

Military Veterans

Budget summary

R million	2025/26				2026/27	2027/28
	Current payments	Transfers and subsidies	Payments for capital assets	Total	Total	Total
MTEF allocation						
Administration	173.4	–	8.0	181.4	191.6	202.2
Database Management and Socioeconomic Support	239.2	185.1	1.7	425.9	440.4	456.3
Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	116.3	141.0	13.9	271.2	284.3	297.0
Total expenditure estimates	528.9	326.1	23.6	878.5	916.3	955.6

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Vote purpose

Formulate policies and standards aimed at providing a comprehensive delivery system to military veterans and their dependants in recognition of their role in the democratisation of South Africa.

Mandate

The Department of Military Veterans derives its mandate from the Military Veterans Act (2011), which requires it to provide national policy and standards on socioeconomic support to military veterans and their dependants, including benefits and entitlements to help create a dignified, unified, empowered and self-sufficient community of military veterans.

Selected performance indicators

Table 26.1 Performance indicators by programme and related outcome

Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Number of military veterans provided with newly built houses per year	Database Management and Socioeconomic Support	Outcome 15: Social cohesion and nation building	71	222	133	225	250	275	375
Total number of military veterans and their dependants receiving pension benefits	Database Management and Socioeconomic Support		– ¹	0 ²	615	4 000	6 500	9 500	9 600
Total number of military veterans with access to health care services	Database Management and Socioeconomic Support	Outcome 12: Improved access to affordable and quality healthcare	19 100	19 475	17 691	18 150	18 400	18 650	18 900
Number of bursaries provided to military veterans and their dependants per year	Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	Outcome 13: Improved education outcomes and skills	3 711	4 114	3 690	4 200	4 500	4 800	5 100

1. No historical data available.

2. Target of 2 000 for 2022/23 was not achieved mainly due to delays in finalising regulations for the military veterans pension benefit.

Expenditure overview

Acknowledging the contributions of military veterans in the creation of South Africa's democracy is essential to fostering social cohesion and national unity, and addressing historical inequities. Central to this recognition is prioritising access to critical benefits such as pensions, housing, health care and education for military veterans and their dependants over the medium term. This comprehensive approach not only enhances the wellbeing of military veterans, but contributes to the broader development of society.

To this end, the department plans to intensify the rollout of pensions with the aim of reaching 9 600 deserving military veterans or their dependants by 2027/28. A strict means test will be applied to ensure the benefit is directed towards those in genuine need, thereby reducing the potential for misuse. The department also aims to deliver 900 houses to military veterans over the MTEF period, with provincial departments of human settlements constructing these on behalf of the department. Allocations amounting to R560.1 million over the medium term for pension and housing benefits are included in the *Socioeconomic Support Management* subprogramme in the *Database Management and Socioeconomic Support* programme.

The department plans to increase the number of bursaries provided to military veterans or their dependants from 4 200 in 2024/25 to 5 100 in 2027/28. Allocations for this benefit are in the *Empowerment and Stakeholder Management* programme, which has a budget of R852.5 million over the medium term.

To further enhance the quality of life for eligible military veterans, the department aims to ensure that 18 900 of them have access to fully subsidised health care services by 2027/28. This benefit is funded through the *Database Management and Socioeconomic Support* programme, which has a budget of R1.3 billion over the medium term.

Despite Cabinet-approved reductions amounting to R195 million over the MTEF period, total expenditure is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 5.6 per cent, from R812.4 million in 2024/25 to R955.6 million in 2027/28, mainly because the 2023 Budget provided additional funding to roll out the pension benefit. To mitigate the impact of these reductions on operational capacity, the department has reprioritised R11.9 million towards compensation of employees. This is expected to ensure that critical posts are filled over the period ahead.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.2 Vote expenditure trends by programme and economic classification¹

