

Mineral and Petroleum Resources

Budget summary

R million	2026/27				2027/28	2028/29
	Current payments	Transfers and subsidies	Payments for capital assets	Total	Total	Total
MTEF allocation						
Administration	607.9	4.8	17.4	630.1	653.5	674.3
Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	596.8	202.3	–	799.2	836.4	864.7
Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate	271.8	4.9	–	276.7	288.7	298.9
Mining and Minerals Policy Development	150.1	1 000.9	–	1 151.0	1 197.6	1 230.9
Total expenditure estimates	1 626.5	1 212.9	17.4	2 856.9	2 976.2	3 068.7
Executive authority	Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources					
Accounting officer	Director-General of Mineral and Petroleum Resources					
Website	www.dmrpr.gov.za					

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Vote purpose

Regulate the minerals, mining and petroleum sectors for transformation, growth and development to ensure that all South Africans derive sustainable benefits from the country's mineral wealth.

Mandate

The Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources is mandated to ensure the transparent and efficient regulation of South Africa's mineral resources and minerals industry. Several acts regulate the mining and minerals sectors. These include the:

- Petroleum Products Act (1977), as amended, which regulates the downstream value chain of the petroleum products sector and sets out the legislative framework for the manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing of petroleum products
- Mine Health and Safety Act (1996), which governs mine health and safety for mine workers and communities affected by mining
- 1998 White Paper on Minerals and Mining Policy for South Africa, which emphasises transparent and efficient regulation of the development of South Africa's mineral resources and minerals industry to meet national objectives and bring optimum benefit to the country
- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002), which provides the regulatory framework for equitable access to and the sustainable development of mineral resources and related matters
- Petroleum Pipelines Act (2003), which provides for the establishment of a national regulatory framework for petroleum pipelines
- Precious Metals Act (2005), which provides for the acquisition, possession, smelting, refining, beneficiation, use and disposal of precious metals
- Diamond Act (2005), which provides for the establishment of the South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator to control the possession, purchase, sale, processing and export of diamonds.

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.1 Performance indicators by programme and related MTDP 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 new petroleum retail site inspections per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Increased employment and work opportunities	1 463	1 570	1 640	1 500	1 500	1 500	1 500
Number of mining rights and permits granted or issued to historically disadvantaged South Africans per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation		249	290	399	200	200	200	200
Number of social and labour plan verification inspections per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	An enabling environment for investment and improved competitiveness through structural reforms	237	261	249	212	212	212	212
Number of environmental verification inspections conducted per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation		1 400	1 487	1 502	1 374	1 374	1 374	1 374
Number of mine economic verification inspections per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Accelerated growth of strategic and labour-intensive sectors	531	484	523	500	500	500	500
Number of mineral legislation compliance inspections conducted per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	An enabling environment for investment and improved competitiveness through structural reform	179	151	162	150	150	150	150
Number of derelict and ownerless mine sites rehabilitated per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation		2	1	4	3	4	3	3
Number of small-scale mining companies supported per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Accelerated growth of strategic and labour-intensive sectors	-1	-1	4	3	3	3	3
Number of fuel samples tested per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	An enabling environment for investment and improved competitiveness through structural reform	1 083	1 080	566	1 080	1 080	1 080	1 083
Number of qualitative audits conducted, including individual audits, per year	Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate		9 115	8 865	9 489	8 000	8 000	8 000	8 000

1. No historical data available.

Expenditure overview

Over the medium term, the department will focus on promoting investment in the mining and petroleum sectors, and ensuring these sectors prioritise transformation, the welfare of their human resources and environmental sustainability. An estimated 42.1 per cent (R3.7 billion) of the department's budget over the medium term is set aside for transfers to its entities, which carry out a significant portion of its functions. Due to the labour-intensive nature of the department's work, which requires inspections to be conducted to ensure that mining and petroleum companies comply with legislative requirements, expenditure on compensation of employees accounts for an estimated 33.3 per cent (R3 billion) of total expenditure over the period ahead. Spending on compensation of employees is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 4.1 per cent, from R905.6 million in 2025/26 to R1 billion in 2028/29.

