

Vote 15

Higher Education and Training

Adjusted budget summary

2015/16				
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Decrease	Increase
Amount to be appropriated	41 843 955	41 880 138	-	36 183
of which:				
Current payments	7 801 176	7 696 183	(104 993)	-
Transfers and subsidies	34 030 453	34 173 600	-	143 147
Payments for capital assets	12 326	10 355	(1 971)	-
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	14 690 000	15 800 000	-	1 110 000
Executive authority	Minister of Higher Education and Training			
Accounting officer	Director-General of Higher Education and Training			
Website address	www.dhet.gov.za			

Vote purpose

Develop and support a quality higher and vocational education sector. Promote access to higher and vocational education and skills development training opportunities.

Mid-year performance status

Indicator	Programme	Outcome	Annual performance		
			Projected for 2015/16 as published in the 2015 ENE	Achieved in the first six months of 2015/16 (April to September)	Changed target for 2015/16
Number of students enrolled in higher education institutions per year	University Education		1 000 000	- ¹	-
Proportion of higher education enrolments in science, engineering and technology; business; and the humanities	University Education		29:28:43	- ¹	-
Number of doctoral graduates from universities per year	University Education		2 060	- ¹	-
Number of monitoring and evaluation reports on higher education produced and submitted for approval per year	University Education		12	2	-
Number of headcount enrolments in technical and vocational education and training colleges per year	Vocational and Continuing Education and Training	Outcome 5: A skilled and capable workforce to support an inclusive growth path	1 000 000	614 358 ²	-
Number of full time equivalents enrolled in technical and vocational education and training institutions per year	Vocational and Continuing Education and Training		401 088	244 045 ²	-
Number of teaching and learning support plans for the vocational and continuing education and training developed and approved per year	Vocational and Continuing Education and Training		2	1	-
Turnaround time for certificates issued to qualifying students after examinations (months)	Vocational and Continuing Education and Training		12	- ³	-
Number of new artisans registered for training each year	Skills Development		29 750	10 778	-
Number of artisan learners competent each year	Skills Development		20 110	5 967	-
Number of work based learning opportunities created per year	Skills Development		69 000	34 262 ⁴	-

1. Audited data for the 2014 academic year will only be available from universities by October 2015.

2. Figures as at the end of August 2015.

3. The issuing of national certificate (vocational) certificates has ground to a halt, as the consolidation error detected on the examinations IT system has not yet been resolved. The State Information Technology Agency has contracted a service provider to assist in resolving this problem.

4. Figures as at end June 2015. Reports from sector education and training authorities to the department for the period July – September 2015 are only due on 15 October 2015.

Mid-year progress

The department's targets for headcount and full-time equivalent enrolments at technical and vocational education and training colleges are unlikely to be achieved by the end of 2015/16, as the majority of enrolments take place in the first six months of the year.

The department is on track to achieve the targets set for reports on monitoring and evaluation of higher education. A further 3 reports on monitoring and evaluation of higher education will be delivered in the third quarter of 2015/16 and the remaining 7 will be delivered in the fourth quarter.

The risks of the targets for new artisans registered not being met are increasing due to the effects of the economic slowdown and fewer employers being able to take on apprentices. The department and employers are holding discussions about ways in which risks can be mitigated.

The number of competent artisan learners is unlikely to reach the target of 20 110 by the end of the financial year, due mainly to the continued low throughput of learners in artisanal programmes. To address this problem, the department will provide support for learners that are nearing the end of their programmes. In the medium to long term, the department is working on providing more support for foundational learning and a system based on apprenticeships.

Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure 2015

Programme	2015/16								
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments			
R thousand									
Administration	318 318	-	-	37 724	(2 100)	5 577	41 201	359 519	
Human Resource Development, Planning and Monitoring Coordination	54 843	-	-	3 410	-	-	3 410	58 253	
University Education	32 844 325	-	-	3 120	-	-	3 120	32 847 445	
Vocational and Continuing Education and Training	8 515 770	-	-	(46 186)	(28 500)	61 206	(13 480)	8 502 290	
Skills Development	110 699	-	-	1 932	-	-	1 932	112 631	
Total	41 843 955	-	-	-	(30 600)	66 783	36 183	41 880 138	
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	14 690 000	-	-	-	-	1 110 000	1 110 000	15 800 000	
Sector education and training authorities	11 752 707	-	-	-	-	888 000	888 000	12 640 707	
National Skills Fund	2 937 293	-	-	-	-	222 000	222 000	3 159 293	
Total	56 533 955	-	-	-	(30 600)	1 176 783	1 146 183	57 680 138	
Economic classification									
Current payments	7 801 176	-	-	(141 176)	(30 600)	66 783	(104 993)	7 696 183	
Compensation of employees	7 308 192	-	-	(29 320)	(28 500)	66 783	8 963	7 317 155	
Goods and services	492 984	-	-	(111 856)	(2 100)	-	(113 956)	379 028	
Transfers and subsidies	48 720 453	-	-	143 147	-	1 110 000	1 253 147	49 973 600	
Departmental agencies and accounts	21 269 956	-	-	31 893	-	1 110 000	1 141 893	22 411 849	
Higher education institutions	26 243 227	-	-	-	-	-	-	26 243 227	
Foreign governments and international organisations	3 156	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 156	
Non-profit institutions	1 204 114	-	-	110 857	-	-	110 857	1 314 971	
Households	-	-	-	397	-	-	397	397	
Payments for capital assets	12 326	-	-	(1 971)	-	-	(1 971)	10 355	
Machinery and equipment	12 326	-	-	(1 971)	-	-	(1 971)	10 355	
Total	56 533 955	-	-	-	(30 600)	1 176 783	1 146 183	57 680 138	

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	2015/16							Adjusted appropriation
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Ministry	28 899	–	–	(1 377)	–	–	(1 377)	27 522
Department Management	35 797	–	–	14 674	(2 100)	–	12 574	48 371
Corporate Services	105 095	–	–	33 880	–	–	33 880	138 975
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	86 150	–	–	(8 206)	–	5 577	(2 629)	83 521
Internal Audit	9 932	–	–	(1 247)	–	–	(1 247)	8 685
Office Accommodation	52 445	–	–	–	–	–	–	52 445
Total	318 318	–	–	37 724	(2 100)	5 577	41 201	359 519
Economic classification								
Current payments	311 347	–	–	35 961	(2 100)	5 577	39 438	350 785
Compensation of employees	170 556	–	–	(7 680)	–	5 577	(2 103)	168 453
Goods and services	140 791	–	–	43 641	(2 100)	–	41 541	182 332
Transfers and subsidies	313	–	–	–	–	–	–	313
Departmental agencies and accounts	313	–	–	–	–	–	–	313
Payments for capital assets	6 658	–	–	1 763	–	–	1 763	8 421
Machinery and equipment	6 658	–	–	1 763	–	–	1 763	8 421
Total	318 318	–	–	37 724	(2 100)	5 577	41 201	359 519

Programme 2: Human Resource Development, Planning and Monitoring Coordination

Subprogramme	2015/16							Adjusted appropriation
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Programme Management: Human Resource Development, Planning and Monitoring Coordination	3 046	–	–	(34)	–	–	(34)	3 012
Human Resource Development, Strategic Planning and Coordination	11 483	–	–	2 754	–	–	2 754	14 237
Planning, Information, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination	8 576	–	–	2 864	–	–	2 864	11 440
International Relations	11 212	–	–	140	–	–	140	11 352
Legal and Legislative Services	15 623	–	–	(2 220)	–	–	(2 220)	13 403
Social Inclusion in Education	4 903	–	–	(94)	–	–	(94)	4 809
Total	54 843	–	–	3 410	–	–	3 410	58 253
Economic classification								
Current payments	51 059	–	–	3 544	–	–	3 544	54 603
Compensation of employees	41 437	–	–	3 310	–	–	3 310	44 747
Goods and services	9 622	–	–	234	–	–	234	9 856
Transfers and subsidies	3 156	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 156
Foreign governments and international organisations	3 156	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 156
Payments for capital assets	628	–	–	(134)	–	–	(134)	494
Machinery and equipment	628	–	–	(134)	–	–	(134)	494
Total	54 843	–	–	3 410	–	–	3 410	58 253