Programmes											
1. Administration											
2. Database Management and Socioeconomic Support											
3. Empowerment and Stakeholder Management											
Programme	Audited outcome				Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22	2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28
Programme 1	134.2	144.9	148.8	164.7	7.1%	23.4%		181.4	191.6	202.2	7.1%
Programme 2	233.9	319.2	235.1	383.0	17.9%	46.3%		425.9	440.4	456.3	6.0%
Programme 3	147.6	151.5	202.1	264.7	21.5%	30.3%		271.2	284.3	297.0	3.9%
Subtotal	515.6	615.6	585.9	812.4	16.4%	100.0%		878.5	916.3	955.6	5.6%
Total	515.6	615.6	585.9	812.4	16.4%	100.0%		878.5	916.3	955.6	5.6%
Change to 2024				–				(58.7)	(63.7)	(68.6)	
Budget estimate											
Economic classification											
Current payments	358.2	459.7	394.9	510.9	12.6%	68.1%		528.9	548.7	574.0	4.0%
Compensation of employees	116.4	124.8	118.6	140.4	6.4%	19.8%		149.5	158.5	167.7	6.1%
Goods and services ¹	241.8	334.9	276.0	370.5	15.3%	48.4%		379.4	390.2	406.3	3.1%
of which:					0.0%	0.0%					0.0%
Computer services	11.4	13.4	14.3	17.6	15.8%	2.2%		17.3	18.5	19.8	3.9%
Contractors	89.7	143.9	172.2	171.7	24.1%	22.8%		177.9	182.3	188.7	3.2%
Agency and support/outsource services	4.2	3.9	3.3	13.8	49.0%	1.0%		14.0	14.4	15.1	2.9%
Operating leases	25.4	22.4	32.1	23.6	-2.4%	4.1%		19.0	18.6	19.4	-6.3%
Travel and subsistence	19.3	44.4	11.0	41.2	28.8%	4.6%		44.9	47.3	49.7	6.4%
Training and development	31.7	25.0	11.2	32.5	0.9%	4.0%		31.4	31.0	32.4	-0.1%
Interest and rent on land	–	–	0.3	–	0.0%	0.0%		–	–	–	0.0%
Transfers and subsidies¹	129.1	152.8	189.0	276.0	28.8%	29.5%		326.1	342.5	356.0	8.9%
Foreign governments and international organisations	0.0	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.0%		–	–	–	0.0%
Households	129.0	152.8	189.0	276.0	28.9%	29.5%		326.1	342.5	356.0	8.9%
Payments for capital assets	28.3	3.1	0.1	25.5	-3.5%	2.3%		23.6	25.0	25.6	0.2%
Machinery and equipment	28.3	3.1	0.1	15.2	-18.7%	1.8%		12.0	11.3	11.3	-9.4%
Heritage assets	–	–	–	–	0.0%	0.0%		8.5	8.7	9.0	0.0%
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	10.3	0.0%	0.4%		3.0	5.1	5.3	-19.8%
Payments for financial assets	0.0	–	1.9	–	-100.0%	0.1%		–	–	–	0.0%
Total	515.6	615.6	585.9	812.4	16.4%	100.0%		878.5	916.3	955.6	5.6%

1. Tables with expenditure trends, annual budget, adjusted appropriation and audited outcome are available at www.treasury.gov.za and www.vulekamali.gov.za.

Transfers and subsidies expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.3 Vote transfers and subsidies trends and estimates

R thousand	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	21 446	16 978	39 580	131 472	83.0%	28.0%	167 736	174 832	180 823	11.2%	50.3%
Household	460	126	45	—	-100.0%	0.1%	—	—	—	—	—
Military veterans' benefits	20 986	16 852	39 535	131 472	84.3%	28.0%	167 736	174 832	180 823	11.2%	50.3%
Other transfers to households											
Current	107 578	135 834	149 421	144 551	10.3%	71.9%	158 382	167 712	175 197	6.6%	49.7%
Household	445	2 760	2 256	—	-100.0%	0.7%	—	—	—	—	—
Military veterans' benefits	107 133	133 074	147 165	144 551	10.5%	71.2%	158 382	167 712	175 197	6.6%	49.7%
Foreign governments and international organisations											
Current	31	—	—	—	-100.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
World Veterans Federation	31	—	—	—	-100.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	129 055	152 812	189 001	276 023	28.8%	100.0%	326 118	342 544	356 020	8.9%	100.0%

