

Vote 30

Communications and Digital Technologies

Adjusted budget summary

R thousand	Appropriation	2021/22		Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation		
		Decrease	Increase	
Amount to be appropriated	3 692 881	–	191 575	3 884 456
<i>of which:</i>				
Current payments	724 916	–	183 545	908 461
Transfers and subsidies	2 945 159	–	8 030	2 953 189
Payments for capital assets	22 806	–	–	22 806
Executive authority	Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies			
Accounting officer	Director-General of Communications and Digital Technologies			
Website	www.dcdt.gov.za			

Vote purpose

Create an enabling environment for inclusive growth in the ICT sector by developing policies and legislation that promote infrastructure investment and socioeconomic development.

Performance

Indicator	Programme	MTSF priority	Annual performance		
			Projected for 2021/22	Achieved in the first half of 2021/22 (April to September)	Changed target for 2021/22
Number of ICT position papers developed for international engagements per year	International Relations and Affairs	Departmental mandate	3	2	–
Number of identified connected government institutions maintained as part of the national broadband plan: digital development (phase 1) per year	ICT Infrastructure Development and Support		970	970	–
Number of monitoring reports on the implementation of broadcasting digital migration programme	ICT Infrastructure Development and Support		4	2	–
Number of position papers tabled at multilateral engagements per year	ICT Infrastructure Development and Support		2	0	–
Number of bilateral engagements coordinated to advance digital migrations and communication agendas per year	ICT Infrastructure Development and Support		4	2	–

Adjusted estimates

Programme	2021/22								
	Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
R thousand									
Administration	281 817	–	–	(6 288)	–	(2 555)	–	(8 843)	272 974
ICT International Relations and Affairs	64 639	–	–	(8 140)	–	–	–	(8 140)	56 499
ICT Policy Development and Research	57 595	–	–	(2 322)	–	(4 100)	–	(6 422)	51 173
ICT Enterprise and Public Entity Oversight	1 650 137	–	–	14 010	–	(608)	–	13 402	1 663 539
ICT Infrastructure Development and Support	1 564 077	–	200 000	(3 009)	–	(625)	–	196 366	1 760 443
ICT Information Society and Capacity Development	74 616	–	–	5 749	–	(537)	–	5 212	79 828
Total	3 692 881	–	200 000	–	–	(8 425)	–	191 575	3 884 456
Economic classification									
Current payments	724 916	–	200 000	(8 030)	–	(8 425)	–	183 545	908 461
Compensation of employees	304 256	–	–	–	–	(8 425)	–	(8 425)	295 831
Goods and services	420 660	–	200 000	(8 030)	–	–	–	191 970	612 630
Transfers and subsidies	2 945 159	–	–	8 030	–	–	–	8 030	2 953 189
Provinces and municipalities	125	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	125
Departmental agencies and accounts	2 022 181	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 022 181
Foreign governments and international organisations	39 224	–	–	(6 970)	–	–	–	(6 970)	32 254
Public corporations and private enterprises	883 629	–	–	15 000	–	–	–	15 000	898 629
Payments for capital assets	22 806	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22 806
Machinery and equipment	12 613	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 613
Software and other intangible assets	10 193	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 193
Total	3 692 881	–	200 000	–	–	(8 425)	–	191 575	3 884 456

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	2021/22								
	Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
R thousand									
Ministry	6 627	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 627
Departmental Management	70 548	–	–	(4 013)	–	(396)	–	(4 409)	66 139
Internal Audit	10 498	–	–	–	–	(265)	–	(265)	10 233
Corporate Services	97 358	–	–	(1 525)	–	(1 405)	–	(2 930)	94 428
Financial Management	62 776	–	–	(750)	–	(489)	–	(1 239)	61 537
Office Accommodation	34 010	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34 010
Total	281 817	–	–	(6 288)	–	(2 555)	–	(8 843)	272 974

Programme 1: Administration (continued)

Economic classification		2021/22							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Current payments	261 111	–	–	(6 288)	–	(2 555)	–	(8 843)	252 268
Compensation of employees	141 145	–	–	–	–	(2 555)	–	(2 555)	138 590
Goods and services	119 966	–	–	(6 288)	–	–	–	(6 288)	113 678
Transfers and subsidies	125	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	125
Provinces and municipalities	125	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	125
Payments for capital assets	20 581	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 581
Machinery and equipment	10 388	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 388
Software and other intangible assets	10 193	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 193
Total	281 817	–	–	(6 288)	–	(2 555)	–	(8 843)	272 974