Programme 3: University Education

Subprogramme	2015/16							Adjusted appropriation
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Programme Management: University Education	1 593	–	–	801	–	–	801	2 394
University - Academic Planning and Management	6 557 974	–	–	490	–	–	490	6 558 464
University - Financial Planning and Information Systems	9 065	–	–	(10)	–	–	(10)	9 055
University - Policy and Development	21 346	–	–	1 033	–	–	1 033	22 379
Teacher Education	11 120	–	–	806	–	–	806	11 926
University Subsidies	26 243 227	–	–	–	–	–	–	26 243 227
Total	32 844 325	–	–	3 120	–	–	3 120	32 847 445

Programme 3: University Education (continued)

Economic classification	2015/16							
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
R thousand								
Current payments	48 906	-	-	3 180	-	-	3 180	52 086
Compensation of employees	43 017	-	-	3 120	-	-	3 120	46 137
Goods and services	5 889	-	-	60	-	-	60	5 949
Transfers and subsidies	32 795 115	-	-	7	-	-	7	32 795 122
Departmental agencies and accounts	6 544 127	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 544 127
Higher education institutions	26 243 227	-	-	-	-	-	-	26 243 227
Non-profit institutions	7 761	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 761
Households	-	-	-	7	-	-	7	7
Payments for capital assets	304	-	-	(67)	-	-	(67)	237
Machinery and equipment	304	-	-	(67)	-	-	(67)	237
Total	32 844 325	-	-	3 120	-	-	3 120	32 847 445

Programme 4: Vocational and Continuing Education and Training

Subprogramme	2015/16							
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
R thousand								
Programme Management: Vocational and Continuing Education and Training	10 199	-	-	(5 094)	-	-	(5 094)	5 105
Planning and Institutional Support	6 326 714	-	-	(684)	-	32 706	32 022	6 358 736
Programmes and Qualifications	2 001 223	-	-	(130 038)	(28 500)	28 500	(130 038)	1 871 185
National Examination and Assessment	177 634	-	-	89 630	-	-	89 630	267 264
Total	8 515 770	-	-	(46 186)	(28 500)	61 206	(13 480)	8 502 290
Economic classification								
Current payments	7 302 181	-	-	(186 256)	(28 500)	61 206	(153 550)	7 148 631
Compensation of employees	6 977 048	-	-	(29 730)	(28 500)	61 206	2 976	6 980 024
Goods and services	325 133	-	-	(156 526)	-	-	(156 526)	168 607
Transfers and subsidies	1 210 021	-	-	143 140	-	-	143 140	1 353 161
Departmental agencies and accounts	13 668	-	-	31 893	-	-	31 893	45 561
Non-profit institutions	1 196 353	-	-	110 857	-	-	110 857	1 307 210
Households	-	-	-	390	-	-	390	390
Payments for capital assets	3 568	-	-	(3 070)	-	-	(3 070)	498
Machinery and equipment	3 568	-	-	(3 070)	-	-	(3 070)	498
Total	8 515 770	-	-	(46 186)	(28 500)	61 206	(13 480)	8 502 290

