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Justice and Constitutional Development

Adjusted budget summary

	2011/12			
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Decrease	Increase
Amount to be appropriated	11 413 491	11 581 699	–	168 208
<i>of which:</i>				
Current payments	8 916 584	8 884 073	(32 511)	–
Transfers and subsidies	1 704 019	1 811 274	–	107 255
Payments for capital assets	792 888	886 352	–	93 464
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	2 104 162	2 104 162	–	–
Executive authority	Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development			
Accounting officer	Director-General of Justice and Constitutional Development			
Website address	www.justice.gov.za			

Aim

Uphold and protect the Constitution and the rule of law, and render accessible, fair, speedy and cost effective administration of justice in the interests of a safer and more secure South Africa.

Mid-year performance status

Indicator	Programme	Annual performance		
As published in the 2011 ENE	Programme linked to the indicator	Projected for 2011/12 as published in the 2011 ENE	Achieved in the first six months of 2011/12 (April to September) ¹	Changed estimate for 2011/12
Average court hours per day	Court Services	3.55	3.42	
Number of case backlogs per year	Court Services	37 796	37 220	
Number of criminal court cases finalised per year: - excluding alternative dispute resolution mechanisms - through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms	National Prosecuting Authority	365 087 131 117	133 394 49 645	
Conviction rate: - high courts - regional courts - district courts	National Prosecuting Authority	87% (1 127) 74% (29 773) 87% (292 654)	85% (387) 74% (12 241) 90% (104 931)	
Asset forfeiture unit: - number of new completed forfeiture cases - number of new freezing orders - value of new freezing orders - success rate	National Prosecuting Authority	310 330 R500m 90%(310)	112 127 R307m 97% (114)	
Sexual offences and community affairs unit: - total number of Thuthuzela care centres	National Prosecuting Authority	30	27	
Witness protection unit: - number of witnesses harmed or threatened	National Prosecuting Authority	0	0	

1. Six-month data only available after publication of the AENE; this data covers five months until the 31 August.

Mid-year progress

In the first five months of 2011/12, the high and lower courts finalised a total of 183 039 cases. Of these, 49 645 were finalised through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (comprising mainly diversions and informal mediations). Courts have maintained relatively high conviction rates ranging from 74 per cent in regional courts to 90 per cent in district courts. The asset forfeiture unit completed 112 new cases, obtained

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127 new freezing orders to the value of R307 million, and achieved an overall success rate of 97 per cent. There were no witnesses harmed in the first five months of 2011/12.

Under utilisation of court hours and a relatively high prosecutorial vacancy rate (15 per cent) contribute negatively to the performance of prosecution services. The department is working closely with other justice, crime prevention and security cluster partners to improve the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and case flow management.

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Programme

2011/12

R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation				Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments		
Administration	1 625 180	–	–	33 000	28 078	61 078	1 686 258
Court Services	4 341 664	–	–	–	17 587	17 587	4 359 251
State Legal Services	750 652	–	–	(33 000)	3 735	(29 265)	721 387
National Prosecuting Authority	2 640 257	–	–	–	11 408	11 408	2 651 665
Auxiliary and Associated Services	2 055 738	97 400	10 000	–	–	107 400	2 163 138
Total	11 413 491	97 400	10 000	–	60 808	168 208	11 581 699
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	2 104 162	–	–	–	–	–	2 104 162
Judges' salaries	504 908	–	–	195 092	–	195 092	700 000
Magistrates' salaries	1 599 254	–	–	(195 092)	–	(195 092)	1 404 162
Total	13 517 653	97 400	10 000	–	60 808	168 208	13 685 861
Economic classification							
Current payments	10 933 686	–	–	(93 319)	60 808	(32 511)	10 901 175
Compensation of employees	7 631 150	–	–	24 521	60 808	85 329	7 716 479
Goods and services	3 292 956	–	–	(127 840)	–	(127 840)	3 165 116
Interest and rent on land	9 580	–	–	10 000	–	10 000	19 580
Transfers and subsidies	1 791 079	97 400	10 000	(145)	–	107 255	1 898 334
Provinces and municipalities	–	–	–	255	–	255	255
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 662 239	97 400	10 000	2 000	–	109 400	1 771 639
Foreign governments and international organisations	4 955	–	–	–	–	–	4 955
Households	123 885	–	–	(2 400)	–	(2 400)	121 485
Payments for capital assets	792 888	–	–	93 464	–	93 464	886 352
Buildings and other fixed structures	614 308	–	–	84 000	–	84 000	698 308
Machinery and equipment	178 510	–	–	9 366	–	9 366	187 876
Software and other intangible assets	70	–	–	98	–	98	168
Total	13 517 653	97 400	10 000	–	60 808	168 208	13 685 861