Promoting investment in the mining and petroleum sectors

Led by the Petroleum Agency of South Africa, the department will continue to conduct research on the economic viability of shale gas exploration over the medium term, which will include technical studies such as drilling. An amount of R148.2 million is allocated for this project over the next 3 years in the *Mining and Minerals Development Management* subprogramme in the *Mining and Minerals Policy Development* programme.

Recognising that minerals exploration is crucial for the sustainability and growth of the mining industry, the Junior Mining Exploration Fund has been set up to uncover untapped mineral resources such as rare earth elements, lithium and copper within the country. This is in partnership with the Council for Geoscience, which provides technical services; and the Industrial Development Corporation, which administers the fund and has matched the department's commitment of R200 million, bringing the total commitment to R400 million by 2025/26. The fund is projected to grow to R1 billion over the medium term through private sector investment. This will allow eligible South African junior mining enterprises to access funding for prospecting work such as drilling and logging, rock sample analysis and geotechnical assessments.

In line with the critical minerals strategy implementation plan, over the MTEF period, the department will coordinate activities across government, the private sector and social partners to unlock investment in exploration, research and development, local processing and beneficiation, infrastructure development, and strategic partnerships. Expenditure for these activities is within the *Mining and Minerals Policy Development* programme's allocation of R3.6 billion over the medium term.

Ensuring mine health and safety

To prevent and reduce diseases, injuries and fatalities, the department will continue to inspect, investigate and audit occupational health and safety standards in mines, and will therefore conduct 24 000 inspections and audits over the medium term. As this work is labour intensive, spending on compensation of employees accounts for an estimated 83.2 per cent (R719.1 million) of the *Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate* programme's budget over the period ahead. An estimated 15 per cent (R130 million) of the programme's budget over this period is allocated to goods and services for inspections, audits, fatal accident inquiries and investigations at mines, and travel and subsistence costs for inspectors.

After the enactment of the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act (2024), there is a need to develop a legislative framework to protect the health and safety of employees within upstream petroleum operations (the extraction of oil and gas) and all those affected by such activities. Accordingly, the department was expected to have developed a draft bill, benchmarked against similar jurisdictions internationally, by the end of 2025/26, which would form the basis for engagement with stakeholders and the development of legislation over the medium term. A total of R85.9 million over the period ahead is allocated for this work in the *Mineral and Petroleum Policy* subprogramme in the *Mining and Minerals Policy Development* programme.

Rehabilitating derelict mines and protecting the environment

Through Mintek, the department aims to protect and rehabilitate 9 dangerous derelict and ownerless mine sites, including asbestos sites, at an estimated cost of R434.1 million over the medium term. The department also expects to conduct 4 122 environmental verification management inspections over the same period to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Management Act (1998). Research on mine rehabilitation will be conducted by the Council for Geoscience through an allocation of R72.3 million over the medium term. These activities, including transfers to Mintek and the council, are funded through an allocation of R720 million over the medium term in the *Minerals Compliance and Enforcement Management* subprogramme in the *Minerals and Petroleum Regulation* programme.

Ensuring transformation in the mining sector

Transformation remains one of the key objectives in the mining sector. To facilitate this, over the medium term, the department will monitor and enforce compliance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002) by issuing a targeted 600 mining licences to historically disadvantaged South Africans and conducting a targeted 636 social and labour plan inspections and 1 500 mine economic inspections. Social and labour plans commit companies to investing in the upgrading of human settlements and skills development for mineworkers and surrounding communities, in line with regulation 46 of the act. An amount of R2.5 billion is allocated in the *Minerals and Petroleum Regulation* programme over the medium term for this purpose.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 34.2 Vote expenditure trends by programme and economic classification¹

