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Communications

Adjusted budget summary

	2012/13			
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Decrease	Increase
Amount to be appropriated	1 712 339	1 655 024	(57 315)	–
<i>of which:</i>				
Current payments	475 512	421 036	(54 476)	–
Transfers and subsidies	1 131 936	1 229 097	–	97 161
Payments for capital assets	104 891	4 891	(100 000)	–
Executive authority	Minister of Communications			
Accounting officer	Director-General of Communications			
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Aim

Develop information and communication technology (ICT) policies and legislation that create favourable conditions for accelerated and shared sustainable economic growth that positively impact on the wellbeing of all South Africans.

Mid-year performance status

Indicator	Programme	Annual performance		
		Projected for 2012/13 as published in the 2012 ENE	Achieved in the first six months of 2012/13 (April to September)	Changed estimate for 2012/13
As published in the 2012 ENE	Programme linked to the indicator			
Percentage of broadband penetration per year	Information and Communication Technology Infrastructure Development	7%	0	–
Percentage household coverage of digital television transmission infrastructure per year	Information and Communication Technology Infrastructure Development	80%	60%	–
Rand reduction in per minute cost of mobile phones (wholesale interconnection rate per minute) per year ¹	Information and Communication Technology Policy Development	R0.56	R0.56	–
Rand reduction in per minute cost for fixed line (public access) phones per year ¹	Information and Communication Technology Policy Development	R0.15	R0.15	–
Number of community radio stations provided with broadcasting infrastructure per year	Information and Communication Technology Policy Development	5	0	–
Number of ICT position papers developed for international engagement per year	Information and Communication Technology International Affairs and Trade	5	3	–
Number of young people participating in the national youth information society and development programme per year	Presidential National Commission	500	650	–
Number of e-cooperatives established to increase entry of youth owned small enterprise into the ICT sector per year	Presidential National Commission	60	0	–
Number of provinces for which provincial cultural heritage content is captured in the national digital repository per year	Presidential National Commission	3	4	–
Number of ICT SMME hubs created in each province per year	Information and Communication Technology Enterprise Development	2	0	–
Number of jobs created through ICT related projects per year	Information and Communication Technology Enterprise Development and Presidential National Commission	17 322 (20%)	150	–

¹The reduction relates to interconnection rates, which are the fees the mobile operators charge each other and other network operators to carry calls onto their networks. The reduction of call charges for end-users depends solely on the competition between operators.

Mid-year progress

The targeted number of young people participating in the National Youth Information Society and Development Programme per year was exceeded due to a fruitful partnership with the University of Johannesburg's Centre of Small Enterprise Development. The University of Johannesburg managed to bring additional youth at no additional cost to the department. The number of provinces for which provincial cultural heritage content has been captured in the national digital repository has already exceeded the target due to inclusion of the Northern Cape Province as part of the National Digital Repository database.

No e-cooperatives were established within the first half of the year, which would have increased the entry of youth owned small enterprises into the ICT sector, due to reprioritisation within the Department, however funds have been shifted towards this function. No community radio stations were provided with broadcasting infrastructure to date due to tender documents delayed (unapproved) by the departmental Bid Adjudication Committee. There is a dispute regarding performance and payment for the services in terms of the contract between service providers and the Department for work done on Community Radio Stations. Negotiations have failed and the parties are proceeding with mediation. The lack of achievement in broadband penetration within the first six months of the financial year is due to delays in finalising the national broadband strategy. The Department is currently reviewing the broadband policy in consultation with all related industry stakeholders. Similarly, no ICT SMME Hubs have been created in the provinces due primarily to human resource capacity constraints.

Only 150 jobs were created through ICT related projects by mid-2012/13, against the annual target of 17 322, as funds were reprioritised away from these projects towards other spending pressures within the Department.

The Department has achieved 60 per cent household coverage of digital television transmission infrastructure thus far. Sentech has experienced project delays in rolling out infrastructure as a result of the Minister of Communications' announcement of the adoption of the DVBT2 technology as this meant that Sentech had to first upgrade the already rolled out infrastructure before they could continue with new infrastructure rollouts. The Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) project rollout programme is being accelerated to be ready for the full switch-on by December 2013.

