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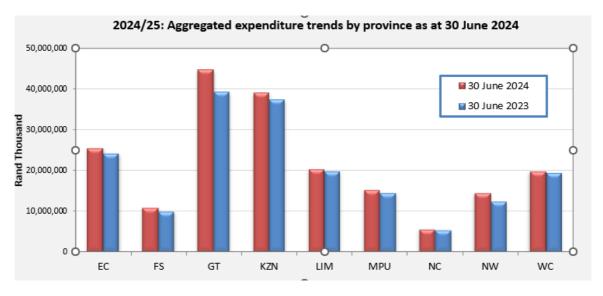
MEDIA STATEMENT

Provincial Budgets: 2024/25 Financial Year First Quarter Provincial Budgets and Expenditure Report

SUMMARY

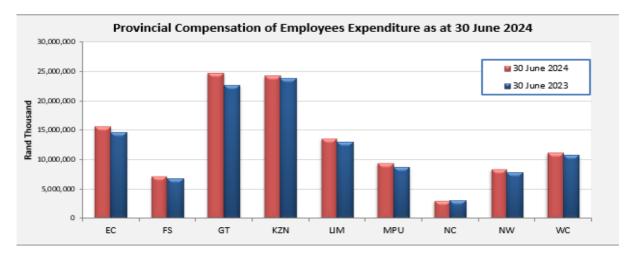
Overall Expenditure Trends - First Quarter: 2024/25 Financial Year

- 1. In the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year, provinces have spent 25.7 per cent or R195.1 billion of the allocated main budget amounting to R760.1 billion. This spending represents a 7.4 per cent (R13.4 billion) increase compared to the same period in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 2. Spending on education amounted to R81.6 billion or 25.8 per cent of the provincial education's main budget of R316.5 billion. Spending was R3.3 billion (4.2 per cent) higher compared to the same period of the previous financial year.
- 3. Provinces spent R68.9 billion against the main budget of R259.2 billion providing health services during the first quarter of 2024/25. This spending was R5.2 billion (8.2 per cent) higher than the spending recorded over the same period in 2023/24. Departments are projecting to overspend by R6 billion, primarily due to compensation of employees (R3.4 billion), and goods and services (R2.1 billion).



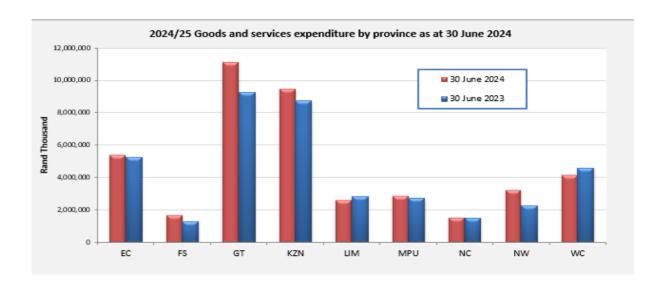


- 4. Social development expenditure at the end of the first quarter of 2024/25 amounted to R5.7 billion of the total main budget of R22.3 billion. This represented an increase of 4.9 per cent or R262 million compared to the same period in 2023/24.
- 5. Personnel expenditure (compensation of employees) amounted to R116.9 billion or 24.8 per cent of the R471.7 billion main budgets as at 30 June 2024. This represented an increase of 5.3 per cent or R5.8 billion compared to the same period of the 2023/24 financial year.



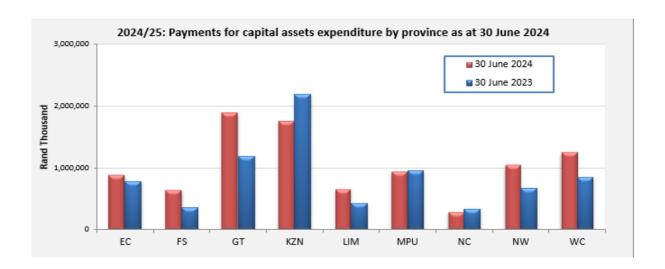
6. Aggregate spending on goods and services was R42.3 billion or 27.1 per cent of the R156.4 billion main budgets. This was 10.4 per cent or R4 billion higher compared to the R38.4 billion spent over the same period in 2023/24.





7. For the year to date, payments for capital assets (capital spending) amounts to R9.3 billion or 22.6 per cent of the R41.1 billion main budgets. The spending rate has increased by 20.3 per cent compared to the same period in the previous financial year.





- 8. Provinces collected R5.4 billion or 22.1 per cent of the budgeted own revenue of R24.5 billion. Own revenue collections were higher by R398.1 million or 7.9 per cent compared to the same period in the previous financial year.
- 9. The budgeted figures for the first quarter of 2024/25 are based on the 2024 *Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure* documents, which were presented to the provincial legislatures in March 2024.

Notes to editors

- Published by the National Treasury in terms of Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). This statement of provincial receipts and payments covers the first quarter (April to June 2024) of the 2024/25 financial year. The statement is also available on the Treasury website at www.treasury.gov.za.
- The information in the statement comes from Section 40(4) PFMA reports submitted by heads of provincial departments to provincial treasuries, who in turn, verified and submitted the information to the National Treasury. Queries on spending or budget numbers should in the first instance be referred to the heads of the relevant provincial departments, and in the second instance to the head of the relevant provincial treasury. Queries on conditional grants should be directed to the head of the national department that administers the grant.
- The budgeted figures in this publication take into account the 2024 Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure documents, which were presented to the respective provincial



legislatures in March 2024. These figures include the amounts allocated through the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Division of Revenue Act, 2024.

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