Programme 5: Skills Development

Subprogramme	2015/16							
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
R thousand								
Programme Management: Skills Development	750	-	-	1 190	-	-	1 190	1 940
SETA Coordination	79 045	-	-	2 179	-	-	2 179	81 224
National Skills Development Services	9 056	-	-	(1 437)	-	-	(1 437)	7 619
Quality Development and Promotion	21 848	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 848
Total	110 699	-	-	1 932	-	-	1 932	112 631

Programme 5: Skills Development (continued)

Economic classification		2015/16						
		Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Main appropriation	Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Current payments	87 683	–	–	2 395	–	–	2 395	90 078
Compensation of employees	76 134	–	–	1 660	–	–	1 660	77 794
Goods and services	11 549	–	–	735	–	–	735	12 284
Transfers and subsidies	21 848	–	–	–	–	–	–	21 848
Departmental agencies and accounts	21 848	–	–	–	–	–	–	21 848
Payments for capital assets	1 168	–	–	(463)	–	–	(463)	705
Machinery and equipment	1 168	–	–	(463)	–	–	(463)	705
Total	110 699	–	–	1 932	–	–	1 932	112 631

Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund

		2015/16						
		Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Main appropriation	Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Sector education and training authorities	11 752 707	–	–	–	–	888 000	888 000	12 640 707
National Skills Fund	2 937 293	–	–	–	–	222 000	222 000	3 159 293
Total	14 690 000	–	–	–	–	1 110 000	1 110 000	15 800 000
Economic classification								
Transfers and subsidies	14 690 000	–	–	–	–	1 110 000	1 110 000	15 800 000
Departmental agencies and accounts	14 690 000	–	–	–	–	1 110 000	1 110 000	15 800 000
Total	14 690 000	–	–	–	–	1 110 000	1 110 000	15 800 000

Details of adjustments to the Estimates of National Expenditure 2015**Virements and shifts****Programmes**

- Administration
- Human Resource Development, Planning and Monitoring Coordination
- University Education
- Vocational and Continuing Education and Training
- Skills Development

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 1		(7 680)	Programme 2		3 310
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(3 310)	Compensation of employees	Increase in personnel remuneration, and for the upgrading of salary levels 5 to 6, 9 to 10, and 11 to 12	3 310
	Vacant posts	(3 120)	Programme 3		3 120
	Vacant posts	(1 250)	Compensation of employees	Funding for the deputy director-general post that was filled during the year Increased personnel remuneration and for the upgrading of salary level 5 to 6, 9 to 10, and 11 to 12	3 120
			Programme 5		1 250
			Compensation of employees	Increased personnel remuneration and for the upgrading of salary level 5 to 6, 9 to 10, and 11 to 12	1 250
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		2.4%			

2015 Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 2			Programme 2		
		(152)			152
Machinery and equipment	Savings realised from the decision not to acquire new equipment, to address shortfalls in other items in the programme2	(143)	Goods and services	Compensation for overspending on items not originally budgeted for, such as communication and agency and support/ outsourced services, due to increased activities resulting from the function shift ¹	143
Goods and services	Cost containment measures effected on items such as catering, communication, stationery, and travel and subsistence, to cater for items on which there was overspending	(9)	Machinery and equipment	Upgrading of old computer equipment	9
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.3%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Programme 3			Programme 3		
		(146)			146
Machinery and equipment	Savings realised from the decision not to acquire new equipment, to address shortfalls in other items in the programme ²	(103)	Goods and services	Compensation for overspending on travel and subsistence due to increased support to private universities	103
Goods and services	Cost containment measures effected on slow spending items, such as minor assets, travel and subsistence, venues and facilities, operating leases, and stationery, to cater for items on which there was overspending	(36)	Machinery and equipment	Upgrading of old computer equipment	36
	Cost containment measures effected on items such as training and development, and travel and subsistence, to cater for items on which there was overspending	(7)	Households	Social benefits to employees who left the public service	7
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Programme 4			Programme 1		
		(189 374)			20 333
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts and reallocation of personnel remuneration for community education and training, to address shortfalls resulting from the function shift ¹	(20 333)	Goods and services	Shortfalls relating to function shift activities, such as: the department's contribution to the policy and procedure on incapacity leave and ill-health retirement, computer services, contractors, stationery, catering, and training and development ¹	20 333
	Vacant posts	(8 987)	Programme 4		8 987
	Vacant posts	(410)	Non-profit institutions	Skills development in the technical and vocational education and training sector	8 987
			Programme 5		410
			Compensation of employees	Increase in personnel remuneration and for the upgrading of salary level 5 to 6, 9 to 10, and 11 to 12	410

