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# Rural areas are under-resourced: Fiscal Commission

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The Financial and [Fiscal](#) Commission says rural areas are under-resourced and their [unemployment](#) rate is much higher than the national unemployment rate.

The Commission was briefing the media in Parliament on its submission for the 2017/2018 Division of Revenue.

Acting Chairperson for the Fiscal Commission, Bongani Khumalo, says the current sluggish economic conditions coupled with the worst droughts in 35 years, has resulted in soaring food prices which have affected most poor households in rural provinces and municipalities.

"The fiscus is under pressure and therefore even though one would have loved to see relative growth in the share of resources going to municipalities, rural municipalities in particular the growth has not been that much, to keep up with what we consider to be the demands that are associated with these areas," says Khumalo.