The rand reduction in per minute cost of mobile phones and fixed phones per year has been successfully achieved as set out in the call termination rates regulations, gazetted on 29 October 2010. This reduction relates to interconnection rates, which are the fees the mobile operators charge each other and other network operators to carry calls onto their networks.

Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure 2012

Programme	Main appropriation R thousand	2012/13					Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared savings	Other adjustments	
Administration	152 596	-	-	44 413	-	-	44 413
ICT International Affairs and Trade	38 046	-	-	3 000	-	-	3 000
ICT Policy Development	88 650	-	-	-	-	1 642	1 642
ICT Enterprise Development	1 122 855	-	-	91 000	-	-	91 000
ICT Infrastructure Development	280 240	-	-	(144 413)	(58 957)	-	(203 370)
Presidential National Commission	29 952	-	-	6 000	-	-	6 000
Total	1 712 339	-	-	-	(58 957)	1 642	(57 315)
							1 655 024

R thousand	Main appropriation	2012/13						Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared savings	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	
Economic classification								
Current payments	475 512	–	–	2 839	(58 957)	1 642	(54 476)	421 036
Compensation of employees	182 875	–	–	–	–	1 642	1 642	184 517
Goods and services	292 637	–	–	2 839	(58 957)	–	(56 118)	236 519
Transfers and subsidies	1 131 936	–	–	97 161	–	–	97 161	1 229 097
Departmental agencies and accounts	759 427	–	–	16 000	–	–	16 000	775 427
Foreign governments and international organisations	–	–	–	16 161	–	–	16 161	16 161
Public corporations and private enterprises	368 624	–	–	65 000	–	–	65 000	433 624
Non-profit institutions	3 885	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 885
Payments for capital assets	104 891	–	–	(100 000)	–	–	(100 000)	4 891
Buildings and other fixed structures	100 000	–	–	(100 000)	–	–	(100 000)	–
Machinery and equipment	4 891	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 891
Total	1 712 339	–	–	–	(58 957)	1 642	(57 315)	1 655 024

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	Main appropriation	2012/13						Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared savings	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand								
Ministry	3 669	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 669
Departmental Management	34 797	–	–	–	–	–	–	34 797
Internal Audit	3 557	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 557
Corporate Services	43 909	–	–	44 413	–	–	44 413	88 322
Financial Management Office	58 856	–	–	–	–	–	–	58 856
Accommodation	7 808	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 808
Total	152 596	–	–	44 413	–	–	44 413	197 009
Economic classification								
Current payments	151 289	–	–	44 413	–	–	44 413	195 702
Compensation of employees	74 486	–	–	–	–	–	–	74 486
Goods and services	76 803	–	–	44 413	–	–	44 413	121 216
Transfers and subsidies	236	–	–	–	–	–	–	236
Departmental agencies and accounts	236	–	–	–	–	–	–	236
Payments for capital assets	1 071	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 071
Machinery and equipment	1 071	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 071
Total	152 596	–	–	44 413	–	–	44 413	197 009

Programme 2: ICT International Affairs and Trade

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2012/13					Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared Savings	Other adjustments	
International Affairs	15 991	–	–	–	–	–	–
ICT Trade/Partnerships	22 055	–	–	3 000	–	–	3 000
Total	38 046	–	–	3 000	–	–	3 000
Economic classification							
Current payments	33 652	–	–	(13 161)	–	–	(13 161)
Compensation of employees	10 853	–	–	–	–	–	–
Goods and services	22 799	–	–	(13 161)	–	–	(13 161)
Transfers and subsidies	3 885	–	–	16 161	–	–	16 161
Foreign governments and international organisations	–	–	–	16 161	–	–	16 161
Non-profit institutions	3 885	–	–	–	–	–	–
Payments for capital assets	509	–	–	–	–	–	509
Machinery and equipment	509	–	–	–	–	–	509
Total	38 046	–	–	3 000	–	–	3 000
							41 046