Personnel information

Table 26.4 Vote personnel numbers and cost by salary level and programme¹

Programmes																			
1. Administration																			
2. Database Management and Socioeconomic Support																			
3. Empowerment and Stakeholder Management																			
Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2024/25 - 2027/28					
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
Military Veterans																			
Salary level	177	48	216	118.6	0.5	229	140.4	0.6	219	149.5	0.7	219	158.5	0.7	220	167.7	0.8	-1.4%	100.0%
1 – 6	54	39	69	18.7	0.3	48	12.3	0.3	48	13.1	0.3	48	13.9	0.3	48	14.6	0.3	–	21.7%
7 – 10	63	8	75	33.8	0.5	97	49.4	0.5	95	55.4	0.6	95	59.1	0.6	96	63.2	0.7	-0.3%	43.3%
11 – 12	36	1	45	35.0	0.8	50	40.0	0.8	45	40.1	0.9	45	42.3	0.9	44	44.3	1.0	-3.8%	20.7%
13 – 16	24	–	28	31.0	1.1	34	38.6	1.1	31	40.9	1.3	31	43.2	1.4	31	45.6	1.5	-2.9%	14.3%
Programme	177	48	216	118.6	0.5	229	140.4	0.6	219	149.5	0.7	219	158.5	0.7	220	167.7	0.8	-1.4%	100.0%
Programme 1	102	25	100	65.8	0.7	80	65.1	0.8	98	86.0	0.9	99	92.0	0.9	101	98.2	1.0	8.1%	42.7%
Programme 2	32	18	55	20.1	0.4	88	37.7	0.4	73	32.5	0.4	72	34.0	0.5	71	35.5	0.5	-6.9%	34.3%
Programme 3	43	5	61	32.6	0.5	61	37.6	0.6	49	31.0	0.6	48	32.5	0.7	47	33.9	0.7	-8.0%	23.0%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

Departmental receipts

Table 26.5 Departmental receipts by economic classification

R thousand	Audited outcome			Adjusted estimate	Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)	Medium-term receipts estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24					2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
Departmental receipts	585	350	3 121	1 915	1 915	48.5%	100.0%	630	645	720	-27.8%	100.0%
Sales of goods and services produced by department	38	40	42	23	23	-15.4%	2.4%	60	63	70	44.9%	5.5%
Other sales of which:	38	40	42	23	23	-15.4%	2.4%	60	63	70	44.9%	5.5%
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest, dividends and rent on land	—	5	9	4	4	—	0.3%	—	—	—	-100.0%	0.1%
Interest	—	5	9	4	4	—	0.3%	—	—	—	-100.0%	0.1%
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	547	305	3 070	1 888	1 888	51.1%	97.3%	570	582	650	-29.9%	94.4%
Total	585	350	3 121	1 915	1 915	48.5%	100.0%	630	645	720	-27.8%	100.0%

