

Media statement

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CoGHSTA RECEIVES A CLEAN FINANCIAL ASSERTION FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Polokwane: The Auditor General (AG) announced that the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) has received a clean audit report for the financial year 2013/14. This pronouncement comes at a time when the Province is struggling to receive unqualified reports for most departments. According to the report issued by the AG, procedures were performed to obtain evidence about the usefulness and reliability of the reported performance information for the following selected programmes presented in the annual performance report of the department for the year ended 31 March 2014 which includes Programme 2 which is Human settlements and Programme 3 which is Co-operative governance. The Auditor General evaluated the reported performance information against the overall criteria of usefulness and reliability

As stated in the report, the AG evaluated the usefulness of the reported performance information to determine whether it was presented in accordance with the National Treasury's annual reporting principles and whether the reported performance was consistent with the planned programmes. Tests were further performed to determine whether indicators and targets were well defined, verifiable, specific, measurable, time bound and relevant, as required by the National Treasury's Framework for managing programme performance information (FMPPi).

The Department would like to point out that the clean audit was achieved through the hard work done by the staff and all the stakeholders. "I thank Team CoGHSTA for all the good work" announced the MEC Mme Makoma Makhurupetje during the Provincial Govan Mbeki Awards held in August, to appreciate the role played by the departmental officials in fitting the puzzle together. The pronouncement bears witness to the statement today.

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