

Vote 22

Office of the Chief Justice and Judicial Administration

Adjusted budget summary

	2018/19			
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Decrease	Increase
Amount to be appropriated	1 119 747	1 119 747	(18 383)	18 383
<i>of which:</i>				
Current payments	1 020 744	1 002 361	(18 383)	–
Transfers and subsidies	1 340	1 673	–	333
Payments for capital assets	97 663	115 713	–	18 050
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	1 022 091	1 022 091	–	–
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	MTSF outcome	Annual performance		
			Projected for 2018/19 as published in the 2018 ENE	Achieved in the first five months of 2018/19 (April to August) ¹	Changed target for 2018/19
Percentage of default judgments finalised by registrars per year	Superior Court Services	Outcome 3: All people in South Africa are and feel safe	90%	94% (22 602/24 129)	–
Percentage of taxations of legal costs finalised per year	Superior Court Services		90%	98% (19 615/20 073)	–
Percentage of warrants of release delivered within one day of the release issued	Superior Court Services		98%	100% (37/37)	–
Number of judicial education courses conducted per year	Judicial Education and Support		78	84	–

1. Only data for the first five months was available at the time of publication.

Mid-year progress

In the first five months of 2018/19, 94 per cent of default judgments were finalised against a target of 90 per cent for the year, and 98 per cent of taxations of legal costs were finalised against a target of 90 per cent for the year. Over the same period, there was a 100 per cent achievement on warrants of release delivered at superior courts against a target of 98 per cent for the year, and 84 judicial education courses were conducted against an annual target of 78. These overachievements were due to improved controls put in place by the department, and as a result of the effective implementation of norms and standards for the performance of judicial officers.

Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure 2018

Programme	R thousand	Main appropriation	2018/19					Adjusted appropriation	
			Adjustments appropriation						
			Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Administration	201 872		–	–	(492)	–	–	(492) 201 380	
Superior Court Services	838 868		–	–	6 384	–	–	6 384 845 252	
Judicial Education and Support	79 007		–	–	(5 892)	–	–	(5 892) 73 115	
Subtotal	1 119 747		–	–	–	–	–	1 119 747	
Direct charge against the National Revenue Fund	1 022 091		–	–	–	–	–	1 022 091	
Judges' salaries	1 022 091		–	–	–	–	–	1 022 091	
Total	2 141 838		–	–	–	–	–	2 141 838	
Economic classification									
Current payments	1 976 862		–	–	(18 383)	–	–	(18 383) 1 958 479	
Compensation of employees	1 644 037		–	–	–	–	–	– 1 644 037	
Goods and services	332 825		–	–	(18 383)	–	–	(18 383) 314 442	
Transfers and subsidies	67 313		–	–	333	–	–	333 67 646	
Provinces and municipalities	–		–	–	17	–	–	17 17	
Departmental agencies and accounts	–		–	–	2	–	–	2 2	
Households	67 313		–	–	314	–	–	314 67 627	
Payments for capital assets	97 663		–	–	18 050	–	–	18 050 115 713	
Machinery and equipment	97 663		–	–	18 050	–	–	18 050 115 713	
Total	2 141 838		–	–	–	–	–	2 141 838	

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	R thousand	Main appropriation	2018/19					Adjusted appropriation	
			Adjustments appropriation						
			Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Management	31 650		–	–	1 572	–	–	1 572 33 222	
Corporate Services	112 414		–	–	6 502	–	–	6 502 118 916	
Financial Administration	29 639		–	–	122	–	–	122 29 761	
Internal Audit	15 169		–	–	454	–	–	454 15 623	
Office Accommodation	13 000		–	–	(9 142)	–	–	(9 142) 3 858	
Total	201 872		–	–	(492)	–	–	(492) 201 380	
Economic classification									
Current payments	193 766		–	–	(10 314)	–	–	(10 314) 183 452	
Compensation of employees	91 625		–	–	(2 102)	–	–	(2 102) 89 523	
Goods and services	102 141		–	–	(8 212)	–	–	(8 212) 93 929	
Transfers and subsidies	–		–	–	4	–	–	4 4	
Provinces and municipalities	–		–	–	4	–	–	4 4	
Payments for capital assets	8 106		–	–	9 818	–	–	9 818 17 924	
Machinery and equipment	8 106		–	–	9 818	–	–	9 818 17 924	
Total	201 872		–	–	(492)	–	–	(492) 201 380	