Programme 1: Administration

Programme purpose

Provide strategic leadership, management and support services to the department.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.6 Administration expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme				Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome											
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	
Management	9.8	12.6	11.1	13.2	10.5%	7.9%	16.3	19.4	22.5	19.4%	9.6%
Corporate Services	61.2	76.4	64.9	70.0	4.6%	46.0%	80.3	83.2	86.9	7.5%	43.3%
Financial Administration	19.7	19.3	22.2	24.8	7.9%	14.5%	32.2	34.0	35.5	12.7%	17.1%
Internal Audit	10.9	10.8	11.8	15.1	11.7%	8.2%	14.7	15.4	16.0	1.8%	8.3%
Strategic Planning, Policy Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation	14.2	12.5	13.3	13.6	-1.4%	9.0%	16.2	17.0	17.6	9.0%	8.7%
Office Accommodation	18.4	13.4	25.4	27.9	14.9%	14.4%	21.7	22.7	23.7	-5.3%	13.0%
Total	134.2	144.9	148.8	164.7	7.1%	100.0%	181.4	191.6	202.2	7.1%	100.0%
Change to 2024 Budget estimate				–			33.3	36.8	40.4		
Economic classification											
Current payments	132.9	138.9	146.4	155.9	5.4%	96.9%	173.4	182.7	193.5	7.5%	95.3%
Compensation of employees	64.2	65.5	65.8	65.1	0.4%	44.0%	86.0	92.0	98.2	14.7%	46.1%
Goods and services	68.7	73.4	80.3	90.8	9.7%	52.9%	87.5	90.7	95.3	1.6%	49.2%
of which:						–					–
Audit costs: External	8.3	6.8	7.3	7.6	-2.7%	5.1%	7.2	7.6	8.0	1.4%	4.1%
Communication	3.4	2.8	1.2	3.0	-4.4%	1.8%	6.0	6.2	6.6	29.8%	2.9%
Computer services	11.4	13.4	14.3	13.0	4.7%	8.8%	12.6	13.5	14.5	3.7%	7.2%
Operating leases	25.4	22.4	32.1	22.6	-3.8%	17.3%	17.5	17.2	18.0	-7.4%	10.2%
Property payments	6.7	0.4	6.2	7.1	1.5%	3.4%	6.5	8.1	8.4	6.2%	4.1%
Travel and subsistence	1.9	8.0	4.5	7.5	58.5%	3.7%	8.3	8.9	9.4	7.9%	4.6%
Interest and rent on land	–	–	0.3	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers and subsidies	0.9	2.9	2.3	–	–	100.0%	1.0%	–	–	–	–
Households	0.9	2.9	2.3	–	-100.0%	1.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Payments for capital assets	0.3	3.1	0.1	8.9	206.0%	2.1%	8.0	8.9	8.8	-0.4%	4.7%
Machinery and equipment	0.3	3.1	0.1	5.9	166.6%	1.6%	4.9	3.8	3.5	-16.1%	2.4%
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	3.0	–	0.5%	3.0	5.1	5.3	20.9%	2.2%
Total	134.2	144.9	148.8	164.7	7.1%	100.0%	181.4	191.6	202.2	7.1%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	26.0%	23.5%	25.4%	20.3%	–	–	20.6%	20.9%	21.2%	–	–
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	0.5	0.1	0.0	–	-100.0%	0.1%	–	–	–	–	–
Household	0.5	0.1	0.0	–	-100.0%	0.1%	–	–	–	–	–
Other transfers to households											
Current	0.4	2.8	2.3	–	-100.0%	0.9%	–	–	–	–	–
Household	0.4	2.8	2.3	–	-100.0%	0.9%	–	–	–	–	–

Personnel information

Table 26.7 Administration personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate										
			2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28				2024/25 - 2027/28		
Administration			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost					
Salary level	102	25	100	65.8	0.7	80	65.1	0.8	98	86.0	0.9	99	92.0	0.9	8.1%	100.0%			
1 – 6	34	22	40	12.4	0.3	18	5.6	0.3	18	5.9	0.3	18	6.3	0.3	–	19.1%			
7 – 10	33	2	29	19.0	0.7	32	23.9	0.8	44	33.7	0.8	45	36.9	0.8	13.8%	44.2%			
11 – 12	23	1	20	18.7	0.9	20	19.8	1.0	23	24.2	1.1	23	25.6	1.1	23	27.0	1.2	4.8%	23.5%
13 – 16	12	–	11	15.7	1.5	10	15.8	1.6	13	22.1	1.7	13	23.3	1.8	13	24.6	1.9	9.0%	13.1%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

Programme 2: Database Management and Socioeconomic Support

Programme purpose

Manage the national military veterans database; and develop and implement legislation, policy frameworks and service delivery cooperation agreements on compensation for injury in military service, counselling, health care, public transport, and pension and housing benefits for military veterans eligible for such support.

