

# Military Veterans

## Budget summary

R million	2026/27				2027/28	2028/29
	Current payments	Transfers and subsidies	Payments for capital assets	Total	Total	Total
<b>MTEF allocation</b>						
Administration	196.6	0.4	8.1	205.2	215.4	222.3
Database Management and Socioeconomic Support	235.8	195.7	1.7	433.3	446.8	460.6
Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	118.8	149.8	5.6	274.3	285.3	294.1
<b>Total expenditure estimates</b>	<b>551.3</b>	<b>345.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>912.8</b>	<b>947.6</b>	<b>977.0</b>
Executive authority	Minister of Defence and Military Veterans					
Accounting officer	Director-General of Military Veterans					
Website	www.dmv.gov.za					

The Estimates of National Expenditure is available at [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za). Additional tables in Excel format can be found at [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za) and [www.vulekamali.gov.za](http://www.vulekamali.gov.za).

## 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		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of military veterans provided with newly built houses per year	Database Management and Socioeconomic Support	Social cohesion and nation building	222	133	115	250	150	150	150
Total number of military veterans and their dependants receiving pension benefits	Database Management and Socioeconomic Support		0 <sup>1</sup>	615	4 378	6 500	5 000	5 000	5 000
Total number of military veterans with access to health care services	Database Management and Socioeconomic Support	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	19 475	17 691	17 943	18 400	18 393	18 593	18 743
Number of bursaries provided to military veterans and their dependants per year	Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	Improved education outcomes and skills	4 114	3 690	2 711	4 500	3 500	3 500	3 500

1. Target of 2 000 not achieved mainly due to delays in finalising regulations for the pension benefit.

## Expenditure overview

Through recognising the contribution of military veterans to South Africa's democracy, government promotes social cohesion and national unity and fosters a sense of shared history and purpose. It considers this not only a moral obligation, but a step towards rectifying historical injustices. Part of this recognition entails prioritising the access of military veterans and their dependants to key benefits such as pensions, housing, health care and education over the medium term. This comprehensive approach supports the wellbeing of military veterans and contributes to the broader development of society.

As such, the department plans to roll out the pension benefit to 5 000 deserving military veterans and their

dependants in each year over the MTEF period. Database cross-checks and the application of a strict means test is expected to ensure that benefits reach the rightful recipients – those in genuine need – and prevent any potential for misuse. As a result of this initiative, the number of military veterans and their dependants receiving pension benefit is expected to decrease from 6 500 in 2025/26 to 5 000 in each year over the next 3 years.

The department also aims to deliver 450 houses to military veterans over the MTEF period. Provincial departments of human settlements will be responsible for constructing the houses on behalf of the department, as per the terms of its housing delivery model. Allocations amounting to R560.1 million over the next 3 years for the pension and housing benefits are in the *Socioeconomic Support Management* subprogramme in the *Database Management and Socioeconomic Support* programme.

The department plans to award 3 500 bursaries in each year over the medium term to military veterans and their dependants. Allocations for this benefit are through the *Empowerment and Stakeholder Management* programme, which has a budget of R853.7 million over the medium term.

To further enhance quality of life for eligible military veterans, the department aims to ensure that 18 743 beneficiaries have access to fully subsidised health care services by 2028/29. 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 a downward revision to the department's baseline by a net amount of R33.1 million over the MTEF period as a result of previous higher inflation projections, total expenditure is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 3.6 per cent, from R878.5 million in 2025/26 to R977 million in 2028/29. The department's main cost driver is goods and services, spending on which accounts for approximately 42.7 per cent (R1.2 billion) of its total budget over the period ahead.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 26.2 Vote expenditure trends by programme and economic classification<sup>1</sup>**

