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STRATEGIC PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN OVERVIEW AND ANALYSIS: DITSONG MUSEUMS OF SOUTH AFRICA

1. INTRODUCTION

Formerly known as the Northern Flagship Institution, Ditsong Museums of South Africa (hereafter referred to as "Ditsong") is an amalgamation of eight national museums; seven in Tshwane and one in Johannesburg. The amalgamation was given legal effect by the Cultural Institutions Act (Act 119 of 1998) to drive national development and transformative imperatives. Currently Ditsong operates the following sites:

- National Museum of Natural History;
- National Museum of Cultural History;
- National Museum of Military History;
- Pioneer Museum;
- Sammy Marks Museum;
- Tswaing Meteorite Crater;
- Kruger Museum; and
- Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum.

Ditsong is a Schedule 3A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999) (PFMA) and an agency of the Department of Arts and Culture (the "Department"). Ditsong operates under the jurisdiction of a council appointed by the Minister responsible for Arts and Culture. As such, Ditsong is required to comply with National Treasury's *Framework for Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans*.¹

This brief will provide Members of the Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture (the "Committee") with an overview and analysis of Ditsong's 2016/17 annual report in relation to its 2015/16 – 2019/20 strategic plan.

2. BACKGROUND: BRIEF POINTS

- The term for the current council expires on 31 July 2016.
- The institution receives an annual transfer from the Department. For the 2016/17 financial year, Ditsong will receive a transfer of R73.1 million, with a further R5.1 million for capital works projects.²
- The institution's budget allocation is primarily spent on personnel; 80 per cent is spent on personnel and only 20 per cent remains for the core business.³

¹ National Treasury (2010).

² National Treasury (2016).



<<http://www.treasury.gov.za/publications/guidelines/SP%20APP%20Framework.pdf>> [Accessed 30 March 2016].

National Treasury. (2016) *Estimates of National Expenditure 2016* [Internet]. Available from: <<http://www.treasury.gov.za/documents/national%20budget/2016/enebooklets/Vote%2037%20Arts%20and%20Culture.pdf>> [Accessed 30 March 2016].

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