Programmes											
1. Administration											
2. Minerals and Petroleum Regulation											
3. Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate											
4. Mining and Minerals Policy Development											
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	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
Programme 1	553.8	575.2	636.5	596.7	2.5%	22.2%	630.1	653.5	674.3	4.2%	22.0%
Programme 2	729.5	744.6	935.1	797.7	3.0%	30.2%	799.2	836.4	864.7	2.7%	28.1%
Programme 3	218.1	229.2	244.0	241.7	3.5%	8.8%	276.7	288.7	298.9	7.3%	9.7%
Programme 4	802.9	963.3	1 127.2	1 224.6	15.1%	38.8%	1 151.0	1 197.6	1 230.9	0.2%	40.2%
Subtotal	2 304.3	2 512.2	2 942.8	2 860.6	7.5%	100.0%	2 856.9	2 976.2	3 068.7	2.4%	100.0%
Total	2 304.3	2 512.2	2 942.8	2 860.6	7.5%	100.0%	2 856.9	2 976.2	3 068.7	2.4%	100.0%
Change to 2025				-			(9.9)	(20.5)	(62.5)		
Budget estimate											
Economic classification											
Current payments	1 402.8	1 428.5	1 783.0	1 565.2	3.7%	58.2%	1 626.5	1 696.3	1 748.6	3.8%	57.0%
Compensation of employees	819.4	855.9	893.3	905.6	3.4%	32.7%	947.5	990.8	1 021.6	4.1%	33.3%
Goods and services ¹	583.4	572.7	889.6	659.6	4.2%	25.5%	679.0	705.5	727.0	3.3%	23.7%
<i>of which:</i>											
Communication	15.0	11.6	15.6	12.5	-5.9%	0.5%	19.4	19.6	20.0	17.0%	0.7%
Computer services	36.7	34.0	37.9	49.5	10.5%	1.5%	55.4	58.0	61.0	7.2%	2.0%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	233.3	182.3	501.0	265.5	4.4%	11.1%	272.6	283.2	292.0	3.2%	9.5%
Operating leases	133.7	146.8	175.7	130.9	-0.7%	5.5%	132.7	137.1	141.0	2.5%	4.6%
Property payments	23.0	23.7	28.6	24.5	2.1%	0.9%	27.5	27.5	28.0	4.6%	0.9%
Travel and subsistence	87.1	91.9	84.9	93.0	2.2%	3.4%	101.3	105.6	108.9	5.4%	3.5%
Transfers and subsidies¹	885.4	1 076.9	1 130.8	1 278.5	13.0%	41.2%	1 212.9	1 261.9	1 301.6	0.6%	42.4%
Departmental agencies and accounts	425.6	627.3	689.2	709.0	18.5%	23.1%	745.1	775.4	800.0	4.1%	26.1%
Foreign governments and international organisations	7.8	9.3	20.4	8.4	2.5%	0.4%	8.7	9.1	9.3	3.7%	0.3%
Public corporations and private enterprises	446.7	438.2	418.5	559.2	7.8%	17.5%	457.2	475.4	490.2	-4.3%	16.0%
Households	5.4	2.0	2.8	1.9	-29.4%	0.1%	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.7%	0.1%
Payments for capital assets	15.4	6.7	29.0	17.0	3.2%	0.6%	17.4	18.0	18.5	2.9%	0.6%
Buildings and other fixed structures	0.9	0.0	-	2.5	41.0%	0.0%	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.7%	0.1%
Machinery and equipment	14.5	6.6	8.8	14.5	-0.1%	0.4%	14.8	15.3	15.8	2.8%	0.5%
Software and other intangible assets	-	0.0	20.1	-	0.0%	0.2%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Payments for financial assets	0.6	0.2	0.1	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2 304.3	2 512.2	2 942.8	2 860.6	7.5%	100.0%	2 856.9	2 976.2	3 068.7	2.4%	100.0%

