



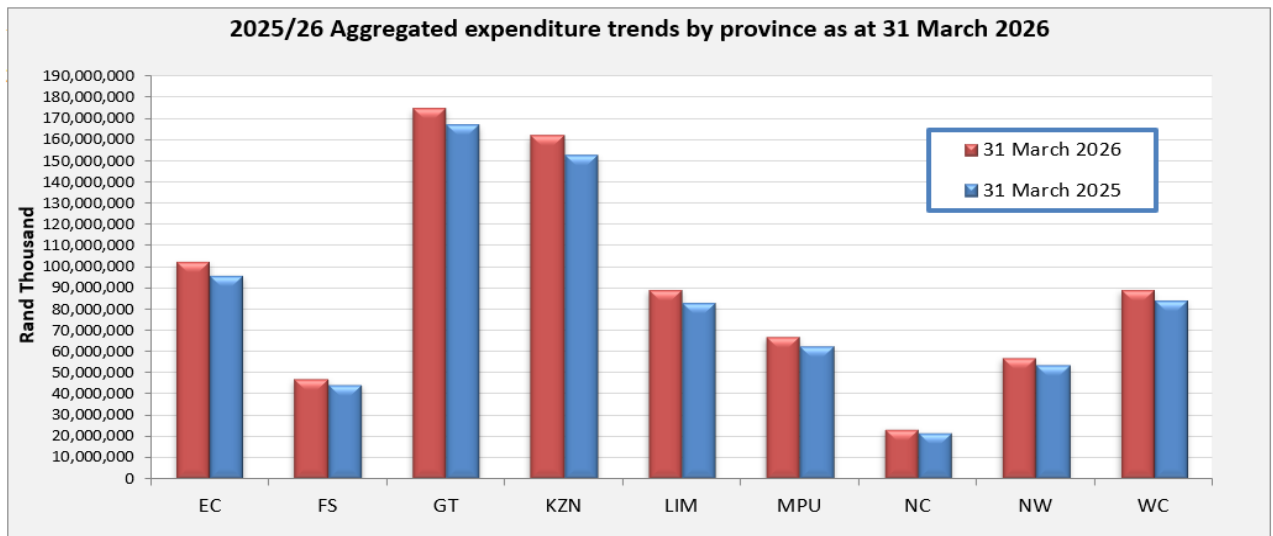
MEDIA STATEMENT

PROVINCIAL BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOURTH QUARTER OF 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

SUMMARY

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

1. In the fourth quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, provinces recorded expenditure of 99.1 per cent or R810.9 billion, against an adjusted budget of R818.4 billion. Compared to the same period in the 2024/25 financial year, expenditure increased by 6.1 per cent or R46.7 billion, indicating sustained year-on-year growth in provincial spending levels.

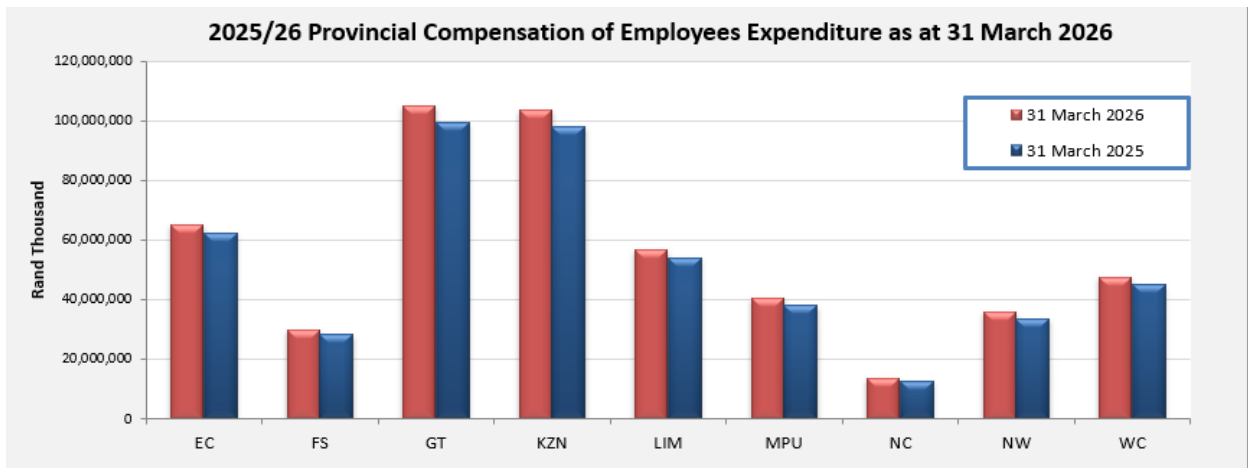


2. Preliminary spending on **education** amounted to R339.2 billion, or 99.7 per cent of the sector’s adjusted budget of R340.3 billion. This reflects an increase of R21 billion, or 6.6 per cent, compared to the same period in the previous financial year.
3. Provinces’ preliminary expenditure on **health** amounted to R276.6 billion against an adjusted budget of R278.3 billion during the Fourth Quarter of 2025/26. This represents an increase of R16.1 billion, or 6.2 per cent, compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