Programme 3: ICT Policy Development

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2012/13					Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared Savings	Other adjustments	
ICT Policy Development	46 694	–	–	–	–	–	–
Economic Analysis, Market Modelling and Research	9 278	–	–	–	–	1 642	1 642
ICT Uptake and Usage	4 617	–	–	–	–	–	4 617
Intergovernmental Relations	9 680	–	–	–	–	–	9 680
South African Broadcasting Corporation: Community radio stations	8 381	–	–	–	–	–	8 381
South African Broadcasting Corporation: Programme production	10 000	–	–	–	–	–	10 000
Total	88 650	–	–	–	–	1 642	1 642
							90 292
Economic classification							
Current payments	69 494	–	–	–	–	1 642	1 642
Compensation of employees	35 252	–	–	–	–	1 642	1 642
Goods and services	34 242	–	–	–	–	–	34 242
Transfers and subsidies	18 381	–	–	–	–	–	18 381
Public corporations and private enterprises	18 381	–	–	–	–	–	18 381
Payments for capital assets	775	–	–	–	–	–	775
Machinery and equipment	775	–	–	–	–	–	775
Total	88 650	–	–	–	–	1 642	1 642
							90 292

Programme 4: ICT Enterprise Development

Subprogramme	Main appropriation	2012/13						
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared savings	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand								
Public Entity Oversight	1 114 070	–	–	81 000	–	–	81 000	1 195 070
Small Medium and Micro Enterprise Development	8 785	–	–	10 000	–	–	10 000	18 785
Total	1 122 855	–	–	91 000	–	–	91 000	1 213 855
Economic classification								
Current payments	14 029	–	–	10 000	–	–	10 000	24 029
Compensation of employees	7 444	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 444
Goods and services	6 585	–	–	10 000	–	–	10 000	16 585
Transfers and subsidies	1 107 934	–	–	81 000	–	–	81 000	1 188 934
Departmental agencies and accounts	757 691	–	–	16 000	–	–	16 000	773 691
Public corporations and private enterprises	350 243	–	–	65 000	–	–	65 000	415 243
Payments for capital assets	892	–	–	–	–	–	–	892
Machinery and equipment	892	–	–	–	–	–	–	892
Total	1 122 855	–	–	91 000	–	–	91 000	1 213 855

Programme 5: ICT Infrastructure Development

Subprogramme	Main appropriation	2012/13						
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared savings	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand								
Applications and Research	155 370	–	–	(80 000)	–	–	(80 000)	75 370
112 Emergency Call Centre	123 370	–	–	(64 413)	(58 957)	–	(123 370)	–
.za Domain Name Authority	1 500	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 500
Total	280 240	–	–	(144 413)	(58 957)	–	(203 370)	76 870
Economic classification								
Current payments	177 678	–	–	(44 413)	(58 957)	–	(103 370)	74 308
Compensation of employees	35 493	–	–	–	–	–	–	35 493
Goods and services	142 185	–	–	(44 413)	(58 957)	–	(103 370)	38 815
Transfers and subsidies	1 500	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 500
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 500	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 500
Payments for capital assets	101 062	–	–	(100 000)	–	–	(100 000)	1 062
Buildings and other fixed structures	100 000	–	–	(100 000)	–	–	(100 000)	–
Machinery and equipment	1 062	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 062
Total	280 240	–	–	(144 413)	(58 957)	–	(203 370)	76 870

Programme 6: Presidential National Commission

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2012/13						Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared savings	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation		
Planning, Coordination and Evaluation	5 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 300	
e-Applications	14 447	—	—	—	—	—	—	14 447	
Information Society and Development Cluster	3 226	—	—	6 000	—	—	6 000	9 226	
Presidential National Commission Operations	6 979	—	—	—	—	—	—	6 979	
Total	29 952	—	—	6 000	—	—	6 000	35 952	
Economic classification									
Current payments	29 370	—	—	6 000	—	—	6 000	35 370	
Compensation of employees	19 347	—	—	—	—	—	—	19 347	
Goods and services	10 023	—	—	6 000	—	—	6 000	16 023	
Payments for capital assets	582	—	—	—	—	—	—	582	
Machinery and equipment	582	—	—	—	—	—	—	582	
Total	29 952	—	—	6 000	—	—	6 000	35 952	

Details of adjustments to Estimates of National Expenditure 2012

Virements and shifts

Programmes

1. Administration
2. ICT International Affairs and Trade
3. ICT Policy Development
4. ICT Enterprise Development
5. ICT Infrastructure Development
6. Presidential National Commission