Objectives

- Establish an enabling environment for the provision of socioeconomic support services to military veterans by:
 - maintaining the credibility and security of the national database of military veterans through consolidating data, and updating software and the personal files of military veterans on an ongoing basis
 - facilitating access to benefits espoused in section 5 of the Military Veterans Act (2011) for eligible military veterans by March 2028.
- Advance the delivery of social services to military veterans and their dependants by developing strategic partnerships with other organs of state and in broader society, where applicable, to ensure that by the end of 2027/28:
 - 900 military veterans are approved to access newly built houses
 - 9 600 military veterans and their dependants are provided with pension benefits
 - 18 900 military veterans have access to health care services.

Subprogrammes

- Database and Benefits Management* establishes systems for the seamless transition of service personnel from active military service to civilian life, consolidates and ensures the credibility and security of the national database of military veterans, and oversees governance obligations and resource allocations based on the provisions of the Military Veterans Act (2011).
- Health Care and Wellbeing Support* facilitates the provision of health care services and wellbeing support to military veterans, including initiatives to prevent diseases.
- Socioeconomic Support Management* develops norms and standards for the provision of public transport, pension benefits, housing and social relief of distress for eligible military veterans; establishes strategic partnerships to advance service delivery; tracks delivery by service providers on agreed targets; and reports on service delivery and ensures continual improvement.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.8 Database Management and Socioeconomic Support expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million				2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25					2024/25 - 2027/28	
Database and Benefits Management	8.9	11.5	9.9	32.8	54.4%	5.4%	33.5	35.1	36.7	3.7%	8.1%
Health Care and Wellbeing Support	104.1	161.5	197.7	187.4	21.7%	55.6%	193.3	197.7	204.4	2.9%	45.9%
Socioeconomic Support Management	120.9	146.2	27.4	162.8	10.4%	39.0%	199.1	207.5	215.2	9.8%	46.0%
Total	233.9	319.2	235.1	383.0	17.9%	100.0%	425.9	440.4	456.3	6.0%	100.0%
Change to 2024 Budget estimate				–			(67.0)	(74.9)	(82.2)		

Table 26.8 Database Management and Socioeconomic Support expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)

Economic classification					Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)				Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation			Medium-term expenditure estimate				
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	2027/28
Current payments	117.7	179.3	194.6	236.1	26.1%	62.1%	239.2	245.8	254.9	2.6%	57.2%
Compensation of employees	20.8	26.7	20.1	37.7	22.0%	9.0%	32.5	34.0	35.5	-2.0%	8.2%
Goods and services	96.9	152.6	174.5	198.3	27.0%	53.1%	206.7	211.8	219.3	3.4%	49.0%
of which:						—					—
Computer services	—	—	—	4.6	—	0.4%	4.8	5.0	5.2	4.2%	1.1%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	0.6	0.5	—	5.2	100.3%	0.5%	5.3	5.6	5.8	4.2%	1.3%
Contractors	89.7	143.8	172.0	169.7	23.7%	49.1%	174.3	178.0	184.1	2.8%	41.4%
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	—	—	—	0.5	—	—	2.0	2.2	2.2	61.6%	0.4%
Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.2	191.5%	0.2%	2.4	2.6	2.7	7.6%	0.6%
Travel and subsistence	3.5	6.4	1.7	8.6	34.5%	1.7%	9.7	10.1	10.6	7.3%	2.3%
Transfers and subsidies	116.0	139.9	38.5	142.8	7.2%	37.3%	185.1	192.7	199.5	11.8%	42.2%
Households	116.0	139.9	38.5	142.8	7.2%	37.3%	185.1	192.7	199.5	11.8%	42.2%
Payments for capital assets	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.2	166.5%	0.4%	1.7	1.8	2.0	-22.5%	0.6%
Machinery and equipment	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.2	166.5%	0.4%	1.7	1.8	2.0	-22.5%	0.6%
Payments for financial assets	0.0	—	1.9	—	-100.0%	0.2%	—	—	—	—	—
Total	233.9	319.2	235.1	383.0	17.9%	100.0%	425.9	440.4	456.3	6.0%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	45.4%	51.8%	40.1%	47.1%	—	—	48.5%	48.1%	47.8%	—	—
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	8.9	6.8	27.0	122.0	138.9%	14.1%	155.1	161.3	166.7	11.0%	35.5%
Military veterans' benefits	8.9	6.8	27.0	122.0	138.9%	14.1%	155.1	161.3	166.7	11.0%	35.5%
Other transfers to households											
Current	107.0	133.1	11.5	20.8	-42.1%	23.3%	30.0	31.4	32.8	16.5%	6.7%
Military veterans' benefits	107.0	133.1	11.5	20.8	-42.1%	23.3%	30.0	31.4	32.8	16.5%	6.7%