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 growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
R million	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
Programme 1	144.9	148.8	149.2	175.1	6.5%	21.8%	205.2	215.4	222.3	8.3%	22.7%
Programme 2	319.2	235.1	413.2	472.7	14.0%	50.7%	433.3	446.8	460.6	-0.9%	47.3%
Programme 3	151.5	202.1	195.4	230.7	15.0%	27.5%	274.3	285.3	294.1	8.4%	30.1%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>615.6</b>	<b>585.9</b>	<b>757.8</b>	<b>878.5</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>912.8</b>	<b>947.6</b>	<b>977.0</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>615.6</b>	<b>585.9</b>	<b>757.8</b>	<b>878.5</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>912.8</b>	<b>947.6</b>	<b>977.0</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				-			(3.5)	(8.1)	(21.5)		
Economic classification											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>459.7</b>	<b>394.9</b>	<b>421.0</b>	<b>497.8</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>551.3</b>	<b>572.7</b>	<b>585.4</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>60.2%</b>
Compensation of employees	124.8	118.6	120.4	133.5	2.3%	17.5%	158.5	167.7	172.9	9.0%	17.6%
Goods and services <sup>1</sup>	334.9	276.0	300.7	364.3	2.8%	45.0%	392.8	405.0	412.5	4.2%	42.7%
of which:											
Computer services	13.4	14.3	18.2	12.5	-2.4%	2.1%	18.5	19.8	20.6	18.3%	2.1%
Contractors	143.9	172.2	166.1	165.0	4.7%	22.8%	181.0	187.1	195.5	5.8%	19.9%
Agency and support/outourced services	3.9	3.3	4.8	13.5	51.3%	0.9%	14.4	15.1	15.7	5.2%	1.6%
Operating leases	22.4	32.1	29.9	19.0	-5.4%	3.6%	26.9	27.5	27.7	13.4%	2.9%
Travel and subsistence	44.4	11.0	11.0	45.2	0.6%	3.9%	45.4	46.9	44.9	-0.2%	4.8%
Training and development	25.0	11.2	36.6	26.4	1.8%	3.5%	30.4	31.1	30.4	4.8%	3.2%
Interest and rent on land	-	0.3	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Transfers and subsidies<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>152.8</b>	<b>189.0</b>	<b>330.9</b>	<b>374.3</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>36.9%</b>	<b>345.9</b>	<b>359.1</b>	<b>375.2</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>38.1%</b>
Households	152.8	189.0	330.9	374.3	34.8%	36.9%	345.9	359.1	375.2	0.1%	38.1%
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>36.7%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
Machinery and equipment	3.1	0.1	3.1	3.4	2.8%	0.3%	10.4	10.4	10.9	47.6%	1.1%
Software and other intangible assets	-	-	2.8	3.0	0.0%	0.2%	5.1	5.3	5.5	22.2%	0.6%
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>615.6</b>	<b>585.9</b>	<b>757.8</b>	<b>878.5</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>912.8</b>	<b>947.6</b>	<b>977.0</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

1. Tables with expenditure trends, annual budget, adjusted appropriation and audited outcome are available at [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za) and [www.vulekamali.gov.za](http://www.vulekamali.gov.za).

## Transfers and subsidies expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.3 Vote transfers and subsidies trends and estimates

	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27			2027/28
R thousand												
<b>Households</b>												
<b>Social benefits</b>												
<b>Current</b>	16 978	39 724	221 366	245 916	143.8%	50.0%	191 861	197 535	205 812	-5.8%	55.1%	
Household	126	189	397	–	-100.0%	0.1%	–	–	–	–	–	
Military veterans' benefits	16 852	39 535	220 969	245 916	144.4%	50.0%	191 445	197 535	205 812	-5.8%	55.1%	
Early retirement and voluntary exit programmes	–	–	–	–	–	–	416	–	–	–	0.0%	
<b>Other transfers to households</b>												
<b>Current</b>	135 834	149 277	109 542	128 382	-1.9%	50.0%	154 080	161 565	169 430	9.7%	44.9%	
Household	2 760	2 112	–	–	-100.0%	0.5%	–	–	–	–	–	
Military veterans' benefits	133 074	147 165	109 542	128 382	-1.2%	49.5%	154 080	161 565	169 430	9.7%	44.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>152 812</b>	<b>189 001</b>	<b>330 908</b>	<b>374 298</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>345 941</b>	<b>359 100</b>	<b>375 242</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