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 34.3 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	2026/27	2027/28		
R thousand	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
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	4 502	1 944	2 486	1 545	-30.0%	0.2%	1 609	1 673	1 725	3.7%	0.1%
Employee social benefits	4 502	1 944	2 486	1 545	-30.0%	0.2%	1 609	1 673	1 725	3.7%	0.1%
Other transfers to households											
Current	858	83	275	342	-26.4%	-	356	370	382	3.8%	0.0%
Employee ex-gratia payment	858	83	275	342	-26.4%	-	356	370	382	3.8%	0.0%
Departmental agencies and accounts											
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)											
Current	425 581	627 330	689 150	709 031	18.5%	56.1%	745 085	775 399	799 968	4.1%	61.4%
Mining Qualifications Authority	2 209	-	1 085	1 133	-20.0%	0.1%	2 835	2 958	3 073	39.5%	0.2%
South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator	62 894	63 136	69 921	62 558	-0.2%	5.9%	70 458	73 840	76 583	7.0%	5.8%
Mine Health and Safety Council	4 717	4 736	4 495	4 693	-0.2%	0.4%	4 886	5 081	5 238	3.7%	0.4%
Council for Geoscience	355 761	559 458	613 649	640 647	21.7%	49.6%	666 906	693 520	715 074	3.7%	55.0%
Foreign governments and international organisations											
Current	7 785	9 345	20 395	8 372	2.5%	1.0%	8 711	9 059	9 341	3.7%	0.7%
African Petroleum Producers' Organisation	3 280	9 345	4 479	3 266	-0.1%	0.5%	3 399	3 535	3 645	3.7%	0.3%
African Diamond Producers Association	4 505	-	15 916	5 106	4.3%	0.6%	5 312	5 524	5 696	3.7%	0.4%
Public corporations and private enterprises											
Subsidies on products and production											
Current	121 742	119 483	116 026	123 411	0.5%	11.0%	128 480	133 607	137 760	3.7%	10.6%
Petroleum Agency South Africa	94 284	92 085	87 398	91 243	-1.1%	8.3%	94 983	98 773	101 843	3.7%	7.8%
Industrial Development Corporation	27 293	27 398	28 628	29 911	3.1%	2.6%	31 119	32 362	33 368	3.7%	2.6%
Various institutions: Water management solutions subsidies for marginal mines	165	-	-	2 257	139.2%	0.1%	2 378	2 472	2 549	4.1%	0.2%
Other transfers to public corporations											
Current	287 417	288 522	270 944	402 838	11.9%	28.6%	294 450	306 200	315 717	-7.8%	24.3%
Mintek	287 417	288 522	270 944	282 838	-0.5%	25.8%	294 450	306 200	315 717	3.7%	24.3%
Various Institutions: Junior Mining Exploration Fund (Industrial Development Corporation)	-	-	-	120 000	-	2.7%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Capital	37 538	30 157	31 511	32 923	-4.3%	3.0%	34 253	35 620	36 727	3.7%	2.8%
Mintek	37 538	30 157	31 511	32 923	-4.3%	3.0%	34 253	35 620	36 727	3.7%	2.8%
Total	885 423	1 076 864	1 130 787	1 278 462	13.0%	100.0%	1 212 944	1 261 928	1 301 620	0.6%	100.0%

