

3: PARLIAMENT

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The aim of the Parliament vote is to enable Parliament to fulfil its Constitutional function.

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure on the Parliament vote is set out in table 3.1 in terms of the previous programme structure. Medium term estimates are set in table 3.2 in the new structure of the vote.

Table 3.1 Expenditure by previous programme structure

R million	Expenditure outcomes			Preliminary outcome
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Administration ¹	72,6	92,4	71,3	82,2
National Assembly	22,7	59,8	61,9	67,2
National Council of Provinces ²	5,6	31,6	32,3	38,0
Constitutional Assembly	50,8	47,2	0,7	—
Parliamentary Committees	—	—	18,7	16,3
Parliamentary catering ³	—	—	10,8	10,7
RDP projects	3,5	—	—	—
Salaries: National Assembly ⁴	125,4	114,4	136,2	106,9 ⁵
Salaries: National Council of Provinces	—	—	—	28,0
Total	280,6	345,4	331,9	349,3

¹ The 1995/96 and 1996/97 figures include the programme Miscellaneous services.

² In 1997/98 the programme National Council of Provinces replaced the 1995/96 and 1996/97 programme Senate.

³ During 1995/96 the programme was included in Miscellaneous services.

⁴ From 1995/96 to 1997/98 this includes the salaries of the Senate as well as the National Assembly.

⁵ This amount excludes R8,0 million for improvements in conditions of service paid to Members of Parliament. This amount was funded from savings.

Table 3.2 Expenditure by new programme structure

R million	Medium term expenditure estimates		
	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Office of the Secretary	6,2	6,7	7,2
National Assembly division	5,2	5,5	5,9
National Council of Provinces division	6,4	6,8	7,3
Legislation and oversight division	35,6	38,3	40,9
Finance and administrative division	26,8	28,8	30,9
Institutional support division	27,2	29,2	31,2
Members' facilities	99,0	115,7	120,7
Salaries: National Assembly	115,1	123,7	129,9
Salaries: National Council of Provinces	20,3	21,9	23,0
Total	341,8	376,6	397,0

A new programme structure has been introduced for 1999/00, with programmes introduced providing support to the Secretary of Parliament, the National Assembly, and the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). The remaining programmes comprise financial and personnel management, legal administration and other support functions. The vote also provides for the salaries of the NCOP and members of the National Assembly.

- ◆ The *Office of the Secretary* ensures that sufficient resources are available to provide legislative and institutional support services to Parliament.
- ◆ The *National Assembly division* renders procedural and legal advisory services.
- ◆ The *National Council of Provinces division* provides procedural and legal advisory services and liaison with provincial legislatures and local government.
- ◆ Within the *Legislation and oversight division* procedural, legislative and support services are provided to Parliament and parliamentary committees. It also provides a debate transcriptions service and a general language support and development service.
- ◆ The *Finance and administration division* provides a financial and human resources administration service and catering services.
- ◆ The *Institutional support division* promotes public understanding of democratic practice, provides information technology and technical systems services, manages parliamentary accommodation and provides a security service.
- ◆ *Members' facilities* provides telephone and travel facilities for members of Parliament, constituents' allowances and support to political parties. It also provides benefits for ex-members.

Table 3.3 Economic classification of expenditure

R million	Expenditure outcomes			Preliminary outcome	Medium term expenditure estimates		
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Current							
Personnel expenditure ¹	172,0	174,0	199,7	222,4	217,4	235,7	251,1
Other current expenditure	66,6	124,1	77,2	75,6	81,3	81,0	83,1
Transfer payments ²	37,8	43,3	47,8	48,0	39,8	56,3	59,0
Capital	4,3	4,0	7,2	3,3	3,3	3,7	3,8
Total	280,7	345,4	331,9	349,3	341,8	376,7	397,0

¹ Include a direct charge on the National Revenue Fund in terms of Act 20 of 1998: Salaries and allowances of office bearers and other members of the National Assembly and NCOP.

² Include support to political parties, constituents' allowances payable to parties and membership of international associations.

MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

R million	Budget estimate	Adjusted appropriation	Preliminary outcome	Medium term expenditure estimates		
		1998/99		1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
1998 Budget	351,0	360,5	357,5	357,1	463,6	—
1999 Budget	—	—	—	341,8	376,6	397,0

Comparisons between individual programmes are not possible as a new programme structure has been introduced for the 1999/00 financial year. The activities of Parliament include:

- ◆ The *Office of the Secretary of Parliament* manages the Parliamentary Service, directs the Parliamentary Service Management Board, and accounts for expenditure from the Parliamentary note for services to Parliament. It monitors implementation of operational policy decisions on various sub-components of the Parliamentary Service. The Office also co-ordinates the international relations development programme of Parliament and provides a legal advisory and drafting service to Parliament and the Parliamentary Service.
- ◆ The *Institutional support division* promotes public understanding of democratic practice, provides information technology and technical systems services, manages parliamentary accommodation and provides a security service.
- ◆ The programme *Member's facilities* provides funding for members of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces.

The numbers of bills passed by Parliament since 1995 are:

1995: 89	1997: 108
1996: 108	1998: 137