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	Main appropriation	2011/12				Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments	
R thousand						
Ministry	25 804	–	–	6 950	6 575	39 329
Management	82 554	–	–	(5 720)	–	76 834
Corporate Services	893 160	–	–	31 770	21 503	946 433
Office Accommodation	623 662	–	–	–	–	623 662
Total	1 625 180	–	–	33 000	28 078	61 078
Economic classification						
Current payments	1 538 344	–	–	30 827	28 178	59 005
Compensation of employees	346 779	–	–	5 000	8 283	360 062
Goods and services	1 191 364	–	–	25 827	19 895	1 237 086
Interest and rent on land	201	–	–	–	–	201
Transfers and subsidies	10 232	–	–	15	–	15
Provinces and municipalities	–	–	–	15	–	15
Departmental agencies and accounts	5 072	–	–	–	–	5 072
Foreign governments and international organisations	4 955	–	–	–	–	4 955
Households	205	–	–	–	–	205
Payments for capital assets	76 604	–	–	2 158	(100)	2 058
Machinery and equipment	76 566	–	–	2 060	(100)	1 960
Software and other intangible assets	38	–	–	98	–	98
Total	1 625 180	–	–	33 000	28 078	61 078

Programme 2: Court Services

Subprogramme	Main appropriation	2011/12				Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments	
R thousand						
Constitutional Court	117 061	–	–	5 000	–	5 000
Supreme Court of Appeal	17 165	–	–	7 500	–	7 500
High Courts	283 502	–	–	(7 454)	3 629	(3 825)
Specialised Courts	31 136	–	–	100	–	100
Lower Courts	2 635 408	–	–	(26 572)	12 673	(13 899)
Family Advocate	112 160	–	–	11 500	–	11 500
Magistrate's Commission	10 599	–	–	–	–	–
Government Motor Transport	28 628	–	–	70	–	70
Facilities Management	759 391	–	–	(70)	–	(70)
Administration of Courts	346 614	–	–	9 926	1 285	11 211
Total	4 341 664	–	–	–	17 587	17 587
Economic classification						
Current payments	3 683 949	–	–	(87 940)	17 487	(70 453)
Compensation of employees	2 628 964	–	–	(5 500)	37 382	31 882
Goods and services	1 050 841	–	–	(82 440)	(19 895)	(102 335)
Interest and rent on land	4 144	–	–	–	–	4 144
Transfers and subsidies	26 428	–	–	(2 160)	–	(2 160)
Provinces and municipalities	–	–	–	240	–	240
Households	26 428	–	–	(2 400)	–	(2 400)
Payments for capital assets	631 287	–	–	90 100	100	90 200
Buildings and other fixed structures	598 515	–	–	84 000	–	84 000
Machinery and equipment	32 740	–	–	6 100	100	6 200
Software and other intangible assets	32	–	–	–	–	32
Total	4 341 664	–	–	–	17 587	17 587

Programme 3: State Legal Services

Subprogramme

	Main appropriation R thousand	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll- overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments			
State Law Advisors	48 133	–	–	–	–	–	–	48 133
Litigation and Legal Services	257 695	–	–	–	1 643	1 643	1 643	259 338
Legislative Development and Law Reform	55 806	–	–	(1 500)	1 500	–	–	55 806
Master of the High Court	324 361	–	–	(1 500)	592	(908)	323 453	
Constitutional Development	64 657	–	–	(30 000)	–	(30 000)	34 657	
Total	750 652	–	–	(33 000)	3 735	(29 265)	721 387	
Economic classification								
Current payments	745 093	–	–	(34 206)	3 735	(30 471)	714 622	
Compensation of employees	607 476	–	–	(4 979)	3 735	(1 244)	606 232	
Goods and services	137 043	–	–	(29 227)	–	(29 227)	107 816	
Interest and rent on land	574	–	–	–	–	–	574	
Transfers and subsidies	1 298	–	–	–	–	–	1 298	
Households	1 298	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 298
Payments for capital assets	4 261	–	–	1 206	–	1 206	5 467	
Machinery and equipment	4 261	–	–	1 206	–	1 206	5 467	
Total	750 652	–	–	(33 000)	3 735	(29 265)	721 387	

