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ETHICS AND INTEGRITY DIRECTORATE

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. **Mr. Chairman**, it is an honour for me to present the Ethics and Integrity Directorate recurrent and development budget proposals for the financial year 2026/2027, under Head **2800**, to this Honourable Committee for consideration and approval.

II. MANDATE

2. **Mr. Chairman**, the Ethics and Integrity Directorate was established by Section 4 of the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act No. 12 of 2019 as amended by Act No. 1 of 2020, to promote and reinforce integrity and accountability in public office, by ensuring compliance with the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act. It does this by monitoring the interests, income, assets and liabilities of certain categories of persons for the purpose of preventing and detecting corruption, money laundering and acquisition of property from proceeds of crime. **Mr. Chairman**, the Directorate is further mandated to collaborate with other entities in the development and promotion of standards and best practice to promote good ethical conduct.
3. **Mr Chairman**, as promised in my last Committee of Supply speech and in-line with Section 3, subsection (1)(n) of the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act, the Directorate has included among the list of those who are required to declare, the following: -

- (a) procurement officers;
- (b) project managers;
- (c) project engineers;
- (d) program officers;
- (e) planning officers;
- (f) licensing officers;
- (g) inspection officers;
- (h) facilities management officers; and
- (i) land board officers listed below;
 - (i) land adjudication officers,
 - (ii) conveyancers and those dealing with land transactions, and
 - (iii) technical officers.

The Directorate wrote to Ministries requesting submission of potential Declarants, in fields of work where there is a higher likelihood of risk which was positively responded to. Amongst the list submitted we selected the above.

The Directorate will continue to add more cadres as and when the need arises and resources permit.

4. **Mr. Chairman**, before presenting the budget estimates, allow me to brief this Committee on the achievements and challenges encountered by the Directorate during the 2025/2026 financial year.

III. OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE DURING 2025/2026

5. **Mr. Chairman**, the Ethics and Integrity Directorate remains committed to fostering a culture of integrity and accountability within public office. In this regard, initiatives are underway to establish a robust asset declaration system, aimed at systematically monitoring the interests, income, assets, and liabilities of public officials. This initiative underscores the Directorate's unwavering commitment to promoting accountability and ethical governance in public office.
6. **Mr. Chairman**, the Directorate is presently undertaking the digitization of its asset declaration system. The initial phase, aimed at enhancing operational efficiency, involved the automation of the asset declaration form. This phase has been successfully completed and is ready for pilot implementation. The digitized form is expected to streamline the declaration process by providing declarants with improved accessibility and greater ease in submitting their declarations electronically.
7. **Mr. Chairman**, the second phase, entailing the development of the back-end system was supposed to have commenced in the 2025/2026 financial year but could not be, due to lack of resources. It is currently slated to commence in the 2026/2027 financial year. This phase will

facilitate the processing of declarations, encompassing receipt and verification of submitted information to detect potential corruption, money laundering, or acquisition of assets derived from criminal proceeds. Additionally, it will establish a digital Register accessible to the public upon payment of a prescribed fee. The system will be designed to interface with external systems to enable verification of submitted data.

8. **Mr. Chairman**, the Directorate is presently at an advanced phase of establishing a Register, which will be made accessible to the public subject to the payment of a prescribed fee. The Register will include a list of individuals who have submitted their declarations, as well as those who have not complied after being served with a notice. The register will also contain a list of those who have been subjected to penalties for failure to declare.
9. **Mr. Chairman**, to raise awareness about the Ethics and Integrity Directorate and its role in promoting ethical behavior and accountability in the public office and society, strides continue to be made to educate the public, generate interest and encourage public participation in promoting integrity. The Directorate followed a whole of society approach ensuring mainstreaming of ethics in all parts of society.
10. **Mr. Chairman**, regarding Declarant Education, workshops were held throughout the country to facilitate declaration of Assets and Liabilities. The office also produced a short booklet to facilitate dissemination of knowledge on the Asset Declaration process. Efforts were made to

reach the public through Expositions, Government Commemorations and public events to support awareness of the EID Mandate. Furthermore, the Directorate continued training Parastatals, Local Authorities and other stakeholders.

11. **Mr. Chairman**, Partnerships were facilitated with Media Partners to facilitate dissemination of information on the mandate of the EID and coverage of events. The Office also hopes to finalize a framework contract for the development of jingles and televised content on ethical issues during the financial year.
12. **Mr. Chairman**, to strengthen capacity, the Directorate participated in experiential exchanges with the Gauteng Ethics Council of South Africa as well as other Ethics institutions in the region. The office is also exploring funding support with development partners to facilitate further learnings.

IV. 2025/2026 BUDGET EXECUTION

13. Mr. Chairman, the Directorate was allocated a total sum of **Twenty Five Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Pula (P25,375,960)**, which consists of **Twenty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Pula (P23,975,960)** for the Recurrent Budget and **One Million, Four Hundred Thousand Pula (P1,400,000)** for the Development Budget.

