

Vote 22

Office of the Chief Justice and Judicial Administration

Adjusted budget summary

	2017/18			
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Decrease	Increase
Amount to be appropriated	1 018 565	1 019 318	(22 988)	23 741
of which:				
Current payments	936 173	913 489	(22 684)	-
Transfers and subsidies	1 501	1 197	(304)	-
Payments for capital assets	80 891	104 632	-	23 741
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	966 060	966 060	-	-
Executive authority	Minister of Justice and Correctional Services			
Accounting officer	Secretary-General of Office of the Chief Justice			
Website address	www.judiciary.org.za			

Vote purpose

Strengthen judicial governance and independence by rendering effective support to the Chief Justice in executing administrative and judicial powers and duties as both head of the judiciary and the Constitutional Court.

Mid-year performance status

Indicator	Programme	Outcome	Annual performance		
			Projected for 2017/18 as published in the 2017 ENE	Achieved in the first six months of 2017/18 (April to August) ¹	Changed target for 2017/18
Number of superior courts performance monitoring reports produced per year	Superior Court Services		5	3	-
Percentage of default judgments finalised by registrars per year	Superior Court Services	Outcome 3: All people in South Africa are and feel safe	80%	78% (7 694/9 810)	-
Percentage of taxations of legal costs finalised per year	Superior Court Services		80%	95% (4 821/5 071)	-
Number of judicial education courses conducted per year	Judicial Education and Support		77	50	-

1. Only data for the first five months of 2017/18 is currently available.

Mid-year progress

In the first five months of the financial year, 3 monitoring reports on the performance of superior courts were produced against the annual target of 5, and 50 judicial education courses were conducted against an annual target of 77.

78 per cent of default judgments were finalised against a target of 80 per cent, and 95 per cent of taxations of legal costs were finalised against a target of 80 per cent due to improved controls that the department put in place to ensure that taxations are dealt with promptly.

The department expects to meet all its performance targets by the end of 2017/18 as a result of the effective implementation of norms and standards for the performance of judicial officers, to improve the efficiency of the court system.

Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure 2017

Programme	R thousand	Main appropriation	2017/18					Adjusted appropriation	
			Adjustments appropriation						
			Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Administration	198 991	-	-	(15 250)	-	-	-	(15 250) 183 741	
Superior Court Services	737 470	-	-	20 445	-	753	-	21 198 758 668	
Judicial Education and Support	82 104	-	-	(5 195)	-	-	-	(5 195) 76 909	
Sub-total	1 018 565	-	-	-	-	753	753	1 019 318	
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	966 060	-	-	-	-	-	-	966 060	
Judges' salaries	966 060	-	-	-	-	-	-	966 060	
Total	1 984 625	-	-	-	-	753	753	1 985 378	
Economic classification									
Current payments	1 844 414	-	-	(23 437)	-	753	(22 684)	1 821 730	
Compensation of employees	1 524 040	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 524 040	
Goods and services	320 374	-	-	(23 441)	-	753	(22 688)	297 686	
Interest and rent on land	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	4	
Transfers and subsidies	59 320	-	-	(304)	-	-	(304)	59 016	
Provinces and municipalities	67	-	-	(67)	-	-	(67)	-	
Departmental agencies and accounts	13	-	-	(13)	-	-	(13)	-	
Households	59 240	-	-	(224)	-	-	(224)	59 016	
Payments for capital assets	80 891	-	-	23 741	-	-	23 741	104 632	
Machinery and equipment	65 891	-	-	23 741	-	-	23 741	89 632	
Software and other intangible assets	15 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 000	
Total	1 984 625	-	-	-	-	753	753	1 985 378	

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	R thousand	Main appropriation	2017/18					Adjusted appropriation	
			Adjustments appropriation						
			Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Management	33 813	-	-	670	-	-	-	670 34 483	
Corporate Services	111 267	-	-	(10 170)	-	-	-	(10 170) 101 097	
Financial Administration	26 156	-	-	1 649	-	-	-	1 649 27 805	
Internal Audit	14 294	-	-	11	-	-	-	11 14 305	
Office Accommodation	13 461	-	-	(7 410)	-	-	-	(7 410) 6 051	
Total	198 991	-	-	(15 250)	-	-	(15 250)	183 741	
Economic classification									
Current payments	165 887	-	-	(6 143)	-	-	(6 143)	159 744	
Compensation of employees	83 481	-	-	(80)	-	-	(80)	83 401	
Goods and services	82 406	-	-	(6 067)	-	-	(6 067)	76 339	
Interest and rent on land	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	4	
Transfers and subsidies	5	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)	-	
Departmental agencies and accounts	5	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)	-	
Payments for capital assets	33 099	-	-	(9 102)	-	-	(9 102)	23 997	
Machinery and equipment	18 099	-	-	(9 102)	-	-	(9 102)	8 997	
Software and other intangible assets	15 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 000	
Total	198 991	-	-	(15 250)	-	-	(15 250)	183 741	