Programme 4: National Prosecuting Authority

Subprogramme

	Main appropriation R thousand	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll- overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments			
Public Prosecutions	1 900 765	–	–	20 990	11 408	32 398	1 933 163	
Office for Witness Protection	137 842	–	–	10 388	–	10 388	148 230	
Asset Forfeiture Unit	106 074	–	–	16 481	–	16 481	122 555	
Support Services	495 576	–	–	(47 859)	–	(47 859)	447 717	
Total	2 640 257	–	–	–	11 408	11 408	2 651 665	
Economic classification								
Current payments	2 570 406	–	–	–	11 408	11 408	2 581 814	
Compensation of employees	2 030 829	–	–	30 000	11 408	41 408	2 072 237	
Goods and services	534 916	–	–	(40 000)	–	(40 000)	494 916	
Interest and rent on land	4 661	–	–	10 000	–	10 000	14 661	
Transfers and subsidies	10 447	–	–	–	–	–	10 447	
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 553	–	–	–	–	–	1 553	
Households	8 894	–	–	–	–	–	8 894	
Payments for capital assets	59 404	–	–	–	–	–	59 404	
Buildings and other fixed structures	15 793	–	–	–	–	–	15 793	
Machinery and equipment	43 611	–	–	–	–	–	43 611	
Total	2 640 257	–	–	–	11 408	11 408	2 651 665	

Programme 5: Auxiliary and Associated Services

Subprogramme

2011/12

R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation				Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments		
South African Human Rights Commission	89 066	–	–	–	–	–	89 066
Special Investigating Unit	193 620	97 400	–	–	–	97 400	291 020
Legal Aid South Africa	1 126 057	–	–	2 000	–	2 000	1 128 057
Office of the Public Protector	142 889	–	10 000	–	–	10 000	152 889
Justice Modernisation	400 124	–	–	(2 000)	–	(2 000)	398 124
President's Fund	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Represented Political Parties' Fund	103 981	–	–	–	–	–	103 981
Total	2 055 738	97 400	10 000	–	–	107 400	2 163 138
Economic classification							
Current payments	378 792	–	–	(2 000)	–	(2 000)	376 792
Goods and services	378 792	–	–	(2 000)	–	(2 000)	376 792
Transfers and subsidies	1 655 614	97 400	10 000	2 000	–	109 400	1 765 014
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 655 614	97 400	10 000	2 000	–	109 400	1 765 014
Payments for capital assets	21 332	–	–	–	–	–	21 332
Machinery and equipment	21 332	–	–	–	–	–	21 332
Total	2 055 738	97 400	10 000	–	–	107 400	2 163 138

Direct charges against the National Revenue Fund

Subprogramme

2011/12

R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation				Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments		
Judges' Salaries	504 908	–	–	195 092	–	195 092	700 000
Magistrates' Salaries	1 599 254	–	–	(195 092)	–	(195 092)	1 404 162
Total	2 104 162	–	–	–	–	–	2 104 162
Economic classification							
Current payments	2 017 102	–	–	–	–	–	2 017 102
Compensation of employees	2 017 102	–	–	–	–	–	2 017 102
Transfers and subsidies	87 060	–	–	–	–	–	87 060
Households	87 060	–	–	–	–	–	87 060
Total	2 104 162	–	–	–	–	–	2 104 162

Details of adjustments to Estimates of National Expenditure 2011

Roll-overs – R97.400 million

Programme 5: Auxiliary and Associated Services

R97.400 million has been rolled over for the projected shortfall for the payment of investigating officers of the Special Investigating Unit.

Unforeseeable and unavoidable expenditure – R10 million

Programme 5: Auxiliary and Associated Services

An additional R10 million is allocated for the increased investigative capacity of the Public Protector of South Africa.

Virements and shifts

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Court Services
3. State Legal Services
4. National Prosecuting Authority
5. Auxiliary and Associated Services