## Personnel information

Table 26.4 Vote personnel numbers and cost by salary level and programme<sup>1</sup>

Programmes		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)	
Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate			2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29				
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	2024/25		2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2028/29							
		Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost						
<b>Military Veterans</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>158.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>167.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>172.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Salary level																			
1 – 6	49	39	33	9.5	0.3	58	18.0	0.3	141	28.8	0.2	142	31.1	0.2	127	30.1	0.2	29.9%	48.7%
7 – 10	73	8	56	29.3	0.5	91	49.2	0.5	93	56.4	0.6	92	59.2	0.6	91	61.1	0.7	0.1%	32.7%
11 – 12	23	1	38	42.3	1.1	31	37.5	1.2	31	39.4	1.3	31	41.6	1.3	31	43.9	1.4	0.1%	11.1%
13 – 16	24	–	26	39.2	1.5	19	28.9	1.5	21	33.9	1.6	21	35.7	1.7	21	37.7	1.8	3.7%	7.5%
<b>Programme</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>158.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>167.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>172.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Programme 1	103	25	83	65.0	0.8	111	74.0	0.7	132	92.0	0.7	134	98.2	0.7	130	101.5	0.8	5.3%	47.0%
Programme 2	20	18	30	23.1	0.8	41	25.5	0.6	114	34.0	0.3	114	35.5	0.3	102	36.0	0.4	35.9%	39.2%
Programme 3	46	5	39	32.3	0.8	47	34.0	0.7	40	32.5	0.8	39	33.9	0.9	38	35.4	0.9	-6.7%	13.9%

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

	Audited outcome			Adjusted estimate	Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)	Medium-term receipts estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)	
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25					2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27			2027/28
R thousand													
<b>Departmental receipts</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>3 121</b>	<b>2 160</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Sales of goods and services produced by department</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	
Other sales	40	42	44	30	30	-9.1%	2.5%	63	70	80	38.7%	8.2%	
of which:													
Other	40	42	44	30	30	-9.1%	2.5%	63	70	80	38.7%	8.2%	
<b>Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>55.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	
of which:													
Other	–	–	–	8	8	–	0.1%	20	–	30	55.4%	1.9%	
<b>Interest, dividends and rent on land</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>115.4%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	
Interest	5	9	13	40	50	115.4%	1.2%	60	–	70	11.9%	5.0%	
<b>Sales of capital assets</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	
<b>Transactions in financial assets and liabilities</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>3 070</b>	<b>2 103</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>26.0%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>3 121</b>	<b>2 160</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

