



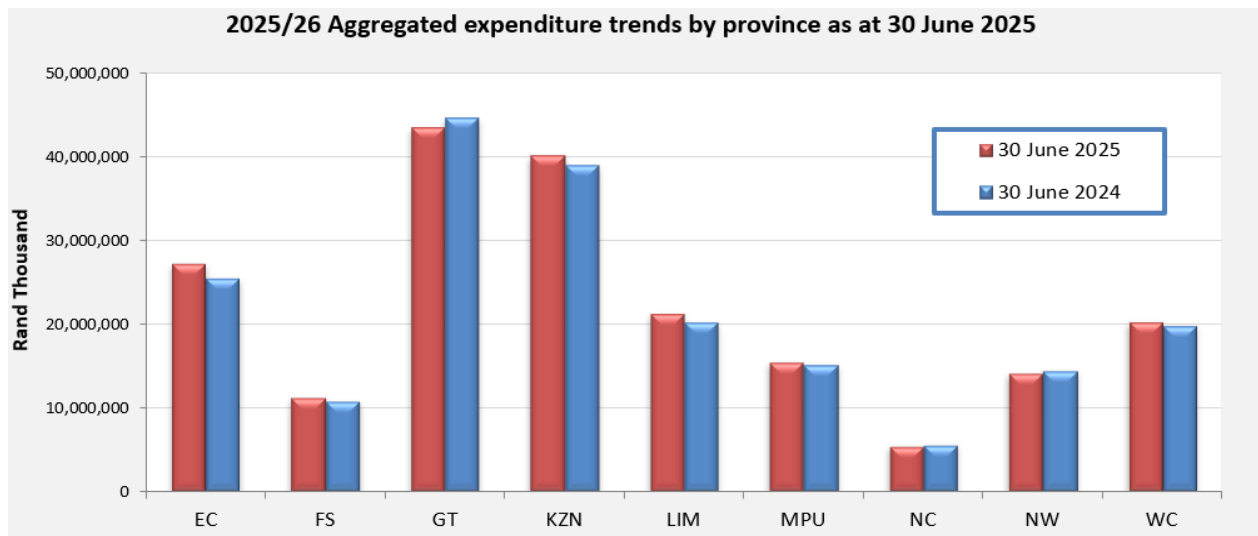
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Provincial Budgets: 2025/26 Financial Year First Quarter Provincial Budgets and Expenditure Report

SUMMARY

Overall Expenditure Trends – First Quarter: 2025/26 Financial Year

1. In the first quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, provinces have spent 24.8 per cent or R198.4 billion of the allocated main budget of R798.6 billion. This spending represents an increase of 1.7 per cent or R3.3 billion compared to the same period of the previous financial year.

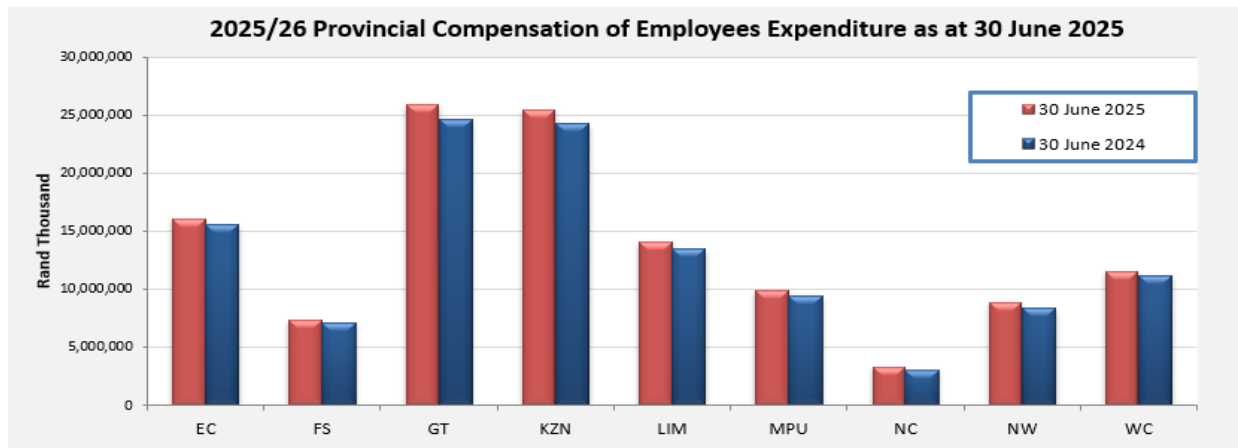


2. Spending on **education** amounted to R85.1 billion or 25.4 per cent of the sector's main budget of R334.5 billion. Spending was R3.5 billion (4.3 per cent) higher compared to the same period of the previous financial year.
3. Provinces spent R68.1 billion against the main budget of R270.8 billion providing **health** services during the first quarter of 2025/26. This spending is R787.6 million (1.1 per cent) lower than the spending recorded over the same period in 2024/25.
4. **Social development** expenditure at the end of the first quarter of 2025/26 amounted to R5.5 billion of the total main budget of R23.3 billion. This represents a decrease of 3.1 per cent or R177.9 million compared to the same period in 2024/25.

