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# 1: PRESIDENT

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## AIM

*The aim of the Office of the President is to enable the President to fulfil his Constitutional and other functions.*

## EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

**Table 1.1 Expenditure by programme**

R million	Expenditure outcomes			Preliminary outcome 1998/99	Medium term expenditure estimates		
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98		1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Administration	15,0	22,4	20,6	16,6	16,8	17,4	18,1
Auxiliary and associated services	3,7	4,6	5,8	15,1	15,5	16,3	16,9
Statutory: salary of the President	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,3</b>	<b>27,4</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>32,4</b>	<b>33,0</b>	<b>34,4</b>	<b>35,7</b>

- ◆ *Administration* comprises financial management, personnel and provisioning administration, legal and other office support services and the formulation of policy by the President and Director-General of the Office.
- ◆ The *Auxiliary and associated services* programme has three components: secretarial services to the Cabinet and relevant committees; personal, executive and ceremonial support services to the President; and the Commission on Remuneration of Persons holding Public Office.

**Table 1.2 Economic classification of expenditure**

R million	Expenditure outcomes			Preliminary outcome 1998/99	Medium term expenditure estimates		
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98		1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Current							
Personnel expenditure <sup>1</sup>	11,6	15,5	16,5	16,4	19,7	19,1	19,9
Other current expenditure	7,3	11,0	10,1	14,2	11,8	13,6	14,1
Capital							
Acquisition of Capital assets	0,4	0,9	0,4	1,8	1,5	1,7	1,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,3</b>	<b>27,4</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>32,4</b>	<b>33,0</b>	<b>34,4</b>	<b>35,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Departmental personnel expenditure includes employer's contributions to pension funds at a rate of 17 per cent of basic salary in 1998/99 and 15 per cent of basic salary in subsequent years. These amounts include the salary of the President.

## DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMES

### Programme 1: Administration

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation 1998/99	Preliminary outcome	Medium term expenditure estimates		
				1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
1998 Budget	15,8	17,0	16,6	15,1	16,1	–
<b>1999 Budget</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>16,8</b>	<b>17,4</b>	<b>18,1</b>

The *Administration* programme, which deals with the administration of the executive functions of the President, processes about 800 acts a year.

### Programme 2: Auxiliary and associated services

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation 1998/99	Preliminary outcome	Medium term expenditure estimates		
				1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
1998 Budget	16,8	15,8	15,1	18,1	18,7	–
<b>1999 Budget</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>15,5</b>	<b>16,3</b>	<b>16,9</b>

The key activities and outputs of the *Auxiliary and associated services* programme are outlined in Table 1.3.

**Table 1.3 Key activities and outputs**

<b>Key activities</b>	<b>Outputs</b>
Communications	This involves regular speech writing, media monitoring, research, liaising with governmental departments and provinces on policy issues, as well as organising press conferences, issuing press statements and giving interviews. For example, between 250 and 300 speeches are written for the President annually.
Ceremonial services	This entails periodic state banquets for incoming state visits (about 16 per year) the annual Opening of Parliament, bi-monthly presentation of Credentials by ambassadors and high commissioners, monthly administration of National Orders and attending state funerals. Ceremonial departure and reception functions are arranged for the President before and after visits abroad, about 12 times a year.
Public liaison	These duties include attending to correspondence from the public, receiving memoranda and petitions, receiving visitors and gifts, attending conferences, symposia and workshops and issuing presidential photos according to prescribed policy standards.
Other regular activities	These include providing secretarial services to Cabinet; administering the executive functions, such as processing executive Acts and approving overseas visits by senior government officials; serving as secretariat to the Independent Commission on the Remuneration of Persons holding Public Office and to the Secret Services Evaluation Committee; and providing legal services. The latter include executive Acts of the President, processing Acts of Parliament, quasi-judicial decisions of the President acting in his capacity as an appeal body, applications for pardon or remission of sentence, and attending to matters in which the President or Government is cited or has a direct interest.