## 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	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million											
Management	12.6	11.1	9.2	13.4	2.1%	7.5%	19.4	22.5	23.1	19.9%	10.1%
Corporate Services	76.4	64.9	71.5	70.8	-2.5%	45.9%	87.7	91.1	93.1	9.6%	42.3%
Financial Administration	19.3	22.2	22.8	30.2	16.2%	15.3%	34.4	35.5	36.7	6.7%	16.6%
Internal Audit	10.8	11.8	13.1	12.7	5.4%	7.8%	15.4	16.0	16.7	9.7%	7.5%
Strategic Planning, Policy Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation	12.5	13.3	12.1	16.2	9.0%	8.7%	17.0	17.6	18.4	4.5%	8.3%
Office Accommodation	13.4	25.4	20.4	31.9	33.4%	14.7%	31.4	32.8	34.2	2.4%	15.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>148.8</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>205.2</b>	<b>215.4</b>	<b>222.3</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025				-			13.6	13.2	11.0		
Budget estimate											
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>138.9</b>	<b>146.4</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>170.7</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>207.4</b>	<b>214.0</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
Compensation of employees	65.5	65.8	65.0	74.0	4.1%	43.7%	92.0	98.2	101.5	11.1%	45.4%
Goods and services	73.4	80.3	79.1	96.7	9.6%	53.3%	104.6	109.2	112.5	5.2%	50.8%
of which:											
Audit costs: External	6.8	7.3	8.4	7.2	2.2%	4.8%	8.4	8.8	9.1	8.1%	4.1%
Communication	2.8	1.2	0.9	6.0	29.3%	1.8%	6.2	6.6	4.9	-6.3%	2.7%
Computer services	13.4	14.3	18.2	12.5	-2.4%	9.4%	18.5	19.8	20.6	18.3%	9.2%
Operating leases	22.4	32.1	29.9	17.6	-7.8%	16.5%	25.5	26.1	27.6	16.2%	12.3%
Property payments	0.4	6.2	5.7	8.0	163.9%	3.3%	8.1	8.4	8.8	3.5%	3.9%
Travel and subsistence	8.0	4.5	3.2	8.2	0.9%	3.9%	8.9	9.4	9.8	5.9%	4.4%
Interest and rent on land	-	0.3	-	-	-	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Households	2.9	2.3	0.4	-	-100.0%	0.9%	0.4	-	-	-	0.1%
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Machinery and equipment	3.1	0.1	1.9	1.4	-22.9%	1.0%	3.1	2.7	2.8	25.1%	1.3%
Software and other intangible assets	-	-	2.8	3.0	-	0.9%	5.1	5.3	5.5	22.2%	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>148.8</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>205.2</b>	<b>215.4</b>	<b>222.3</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>											
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	0.1	0.2	0.4	-	-100.0%	0.1%	0.4	-	-	-	0.1%
Household	0.1	0.2	0.4	-	-100.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-
Early retirement and voluntary exit programmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.1%
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	2.8	2.1	-	-	-100.0%	0.8%	-	-	-	-	-
Household	2.8	2.1	-	-	-100.0%	0.8%	-	-	-	-	-

## Personnel information

**Table 26.7 Administration personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026			Number and cost <sup>2</sup> 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										
			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29			
Administration			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		
Salary level	103	25	83	65.0	0.8	111	74.0	0.7	132	92.0	0.7	134	98.2	0.7	130	101.5	0.8	5.3%	100.0%
1 – 6	39	22	24	6.7	0.3	37	10.9	0.3	49	14.8	0.3	50	16.8	0.3	48	16.9	0.4	8.8%	37.1%
7 – 10	42	2	29	16.7	0.6	48	28.0	0.6	55	36.8	0.7	55	38.8	0.7	54	39.6	0.7	4.0%	41.6%
11 – 12	10	1	17	19.9	1.2	19	23.4	1.2	19	24.6	1.3	19	25.9	1.4	19	27.4	1.4	–	14.4%
13 – 16	12	–	13	21.7	1.7	7	11.7	1.7	9	15.8	1.7	9	16.7	1.8	9	17.6	1.9	9.4%	6.9%