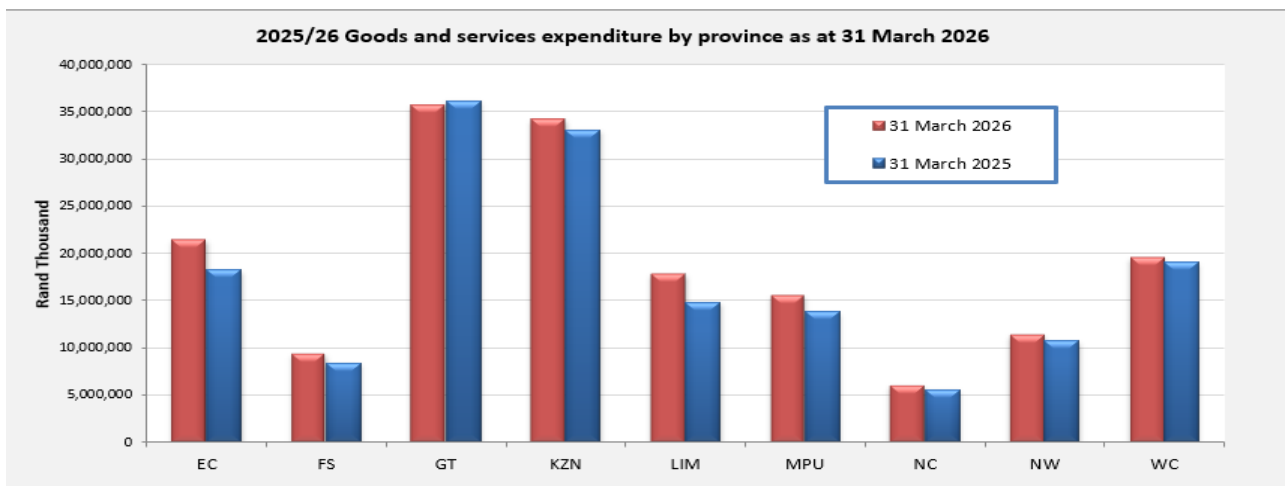


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- Preliminary expenditure on **social development** at the end of the Fourth Quarter of 2025/26 amounted to R23.4 billion against a total adjusted budget of R23.6 billion. This reflects an increase of R1.1 billion, or 4.9 per cent, compared to the same period in the previous financial year.
- Preliminary **personnel expenditure** (compensation of employees) amounted to R499.2 billion, or 99.7 per cent of the R500.5 billion adjusted budget as at 31 March 2026. This represents an increase of R27.6 billion, or 5.8 per cent, compared to the same period in the previous financial year.



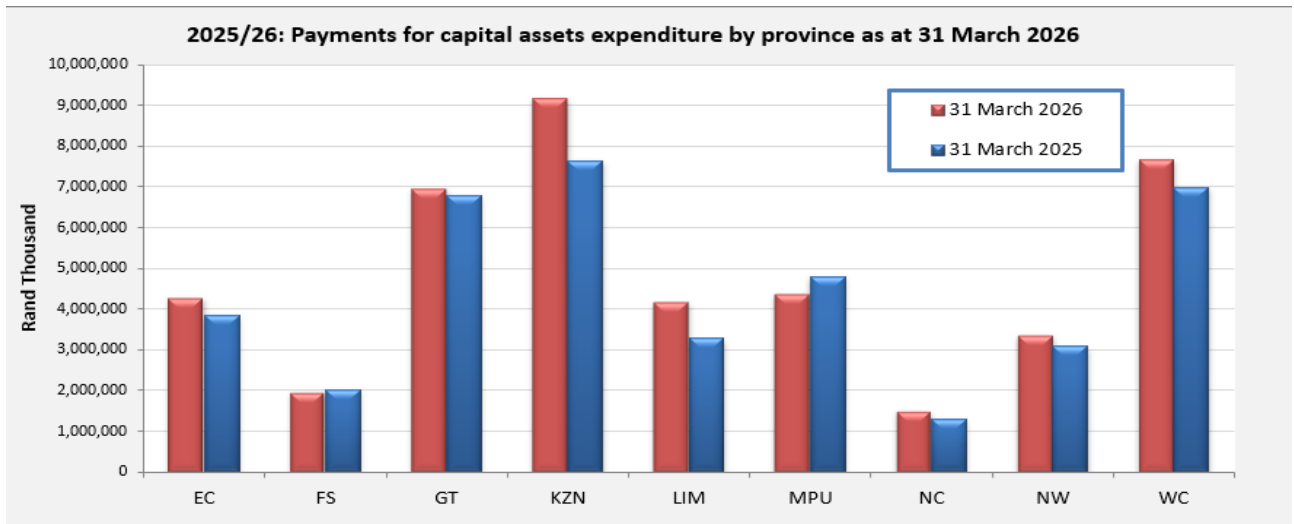
- Aggregate preliminary spending on **goods and services** amounts to R170.9 billion, representing 99 per cent of the R172.6 billion adjusted budget. This is 6.9 per cent or R11 billion higher compared to the same period of the previous financial year.



- Year-to-date payments for **capital assets** (capital spending) amount to R43.5 billion, or 91.8 per cent of the R47.4 billion adjusted budget. This represents an increase of R3.7 billion or 9.4 per cent compared to the same period in the previous financial year, indicating improved execution of capital projects in 2025/26.



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- Provinces collected R27.6 billion, or 103.5 per cent of the adjusted **own revenue** budget of R26.7 billion. This reflects an increase of R1.4 billion or 5.3 per cent compared to the same period in the previous financial year, indicating improved provincial revenue performance.
- The budgeted figures for the Fourth Quarter of 2025/26 are based on the 2025 Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, which were tabled in the provincial legislatures in November 2025 and March 2026.

Notes to editors

- This statement is published by the National Treasury in terms of Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999. It covers provincial receipts and payments for the Fourth Quarter of the 2025/26 financial year. The statement is also available on the National Treasury website at www.treasury.gov.za.
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- The budgeted figures in this publication reflect the *2025 Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure* (AEPRE) documents, which were presented to the respective provincial legislatures in November 2025 and March 2026. These figures include allocations from the *Appropriation Act, 2025 and Division of Revenue Act, 2025*.

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