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
			Programme 1		25 071
Machinery and equipment	Savings realised from the decision not to acquire new equipment, to address shortfalls in other items in the programme ²	(1 355)	Goods and services	Items relating to the function shift, such as minor assets, computer services, travel and subsistence, and agency and support	1 355
	Savings realised from the decision not to acquire new equipment, to address shortfalls in other items in the programme	(1 763)	Machinery and equipment	Upgrading of old computer equipment	1 763
Goods and services	Cost containment measures effected on slow spending items, such as travel and subsistence, minor assets, computer services, and stationery	(21 953)	Goods and services	Shortfalls relating to function shift related items, such as travel and subsistence, computer services, as well as for the department's contribution to the policy and procedure on incapacity leave and ill-health retirement, and the central provision of event management in the department	21 953
	Cost containment measures effected on slow spending items such as computer services, stationery, and travel and subsistence, to cater for items on which there was overspending	(100)	Programme 2		100
			Goods and services	Overspending on travel and subsistence, due to increased monitoring of the implementation of higher education policies and research in the higher education sector	100
	Reallocation of funds due to function shift activities that did not take place as projected, due to delays in the procurement of consumables, stationery, printing and office supplies	(48)	Programme 4		134 201
			Machinery and equipment	Upgrading of old computer equipment	48
	Reallocation of funds due to function shift activities that did not take place as projected, due to delays in the appointment of suitable candidates, to address functions that have been transferred to the department	(390)	Households	Social benefits to employees who left the service	390
	Function shift: correction and reallocation of funds in respect of ring-fenced funding to the Western Cape and Free State, and skills development funds for the technical and vocational education and the community education and training colleges	(101 870)	Non-profit institutions	Function shift: ring-fenced funding to different colleges in the Western Cape and Free State in respect of recurrent and capital infrastructure projects Skills funds allocated to the technical and vocational education and training colleges to be transferred to the relevant community education and training colleges ¹	101 870

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
	Cost containment measures effected on slow spending items, such as computer services, stationery, and travel and subsistence, to cater for items on which there was overspending	(31 893)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Function shift: ring-fenced funding to different colleges in the Western Cape and Free State in respect of recurrent and capital infrastructure Skills projects funds allocated to the technical and vocational education and training colleges to be transferred to the relevant community education and training colleges ¹	31 893
	Cost containment measures effected on slow spending items such as computer services, stationery, travel and subsistence, to cater for items on which there was overspending	(272)	Programme 5		272
			Goods and services	Compensation for overspending on stationery, travel and subsistence, communication, agency and outsourced services that were not originally budgeted for	272
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		1.7%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		0.5%			
Programme 5		(463)	Programme 5		463
Machinery and equipment	Savings realised from the decision not to acquire new equipment, to address shortfalls in other items in the programme ²	(463)	Goods and services	Compensation for overspending on stationery, printing and office supplies as a result of: -increased trade tests at the Institute for the National Development of Learnerships, Employment and Labour Assessment -more employment skills and labour assessments conducted	463
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.4%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Total		(197 815)	197 815		

1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.

2. Only the legislature may approve this virement in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, (Act 1 of 1999).

Declared unspent funds – R30.6 million

Programme 1: Administration

R2.1 million in unspent funds has been declared on goods and services, agency and support/external services due to cost containment measures effected within the department.

