

POLICY SPEECH BY THE HON. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR :
CHIEF M.G. BUTHELEZI IN CONSIDERATION OF VOTE 1 : DEPARTMENT
OF AUTHORITY AFFAIRS AND FINANCE.

As you will remember my speech yesterday, when I gave you in broad outline, what amounts are available to us, for the current financial year, it is now my duty to this House, to amplify as much as possible what I said then.

When I moved the second reading of the Appropriation Bill and in broad outline indicated what the general financial position of the Government of KwaZulu was, I also stated that each Executive Councillor would deal with the vote of his Department in more detail.

In terms of Rule 130(2) of the Rules of Procedure I shall commence the debate on my vote by explaining the administration, future development and general policy of the Department of Authority Affairs and Finance which falls under my care.

As the name of the Department indicates there are two sections in this Department - the section Authority Affairs and the section Finance. The functions of the section Authority Affairs can be summed up as follows:-

- (a) To deal with all the administrative work connected with the session of the Legislative Assembly and meetings of the Executive Council;
- (b) To attend to matters emanating from Tribal Authorities, such as the appointment and dismissal of Chiefs, Acting Chiefs and disputes between tribes and tribal authorities. The officials in this section will also in due course visit as many tribal authority offices as possible to guide and assist the tribal authorities and their staff in the administration of tribal matters. Bearing in mind that there are 196 proclaimed tribal authorities and a potential of from 219 - 231 you will appreciate that the task that lies ahead is enormous. There are three tribal authorities awaiting to be proclaimed - these being the Nyuswa in Ndwedwe, the Kuze in Bulwer/Hlanganani and Amaputa in Nkandla. Other tribal or community authorities that could be established are the Duma in Himeville, Sithole, Nxumalo, Chunu in Dundee and Ladysmith; Shabalalas in Estcourt and Nkumbinis in Harding. Certain tribal and community authorities in the Newcastle/Dannhauser area and others in the Umzinto and Ixopo districts are still to be investigated and reported on so that the matters can be dealt with by the Executive Council.

We were prepared to carry on our work under the existing difficult circumstances when we decided to become a Legislative Assembly rather than wait until all the facilities and staff would be available at Ulundi so that this position has placed a heavy burden on the shoulders of those officers who have to do the actual work.

- (c) This section must also deal with matters raised by Regional Authorities at their bi-monthly meetings and which affect this Department. As you know there are 23 such Regional Authorities and 3 Tribal Authorities clothed with the powers of Regional Authorities. In certain cases problems have arisen such as with Molifes in Nqutu and the Mngomezulus in Ingwavuma but my Department is attending to these problems. Arrangements are

in progress for incorporating the Xhambi Tribal Authority with the Simdlangentsha Regional Authority and it is expected that similar arrangements could be made to absorb the Amazizi and Amangwane Tribal Authorities in the Hlanganiso Regional Authority of Okhahlamba district.

- (d) When representatives of this Government have been appointed in the white areas in terms of the Promotion of Bantu Self-Government Act No. 46 of 1959 the section Authority Affairs will deal with all matters emanating from these representatives.

As you are no doubt aware the Authority Affairs section of the Department is stationed here in Nongoma and all matters relating to Authority should therefore be dealt with in the offices in Nongoma. It should also be mentioned that Tribal Authority Estimates will be dealt with by this section and this in itself is no easy task.

The other section in my Department is the Finance section which is stationed in Pietermaritzburg. This section will

- (a) be responsible for the control of Kwa-Zulu Government Funds; those who have studied the provisions of Proc. 77 of 1972 which contain the financial regulations for the Government of Kwa-Zulu, will realise that the responsibility lying on the shoulders of the officials attached to this section is indeed great.
- (b) exercise control over financial matters and the stores and equipment of Departments.
- (c) arrange for the estimates to be prepared; You will agree if you look through the estimates which have been placed before you that much hard work has gone into the preparation of this document.
- (d) be responsible for the carrying out of financial inspections and also the inspection of equipment.
- (e) maintain all the journals, cash books and other records prescribed by law or by the financial regulations.
- (f) prepare all financial statements and returns.
- (g) be responsible for the placing of orders for stores and equipment and the payment of accounts in respect of these purchases.

Included in the section Finance there is also a sub-section Economic Development. This sub-section, when implemented, will deal with all those matters pertaining to the economic development of KwaZulu. Matters such as Trading will be dealt with by this section and I can assure you that there are many problems which will be dealt with by the officials of this section.

Turning now to the estimates there are a few heads of expenditure which I feel should be dealt with now.

SUB-HEAD A.

Salaries, Wages and Allowances : R36,890.

Provision under this sub-head is made for salaries payable to the staff on the fixed establishment of the Department of Authority Affairs and Finance. The amount shown in column 1972/73 opposite

the number of posts is based on the average of the appropriate scale.

It will be observed that opposite some of the posts no amount is shown in column 1972-73, but instead a small letter (a) or (b). This indicates, as will be seen from the footnotes, that these posts are filled by officers of the Public Service of the Republic, whose salaries are provided for under the Republican Vote - Bantu Administration and Development.

SUBHEAD C.

Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Services : R40,050

Item 1 only relates to Vote - Authority Affairs and Finance. Item 2 telephone expenses, is in respect of expenses (official) incurred by all Departments and District Offices of the Kwa-Zulu Government. As will have been noticed, no stamps are affixed on letters and parcels originating from offices of the Kwa-Zulu Government Service. The amount shown under item 3 provides for this service and is payable in equal monthly instalments to the Postmaster-General.

SUBHEAD D.

Printing, Stationery, Advertisements and Publications : R17,000.

Apart from the printing of the estimates, specially printed forms (cheques, deposit books, receipt forms, etc.) and other printing are required from time to time.

Stationery is provided for under Vote- Community Affairs, which is responsible for the supply of stationery to all Departments.

It is not anticipated that extensive use will be made of advertisements in newspapers, etc. Therefore only a nominal amount is provided.

Publications are from time to time required for Departmental use. The costs for Government Gazettes etc, supplied to this Department will form a charge against this item.

SUBHEAD E.

Miscellaneous Expenses : R20,300.

Item 10 shows that an amount of R9,000 has been provided for public festivals such as "Shaka" Day.

Item 11 shows an estimated expenditure of R6,000 being a subsidy for the Bureau of Language and Culture.

SUBHEAD F.

Financial Assistance to Tribal and Community Authorities; R150,000

The Financial Assistance to Tribal and Community Authorities will enable them to erect court rooms, offices, teachers' houses, etc.

Furthermore amounts so granted will be spent on services provided for on their estimates.

SUBHEAD G.

Allowances, Presents and Refreshments to Chiefs.

The allowance (stipendium) payable to Chiefs is based on the number of taxpayers and is adjusted every five years. The allowance varies from R240 per annum for 1,000 taxpayers to R720 per annum for 9,001 and more taxpayers.

The approved scale for headmen is R120 X 16 - R168.

Item 2. Bonuses to Chiefs and Headmen, etc. : R16,000.

Bonuses to Chiefs, Headmen, etc. are not paid according to a prescribed scale but are left to the discretion of the Magistrate, who through constant contact, is in a better position to determine the amounts payable to Chiefs, Headmen, etc, for recognition of services rendered. This bonus can better be described as an incentive .

SUBHEAD J.

An estimated expenditure R102,860 is provided for you will notice however that the estimated income is given as R136,200 and a profit R33,340 is expected.

Mr. Chairman I submit my vote for consideration.