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 1		(971)	Programme 1		971
Goods and services	Reduction on assets<R5000	(858)	Machinery and equipment	To purchase computers and office furniture/equipment for the new criminal asset recovery account directorate	858
	Reduction on travel and subsistence	(15)	Provinces and municipalities	For the municipal payment which had been budgeted under goods and services and which changed in the standard chart of accounts adjustment	15
Machinery and equipment	Reduction on office equipment	(98)	Software and other intangible assets	To cover previous (late payment) year's expenditure	98
Percentage of programme budget		0.1%			
Programme 2		(100 840)	Programme 2		100 840
Compensation of employees	Reduction on salaries and wages	(8 000)	Goods and services	To compensate for the anticipated shortfall in the operational budget for regional offices	8 000
Goods and services	Reduction on contractors	(2 500)	Compensation of employees	To provide funding for electoral court personnel for local government elections	2 500
	Reduction on assets<R5000 and advertising and agency services	(3 700)	Machinery and equipment	For the anticipated shortfall in capital assets such as office equipment	3 700
	Reduction on agency services	(84 000)	Buildings and other fixed structures	For the anticipated shortfall in capital building payments to the Department of Public Works	84 000
	Reduction on travel and subsistence	(240)	Provinces and municipalities	For the municipal payment which had been budgeted under goods and services and which changed in the standard chart of accounts adjustment	240
Households	Reduction on social benefits	(2 400)	Machinery and equipment	For the anticipated shortfall in capital assets such as office equipment	2 400
Percentage of programme budget		2.3%			
Programme 3		(34 706)	Programme 1		33 000
Compensation of employees	Reduction on compensation of employees	(5 000)	Compensation of employees	For the anticipated shortfall in compensation of employees	5 000
Goods and services	Reduction on compensation of employees	(479)	Goods and services	For the anticipated shortfall in property payments	479
	Reduction on overall goods and services	(26 221)	Goods and services	For the anticipated shortfall in property payments and enhancement of communication services	26 221
	Reduction on overall goods and services	(1 300)	Machinery and equipment	For the anticipated shortfall in capital assets	1 300
	Reduction on agency services	(500)	Programme 3		1 706
	Reduction on assets<R5000	(1 206)	Compensation of employees	For an additional post within the programme	500
Percentage of programme budget		4.6%	Machinery and equipment	To purchase new laptops, computers and office furniture	1 206

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 4		(40 000)	Programme 4		40 000
Goods and services	Reduction on certain goods and services such as travel and subsistence and communication services Reduction on operating leases	(30 000) (10 000)	Compensation of employees Interest and rent on land	To fund late implementation of phase 2 of the occupational specific dispensation For payment of interest paid in respect of finance lease agreement	30 000 10 000
Percentage of programme budget		1.5%			
Programme 5		(2 000)	Programme 5		2 000
Goods and services	Reduction on computer services	(2 000)	Departmental agencies and accounts	To fund the integration of IT services between Legal Aid South Africa and the South African Police Service	2 000
Percentage of programme budget		0.1%			
Total		(178 517)			178 517

Other adjustments – R60.808 million

Adjustments due to significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events

An additional R60.808 million is allocated for higher personnel remuneration increases than the main budget provided for, as follows:

Programme 1: Administration

R9.363 million

Programme 2: Court Services

R36.302 million

Programme 3: State Legal Services

R3.735 million

Programme 4: National Prosecuting Authority

R11.408 million

Funds shifted within a vote following function shifts within the same vote

Programme 1: Administration

R20 million has been received from programme 2 following the shift of function from the court efficiency directorate to the information system management directorate in programme 1.

Programme 2: Court Services

R1.285 million has been received from programme 1 following the shift of the court policy and development directorate.

Expenditure for 2010/11 and preliminary expenditure for 2011/12

Programme	2010/11				2011/12		
	Expenditure outcome				Preliminary expenditure		
R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 10 - Sep 10	% of adjusted appropriation	Apr 10 - Mar 11	Apr 11 - Sep 11	Apr 11 - Sep 11	
Administration	1 427 384	557 209	39.0	1 692 905	118.6	1 686 258	52.8
Court Services	3 994 167	1 840 057	46.1	3 912 670	98.0	4 359 251	52.9
State Legal Services	722 060	274 560	38.0	670 842	92.9	721 387	336 425
National Prosecuting Authority	2 684 263	1 104 750	41.2	2 495 272	93.0	2 651 665	1 247 743
Auxiliary and Associated Services	1 959 471	855 531	43.7	1 913 241	97.6	2 163 138	1 053 087
Subtotal	10 787 345	4 632 107	42.9	10 684 930	99.1	11 581 699	5 832 075
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund							
Judges' Salaries	465 479	313 429	67.3	644 080	138.4	700 000	335 788
Magistrates' Salaries	1 464 391	621 451	42.4	1 266 149	86.5	1 404 162	653 288
Total	12 717 215	5 566 987	43.8	12 595 159	99.0	13 685 861	6 821 151
Economic classification							
Current payments	10 327 034	4 475 813	43.3	10 182 171	98.6	10 901 175	5 194 289
Compensation of employees	7 262 880	3 222 253	44.4	6 944 867	95.6	7 716 479	3 697 024
Goods and services	3 059 707	1 250 322	40.9	3 222 361	105.3	3 165 116	1 492 244
Interest and rent on land	4 447	3 238	72.8	14 943	336.0	19 580	5 021
Transfers and subsidies	1 706 071	769 716	45.1	1 654 396	97.0	1 898 334	928 748
Provinces and municipalities	–	14	0.0	–	0.0	255	143
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 586 580	717 918	45.2	1 575 815	99.3	1 771 639	880 242
Foreign governments and international organisations	4 719	599	12.7	6 343	134.4	4 955	622
Households	114 772	51 185	44.6	72 238	62.9	121 485	47 741
Payments for capital assets	683 650	307 156	44.9	740 147	108.3	886 352	696 475
Buildings and other fixed structures	494 835	294 120	59.4	557 216	112.6	698 308	583 104
Machinery and equipment	188 747	13 036	6.9	179 260	95.0	187 876	113 274
Software and other intangible assets	68	–	0.0	3 671	5398.5	168	97
Payments for financial assets	460	14 302	3 109	18 445	4 010	–	1 639
Total	12 717 215	5 566 987	43.8	12 595 159	99.0	13 685 861	6 821 151
							49.8