Programme 4: Vocational and Continuing Education and Training

R28.5 million in unspent funds has been declared on compensation of employees due to the historical spending performance on this item.

Other adjustments – R66.783 million

Adjustments due to significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events – R66.783 million

An additional R66.783 million has been allocated to the department to cover the costs of increases in personnel remuneration that were higher than provided for in the main Budget, as follows:

Programme 1: Administration

R5.577 million

Programme 4: Vocational and Continuing Education and Training

R61.206 million

Expenditure outcome for 2014/15 and actual expenditure for 2015/16

Programme	2014/15					2015/16				
	Audited outcome					Actual expenditure				
R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 14 - Sep 14	% of adjusted appropriation	Apr 14 - Mar 15	% of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation/ Total (%)	Apr 15 - Sep 15	% of adjusted appropriation	
Administration	285 674	122 732	43.0	298 864	104.6	359 519	0.6	175 200	48.7	
Human Resource Development, Planning and Monitoring Coordination	54 726	22 014	40.2	49 854	91.1	58 253	0.1	27 662	47.5	
University Education	30 443 748	23 908 507	78.5	30 443 955	100.0	32 847 445	56.9	25 497 894	77.6	
Vocational and Continuing Education and Training	8 098 008	3 268 240	40.4	8 088 638	99.9	8 502 290	14.7	3 531 154	41.5	
Skills Development	106 300	52 179	49.1	105 985	99.7	112 631	0.2	259 512	230.4	
Subtotal	38 988 456	27 373 672	70.2	38 987 296	100.0	41 880 138	72.6	29 491 422	70.4	
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	13 200 000	6 415 632	48.6	13 838 798	104.8	15 800 000	27.4	7 502 166	47.5	
Sector education and training authorities	10 560 647	5 132 552	48.6	11 071 025	104.8	12 640 707	21.9	6 001 793	47.5	
National Skills Fund	2 639 353	1 283 080	48.6	2 767 773	104.9	3 159 293	5.5	1 500 373	47.5	
Total	52 188 456	33 789 304	64.7	52 826 094	101.2	57 680 138	100.0	36 993 588	64.1	
Economic classification										
Current payments	5 272 946	1 876 193	35.6	5 270 114	99.9	7 696 183	13.3	3 396 160	44.1	
Compensation of employees	4 971 259	1 765 693	35.5	4 965 547	99.9	7 317 155	12.7	3 238 811	44.3	
Goods and services	301 687	110 500	36.6	304 567	101.0	379 028	0.7	157 349	41.5	
Transfers and subsidies	46 910 456	31 911 547	68.0	47 549 362	101.4	49 973 600	86.6	33 593 556	67.2	
Departmental agencies and accounts	19 459 869	11 271 198	57.9	20 098 495	103.3	22 411 849	38.9	12 608 479	56.3	
Higher education institutions	24 155 093	19 037 072	78.8	24 155 093	100.0	26 243 227	45.5	20 391 795	77.7	
Foreign governments and international organisations	2 915	–	–	2 983	102.3	3 156	–	2 588	82.0	
Non-profit institutions	3 193 247	1 603 219	50.2	3 193 247	100.0	1 314 971	2.3	590 113	44.9	
Households	99 332	58	0.1	99 544	100.2	397	–	581	146.3	
Payments for capital assets	5 054	1 564	30.9	6 618	130.9	10 355	–	3 872	37.4	
Machinery and equipment	5 054	1 564	30.9	6 618	130.9	10 355	–	3 848	37.2	
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	–	
Total	52 188 456	33 789 304	64.7	52 826 094	101.2	57 680 138	100.0	36 993 588	64.1	

Expenditure trends for the first half of 2015/16

Total expenditure in 2014/15 was 101.2 per cent of the 2014/15 adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first six months of 2015/16 was R37 billion or 64.1 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R57.7 billion for the year. In comparison, mid-year expenditure in 2014/15 was R33.8 billion, or 64.7 per cent of the 2014/15 adjusted appropriation. Compared to the first six months of 2014/15, expenditure over the same period in 2015/16 increased by R3.2 billion, or 9.5 per cent.