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 2		(16 161)	Programme 2		16 161
Goods and services	Funds incorrectly classified in the 2012 ENE were reclassified ¹	(16 161)	Foreign governments and international organisations	To allocate membership fees to international organisations in accordance with the Standard Chart of Accounts classification	16 161
Shifts within the programme as percentage of programme budget			42.5%		
Virements to other programmes as percentage of programme budget			0.0%		

FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 5		(144 413)	Programme 1		44 413
Goods and services	Reprioritisation from 112 call centre ²	(44 413)	Goods and services	To cater for DTT awareness	44 413
Buildings and other fixed structures	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²	(3 000)	Programme 2		3 000
	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²	(10 000)	Goods and services	For ICT Trade /Partnership	3 000
	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²	(16 000)	Programme 4		91 000
	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²	(65 000)	Goods and services	For small medium and micro enterprise development	10 000
	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²	(6 000)	Departmental agencies and accounts	For Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) and South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) for Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2013, to fund the complaints and compliance committee at ICASA and for small medium and micro enterprise development	16 000
	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²		Public corporations and private enterprises	For SABC for AFCON 2013	65 000
	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²		Programme 6		6 000
	Reprioritisation from broadband infrastructure ²		Goods and services	For information society and development cluster	6 000
Shifts within the programme as percentage of programme budget			0.0%		
Virements to other programmes as percentage of programme budget			51.5%		
Total		(160 574)			160 574

1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.

2. Only the legislature may approve this virement in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999).

Declared savings – R58.957 million

Programme 5: ICT Infrastructure Development

Savings of R58.957 million have been declared due to delayed procurement processes in respect of the 112 call centre.

Other adjustments – R1.642 million

Adjustments due to significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events

An additional of R1.642 million has been allocated for higher personnel increases than the main budget provided for, as follows:

Programme 3: ICT Policy Development

R1.642 million

Expenditure for 2011/12 and preliminary expenditure for 2012/13

Programme	2011/12 Expenditure outcome					2012/13 Preliminary expenditure		
	R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 11-Sep 11	Apr 11- Sep 11 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 11 - Mar 12	Apr 11 - Mar 12 % of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 12 - Sep 12
Administration	149 685	73 888	49.4	156 192	104.3	197 009	95 769	48.6
ICT International Affairs and Trade	41 390	22 514	54.4	41 612	100.5	41 046	19 944	48.6
ICT Policy Development	95 739	28 542	29.8	81 124	84.7	90 292	42 328	46.9

2012 Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure

Programme	2011/12 Expenditure outcome					2012/13 Preliminary expenditure		
	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 11- Sep 11	Apr 11- Sep 11 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 11- Mar 12	Apr 11 - Mar 12 % of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 12 - Sep 12	Apr 12 - Sep 12 % of adjusted appropriation
R thousand								
ICT Enterprise Development	1 399 316	408 810	29.2	1 403 801	100.3	1 213 855	543 369	44.8
ICT Infrastructure Development	282 044	18 538	6.6	67 884	24.1	76 870	43 538	56.6
Presidential National Commission	34 691	11 403	32.9	41 341	119.2	35 952	18 680	52.0
Total	2 002 865	563 695	28.1	1 791 954	89.5	1 655 024	763 628	46.1
Economic classification								
Current payments	589 090	156 363	26.5	377 114	64.0	421 036	235 217	55.9
Compensation of employees	173 213	74 276	42.9	151 585	87.5	184 517	78 733	42.7
Goods and services	415 877	82 087	19.7	225 514	54.2	236 519	156 482	66.2
Interest and rent on land	—	—	0.0	15	0.0	—	2	0.0
Transfers and subsidies	1 409 516	405 441	28.8	1 410 121	100.0	1 229 097	526 602	42.8
Provinces and municipalities	—	3	0.0	7	0.0	—	2	0.0
Departmental agencies and accounts	692 674	236 327	34.1	692 674	100.0	775 427	253 084	32.6
Higher education institutions	—	100	0.0	100	0.0	—	100	0.0
Foreign governments and international organisations	—	6	0.0	6	0.0	16 161	—	0.0
Public corporations and private enterprises	713 142	168 991	23.7	713 191	100.0	433 624	272 817	62.9
Non-profit institutions	3 700	—	0.0	4 015	108.5	3 885	208	5.4
Households	—	14	0.0	128	0.0	—	391	0.0
Payments for capital assets	4 259	1 884	44.2	2 598	61.0	4 891	1 756	35.9
Machinery and equipment	4 259	1 698	39.9	2 412	56.6	4 891	1 756	35.9
Software and other intangible assets	—	186	0.0	186	0.0	—	—	0.0
Payments for financial assets	—	7	—	2 121	—	—	53	—
Total	2 002 865	563 695	28.1	1 791 954	89.5	1 655 024	763 628	46.1