Personnel information

Table 34.4 Vote personnel numbers and cost by salary level and programme¹

		Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		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									
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29									
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	
Mineral and Petroleum Resources		1 154	11	1 265 893.3 0.7	1 150 905.6 0.8	1 148 947.5 0.8	1 142 990.8 0.9	1 124 1 021.6 0.9	0.9	-0.8%	100.0%						
Salary level		1 154	11	1 265 893.3 0.7	1 150 905.6 0.8	1 148 947.5 0.8	1 142 990.8 0.9	1 124 1 021.6 0.9	0.9	-0.8%	100.0%						
1 – 6	260	-	282 86.6 0.3	259 83.4 0.3	252 84.9 0.3	251 89.2 0.4	250 93.7 0.4	250 93.7 0.4	-1.2%	22.1%							
7 – 10	530	4	608 320.5 0.5	529 302.2 0.6	528 316.7 0.6	528 333.8 0.6	523 348.9 0.7	523 348.9 0.7	-0.4%	46.2%							
11 – 12	254	2	272 313.5 1.2	252 316.9 1.3	264 344.6 1.3	260 357.6 1.4	251 363.4 1.4	251 363.4 1.4	-0.1%	22.7%							
13 – 16	108	5	101 167.9 1.7	108 198.2 1.8	102 196.4 1.9	101 205.3 2.0	98 210.7 2.2	98 210.7 2.2	-3.2%	8.8%							
Other	2	-	2 4.9 2.5	2 4.9 2.5	2 4.9 2.5	2 4.9 2.5	2 4.9 2.5	2 4.9 2.5	-	0.2%							
Programme		1 154	11	1 265 893.3 0.7	1 150 905.6 0.8	1 148 947.5 0.8	1 142 990.8 0.9	1 124 1 021.6 0.9	0.9	-0.8%	100.0%						
Programme 1	388	9	477 296.1 0.6	387 285.5 0.7	389 304.7 0.8	385 315.4 0.8	380 326.1 0.9	380 326.1 0.9	-0.6%	33.8%							
Programme 2	446	2	456 336.1 0.7	444 354.2 0.8	411 336.7 0.8	411 354.9 0.9	407 367.8 0.9	407 367.8 0.9	-2.9%	36.0%							
Programme 3	245	-	254 197.3 0.8	246 198.7 0.8	271 230.0 0.8	269 240.2 0.9	264 248.8 0.9	264 248.8 0.9	2.3%	23.5%							
Programme 4	75	-	78 63.9 0.8	73 67.1 0.9	77 76.2 1.0	77 80.3 1.0	73 78.9 1.1	73 78.9 1.1	0.0%	6.7%							

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

2. Rand million.

Departmental receipts

Table 34.5 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													
Departmental receipts	36 211	48 674	53 562	58 967	44 832	7.4%	100.0%	43 171	44 899	46 830	1.5%	100.0%	
Sales of goods and services produced by department	19 009	23 632	26 917	27 255	23 883	7.9%	51.0%	24 744	25 736	26 843	4.0%	57.3%	
Sales by market establishments	403	303	194	203	181	-23.4%	0.6%	188	196	204	4.1%	0.4%	
of which:													
Market establishment: Rental parking: Covered and open	403	303	194	203	181	-23.4%	0.6%	188	196	204	4.1%	0.4%	
Administrative fees	17 525	17 616	20 884	21 055	18 281	1.4%	40.5%	18 939	19 698	20 546	4.0%	43.9%	
of which:													
Application fees in relation to the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002)	1 346	1 582	1 817	1 776	1 693	7.9%	3.5%	1 754	1 824	1 902	4.0%	4.1%	
Requested information: Promotion of Access to Information Act (2000)	52	60	63	70	77	14.0%	0.1%	79	82	86	3.8%	0.2%	
Environmental Authorisation application fees	10 298	11 168	13 928	14 986	12 285	6.1%	26.0%	12 727	13 236	13 805	4.0%	29.5%	
Administrative fees: Petroleum licence fees	5 829	4 806	5 076	4 223	4 226	-10.2%	10.9%	4 379	4 556	4 753	4.0%	10.1%	
Other sales	1 081	5 713	5 839	5 997	5 421	71.2%	9.9%	5 617	5 842	6 093	4.0%	13.0%	
of which:													
Services rendered: Commission on insurance and garnishee	332	350	361	364	378	4.4%	0.8%	392	408	426	4.1%	0.9%	
Services rendered: Marking of exam paper	697	5 310	5 427	5 590	5 008	93.0%	9.0%	5 188	5 396	5 628	4.0%	12.0%	
Services rendered: Photocopies and faxes	51	51	47	41	32	-14.4%	0.1%	33	34	35	3.0%	0.1%	
Replacement of lost office property	1	2	4	2	3	44.2%	-	4	4	4	10.1%	-	
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	-	-	121	120	344	-	0.3%	357	371	387	4.0%	0.8%	
of which:													
Sales: Scrap	-	-	121	120	344	-	0.3%	357	371	387	4.0%	0.8%	
Fines, penalties and forfeits	2 405	4 315	5 773	4 898	2 250	-2.2%	8.0%	2 330	2 423	2 527	3.9%	5.4%	
Interest, dividends and rent on land	13 577	20 408	20 327	22 232	13 353	-0.6%	36.9%	13 833	14 386	15 005	4.0%	32.0%	
Interest	115	1 369	75	61	120	1.4%	0.9%	124	128	134	3.7%	0.3%	
Rent on land	13 462	19 039	20 252	22 171	13 233	-0.6%	36.0%	13 709	14 258	14 871	4.0%	31.8%	
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	1 220	319	424	4 462	5 002	60.1%	3.8%	1 907	1 983	2 068	-25.5%	4.4%	
Total	36 211	48 674	53 562	58 967	44 832	7.4%	100.0%	43 171	44 899	46 830	1.5%	100.0%	