14. As at 31st January 2026, the expenditure stood at **Eleven Million, Twenty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Four Pula (P 11,023,304)** or **46%** for the recurrent budget and there is no expenditure under the development budget.

V. 2026/2027 BUDGET PROPOSALS

15. **Mr. Chairman**, the Budget Estimates for the **2026/2027** Financial Year amounts to **Twenty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P29,114,640)**, which consists of **Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P25,614,640)** for the Recurrent Budget and **Three Million, Five Hundred Thousand Pula (P3,500,000)** for the Development Budget.

A. RECURRENT BUDGET

16. **Mr. Chairman**, the Directorate request for the sum of **Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P25,614,640)** under the Recurrent Budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year.
17. **Mr. Chairman**, allow me to outline the major items of expenditure that comprise this budget proposal.

18. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00110 – SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES**

Mr. Chairman, I request for **Thirteen Million, Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Pula (P13,260,850)** for salaries and allowances of staff. This constitutes 51.8% of the total budget.

19. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00200 – TRAVELLING AND TRANSPORT (INTERNAL)**

Mr. Chairman, under this item, I request for an allocation of **Eight Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, and Seventy Pula (P897,070)** to cater for traveling and subsistence allowance for internal trips by staff. This represents 3.5% of the total budget.

20. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00300 – TRAVELLING AND TRANSPORT (EXTERNAL)**

Mr. Chairman, I request for an allocation of **Nine Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula (P920,000)** being 3.6% of the budget to cater for transport and per diem for external travel by staff.

21. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00400 – GENERAL EXPENSES AND SUPPLIES**

Mr. Chairman, I request for an amount of **Three Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P3,426,740)** or 13.4% of the budget. The funds are needed for advertising and publicity, service charges, postal charges and office supplies.

22. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00500 – DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES**

Mr. Chairman, I request for **Two Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula (P2,660,000)** for this account. The funds, which represent 10.4% of the budget, will be used for consultancies and office rentals.

23. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00700 – MAINTENANCE AND RUNNING (EQUIPMENT)**

Mr. Chairman, I request for **Three Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Pula (P383,660)** or 1.5% of the budget under this account. The funds will be used for fire-fighting equipment, office equipment, vehicles and plant maintenance, computer systems consumables and maintenance.

24. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00800 – MAINTENANCE AND RUNNING EXPENSES (OTHER)**

Mr. Chairman, for this account I request for **One Million and Seventy-Seven Thousand Pula (P1,077,000)**. The funds will be used for maintenance of offices and minor works. This represents 4.2% of the budget.

25. **PARENT ACCOUNT 00900 – INSTITUTIONAL RUNNING EXPENSES**

Mr. Chairman, for this account I request for **One Hundred and Ten Thousand Pula (P110,000)**. The funds will be used for purchase of library books and texts. This represents 0.4% of the budget.

26. **PARENT ACCOUNT 01100 – GOVERNMENT HOSPITALITY**

27. **Mr. Chairman,** for this account I request for **One Hundred and fifty- Thousand Pula (P150,000)**, representing only 0.6% of the budget.

28. **PARENT ACCOUNT 01200 – TRAINING**

Mr. Chairman, I request for **Five Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Pula (P598,120)**. This is 2.3% of the budget. The funds will cater for short-term courses and performance management activities.

29. **PARENT ACCOUNT 01300 – COUNCILS, CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS.**

Mr. Chairman, I request for the sum of **Five Hundred and Seventy Thousand Pula (P570,000)** representing 2.2% of the budget to cater for health and safety activities as well as seminars, workshops and conferences.

30. **PARENT ACCOUNT 04300 – SPECIAL EXPENDITURE**

Mr. Chairman, for this account I request for **One Million and Eighty-One Thousand, Six Hundred Pula (P1,081,600)**. These funds will be utilised for furniture, office equipment and computer replacement. This is 4.2% of the budget.

B. DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

31. **Mr. Chairman**, under the Development Budget, I request for the sum of **Three Million, Five Hundred Thousand Pula (P3,500,000)** for the procurement of ICT Infrastructure upgrade and Digitalisation project, Digitalisation of the Asset Declaration System and Development of National Code of Ethics and Guidelines to conflict of interest.

VI. CONCLUSION

32. **Mr. Chairman**, this concludes my budget proposal for **Organisation 2800-Ethics and Integrity Directorate**. I now request that a total of **Twenty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P29,114,640)**, which consists of **Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P25,614,640)** for the Recurrent Budget and **Three Million, Five Hundred Thousand Pula (P3,500,000)** for the Development Budget be approved and stand part of the 2026/2027 Appropriation Bill (No. 1 of 2026) for **Organisation 2800**.
33. I move accordingly. Thank you, **Mr. Chairman**.