Programme 2: ICT International Relations and Affairs

Subprogramme		2021/22							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Programme Management for International Relations and Affairs	2 670	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 670
International Affairs	13 272	–	–	(495)	–	–	–	(495)	12 777
ICT Trade/Partnership	48 697	–	–	(7 645)	–	–	–	(7 645)	41 052
Total	64 639	–	–	(8 140)	–	–	–	(8 140)	56 499
Economic classification									
Current payments	24 786	–	–	(1 170)	–	–	–	(1 170)	23 616
Compensation of employees	17 111	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17 111
Goods and services	7 675	–	–	(1 170)	–	–	–	(1 170)	6 505
Transfers and subsidies	39 224	–	–	(6 970)	–	–	–	(6 970)	32 254
Foreign governments and international organisations	39 224	–	–	(6 970)	–	–	–	(6 970)	32 254
Payments for capital assets	629	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	629
Machinery and equipment	629	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	629
Total	64 639	–	–	(8 140)	–	–	–	(8 140)	56 499

Programme 3: ICT Policy Development and Research

Subprogramme		2021/22							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Programme Management for ICT Policy Development and Research	2 512	–	–	–	–	(1 324)	–	(1 324)	1 188
ICT Policy Development	15 170	–	–	–	–	(1 158)	–	(1 158)	14 012
Economic and Market Analysis	7 684	–	–	(880)	–	(1 231)	–	(2 111)	5 573

Programme 3: ICT Policy Development and Research (continued)

Subprogramme		2021/22							Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation		
		Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds		Other adjustments	
Research	9 069	–	–	(200)	–	–	–	(200)	8 869
Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise	1 775	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 775
Broadcasting Policy	11 795	–	–	(1 242)	–	(387)	–	(1 629)	10 166
Presidential Commission on 4IR	9 590	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 590
Total	57 595	–	–	(2 322)	–	(4 100)	–	(6 422)	51 173
Economic classification									
Current payments	57 455	–	–	(2 322)	–	(4 100)	–	(6 422)	51 033
Compensation of employees	32 527	–	–	–	–	(4 100)	–	(4 100)	28 427
Goods and services	24 928	–	–	(2 322)	–	–	–	(2 322)	22 606
Payments for capital assets	140	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	140
Machinery and equipment	140	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	140
Total	57 595	–	–	(2 322)	–	(4 100)	–	(6 422)	51 173

Programme 4: ICT Enterprise and Public Entity Oversight

Subprogramme		2021/22							Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation		
		Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds		Other adjustments	
Programme Management for ICT Enterprise and Public Entity Oversight	3 706	–	–	(100)	–	–	–	(100)	3 606
Regulatory Institutions	567 544	–	–	(200)	–	–	–	(200)	567 344
Universal Services and Access	975 119	–	–	14 310	–	(608)	–	13 702	988 821
ICT Skills Development	98 468	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	98 468
SOE Governance and Support	5 300	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 300
Total	1 650 137	–	–	14 010	–	(608)	–	13 402	1 663 539
Economic classification									
Current payments	35 172	–	–	(990)	–	(608)	–	(1 598)	33 574
Compensation of employees	28 456	–	–	–	–	(608)	–	(608)	27 848
Goods and services	6 716	–	–	(990)	–	–	–	(990)	5 726
Transfers and subsidies	1 614 498	–	–	15 000	–	–	–	15 000	1 629 498
Departmental agencies and accounts	900 615	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	900 615
Public corporations and private enterprises	713 883	–	–	15 000	–	–	–	15 000	728 883
Payments for capital assets	467	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	467
Machinery and equipment	467	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	467
Total	1 650 137	–	–	14 010	–	(608)	–	13 402	1 663 539

Programme 5: ICT Infrastructure Development and Support

Subprogramme		2021/22							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Programme Management for ICT Infrastructure Development and Support	2 964	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 964
Broadband	280 331	-	200 000	(3 009)	-	(625)	-	196 366	476 697
ICT Support	11 376	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 376
Broadcasting Digital Migration	1 269 406	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 269 406
Total	1 564 077	-	200 000	(3 009)	-	(625)	-	196 366	1 760 443
Economic classification									
Current payments	272 355	-	200 000	(3 009)	-	(625)	-	196 366	468 721
Compensation of employees	39 060	-	-	-	-	(625)	-	(625)	38 435
Goods and services	233 295	-	200 000	(3 009)	-	-	-	196 991	430 286
Transfers and subsidies	1 291 312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 291 312
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 121 566	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 121 566
Public corporations and private enterprises	169 746	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169 746
Payments for capital assets	410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410
Machinery and equipment	410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410
Total	1 564 077	-	200 000	(3 009)	-	(625)	-	196 366	1 760 443