Personnel information

Table 26.9 Database Management and Socioeconomic Support personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate							
			2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28			
Database Management and Socioeconomic Support			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		
Salary level	32	18	55	20.1	0.4	88	37.7	0.4	73	32.5	0.4	72	34.0	0.5	-6.9%	100.0%
1 – 6	16	15	20	3.4	0.2	22	4.0	0.2	22	4.2	0.2	22	4.5	0.2	–	28.9%
7 – 10	7	3	16	5.8	0.4	39	17.0	0.4	30	14.5	0.5	29	15.0	0.5	-8.9%	41.7%
11 – 12	4	–	10	5.6	0.6	16	9.6	0.6	12	7.6	0.6	12	8.0	0.7	-10.3%	17.1%
13 – 16	5	–	9	5.4	0.6	12	7.2	0.6	9	6.2	0.7	9	6.9	0.8	-9.5%	12.3%

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2. Rand million.

Programme 3: Empowerment and Stakeholder Management

Programme purpose

Manage and facilitate the implementation of military veteran empowerment and stakeholder management programmes.

Objectives

- Ensure the empowerment of deserving military veterans by:
 - developing and implementing a special purpose vehicle to facilitate business opportunities over the MTEF period

- forming partnerships with 12 companies in the private sector and other organs of state, and entering into service-level agreements and memorandums of understanding over the MTEF period
- monitoring and evaluating the implementation of agreements and memorandums of understanding to ensure that support is provided annually
- providing 3 000 military veterans with access to relevant training and skills development, and concluding 12 formal agreements with institutions of higher education and training to provide skills development over the MTEF period
- increasing the provision of education support to eligible military veterans and their dependants from 4 200 in 2024/25 to 5 100 in 2027/28
- facilitating the integration of the South African National Military Veterans Association with the international community through the establishment of relevant exchange programmes over the MTEF period
- facilitating the integration of military veterans into the workforce on an ongoing basis.

