Vote 2

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

	2017/18				2018/19	2019/20
		Current	Transfers and	Payments for		
R million	Total	payments	subsidies	capital assets	Total	Total
MTEF allocation						
Strategic Leadership and Governance	71.2	70.8	-	0.4	73.3	78.7
Administration	116.2	114.6	-	1.6	119.0	126.8
Core Business	549.2	548.6	-	0.6	570.0	610.4
Support Services	305.9	304.6	-	1.3	311.0	331.7
Associated Services	669.5	254.8	414.7	0.1	709.3	750.4
Subtotal	1 711.9	1 293.4	414.7	3.9	1 782.6	1 897.9
Direct charge against the National Revenue						
Fund						
Members' Remuneration	556.3	556.3	-	-	588.6	633.3
Total expenditure estimates	2 268.2	1 849.6	414.7	3.9	2 371.1	2 531.2
Executive authority	Speaker of the National Assembly and Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces					
Accounting officer	Secretary to Parliament					
Website address	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 the institution and sets out the functions it performs. Parliament ensures that government is by the people, as stipulated in the Constitution, and represents the interests of provinces in the national sphere of government. Once elected, members of Parliament in turn 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 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. The tabled strategic plan for the fifth Parliament is aimed at implementing the first milestone.