

Presidency

Aim

The aim of the Presidency vote is to enable the President to fulfil his constitutional and other functions.

Policy developments

The offices of the President and Deputy President have amalgamated to form the Offices of the Presidency.

Medium-term expenditure estimates for the Presidency vote show a significant increase to R83,9 million in 2000/01, R87,1 million in 2001/02 and R92,5 million in 2002/02. This is due to the expansion of core activities, including the Youth Commission and the Offices on the Status of Women, Disabled Persons and Child Rights, and recommendations by the Presidential Review Commission regarding increased capacity within the Presidency.

Expenditure estimates

Table 1.1 Expenditure by programme

R million	Expenditure outcome			Revised estimate	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
Administration	22,4	21,7	26,5	40,8	35,1	36,5	38,8
Cabinet services	3,0	1,7	2,0	2,3	4,1	4,3	4,6
Private office	15,6	15,9	16,5	19,4	24,1	25,0	26,6
National Youth Commission	3,9	5,4	8,2	9,8	10,6	11,0	11,7
Auxiliary and associated services	7,4	6,7	11,0	12,5	8,7	9,0	9,6
Salary of the President	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7
Salary of the Deputy President	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6
Departmental vote	53,6	52,6	65,4	86,1	83,9	87,1	92,5
Public Works ¹	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	53,6	52,6	65,4	86,1	83,9	87,1	92,5
Change to 1999 Budget estimate	–	–	–	17,4	11,1	13,9	–

¹ Appropriated on Vote 26: Public Works.

- *Cabinet services* renders advisory and executive support services to the President, Deputy President, Minister and Cabinet.
- *Private office* renders support services to the President, Deputy President and Minister.
- *National Youth Commission* is involved in the development of a national youth service programme and information service.

- *Auxiliary and associated services* includes the policy coordination and advisory service, the social and economic sectors, international relations and trade, intergovernmental coordination, the criminal justice system and the Offices on the Status of Women, Disabled Persons and Child Rights.

Table 1.2 Economic classification of expenditure

R million	Expenditure outcome			Revised estimate 1999/00	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99		2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
Current							
Personnel	37,6	30,8	34,6	38,1	44,8	46,9	49,6
Transfer payments					9,8	10,5	11,2
Other	13,2	21,1	27,4	39,5	25,7	26,4	20,4
Capital							
Transfer payments	–	–	–	8,4	0,7	0,5	0,5
Acquisition of capital assets	2,8	0,7	3,4	–	2,8	2,7	2,8
Total	53,6	52,6	65,4	86,1	83,8	87,1	92,5

Programme 1: Administration

Table 1.3 Programme expenditure

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation 1999/00	Revised estimate	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
				2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
1999 Budget	30,6	41,6	40,8	29,8	30,0	–
2000 Budget	–	–	–	35,1	36,5	38,8
Change to 1999 Budget estimate	–	11,0	10,2	5,3	6,5	–

Administration comprises financial management, personnel and provisioning administration, legal and other office support services and the formulation of policy by the management of the Department.

The medium-term expenditure estimates increase to R35,1 million in 2000/01, R36,5 million in 2001/02 and R38,8 million in 2002/03 as a result of increased capacity and additional personnel requirements.

Programme 2: Cabinet services

Table 1.4 Programme expenditure

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation 1999/00	Revised estimate	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
				2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
1999 Budget	2,4	2,6	2,3	2,4	2,5	–
2000 Budget	–	–	–	4,1	4,3	4,6
Change to 1999 Budget estimate	–	0,2	(0,1)	1,7	1,8	–

Cabinet services renders advisory and executive support services to the President, Deputy President, Minister and Cabinet.

The medium-term expenditure estimates are revised upwards to R4,1 million in 2000/01 and to R4,6 million in 2002/03 owing to the appointment of additional personnel.

Outputs and service delivery trends

Table 1.5 Cabinet services: Key activities and outputs

Key activities	Outputs
Cabinet Secretariat	Handling of agendas, minutes and classified documents
Commission on Remuneration	Submits reports to Parliament

Cabinet services comprise the Cabinet secretariat and the Commission on Remuneration. The Cabinet secretariat is responsible for agendas, minutes of meetings and related activities. The secretariat handles approximately 92 sets of agendas, minutes and a corresponding number of meetings each year. It is also responsible for approximately 5 740 classified documents, which are distributed to 27 ministers.

