Paul Golding in the Gansbaai project joins us today in the gallery and I wish to thank them on behalf of the Provincial Government and the Gansbaai community for their generous support and commitment to the project.

Theo De Bruyn a participant in the 2005 Christmas Tinto tournament, has subsequently been identified and recruited by Santos FC, and is currently on trial with them.

The venue for the 2008 Christmas Tinto under-15 football tournament will be decided after consultation with SAFA to identify the town that will host and benefit from the R1.5m that will be made available to improve football facilities in line with our developmental goals.

SAFA Western Cape

I wish inform the House that the numerous problems that was plaguing SAFA is in the process of being resolved. This has had a negative impact on football development and the image of football administrators ahead of 2010. I wish to welcome the new SAFA Provincial leadership under the Chairpersonship of Mr Elvis Sishana and Secretary, Donovan Fredericks. I also want to welcome the intervention from SAFA National in SAFA Cape Town, with the appointment of Mr Songezo Nayo as administrator. I hope that SAFA Cape Town under the interim leadership of Mr. Zimisile Mati would work towards uniting all forces in football.

Easter Sport Festivals

The Easter tournament which was started in 2007 has been successfully rolled out to 6 communities in the 21 areas of priority as a response to the need for sport activities over the Easter weekends.

Historically, Easter sporting events were held in our communities but sadly, we have seen a steady decline of these programs over the last couple of years. The initiative is aimed at reviving community interaction and rebuilding communities using sport and cultural activities.

This year the festival was held in Delft to respond to the wave of crime and drug abuse, particularly in schools. According to the Station Commander at the Delft Police station a significant decrease in crime was reported over the past Easter weekend in this area, and this can be attributed to our intervention.

In addition, the festival has unearthed talent both in sport and culture, and I am happy to report that in Guguletu, we have uncovered an eight year-old from Lower Crossroads, Andisiwe Joseph who stunned spectators and participants alike in the 8km fun run by outclassing far senior runners to finish in a respectable 11th position.

The 10 year old, Zanele Mali and 14 year old Noluthando Belle both sprinting stars of Guguletu Athletics Club, were also identified as potential future stars. These youngsters will be assessed and monitored by the Western Cape Sport Academy and a plan will be developed to place them in a high performance program when they are ready.

Shadley Schroeder, a high school pupil who was discovered in Delft following our schools interventions has been assessed by Artscape and will now be placed in a contemporary music program to develop his singing talent.

We will soon be entering into a MOU with SARFU with regard to the Rugby Easter program and the rugby development program.

These are just few of many examples that we are **building communities and changing lives through arts, culture and sport and I wish to welcome them all in the house today.**

The coming financial year will see these festivals being rolled out in all 21 areas of priority plus 6 in the Province.

Farm Worker Development Program

The Farm Worker Development Program launched last year is aimed at providing sport and recreation programs, facilities and equipment to the marginalized farm communities of our Province.

In 2007 the Department implemented sport programs in both indigenous and formal sports codes such as rugby, netball football, rope pulling, intonga and dibeke. This culminated in a provincial farm worker's sports day that was held in Robertson on 2 May 2008. In addition, funds were allocated to build farm sport facilities in Goedgedacht, Zuurvlakte and De Doorns.

This financial year a sport facility will be constructed in Aan de Doorns and 7 new hubs in farm areas will be established to sustain the farm sport development program.

Sport administrators, coaches and farm workers will be trained to enhance their sport administration skills. A total of 200 farm workers will be trained this financial year to ensure the sustainability of the farm sport program.

Sport Federations

The Department assists sport federations with the implementation of developmental and transformation programs and will continue to provide them with funding and institutional support.

Speaker, it is encouraging to note that great strides have been made with regards to transformation in the sport sector. The composition and representation in a number of our local, provincial and national teams, particularly in rugby is impressive.

The success of the Stormers can be directly linked to the transformation process in rugby. I want to congratulate the team on their sterling performances thus far and I am sure that their success will have a positive influence on rugby enthusiasm and development in all our communities.

Today, we are proud to have Mr. Peter De Villiers as the first black Springbok coach and I am confident that he will be successful and wish him all the best with this challenging responsibility.

The Riaan Loots Violence Free Sport Campaign

The Riaan Loots Violence Free Sport Campaign launched last year, will be intensified with programs that will teach spectators, administrators, players and the general public about the rules and regulations governing different sport codes.

South Western Districts Baseball, Aston Villa FC and Rangers FC from the West Coast were the first sport bodies to receive the Riaan Loots awards in their respective regions. They have also been nominated for the Provincial Riaan Loots award to be acknowledged at the Provincial Sport Awards. I am convinced that this will go a long way in promoting fair play on the field of play.

In June this year we will be holding the first Riaan Loots training program which will focus on administration and marketing skills for various clubs in the Boland region.

Speaker, I wish to inform the House that our counterparts in the Burgundy Province of France, has requested our assistance and the duplication of this program as they are faced with the same problems related to violence and racism in sport. They wish to retain the name of the campaign in France.

Community Recreation

The community recreation program will provide sustainable mass participation opportunities across the age spectrum to promote physically active a lifestyle. An

amount of R9.1 million is allocated to this program which will be rolled out in the 21 plus 6 areas of priority during this financial year.