Programme 2: Superior Court Services

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2018/19					Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments	
Administration of Superior Courts	16 686	–	–	(486)	–	–	(486) 16 200
Constitutional Court	59 326	–	–	2 074	–	–	2 074 61 400
Supreme Court of Appeal	36 671	–	–	310	–	–	310 36 981
High Courts	669 778	–	–	2 786	–	–	2 786 672 564
Specialised Courts	56 407	–	–	1 700	–	–	1 700 58 107
Total	838 868	–	–	6 384	–	–	6 384 845 252
Economic classification							
Current payments	748 618	–	–	(1 708)	–	–	(1 708) 746 910
Compensation of employees	571 211	–	–	4 046	–	–	4 046 575 257
Goods and services	177 407	–	–	(5 754)	–	–	(5 754) 171 653
Transfers and subsidies	1 340	–	–	329	–	–	329 1 669
Provinces and municipalities	–	–	–	13	–	–	13 13
Departmental agencies and accounts	–	–	–	2	–	–	2 2
Households	1 340	–	–	314	–	–	314 1 654
Payments for capital assets	88 910	–	–	7 763	–	–	7 763 96 673
Machinery and equipment	88 910	–	–	7 763	–	–	7 763 96 673
Total	838 868	–	–	6 384	–	–	6 384 845 252

Programme 3: Judicial Education and Support

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2018/19					Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments	
South African Judicial Education Institute	52 028	–	–	(600)	–	–	(600) 51 428
Judicial Policy, Research and Support	15 168	–	–	(1 761)	–	–	(1 761) 13 407
Judicial Service Commission	11 811	–	–	(3 531)	–	–	(3 531) 8 280
Total	79 007	–	–	(5 892)	–	–	(5 892) 73 115
Economic classification							
Current payments	78 360	–	–	(6 361)	–	–	(6 361) 71 999
Compensation of employees	25 083	–	–	(1 944)	–	–	(1 944) 23 139
Goods and services	53 277	–	–	(4 417)	–	–	(4 417) 48 860
Payments for capital assets	647	–	–	469	–	–	469 1 116
Machinery and equipment	647	–	–	469	–	–	469 1 116
Total	79 007	–	–	(5 892)	–	–	(5 892) 73 115

Details of adjustments to Estimates of National Expenditure 2018

Virements and shifts within the vote

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		(10 314)	Programme 1		8 212
Goods and services	Operating leases	(8 208)	Machinery and equipment	Vehicles and computers	8 208
	Operating leases	(4)	Provinces and municipalities	Vehicle licences	4
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(2 102)	Programme 2		2 102
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		4.1%	Compensation of employees	Personnel remuneration	2 102
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget			1.0%		
Programme 2		(5 754)	Programme 2		5 754
Goods and services	Fleet services	(5 425)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payment	5 425
	Fleet services	(13)	Provinces and municipalities	Vehicle licences	13
	Fleet services	(314)	Households	Leave payouts	314
	Fleet services	(2)	Departmental agencies and accounts	TV licences	2
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.7%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget			0.0%		
Programme 3		(6 361)	Programme 1		1 610
Goods and services	Legal services	(1 610)	Machinery and equipment	Computers	1 610
	Venues and facilities	(2 338)	Programme 2		2 338
	Venues and facilities	(469)	Machinery and equipment	Lease payment	2 338
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(1 944)	Programme 3		469
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.6%	Machinery and equipment	Lease payment	469
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget			Programme 2		1 944
Total		(22 429)	Compensation of employees	Personnel remuneration	1 944
					22 429