Subprogrammes

- *Provincial Offices and Stakeholder Relations* facilitates and coordinates military veteran stakeholder institutions and provides administrative support to secure stakeholders from public and private institutions that are willing to contribute towards the wellbeing of military veterans.
- *Empowerment, Skills Development and Education Support* provides education, skills programmes and related activities to ensure that military veterans contribute positively to mainstream economic activities.
- *Heritage, Memorials, Burials and Honours* provides services to honour the contributions made by military veterans in the struggle for democracy, and ensures that their memorials are adequately secured, articulated in a dignified manner and captured in historical texts.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.10 Empowerment and Stakeholder Management expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme				Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome											
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24				2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25	2025/26		
Provincial Offices and Stakeholder Relations	32.4	47.7	26.0	40.4	7.7%	19.1%	42.0	43.9	45.9	4.3%	15.4%
Empowerment, Skills Development and Education	95.3	79.8	154.7	176.6	22.8%	66.1%	177.6	186.4	194.7	3.3%	65.8%
Support Heritage, Memorials, Burials and Honours	19.9	24.1	21.4	47.6	33.7%	14.8%	51.6	54.0	56.5	5.8%	18.8%
Total	147.6	151.5	202.1	264.7	21.5%	100.0%	271.2	284.3	297.0	3.9%	100.0%
Change to 2024 Budget estimate				–			(25.1)	(25.6)	(26.8)		
Economic classification											
Current payments	107.6	141.5	53.9	119.0	3.4%	55.1%	116.3	120.1	125.6	1.8%	43.1%
Compensation of employees	31.4	32.6	32.6	37.6	6.2%	17.5%	31.0	32.5	33.9	-3.3%	12.1%
Goods and services	76.2	108.8	21.3	81.4	2.2%	37.6%	85.2	87.7	91.7	4.1%	31.0%
of which:						–					–
Administrative fees	1.1	2.9	0.3	2.3	26.9%	0.9%	2.4	2.6	2.8	6.9%	0.9%
Advertising	1.5	0.0	–	1.7	5.6%	0.4%	2.9	3.4	3.5	27.3%	1.0%
Agency and support/outsourced services	4.2	3.9	3.3	13.0	46.1%	3.2%	13.5	13.9	14.5	3.7%	4.9%
Travel and subsistence	13.9	29.9	4.8	25.2	21.9%	9.6%	27.0	28.4	29.7	5.7%	9.9%
Training and development	31.6	23.9	10.3	30.0	-1.7%	12.5%	30.5	30.0	31.4	1.5%	10.9%
Venues and facilities	2.1	2.6	0.1	2.6	8.4%	1.0%	3.1	3.2	3.3	8.3%	1.1%
Transfers and subsidies	12.2	10.1	148.2	133.3	122.0%	39.7%	141.0	149.8	156.5	5.5%	52.0%
Foreign governments and international organisations	0.0	–	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Households	12.2	10.1	148.2	133.3	122.2%	39.7%	141.0	149.8	156.5	5.5%	52.0%

Table 26.10 Empowerment and Stakeholder Management expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)

Economic classification				Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome											
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	
Payments for capital assets	27.8	0.0	–	12.4	-23.5%	5.3%	13.9	14.3	14.9	6.3%	5.0%
Machinery and equipment	27.8	0.0	–	5.2	-42.9%	4.3%	5.4	5.6	5.9	4.5%	2.0%
Heritage assets	–	–	–	–	–	–	8.5	8.7	9.0	–	2.3%
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	7.3	–	0.9%	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.7%
Total	147.6	151.5	202.1	264.7	21.5%	100.0%	271.2	284.3	297.0	3.9%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	28.6%	24.6%	34.5%	32.6%	–	–	30.9%	31.0%	31.1%	–	–
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	12.0	10.1	12.6	9.5	-7.7%	5.8%	12.7	13.5	14.2	14.3%	4.5%
Military veterans' benefits	12.0	10.1	12.6	9.5	-7.7%	5.8%	12.7	13.5	14.2	14.3%	4.5%
Other transfers to households											
Current	0.1	–	135.6	123.8	921.9%	33.9%	128.4	136.3	142.4	4.8%	47.5%
Military veterans' benefits	0.1	–	135.6	123.8	921.9%	33.9%	128.4	136.3	142.4	4.8%	47.5%
Foreign governments and international organisations											
Current	0.0	–	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
World Veterans Federation	0.0	–	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–

Personnel information

Table 26.11 Empowerment and Stakeholder Management personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2024/25 - 2027/28					
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost						
Empowerment and Stakeholder Management																			
Salary level	43	5	61	32.6	0.5	61	37.6	0.6	49	31.0	0.6	48	32.5	0.7	47	33.9	0.7	-8.0%	100.0%
1 – 6	4	2	9	3.0	0.3	8	2.8	0.3	8	3.0	0.4	8	3.1	0.4	8	3.3	0.4	–	15.7%
7 – 10	23	3	30	9.0	0.3	27	8.5	0.3	22	7.2	0.3	21	7.3	0.3	20	7.3	0.4	-8.9%	43.7%
11 – 12	9	–	15	10.8	0.7	14	10.7	0.8	10	8.2	0.8	10	8.7	0.9	10	9.1	0.9	-10.8%	21.0%
13 – 16	7	–	8	9.9	1.2	12	15.6	1.3	9	12.7	1.4	9	13.4	1.4	9	14.2	1.5	-8.7%	19.6%

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