Programme 6: ICT Information Society and Capacity Development

Subprogramme		2021/22							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Programme Management for ICT Information Society and Capacity Development	2 708	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 708
Information Society Development	62 060	-	-	5 749	-	(537)	-	5 212	67 272
Capacity Development	9 848	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 848
Total	74 616	-	-	5 749	-	(537)	-	5 212	79 828
Economic classification									
Current payments	74 037	-	-	5 749	-	(537)	-	5 212	79 249
Compensation of employees	45 957	-	-	-	-	(537)	-	(537)	45 420
Goods and services	28 080	-	-	5 749	-	-	-	5 749	33 829
Payments for capital assets	579	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	579
Machinery and equipment	579	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	579
Total	74 616	-	-	5 749	-	(537)	-	5 212	79 828

Details of adjustments to the 2021 Estimates of National Expenditure

Virements and shifts within the vote

Programmes					
1. Administration					
2. ICT International Relations and Affairs					
3. ICT Policy Development and Research					
4. ICT Enterprise and Public Entity Oversight					
5. ICT Infrastructure Development and Support					
6. ICT Information Society and Capacity Development					
From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 1		(6 288)	Programme 4		6 288
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence ¹	(6 288)	Public corporations and private enterprises	South African Post Office for operations ¹	6 288
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		2.2%			
Programme 2		(8 170)	Programme 4		1 170
Goods and services	Mostly travel and subsistence ¹	(1 170)	Public corporations and private enterprises	South African Post Office for operations ¹	1 170
Foreign governments and international organisations	Payments to international organisations ²	(7 000)	Programme 6		7 000
			Goods and services	State Information Technology Agency for national e-government project ²	7 000
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		12.6%			
Programme 3		(2 322)	Programme 4		2 322
Goods and services	Mostly travel and subsistence ¹	(2 322)	Public corporations and private enterprises	South African Post Office for operations ¹	2 322
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		4.0%			
Programme 4		(990)	Programme 4		990
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence ¹	(990)	Public corporations and private enterprises	South African Post Office for operations ¹	990
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.1%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Programme 5		(3 009)	Programme 2		30
	Business and advisory services ¹	(30)	Foreign governments and international organisations	International membership fees for the Forum of Incident Response Security Teams ¹	30
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence ¹	(2 979)	Programme 4		2 979
			Public corporations and private enterprises	South African Post Office for operations ¹	2 979
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		0.2%			

Virements and shifts within the vote (continued)

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 6		(1 251)	Programme 4		1 251
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence ¹	(1 251)	Public corporations and private enterprises	South African Post Office for operations ¹	1 251
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		1.7%			
Total		(22 030)	22 030		

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).

Appropriation of expenditure earmarked in the 2021 Budget speech for future allocation – R200 million**Programme 5: ICT Infrastructure Development and Support**

An additional R200 million is allocated, as part of the presidential youth employment intervention, to the Broadband Access Fund to provide households with affordable, high-speed broadband internet.

Declared unspent funds – R8.425 million

R8.425 million in unspent funds is declared on compensation of employees due to the moratorium placed on the filling of new posts until the department finalises a review of its organisational structure to align with its mandate and strategic plan.

Programme 1: Administration

R2.555 million

Programme 3: ICT Policy Development and Research

R4.100 million

Programme 4: ICT Enterprise and Public Entity Oversight

R608 000

Programme 5: ICT Infrastructure Development and Support

R625 000

Programme 6: ICT Information Society and Capacity Development

R537 000

Expenditure outcome for 2020/21 and actual expenditure for 2021/22

Programme	2020/21					2021/22			
	Adjusted appropriation	Outcome			Adjusted appropriation/ Total (%)	Actual expenditure			
		Apr 20 - Sep 20	Apr 20 - Sep 20 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 20 - Mar 21		Apr 20 - Mar 21 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 21 - Sep 21	Apr 21 - Sep 21 % of adjusted appropriation	
R thousand									
Administration	270 978	105 298	38.9	215 901	79.7	272 974	7.0	111 954	41.0
ICT International Relations and Affairs	59 823	48 202	80.6	61 450	102.7	56 499	1.5	43 154	76.4
ICT Policy Development and Research	52 021	23 270	44.7	36 067	69.3	51 173	1.3	14 351	28.0
ICT Enterprise and Public Entity Oversight	1 799 964	880 277	48.9	1 783 968	99.1	1 663 539	42.8	781 186	47.0
ICT Infrastructure Development and Support	1 039 854	238 879	23.0	1 017 415	97.8	1 760 443	45.3	470 367	26.7
ICT Information Society and Capacity Development	58 288	20 513	35.2	49 824	85.5	79 828	2.1	23 931	30.0
Total	3 280 928	1 316 439	40.1	3 164 625	96.5	3 884 456	100.0	1 444 943	37.2
Economic classification									
Current payments	683 786	177 990	26.0	575 783	84.2	908 461	23.4	213 825	23.5
Compensation of employees	302 203	131 746	43.6	270 637	89.6	295 831	7.6	133 554	45.1
Goods and services	381 583	46 244	12.1	305 146	80.0	612 630	15.8	80 271	13.1
Transfers and subsidies	2 565 392	1 130 121	44.1	2 574 031	100.3	2 953 189	76.0	1 229 007	41.6
Provinces and municipalities	19	7	36.8	19	100.0	125	0.0	2	1.6
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 566 655	507 509	32.4	1 566 655	100.0	2 022 181	52.1	716 974	35.5
Foreign governments and international organisations	32 724	38 712	118.3	39 458	120.6	32 254	0.8	31 972	99.1
Public corporations and private enterprises	962 478	580 126	60.3	962 478	100.0	898 629	23.1	479 107	53.3
Households	3 516	3 767	107.1	5 421	154.2	–	–	952	–
Payments for capital assets	31 750	8 301	26.1	14 743	46.4	22 806	0.6	2 111	9.3
Machinery and equipment	16 945	4 003	23.6	9 741	57.5	12 613	0.3	149	1.2
Software and other intangible assets	14 805	4 298	29.0	5 002	33.8	10 193	0.3	1 962	19.2
Payments for financial assets	–	27	–	68	–	–	–	–	–
Total	3 280 928	1 316 439	40.1	3 164 625	96.5	3 884 456	100.0	1 444 943	37.2