Programme 2: Superior Court Services

Subprogramme	R thousand	Main appropriation	2017/18					Adjusted appropriation	
			Adjustments appropriation						
			Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Administration of Superior Courts	25 734	-	-	(9 954)	-	-	-	(9 954) 15 780	
Constitutional Court	67 577	-	-	2 265	-	753	-	3 018 70 595	
Supreme Court of Appeal	28 020	-	-	5 560	-	-	-	5 560 33 580	
High Courts	557 373	-	-	22 917	-	-	-	22 917 580 290	
Specialised Courts	58 766	-	-	(343)	-	-	-	(343) 58 423	
Total	737 470	-	-	20 445	-	753	21 198	758 668	
Economic classification									
Current payments	695 765	-	-	(11 491)	-	753	(10 738)	685 027	
Compensation of employees	511 879	-	-	502	-	-	502	512 381	
Goods and services	183 886	-	-	(11 993)	-	753	(11 240)	172 646	

Programme 2: Superior Court Services (continued)

Economic classification		2017/18					
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation
Transfers and subsidies	1 496	–	–	(299)	–	–	(299)
Provinces and municipalities	67	–	–	(67)	–	–	(67)
Departmental agencies and accounts	8	–	–	(8)	–	–	(8)
Households	1 421	–	–	(224)	–	–	(224)
Payments for capital assets	40 209	–	–	32 235	–	–	32 235
Machinery and equipment	40 209	–	–	32 235	–	–	32 235
Total	737 470	–	–	20 445	–	753	21 198
							758 668

Programme 3: Judicial Education and Support

Subprogramme		2017/18					
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation
South African Judicial Education Institute	49 036	–	–	(1 026)	–	–	(1 026)
Judicial Policy and Research	19 849	–	–	(1 525)	–	–	(1 525)
Judicial Service Commission	13 219	–	–	(2 644)	–	–	(2 644)
Total	82 104	–	–	(5 195)	–	–	(5 195)
Economic classification							76 909
Current payments	74 521	–	–	(5 803)	–	–	(5 803)
Compensation of employees	20 439	–	–	(422)	–	–	(422)
Goods and services	54 082	–	–	(5 381)	–	–	(5 381)
Payments for capital assets	7 583	–	–	608	–	–	608
Machinery and equipment	7 583	–	–	608	–	–	608
Total	82 104	–	–	(5 195)	–	–	(5 195)
							76 909

Details of adjustments to Estimates of National Expenditure 2017

Virements and shifts within votes

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Superior Court Services
3. Judicial Education and Support

FROM:	TO:				
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 1		(15 254)	Programme 2		5
Departmental agencies and accounts	Television licence fees ²	(5)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	5
Goods and services	Cost containment measures effected on travel and subsistence	(4)	Programme 1		4
	Cost containment measures effected on travel and subsistence	(6 063)	Interest and rent on land	Interest charges	4
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(80)	Programme 2		15 245
Machinery and equipment	Operating leases	(9 102)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	6 063
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget			Compensation of employees	Personnel remuneration	80
3.0%			Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	9 102
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget					
Programme 2		(12 292)	Programme 2		12 292
Departmental agencies and accounts	Television licence fees ¹	(8)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	8
Goods and services	Cost containment measures effected on minor assets, and venues and facilities	(11 993)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	11 993
Households	Leave gratuities	(224)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	224
Provinces and municipalities	Vehicle licences ¹	(67)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	67
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget					
2.6%					
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget					
0.0%					

2017 Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure

FROM:		TO:			
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 3		(5 803)	Programme 2		4 773
Goods and services	Cost containment measures effected on venues and facilities	(4 773)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payments	4 773
	Cost containment measures effected on venues and facilities	(608)	Programme 3		608
			Machinery and equipment	Finance leases for photocopying machines	608
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(422)	Programme 2		422
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget	3.9%		Compensation of employees	Personnel remuneration	422
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget	6.3%				
Total		(33 349)			33 349

1. National Treasury approval has been granted.

2. Only the legislature may approve this virement.

Other adjustments – R752 728

Self-financing expenditure

Programme 2: Superior Court Services

Revenue of R752 728 has been generated from the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa. This will be returned to the vote from the National Revenue Fund and will be used to reduce the shortfall on the department's budget from hosting the conference in April.