Programme 1: Administration

Programme purpose

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

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 34.6 Administration expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)		Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	
	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
R million											
Ministry	39.7	42.7	37.7	39.6	—	6.8%	46.0	47.6	49.0	7.3%	7.3%
Departmental Management	31.7	38.2	29.1	42.6	10.4%	6.0%	35.5	37.1	38.2	-3.6%	5.7%
Internal Audit	18.1	19.6	17.4	19.1	1.7%	3.1%	20.2	20.8	21.3	3.9%	3.2%
Finance Administration	80.3	77.2	78.0	81.5	0.5%	13.4%	90.2	92.7	95.1	5.3%	14.2%
Corporate Services	254.9	263.1	307.5	285.9	3.9%	47.1%	304.1	316.7	328.0	4.7%	48.5%
Office Accommodation	129.1	134.4	166.9	128.0	-0.3%	23.6%	134.2	138.7	142.6	3.7%	21.2%
Total	553.8	575.2	636.5	596.7	2.5%	100.0%	630.1	653.5	674.3	4.2%	100.0%
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				—			(0.5)	(1.4)	(10.0)		
Economic classification											
Current payments	530.8	566.4	603.8	576.7	2.8%	96.4%	607.9	630.5	650.6	4.1%	96.5%
Compensation of employees	271.6	283.6	296.1	285.5	1.7%	48.1%	304.7	315.4	326.1	4.5%	48.3%
Goods and services	259.2	282.9	307.7	291.2	4.0%	48.3%	303.2	315.1	324.5	3.7%	48.2%
of which:											
<i>Audit costs: External</i>	7.7	7.8	8.1	8.4	3.2%	1.4%	10.7	10.7	10.7	8.3%	1.6%
<i>Communication</i>	7.6	5.8	7.0	5.8	-8.7%	1.1%	10.0	10.0	10.2	21.0%	1.5%
<i>Computer services</i>	36.1	34.0	37.9	49.5	11.2%	6.7%	55.4	58.0	61.0	7.2%	8.9%
<i>Operating leases</i>	129.6	141.1	170.7	126.4	-0.8%	24.0%	127.5	131.8	135.7	2.4%	20.2%
<i>Property payments</i>	23.0	23.7	28.6	24.5	2.1%	4.2%	27.5	27.5	28.0	4.6%	4.2%
<i>Travel and subsistence</i>	25.7	27.2	23.4	25.6	-0.1%	4.3%	30.8	32.0	32.9	8.7%	4.9%
Transfers and subsidies	7.4	2.0	3.8	3.0	-26.0%	0.7%	4.8	5.0	5.2	19.7%	0.8%
Departmental agencies and accounts	2.2	—	1.1	1.1	-20.0%	0.2%	2.8	3.0	3.1	39.5%	0.5%
Households	5.2	2.0	2.7	1.9	-28.9%	0.5%	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.7%	0.3%
Payments for capital assets	15.4	6.7	29.0	17.0	3.2%	2.9%	17.4	18.0	18.5	2.9%	2.8%
Buildings and other fixed structures	0.9	0.0	—	2.5	41.0%	0.1%	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.7%	0.4%
Machinery and equipment	14.5	6.6	8.8	14.5	-0.1%	1.9%	14.8	15.3	15.8	2.8%	2.3%
Software and other intangible assets	—	0.0	20.1	—	—	0.9%	—	—	—	—	—
Payments for financial assets	0.2	0.1	0.0	—	-100.0%	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Total	553.8	575.2	636.5	596.7	2.5%	100.0%	630.1	653.5	674.3	4.2%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	24.0%	22.9%	21.6%	20.9%	—	—	22.1%	22.0%	22.0%	—	—
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	4.4	1.9	2.5	1.5	-29.7%	0.4%	1.6	1.7	1.7	3.7%	0.3%
Employee social benefits	4.4	1.9	2.5	1.5	-29.7%	0.4%	1.6	1.7	1.7	3.7%	0.3%
Other transfers to households											
Current	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.3	-24.7%	0.1%	0.4	0.4	0.4	3.8%	0.1%
Claims against the state	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.3	-24.7%	0.1%	0.4	0.4	0.4	3.8%	0.1%
Departmental agencies and accounts											
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)											
Current	2.2	—	1.1	1.1	-20.0%	0.2%	2.8	3.0	3.1	39.5%	0.5%
Mining Qualifications Authority	2.2	—	1.1	1.1	-20.0%	0.2%	2.8	3.0	3.1	39.5%	0.5%