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, 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 2029.
- 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 2028/29:
  - 450 military veterans are approved to access newly built houses
  - 5 000 military veterans and their dependants are provided with pension benefits
  - 18 743 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 to ensure 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 (%)	
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27			2027/28
R million												
Database and Benefits Management	11.5	9.9	8.4	22.3	24.6%	3.6%	28.0	27.2	22.9	0.9%	5.8%	
Health Care and Wellbeing Support	161.5	197.7	184.9	183.3	4.3%	50.5%	197.7	204.4	213.2	5.2%	45.9%	
Socioeconomic Support Management	146.2	27.4	220.0	267.1	22.3%	45.9%	207.5	215.2	224.5	-5.6%	48.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>319.2</b>	<b>235.1</b>	<b>413.2</b>	<b>472.7</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>433.3</b>	<b>446.8</b>	<b>460.6</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				-			(7.1)	(9.5)	(16.2)			
<b>Economic classification</b>												
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>179.3</b>	<b>194.6</b>	<b>190.5</b>	<b>208.6</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>53.7%</b>	<b>235.8</b>	<b>242.4</b>	<b>247.0</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>54.1%</b>	
Compensation of employees	26.7	20.1	23.1	25.5	-1.5%	6.6%	34.0	35.5	36.0	12.1%	7.9%	
Goods and services	152.6	174.5	167.4	183.1	6.3%	47.0%	201.8	206.8	211.0	4.8%	46.2%	
of which:												
Administrative fees	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.5	80.3%	0.2%	1.8	2.1	2.2	13.5%	0.5%	
Consultants: Business and advisory services	0.5	-	0.5	5.3	122.2%	0.4%	4.5	4.2	4.1	-8.1%	1.0%	
Contractors	143.8	172.0	165.1	163.2	4.3%	44.7%	176.7	182.5	190.7	5.3%	41.0%	
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	-	-	-	0.0	-	0.0%	2.2	0.6	0.3	123.5%	0.2%	
Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	66.2%	0.1%	2.3	2.4	2.6	59.3%	0.5%	
Travel and subsistence	6.4	1.7	0.7	6.7	1.5%	1.1%	8.8	9.2	7.5	3.8%	1.9%	
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>139.9</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>221.9</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>46.1%</b>	<b>195.7</b>	<b>202.6</b>	<b>211.7</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	
Households	139.9	38.5	221.9	263.3	23.5%	46.1%	195.7	202.6	211.7	-7.0%	45.5%	
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>270.7%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	
Machinery and equipment	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	270.7%	0.1%	1.7	1.9	1.9	30.8%	0.4%	
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>319.2</b>	<b>235.1</b>	<b>413.2</b>	<b>472.7</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>433.3</b>	<b>446.8</b>	<b>460.6</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>51.8%</b>	<b>40.1%</b>	<b>54.5%</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>47.2%</b>	<b>47.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>												
<b>Households</b>												
<b>Social benefits</b>												
<b>Current</b>	6.8	27.0	206.3	233.3	225.0%	32.9%	177.9	183.4	191.0	-6.4%	41.2%	
Military veterans' benefits	6.8	27.0	206.3	233.3	225.0%	32.9%	177.9	183.4	191.0	-6.4%	41.2%	
<b>Other transfers to households</b>												
<b>Current</b>	133.1	11.5	15.6	30.0	-39.1%	13.2%	17.8	19.2	20.7	-11.7%	4.3%	
Military veterans' benefits	133.1	11.5	15.6	30.0	-39.1%	13.2%	17.8	19.2	20.7	-11.7%	4.3%	

## Personnel information

**Table 26.9 Database Management and Socioeconomic Support personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Database Management and Socioeconomic Support	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> 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										
			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27		2027/28		2028/29						
			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			Number	Cost	Unit cost
Salary level	20	18	30	23.1	0.8	41	25.5	0.6	114	34.0	0.3	114	35.5	0.3	102	36.0	0.4	35.9%	100.0%
1-6	6	15	5	1.6	0.3	17	5.7	0.3	90	13.2	0.1	90	13.5	0.2	79	12.8	0.2	66.5%	78.3%
7-10	5	3	13	6.4	0.5	14	6.2	0.4	14	6.5	0.5	14	6.8	0.5	14	7.2	0.5	-	12.6%
11-12	4	-	7	8.2	1.2	5	6.2	1.2	5	6.6	1.3	5	7.0	1.4	5	7.4	1.5	0.5%	4.6%
13-16	5	-	5	7.0	1.4	5	7.4	1.5	5	7.7	1.5	5	8.2	1.6	5	8.6	1.7	-	4.5%