Main expenditure trends for the first half of 2011/12

Total expenditure for 2010/11 was 99 per cent of the adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first six months of 2011/12 was R6.821 billion, or 49.8 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R13.686 billion for the year as a whole. In comparison, mid-year expenditure in 2010/11 was R5.567 billion or 43.8 per cent of the 2010/11 adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first six months of 2011/12 increased by R1.254 billion or 22.5 per cent, compared to expenditure in the first six months of 2010/11.

The main expenditure increase compared to 2010/11 is due to the annual cost of living salary adjustment, which was paid in September (earlier than last financial year), outstanding payments for the occupational specific dispensation for legally qualified professionals, payment of 2010/11 invoices mainly to the Department of Public Works and increased transfer payments to the Special Investigating Unit.

Departmental receipts

R thousand	Adjusted estimate	2010/11				2011/12			
		Audited outcome				Actual receipts			
		Apr 10 - Sep 10	% of adjusted estimate	Apr 10 - Mar 11	% of adjusted estimate	Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Apr 11 - Sep 11	% of adjusted estimate
Departmental receipts	377 649	170 391	45.1	414 242	109.7	399 761	374 267	164 346	43.9
Sales of goods and services produced by department	14 245	14 511	101.9	65 744	461.5	14 915	45 698	26 058	57.0
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	-	9	-	40	-	-	9	5	55.6
Fines, penalties and forfeits	315 234	129 872	41.2	306 677	97.3	333 833	305 466	119 142	39.0
Interest, dividends and rent on land	28 773	8 018	27.9	11 278	39.2	30 471	3 168	1 760	55.6
Sales of capital assets	143	-	-	81	56.6	152	455	253	55.6
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	19 254	17 981	93.4	30 422	158.0	20 390	19 471	17 128	88.0
Total	377 649	170 391	45.1	414 242	109.7	399 761	374 267	164 346	43.9

Main departmental revenue trends for the first half of 2011/12

Departmental revenue collection in the first six months of 2011/12 was R164.346 million, or 43.9 per cent of the adjusted revenue estimate of R374.267 million for the entire year. In comparison, mid-year revenue collection in 2010/11 was R170.391 million, or 45.1 per cent of the 2010/11 adjusted estimate. Departmental revenue collection in the first six months of 2011/12 decreased by R6.045 million or 3.5 per cent, compared to revenue in the first six months of 2010/11.

The main revenue decrease compared to 2010/11 is mainly attributed to the fewer fines that were issued by the courts of law, with the collection of fines, penalties and forfeits dependent on the cases received and on judges' and magistrates' decisions.

Changes to transfers and subsidies, including conditional grants

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	Main appropriation	2011/12					Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation						
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation		
Administration								
Provinces and municipalities								
Municipalities								
Municipal bank accounts								
Current	-	-	-	15	-	15	15	
Vehicle licences	-	-	-	15	-	15	15	
Court Services								
Provinces and municipalities								
Municipalities								
Municipal bank accounts								
Current	-	-	-	240	-	240	240	
Vehicle licences	-	-	-	240	-	240	240	
Households								
Social benefits								
Current	21 085	-	-	(2 400)	-	(2 400)	18 685	
Employee social benefits	21 085	-	-	(2 400)	-	(2 400)	18 685	
Auxiliary and Associated Services								
Departmental agencies and accounts								
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)								
Current	1 462 566	97 400	10 000	2 000	-	109 400	1 571 966	
Special Investigating Unit	193 620	97 400	-	-	-	97 400	291 020	
Legal Aid South Africa	1 126 057	-	-	2 000	-	2 000	1 128 057	
Office of the Public Protector	142 889	-	10 000	-	-	10 000	152 889	