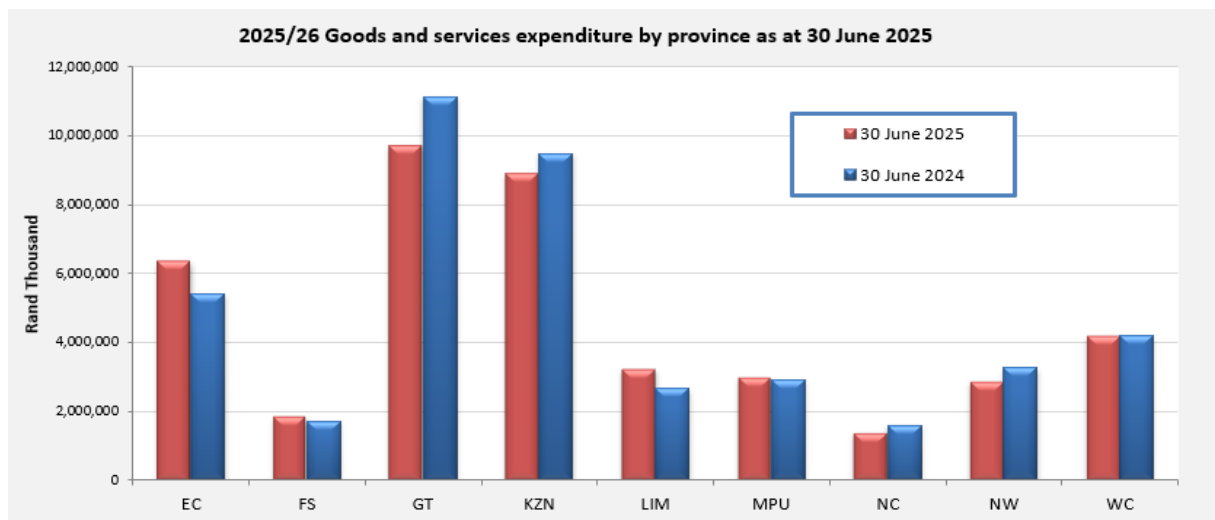


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5. **Personnel** expenditure (compensation of employees) amounted to R122.8 billion or 24.6 per cent of the R499.6 billion main budgets as at 30 June 2025. This represents an increase of 5 per cent or R5.9 billion compared to the same period of the 2024/25 financial year.



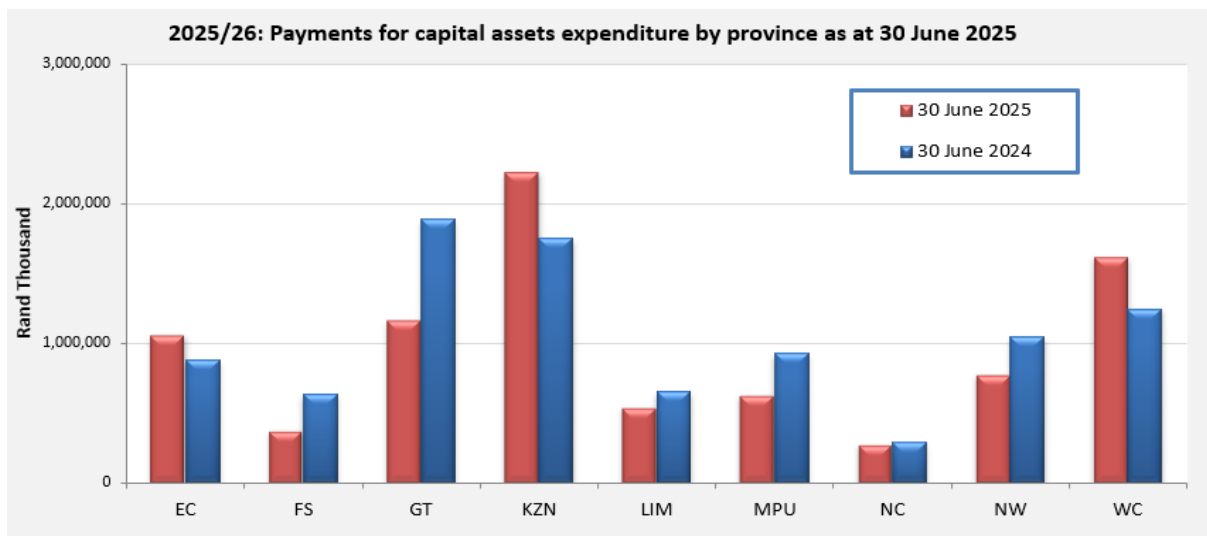
6. Aggregate spending on **goods and services** is R41.3 billion or 25.2 per cent of the R163.7 billion main budget. This is 2.5 per cent or R1.1 billion lower compared to the same period in 2024/25, reflecting tighter control in this category of spending.





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7. For the year to date, payments for capital assets (**capital** spending) amount to R8.7 billion or 20.1 per cent of the R43 billion main budget. The spending rate has decreased by 6.8 per cent or R635.1 million compared to the same period in the previous financial year, pointing to slower delivery of capital projects in the first quarter.



8. Provinces collected R5.9 billion or 22.4 per cent of the budgeted own revenue of R26.3 billion. Own revenue collections were higher by R399 million or 8 per cent compared to the same period in the previous financial year, reflecting improved provincial revenue performance.
9. The budgeted figures for the first quarter of 2025/26 are based on the 2025 *Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure* documents, which were presented to the provincial legislatures between March and June 2025.

Notes to editors

- This statement is published by the National Treasury in terms of Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). It covers provincial receipts and payments for the first quarter (April to June 2025) of the 2025/26 financial year. The statement is also available on the National Treasury website at www.treasury.gov.za.
- The information in the statement is sourced from Section 40(4) PFMA reports submitted by provincial departments to provincial treasuries. Provincial treasuries verify and consolidate the information before submitting to the National Treasury.



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- Queries relating to specific provincial spending or budget allocations should be directed in the first instance to the relevant provincial department, and thereafter to the relevant provincial treasury. Queries relating to conditional grants should be directed to the head of the national department that administers the grant.
- The budgeted figures in this publication reflect the *2025 Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure (EPRE)* documents, which were presented to the respective provincial legislatures between March and June 2025. These figures allocations from the *Appropriation Act, 2025 and Division of Revenue Act, 2025*.

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