Expenditure trends for the first half of 2021/22

Total expenditure in 2020/21 was R3.2 billion, 96.5 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2020/21 was R1.3 billion, 40.1 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2021/22 was R1.4 billion, 37.2 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R3.9 billion. Compared to the first half of 2020/21, expenditure over the same period in 2021/22 increased

by R128.5 million, 9.8 per cent. This was mainly due to higher spending on transfers for the broadcast digital migration project.

Departmental receipts

R thousand	2020/21					2021/22				
	Adjusted estimate	Outcome				Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Actual receipts	
		Apr 20 - Sep 20	Apr 20 - Sep 20 % of adjusted estimate	Apr 20 - Mar 21	Apr 20 - Mar 21 % of adjusted estimate				Apr 21 - Sep 21	Apr 21 - Sep 21 % of adjusted estimate
Departmental receipts	665 140	104 393	15.7	105 728	15.9	109 336	1 161	100.0	777	66.9
Sales of goods and services produced by department	75	55	73.3	92	122.7	115	54	4.7	35	64.8
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Interest, dividends and rent on land	664 989	104 271	15.7	104 821	15.8	109 076	832	71.7	535	64.3
Sales of capital assets	15	6	40.0	639	4 260.0	15	200	17.2	169	84.5
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	61	61	100.0	174	285.2	130	75	6.5	38	50.7
Total	665 140	104 393	15.7	105 728	15.9	109 336	1 161	100.0	777	66.9

Revenue trends for the first half pf 2021/22

Mid-year revenue in 2020/21 was R104.4 million, 15.7 per cent of the 2020/21 adjusted estimate, whereas revenue in the first half of 2021/22 was R777 000, 66.9 per cent of the adjusted revenue estimate of R1.2 million. Compared to the first half of 2020/21, revenue over the same period in 2021/22 decreased by R103.6 million, 99.3 per cent. This was mainly due to the suspension of dividends by Telkom.

Changes to transfers and subsidies, including conditional grants

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	Appropriation	2021/22							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	
		Roll-overs	Amounts announced in the budget	Virements and shifts	Shifts between votes	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
ICT International Relations and Affairs Foreign governments and international organisations									
Current	39 224	–	–	(6 970)	–	–	–	(6 970)	32 254
Universal Postal Union	8 875	–	–	(1 521)	–	–	–	(1 521)	7 354
International Telecommunication Union	24 541	–	–	(4 459)	–	–	–	(4 459)	20 082
African Telecommunications Union	1 320	–	–	(211)	–	–	–	(211)	1 109
Pan-African Postal Union	1 353	–	–	(216)	–	–	–	(216)	1 137

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

		2021/22							
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Amounts announced		Shifts	Declared		Total		
R thousand	Appropriation	Roll-overs	in the budget	Virements and shifts	between votes	unspent funds	Other adjustments	adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development	233	-	-	(35)	-	-	-	(35)	198
Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation	575	-	-	(170)	-	-	-	(170)	405
DONA Foundation	1 447	-	-	(248)	-	-	-	(248)	1 199
Smart Africa Alliance	880	-	-	(140)	-	-	-	(140)	740
Forum of Incident Response Security Teams	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	30	30
ICT Enterprise and Public Entity Oversight									
Public corporations and private enterprises									
Public corporations									
Other transfers									
Current	-	-	-	15 000	-	-	-	15 000	15 000
South African Post Office: Operations	-	-	-	15 000	-	-	-	15 000	15 000