Expenditure outcome for 2016/17 and actual expenditure for 2017/18

Programme	2016/17 Audited outcome				2017/18 Actual expenditure			
	R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 16 - Sep 16	% of adjusted	Apr 16 - Mar 17	% of adjusted	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 17 Sep 17 % of Total (%)
Administration	144 999	71 421	49.3		139 079	95.9	183 741	9.3
Superior Court Services	679 052	301 106	44.3		675 647	99.5	758 668	38.2
Judicial Education and Support	49 939	17 723	35.5		40 918	81.9	76 909	3.9
Subtotal	873 990	390 250	44.7	855 644	97.9	1 019 318	51.3	488 350
National Revenue Fund	950 057	476 666	50.2	930 704	98.0	966 060	48.7	478 422
Judges' salaries		950 057	476 666	50.2	930 704	98.0	966 060	48.7
Total	1 824 047	866 916	47.5	1 786 348	97.9	1 985 378	100.0	966 772
Economic classification								
Current payments	1 681 333	804 282	47.8	1 636 780	97.4	1 821 730	91.8	884 036
Compensation of employees	1 423 415	698 065	49.0	1 418 646	99.7	1 524 040	76.8	739 788
Goods and services	257 918	106 217	41.2	218 133	84.6	297 686	15.0	144 218
Interest and rent on land	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	30
Transfers and subsidies	83 309	38 257	45.9	50 574	60.7	59 016	3.0	31 597
Provinces and municipalities		38	1	2.6	1	2.6	-	-
Departmental agencies and accounts		1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Households	83 270	38 256	45.9	50 573	60.7	59 016	3.0	31 597
Payments for capital assets	59 405	24 377	41.0	98 994	166.6	104 632	5.3	51 139
Buildings and other fixed structures		-	-	-	100	-	-	-
Machinery and equipment	59 405	24 377	41.0	98 894	166.5	89 632	4.5	51 064
Software and other intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	15 000	0.8	75
Total	1 824 047	866 916	47.5	1 786 348	97.9	1 985 378	100.0	966 772
								48.7

Expenditure trends for the first six months of 2017/18

Total expenditure in 2016/17 was R1.8 billion, or 97.9 per cent of the 2016/17 adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first six months of the 2017/18 was R966.8 million or 48.7 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R2 billion for the year. In comparison, mid-year expenditure in 2016/17 was R866.9 million, or 47.5 per cent of the 2016/17 adjusted appropriation. Compared to the first six months of

2016/17, expenditure over the same period in 2017/18 increased by R99.9 million, or 11.5 per cent. This is mainly due to the hosting of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa, an increase in spending on compensation of employees due to the filling of vacancies, and the rental of vehicles for judges.

Departmental receipts

R thousand	2016/17					2017/18				
	Adjusted estimate	Audited outcome				Actual receipts				Apr 17 - Sep 17 % of adjusted estimate
		Apr 16 - Sep 16	% of adjusted estimate	Apr 16 - Mar 17	% of adjusted estimate	Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Apr 17 - Sep 17	
Departmental receipts	784	499	63.6	929	118.5	796	1 869	100.0	1 565	83.7
Sales of goods and services produced by department	580	368	63.4	673	116.0	518	555	29.7	286	51.5
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	16	10	62.5	23	143.8	—	2	0.1	1	50.0
Transfers received	—	—	—	—	—	—	753	40.3	753	100.0
Fines, penalties and forfeits	92	50	54.3	50	54.3	41	—	—	—	—
Interest, dividends and rent on land	—	—	—	21	—	—	47	2.5	23	48.9
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	96	71	74.0	162	168.8	237	512	27.4	502	98.0
Total	784	499	63.6	929	118.5	796	1 869	100.0	1 565	83.7

Revenue trends for the first six months of 2017/18

Revenue in the first six months of 2017/18 was R1.6 million, or 83.7 per cent of the adjusted revenue estimate of R1.9 million for the year. In comparison, mid-year revenue in 2016/17 was R499 000, or 63.6 per cent of the 2016/17 adjusted revenue estimate. Compared to the first six months of the 2016/17, revenue over the same period in 2017/18 increased by R1.1 million, or 213.6 per cent. This is mainly due to financial assistance received from the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa for hosting the conference in April, and an increase in claims collected that were outstanding from previous financial years.

Changes to transfers and subsidies

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	Main appropriation	2017/18					Adjusted appropriation		
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments			
Administration									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	5	—	—	(5)	—	—	(5)		
Communication	5	—	—	(5)	—	—	(5)		
Superior Court Services									
Provinces and municipalities									
Municipalities									
Municipal agencies and funds									
Current	67	—	—	(67)	—	—	(67)		
Vehicle licences	67	—	—	(67)	—	—	(67)		
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	8	—	—	(8)	—	—	(8)		
Communication	8	—	—	(8)	—	—	(8)		
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	1 421	—	—	(224)	—	—	(224)		
Employee social benefits	1 421	—	—	(224)	—	—	(224)		
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