2010 FIFA World Cup

The overall objective of the Department is to create an enabling environment in the Western Cape for the successful hosting of the 2010 FIFA World Cup and to ensure that the developmental and social legacy projects are implemented.

We will transfer an amount of R212m to the City of Cape Town as soon as the agreement on conditions of transfer has been finalized for the construction of Green Point Stadium. These conditions are:

- Suitably qualified independent infrastructure implementation monitoring specialists are to be appointed to monitor project implementation.
- The recipients must engage qualified professionals to execute all projects related to the construction of Green Point 2010 FIFA World Cup stadium and ensure compliance with Regulation 24 of the Supply Chain Management Regulation issued in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003.
- There must be a signed contract between the Provincial Government and the recipient called the 2010 FIFA World Cup Stadium Development Contract. The contract will outline the agreed upon cash flow requirements, scope of work and milestone for stadium development. This information will be provided by the city of Cape Town.
- The recipient must ensure cost certainty with respect to 90% (by value) of subcontract tenders achieved and tenders for 80% (by value) of subcontract tenders awarded. Any savings on budgetary allocations for sub-contracts must be shared according to an acceptable ratio between the Provincial Government and the City of Cape Town.
- Ongoing involvement and participation of identified officials employed by the Province in all relevant meetings relating to the FIFA WC 2010 event and its project deliverables
- Full compliance to the requirements of the Division of Revenue Act pertaining to the 2010 FIFA World Cup Stadium Development Grant.

The tender process for the upgrading of Philippi stadium will commence soon to enable the completion of construction by mid – next year.

We will host another leg of the VodaCom Challenge tournament as an important international club competition to promote the Western Cape as a football

destination, stimulate the local economy, promote a culture of football support and showcase our readiness to host 2010. On 19 July we will be hosting the Manchester United and Kaizer Chiefs game at Newlands.

In addition Ajax Amsterdam will be visiting our Province in January 2009.

To create hype around 2010 and promote football, formal street football will be launched in Drakenstein on 18 May. A league will be formed in Boland, Overberg, Cape Town followed by regional leagues being formed in other regions at a later stage.

The Western Cape Football Ambassadors continue to play a critical role in developing football and assisting Government in promoting the 2010 FIFA World Cup through the running of coaching clinics, appearances in major events and presenting motivational talks to young people. This financial year, 12 coaching clinics will be organized where more than 5 000 kids will be exposed to football techniques. I also want to use this opportunity to wish one of the ambassador Mr Lennie Kleintjies well with his recovery from illness.

Taking lessons from the German World Cup we will soon be launching a National Symbols program aimed at using national symbols to promote national unity and nation building.

A dedicated quarterly football publication to promote 2010 and local amateur football is now available and will be distributed in cooperation with SAFA regions.

A very significant legacy of the 2010 FIFA World Cup will be the FIFA initiative to provide 20 Centres of Hope in the Southern African region. This initiative is aimed at building social interaction through the platform of football and will serve as a catalyst for ensuring mass participation in the 2010 event. In addition a facility will be built in Khayelitsha that will house this project.

Stars in their Eyes Program

Since the launch of the Stars in their eyes football development initiative in September 2006 the Department has successfully achieved its target of incorporating 20 communities into the program and linking these communities to 20 communities in Netherlands.

Today 42 individuals from these communities have been trained as coaches and are currently attached to football clubs throughout the Province- from Cape Town to Beaufort West and Bitterfontein to Bitou. We are also joined by coaches from Eagle Stars Football Club, X1 Express Football Club and Jonkershoek Football Club.

The Stars in Their Eyes Project will be rolled out to 20 more communities in the Western Cape this financial year. This year, we will be implementing the third phase of this agreement and will concentrate on linking schools in the identified areas with schools in the Netherlands, utilising e-learning.

The Department together with the Department of Education is already in the process of identifying the first 6 schools to be linked with the Dutch schools by the end June. In addition 6 local soccer coaches will be taken to the Netherlands for a ten-day training program as part of the agreement with the Stars in Their Eyes Foundation.

R 4.45 million has been allocated for 2010.

This financial year we are allocating R307 230million to Sport and Recreation and note that R212m is ring-fenced for Green Point Stadium.

Conclusion

Speaker, in 2004 this Government took over a Province was behind all other Provinces in the areas of transformation, nation building, non racialism, development and service delivery.

Over the last four years, significant progress has been made to roll back that trend and we can today confidently say that we have placed this Province back on course to deal with these challenges. The playing fields are being leveled and all our people in the Province are beginning to see the impact of our work-particularly in Sports and Culture. Much however still needs to be done.

Sport and Culture continues to be transformed to be able to deal with economic and social development and to contribute towards building a better live for all our people.

I wish to thank the staff of the Department for their commitment to the implementation of programs that impact meaningfully on the quality of life of our people. I also want to thank my family for their support and endurance during my times of absence from home.

Finally, I wish to thank the African National Congress for giving me the opportunity to lead this Department and to implement our strategy to build a non-racial, non sexist, united and prosperous society.

I thank you