This was mainly due to: increases in the allocations made to block grants to higher education institutions; the National Student Financial Aid Scheme for bursaries; municipal and accommodation charges; preparations for the technical and vocational education and training colleges and the adult education and training examination functions, which shifted from provincial education departments to the Department of Higher Education and Training on 1 April 2015; establishment costs of the new universities in Mpumalanga and Northern Cape that began operations in 2015; and the higher education HIV and Aids programme that has been expanded to technical and vocational education and training colleges.

The increase in personnel remuneration emanating from the 2015 public sector wage agreement also accounted for the higher spending.

Departmental receipts

R thousand	2014/15					2015/16				
	Audited outcome					Actual receipts				
	Adjusted estimate	Apr 14 - Sep 14	adjusted estimate % of	Apr 14 - Mar 15	adjusted estimate % of	Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Apr 15 - Sep 15	adjusted estimate % of
Departmental receipts	10 323	6 040	58.5	11 594	112.3	10 864	14 143	100.0	7 615	53.8
Sales of goods and services produced by department	5 138	2 871	55.9	5 634	109.7	5 229	7 692	54.4	4 399	57.2
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	18	9	50.0	17	94.4	32	32	0.2	8	25.0
Interest, dividends and rent on land	3 394	2 852	84.0	3 343	98.5	4 109	3 859	27.3	1 930	50.0
Sales of capital assets	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	1 773	308	17.4	2 585	145.8	1 494	2 560	18.1	1 278	49.9
Total	10 323	6 040	58.5	11 594	112.3	10 864	14 143	100.0	7 615	53.8

Revenue trends for the first half of 2015/16

Revenue in the first six months of 2015/16 was R7.6 million, or 53.8 per cent of the adjusted revenue estimate of R14.1 million for the year. In comparison, mid-year revenue in 2014/15 was R6 million, or 58.5 per cent of the 2014/15 adjusted estimate. Compared to the first six months of 2014/15, revenue over the same period in 2015/16 increased by R1.6 million, or 26.1 per cent. This was mainly due to increases in trade administration fees from a higher number of workers registering for trade tests, as well as an increase in the number of garnishee orders at technical and vocational education and training colleges, and at community education and training centres.

Changes to transfers and subsidies, including conditional grants

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	2015/16							Adjusted appropriation
	Main appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation	
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
University Education								
Households								
Social benefits								
Current	-	-	-	7	-	-	7	7
Employee social benefits	-	-	-	7	-	-	7	7
Vocational and Continuing Education and Training								
Departmental agencies and accounts								
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)								
Current	13 668	-	-	31 893	-	-	31 893	45 561
Transfer to sector education and training authorities	13 668	-	-	31 893	-	-	31 893	45 561
Non-profit institutions								
Current	1 196 353	-	-	110 857	-	-	110 857	1 307 210
Technical and vocational education and training colleges	1 140 945	-	-	73 795	-	-	73 795	1 214 740
Adult education and training centres	55 408	-	-	37 062	-	-	37 062	92 470
Households								
Social benefits								
Current	-	-	-	390	-	-	390	390
Employee social benefits	-	-	-	390	-	-	390	390

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme (continued)

		2015/16						
		Adjustments appropriation					Total	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Main appropriation	Roll- overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments	adjustments appropriation	
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund Departmental agencies and accounts								
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)								
Current								
	14 690 000	-	-	-	-	1 110 000	1 110 000	15 800 000
Sector education and training authorities	11 752 707	-	-	-	-	888 000	888 000	12 640 707
National Skills Fund	2 937 293	-	-	-	-	222 000	222 000	3 159 293