Main expenditure trends for the first half of 2012/13

Total expenditure for 2011/12 was 89.5 per cent of the 2011/12 adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first six months of 2012/13 was R763.628 million or 46.1 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R1.655 billion for the year as a whole. In comparison, mid-year expenditure in 2011/12 was R563.695 million, or 28.1 per cent of the 2011/12 adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first six months of 2012/13 increased by R199.933 million or 35.5 per cent, compared to expenditure in the first six months of 2011/12.

The main expenditure increase compared to 2011/12 is due to outstanding invoices that were paid in the current financial year as well as payments for membership fees that were paid timeously in 2012/13.

Departmental receipts

	2011/12				2012/13			
	Adjusted estimate	Audited outcome		Apr 11 - Mar 12 adjusted estimate	Budget estimate	Actual receipts		Apr 12 - Sep 12 adjusted estimate
R thousand		Apr 11 - Sep 11	adjusted estimate			Apr 11 - Sep 12	adjusted estimate	
Departmental receipts	1 424 527	1 338 193	93.9	2 321 086	162.9	2 376 490	2 181 585	1 306 024
Sales of goods and services produced by department	541 835	456 767	84.3	899 729	166.1	884 403	1 060 136	372 475
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	—	—	—	—	—	61	36	59.0
Transfers received	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest, dividends and rent on land	882 467	881 255	99.9	1 420 768	161.0	1 491 820	1 120 758	932 950
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	210	171	81.4	589	280.5	267	630	563
Extraordinary receipts	5 351	5 351	100.0	8 427	157.5	8 118	3 500	1 716
Departmental agencies and accounts	5 351	5 351	100.0	8 427	157.5	8 118	3 500	1 716
Total	1 429 878	1 343 544	94.0	2 329 513	162.9	2 384 608	2 185 085	1 307 740
								59.8

Main departmental revenue trends for the first half of 2012/13

Departmental revenue collection in the first six months of 2012/13 was R1.308 billion, or 59.8 per cent of the adjusted revenue estimate of R2.185 billion for the year as a whole. In comparison, mid-year revenue collection in 2011/12 was R1.344 billion, or 94 per cent of the 2011/12 adjusted estimate. Departmental revenue collection in the first six months of 2012/13 decreased by R35.804 million or 2.7 per cent, compared to revenue in the first six months of 2011/12.

The decrease is mainly attributed to less revenue generated from sales of goods and services produced by the Department.

Changes to transfers and subsidies, including conditional grants

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	Main appropriation	2012/13					Adjusted appropriation
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Declared savings	Other adjustments	
ICT International Affairs and Trade							
Foreign governments and international organisations							
Current	-	-	-	16 161	-	-	16 161
Universal Postal Union	-	-	-	3 555	-	-	3 555
International Telecommunications Union	-	-	-	10 826	-	-	10 826
African Telecommunications Union	-	-	-	710	-	-	710
Pan African Postal Union	-	-	-	680	-	-	680
Organisational Economic Corporation Development	-	-	-	109	-	-	109
Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation	-	-	-	281	-	-	281
ICT Enterprise Development							
Departmental agencies and accounts							
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)							
Current	389 797	-	-	16 000	-	-	16 000
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa	389 797	-	-	16 000	-	-	16 000
Public corporations and private enterprises							
Public corporations							
Other transfers							
Current	89 152	-	-	65 000	-	-	65 000
South African Broadcasting Corporation: Public broadcaster	89 152	-	-	65 000	-	-	65 000