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

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 for them over the MTEF period
  - forming partnerships with 12 companies in the private sector and other organs of state, entering into service-level agreements and memorandums of understanding over the MTEF period, and monitoring and evaluating the implementation of these 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
  - providing bursaries to 3 500 eligible military veterans and their dependants per year over the medium term
  - facilitating the integration of the South African National Military Veterans Association in 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	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million					2022/23 - 2025/26					2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
Provincial Offices and Stakeholder Relations	47.7	26.0	27.6	45.0	-1.9%	18.8%	43.2	44.5	44.5	-0.4%	15.5%
Empowerment, Skills Development and Education Support	79.8	154.7	138.2	142.6	21.4%	66.1%	185.7	193.4	200.0	11.9%	67.8%
Heritage, Memorials, Burials and Honours	24.1	21.4	29.6	43.1	21.4%	15.2%	45.3	47.4	49.6	4.8%	16.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>195.4</b>	<b>230.7</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>274.3</b>	<b>285.3</b>	<b>294.1</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				-			(10.0)	(11.7)	(16.3)		

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

Economic classification	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29	
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>141.5</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>	<b>51.3%</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
Compensation of employees	32.6	32.6	32.3	34.0	1.4%	16.9%	32.5	33.9	35.4	1.4%	11.9%
Goods and services	108.8	21.3	54.2	84.5	-8.1%	34.5%	86.4	89.0	88.9	1.7%	31.0%
<i>of which:</i>											
Administrative fees	2.9	0.3	0.4	2.4	-6.5%	0.8%	2.6	2.8	2.9	6.6%	1.0%
Advertising	0.0	-	-	2.9	294.3%	0.4%	3.4	3.5	3.7	7.9%	1.2%
Agency and support/outsourced services	3.9	3.3	4.8	13.5	51.3%	3.3%	13.9	14.5	15.2	3.9%	5.1%
Travel and subsistence	29.9	4.8	7.0	30.3	0.4%	9.2%	27.8	28.3	27.6	-3.1%	9.8%
Training and development	23.9	10.3	35.3	25.5	2.2%	12.2%	29.4	30.1	29.4	4.8%	10.4%
Venues and facilities	2.6	0.1	0.4	3.1	5.3%	0.8%	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.5%	1.2%
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>148.2</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>122.6%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>149.8</b>	<b>156.5</b>	<b>163.6</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>55.0%</b>
Households	10.1	148.2	108.6	111.0	122.6%	48.5%	149.8	156.5	163.6	13.8%	55.0%
Payments for capital assets	0.0	-	0.4	1.1	363.7%	0.2%	5.6	5.9	6.2	77.8%	2.1%
Machinery and equipment	0.0	-	0.4	1.1	363.7%	0.2%	5.6	5.9	6.2	77.8%	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>195.4</b>	<b>230.7</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>274.3</b>	<b>285.3</b>	<b>294.1</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	-	-	<b>30.1%</b>	<b>30.1%</b>	<b>30.1%</b>	-	-
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>											
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	10.1	12.6	14.7	12.7	8.0%	6.4%	13.5	14.2	14.8	5.3%	5.0%
Military veterans' benefits	10.1	12.6	14.7	12.7	8.0%	6.4%	13.5	14.2	14.8	5.3%	5.0%
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	-	135.6	94.0	98.4	-	42.1%	136.3	142.4	148.8	14.8%	50.1%
Military veterans' benefits	-	135.6	94.0	98.4	-	42.1%	136.3	142.4	148.8	14.8%	50.1%

## Personnel information

**Table 26.11 Empowerment and Stakeholder Management personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026	Number and cost <sup>2</sup> 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										
2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29					
Empowerment and Stakeholder Management		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	
Salary level	46	5	39	32.3	0.8	47	34.0	0.7	40	32.5	0.8	39	33.9	0.9	38	35.4	0.9
1-6	4	2	4	1.3	0.3	4	1.4	0.3	2	0.7	0.4	2	0.7	0.4	1	0.4	0.4
7-10	26	3	14	6.2	0.5	29	15.0	0.5	24	13.1	0.6	23	13.6	0.6	23	14.3	0.6
11-12	9	-	14	14.2	1.0	7	7.9	1.1	7	8.3	1.2	7	8.7	1.2	7	9.2	1.3
13-16	7	-	8	10.5	1.3	7	9.8	1.4	7	10.3	1.5	7	10.9	1.6	7	11.5	1.6

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2. Rand million.