The Commission on Remuneration submits annual reports to Parliament on the remuneration, allowances and benefits of members holding public office, including:

- Members of Cabinet
- Members of the National Assembly
- Permanent members of the National Council of Provinces
- Premiers and members of the Executive Council of Provinces
- Members of Provincial Legislatures
- Members of Transitional Local Government Structures
- Members of the Council of Traditional Leaders
- Members of Provincial Houses of Traditional Leaders.

The Commission also advises the President of the remuneration of the Chairperson and members of the Electoral Commission.

Programme 3: Private office

Table 1.6 Programme expenditure

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation 1999/00	Revised estimate	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
				2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
1999 Budget	18,0	19,3	19,3	21,1	20,7	–
2000 Budget	–	–	–	24,1	25,0	26,6
Change to 1999 Budget estimate	–	1,3	1,3	3,0	4,3	–

The *Private office* renders support services to the President, Deputy President and Minister, including public liaison, legal and executive services, ceremonial and protocol services, and communications and media liaison.

The medium-term estimates reflect marginal increases to R24,1 million in 2000/01 and R26,6 million in 2002/03 due to increased capacity and additional personnel.

Outputs and service delivery trends

Table 1.7 Private office: Key activities and outputs

Key activities	Outputs
Public liaison	Managing letters, gifts, visitors, memoranda and petitions received
Legal and executive services	Approval of overseas visits Promulgation of Acts
Ceremonial and protocol services	Organising state banquets for incoming state visits Coordinating ceremonial departures and receptions for the President
Communications	Speech writing

The duties of *Public liaison subprogramme* include attending to correspondence from the public, receiving memoranda and petitions, receiving visitors and gifts, and issuing presidential photos according to prescribed policy standards. Public liaison receives approximately 500 letters, 20 gifts and 20 visitors each week. Memoranda and petitions received from protesting groups average about 40 a year. The programme also convenes an average of 10 public tours around the Union Buildings, and issues about a hundred copies of photos of the President each month.

The activities of Legal and executive services include administering the executive function, such as processing Acts of Parliament and quasi-judicial decisions of the President acting in his capacity as an appeal body.

The programme is also responsible for the administration and regulation of National Symbols (National Flag, Coat of Arms, National Anthem and the image of Political Principles), the Official Table of Precedence, the administration of honorary degrees and patronship held by the President and the Deputy President, coordination advance work and accompanying the Political Principles to all public appearances nationally and during visits abroad.

Programme 4: National Youth Commission

Table 1.8 Programme expenditure

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation 1999/00	Revised estimate	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
				2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
1999 Budget	7,7	9,8	9,8	7,9	8,5	–
2000 Budget	–	–	–	10,6	11,0	11,7
Change to 1999 Budget estimate	–	2,1	2,1	2,7	2,5	–

The *National Youth Commission* was established in terms of the National Youth Commission Act of 1996 to:

- develop an integrated national youth development plan that utilises available resources and expertise for the development of the youth
- develop principles and guidelines for the implementation of an integrated national youth policy
- implement measures to redress the imbalances of the past relating to various disadvantages suffered by the youth generally or by specific groups of young people.

Expenditure allocations to the *National Youth Commission* grow to R10,6 million in 2000/01, R11,0 million in 2001/02 and R11,7 million in 2002/03 to fund the move to a new building. The expenditure increases reflect higher rental payments for office accommodation and the installation of a new information technology system.

Programme 5: Auxiliary and associated services

Table 1.9 Programme expenditure

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation 1999/00	Revised estimate	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
				2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
1999 Budget	8,4	12,5	12,5	10,1	10,2	–
2000 Budget	–	–	–	8,7	9,0	9,6
Change to 1999 Budget estimate	–	4,1	4,1	(1,4)	(1,2)	–

Auxiliary and associated services include the policy coordination and advisory service, the social and economic sectors, international relations and trade, intergovernmental coordination, the criminal justice system, and the Offices on the Status of Women, Disabled Persons and Child Rights.

The Office on the Status of Women facilitates the development of a national gender policy and coordinates government activities on gender equality and equity. The Office on the Status of Disabled Persons promotes research and the delivery of a range of services for disabled people.

The Office on Child Rights is a new structure to promote child rights through policy development and the establishment of “one-stop” centres for abused children.

