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MEC FINANCE MESSAGE TO FAREWELL FUNCTION OF PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MRS ANNA FOURIE

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It is a truly special occasion that enables us to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the exceptional career in public service of Mrs. Anna Fourie, our Provincial Accountant General.

I am sure that I do not only speak for myself but also on behalf of all my predecessors in the office of the MEC for Finance when I express my appreciation for the unqualified support and encouragement we received from Mrs. Fourie in performing our constitutional and legislative responsibilities.

Today is a celebration characterised by mixed emotions as we know that it is the end of an era. We have always been able to comfortably rely on the skills and expertise, the commitment, dedication and integrity that Mrs Fourie brought to her work every single day, week and month of her career.

She has in many respects constituted a comfort zone for all of us – the knowledge that she would make sense, advise and guide us through the complexities of our challenging environment created a sense of calm and stability. Certainly, she has consistently demanded that we raise our own work ethic and standards but never demanded more from anyone than what she demanded from herself. As one contributor on the social media platform LinkedIn stated; “I realized that if you want to keep up with her, you must be running at full speed”.

Mrs Fourie witnessed and participated in the transformation of the public financial management environment since the establishment of the post 1994 democratic dispensation. She has continuously developed and evolved with the changing legislative and regulatory environment and is appropriately respected and held in high esteem by experts in the financial management and accounting field throughout all levels of the public and private sector.

I especially want to appreciate one of the legacies she leaves us with, namely the consistent promotion of ethical financial governance. Her insistence on respecting and upholding the regulatory environment creates a solid foundation through the many challenges that we navigate.



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This will not be a final farewell but rather a gradual and phased departure as we will continue to call upon and rely on the wisdom and experience of our retiring Provincial Accountant General.

I want to wish Mrs Fourie well as she embarks on a new journey that will enable her to focus on her family and personal aspirations. May your retirement be filled with happiness and opportunities to pursue new goals and dreams!

Thank you.