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The 2020 Estimates of National Expenditure is compiled with the latest available information from departmental and other sources. Some of this information is unaudited or subject to revision.

The Estimates of National Expenditure e-publications for individual votes are available at www.treasury.gov.za. Compared to the abridged Estimates of National Expenditure publication, the e-publications for each vote contain more comprehensive coverage of all public entities, transfers and subsidies and information on programme specific personnel expenditure.

Foreword

The Estimates of National Expenditure (ENE) publications remain an integral part of the annual budgeting process. In light of the prevailing economic climate, which requires careful consideration around the management of public funds, it has become necessary to focus our efforts on reprioritising existing government resources to areas where the most value can be derived for the benefit of all South Africans. To alleviate fiscal pressures, reductions have been effected on the baseline budgets of departments and public entities. The budgets unpacked in this document reflect the outcome of a robust negotiation process, which was led by a committee of senior officials in central government departments under the political guidance of the Ministers' Committee on the Budget. There was also wide-ranging intergovernmental consultation on budgets in the provincial and local spheres of government. Ultimately, the budgetary proposals emanating from these negotiations and consultations were considered and approved by Cabinet.

The abridged ENE provides a comprehensive account of the priorities, spending plans and service delivery commitments of the 41 national government votes, and for selected public entities. The e-publications for each vote, which are available on National Treasury's website, contain further details on goods and services, transfers and subsidies, other public entities, and lower-level spending information on service delivery. In addition, the Vulekamali online portal serves as a transparent, user-friendly source of information that includes supplementary detailed data as contained in the ENE publications. The portal is a valuable resource for anyone to learn about how government compiles its budget and spends public funds.

The Open Budget Survey, which is published biannually by the International Budget Partnership, assesses and ranks countries based on the availability of 8 key budget documents and the comprehensiveness of the data presented in these documents. In the latest survey, published in 2017, South Africa ranked joint first out of 102 countries with a score of 89 per cent. The next survey is expected to be published in 2020/21 and hopefully South Africa will retain that first position.

All information presented in the ENE publications and Vulekamali promotes a culture of public engagement, accountability in state institutions, and the appropriate spending of public funds to achieve the outcomes as envisaged in the National Development Plan.

A special thanks is extended to all contributors and government colleagues who assisted in making this possible, especially the political leadership shown by the executive and the spirited efforts of the National Treasury team.



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Introduction

Estimates of National Expenditure publications

Estimates of National Expenditure (ENE) publications describe in detail government's expenditure plans over the next three financial years, also known as the medium-term expenditure framework (MTEF) period. The 2020 MTEF period is from 2020/21 to 2022/23.

The ENE publications contain detailed information regarding the allocations set out in the Appropriation Bill, for the current financial year. Government's proposed spending plans for the full MTEF period, are shown. Information on how government institutions have spent their budgets in previous years is also included. Explanations are provided on how institutions intend to use their allocations over the medium term to achieve their goals, and the outputs and outcomes to which their spending is expected to lead. Tables present non-financial performance indicators and targets, departmental receipts, and detailed expenditure trends and estimates by programme, subprogramme and economic classification, and programme personnel data tables for each vote and all entities. Brief explanatory narratives set out the institution's purpose (and that of its programmes), mandate, programme-level objectives and descriptions of subprogrammes. An in-depth narrative analyses the institution's expected expenditure over the MTEF period.

Additional data tables containing information on provincial and municipal conditional grants, public-private partnerships, donor funding, infrastructure spending and information at the level of site service delivery, where applicable, are available on the National Treasury website and the Vulekamali online portal.

A separate 2020 ENE Overview publication is also available on the National Treasury website and summarises the ENE information across all votes. The 2020 ENE Overview contains a narrative explanation and budget-wide summary tables; and it also has a write-up on how to interpret the information that is contained in each section of the publications.

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Parliament

This is the executive's proposal for Parliament's budget. The final budget will be determined by Parliament in accordance with the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act (2009).

Budget summary

R million	2020/21				2021/22	2022/23
	Total	Current payments	Transfers and subsidies	Payments for capital assets	Total	Total
MTEF allocation						
Strategic Leadership and Governance	124.8	124.6	–	0.2	135.7	140.9
Administration	192.0	191.3	–	0.7	171.3	177.4
Core Business	687.4	685.4	–	2.0	761.8	800.7
Support Services	437.6	426.7	–	10.9	477.8	496.0
Associated Services	738.7	257.4	481.3	–	785.0	814.3
Subtotal	2 180.5	1 685.4	481.3	13.8	2 331.6	2 429.3
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund						
Members' Remuneration	507.1	507.1	–	–	541.0	561.2
Total expenditure estimates	2 687.6	2 192.5	481.3	13.8	2 872.6	2 990.6
Executive authority	Speaker of the National Assembly and Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces					
Accounting officer	Secretary to Parliament					
Website	www.parliament.gov.za					

Vote purpose

Provide the support services required by Parliament to fulfil its constitutional functions, assist political parties represented in Parliament to secure administrative support and service constituents, and provide members of Parliament with the necessary facilities.

Mandate

The mandate of Parliament is based on the provisions of chapter 4 of the Constitution, which establishes Parliament and sets out the functions it performs. Parliament is elected to represent the people, ensure government by the people under the Constitution, and represent the interests of provinces in the national sphere of government. Members of Parliament elect the president, provide a national forum for the public consideration of issues, pass legislation, and scrutinise and oversee executive action.

Parliament's policy priorities set out long-term policy and outcomes. These are aligned with the priorities and outcomes of the National Development Plan. To ensure that these outcomes are met over feasible timeframes, 5-year, 10-year and 15-year milestones have been set.

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