Expenditure outcome for 2017/18 and actual expenditure for 2018/19

Programme	2017/18 Audited outcome					2018/19 Actual expenditure			
	R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 17 - Sep 17	% of adjusted appropriation	Apr 17 - Mar 18	% of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 18 - Sep 18	Apr 18 - Sep 18 % of adjusted appropriation
Administration	183 741	86 414	47.0	167 667	91.3	201 380	9.4	77 999	38.7
Superior Court Services	758 668	380 408	50.1	748 224	98.6	845 252	39.5	363 595	43.0
Judicial Education and Support	76 909	21 528	28.0	81 624	106.1	73 115	3.4	26 335	36.0
Subtotal	1 019 318	488 350	47.9	997 515	97.9	1 119 747	52.3	467 929	41.8
National Revenue Fund	966 060	478 422	49.5	998 355	103.3	1 022 091	47.7	506 505	49.6
Judges' salaries	966 060	478 422	49.5	998 355	103.3	1 022 091	47.7	506 505	49.6
Total	1 985 378	966 772	48.7	1 995 870	100.5	2 141 838	100.0	974 434	45.5
Economic classification									
Current payments	1 821 730	884 036	48.5	1 795 006	98.5	1 958 479	91.4	901 854	46.0
Compensation of employees	1 524 040	739 788	48.5	1 519 003	99.7	1 644 037	76.8	790 238	48.1
Goods and services	297 686	144 218	48.4	275 970	92.7	314 442	14.7	111 616	35.5
Interest and rent on land	4	30	750.0	33	825.0	—	0.0	—	0.0
Transfers and subsidies	59 016	31 597	53.5	76 036	128.8	67 646	3.2	38 503	56.9
Provinces and municipalities	—	—	0.0	8	0.0	17	0.0	12	70.6
Departmental agencies and accounts	—	—	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.0	—	0.0
Households	59 016	31 597	53.5	76 026	128.8	67 627	3.2	38 491	56.9
Payments for capital assets	104 632	51 139	48.9	124 777	119.3	115 713	5.4	34 077	29.4
Machinery and equipment	89 632	51 064	57.0	124 603	139.0	115 713	5.4	34 077	29.4
Software and other intangible assets	15 000	75	0.5	174	1.2	—	0.0	—	0.0
Payments for financial assets	—	—	—	51	—	—	0.0	—	0.0
Total	1 985 378	966 772	48.7	1 995 870	100.5	2 141 838	100.0	974 434	45.5

Expenditure trends for the first half of 2018/19

Total expenditure in 2017/18 was R2 billion, 100.5 per cent of the 2017/18 adjusted appropriation. Mid-year expenditure in 2017/18 was R966.8 million, 48.7 per cent of the 2017/18 adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2018/19 was R974.4 million, 45.5 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Compared to the first half of 2017/18, expenditure over the same period in 2018/19 increased by R7.7 million, 0.8 per cent. This was mainly due to the filling of vacant posts in superior courts.

Departmental receipts

R thousand	Adjusted estimate	2017/18			2018/19				
		Audited outcome			Actual receipts			Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Apr 18 - Sep 18 % of Apr 18 - adjusted Sep 18 estimate
		Apr 17 - Sep 17	% of adjusted estimate	Apr 17 - Mar 18	Apr 17 - Mar 18	% of adjusted estimate	Budget estimate		
Departmental receipts	1 869	1 565	83.7	2 754	147.4		810	1 178	100.0
Sales of goods and services produced by department	555	286	51.5	584	105.2		527	422	35.8
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	2	1	50.0	6	300.0		—	—	—
Transfers received	753	753	100.0	753	100.0		—	—	—
Fines, penalties and forfeits	—	—	—	20	—		42	—	—
Interest, dividends and rent on land	47	23	48.9	21	44.7		—	62	5.3
Sales of capital assets	—	—	—	126	—		—	—	—
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	512	502	98.0	1 244	243.0		241	694	58.9
Total	1 869	1 565	83.7	2 754	147.4		810	1 178	100.0
									932
									79.1

Revenue trends for the first half of 2018/19

Mid-year revenue in 2017/18 was R1.6 million, 83.7 per cent of the 2017/18 adjusted estimate, whereas mid-year revenue in 2018/19 was R932 000, 79.1 per cent of the adjusted estimate for the year. Compared to the first half of 2017/18, revenue over the same period in 2018/19 decreased by R633 000, 40.4 per cent, due to the department not having received financial assistance as it did in 2017/18.

Changes to transfers and subsidies

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	Main appropriation	2018/19						Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation		
Administration									
Provinces and municipalities									
Municipalities									
Municipal bank accounts									
Current	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	4	
Vehicle licences	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	4	
Superior Court Services									
Provinces and municipalities									
Municipalities									
Municipal agencies and funds									
Current	—	—	—	13	—	—	13	13	
Vehicle licences	—	—	—	13	—	—	13	13	
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	2	
Communication	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	2	
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	1 340	—	—	314	—	—	314	1 654	
Employee social benefits	1 340	—	—	314	—	—	314	1 654	