

RESOLUTIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

FIRST REPORT 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 9

(As presented to the North West Legislature)

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION OF VOTE NO: 11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009.

The Committee, having considered evidence on the aforementioned Report of the Auditor-General (AG) for the financial year 31 March 2009, **wishes to express its concern over the following:**

1. Uncertainty exists regarding the ownership of immovable assets to the value of R10,489,984,352 situated in tribal areas, as no title deeds could be provided for the land included in the fixed asset register.
2. Unauthorised expenditure amounting to R72 517 000 as reflected in the Statement of Financial Position relates to prior periods. The department has applied to Provincial Treasury for condonement of this expenditure.
3. Various instances of non-compliance with the PFMA and Treasury Regulations occurred.

The committee recommends that:

1. An update should be provided to the committee **on or before 04 May 2010** on the progress made by the National Treasury and the National Department of Public Works regarding the tribal area properties and any steps taken within the province to assist in this regard.
2. A status report on the unauthorised expenditure amounting to R72 517 000 relating to prior years should be submitted to the committee **on or before 04 May 2010**.
3. Control measures should be implemented **on or before 04 May 2010** to ensure compliance with applicable legislation.