Personnel information

Table 34.7 Administration personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Salary level	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		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												
			2024/25	Unit cost	2025/26	Unit cost	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	388	9	477	296.1	0.6	387	285.5	0.7	389	304.7	0.8	385	315.4	0.8	380	326.1	0.9	-0.6%	100.0%
1 – 6	128	—	133	34.6	0.3	128	35.6	0.3	127	37.2	0.3	126	39.0	0.3	125	40.7	0.3	-0.8%	32.8%
7 – 10	158	3	250	115.6	0.5	159	76.2	0.5	159	80.1	0.5	159	84.4	0.5	158	88.5	0.6	-0.2%	41.2%
11 – 12	55	1	52	71.9	1.4	53	79.1	1.5	55	86.3	1.6	53	87.6	1.7	52	90.7	1.7	-0.6%	13.9%
13 – 16	45	5	40	69.0	1.7	45	89.8	2.0	46	96.1	2.1	45	99.5	2.2	43	101.3	2.4	-1.5%	11.6%
Other	2	—	2	4.9	2.5	2	4.9	2.5	2	4.9	2.5	2	4.9	2.5	2	4.9	2.5	—	0.5%

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

2. Rand million.

Programme 2: Minerals and Petroleum Regulation

Programme purpose

Regulate the mining, minerals and petroleum sectors to promote economic growth, employment, transformation and sustainable development.

Objectives

- Improve the participation of historically disadvantaged South Africans in the mining sector and contribute to its transformation by:
 - issuing mining rights and permits to 600 historically disadvantaged South Africans over the medium term
 - monitoring and enforcing compliance with procurement requirements that relate to historically disadvantaged South Africans, as prescribed by the mining charter, on an ongoing basis
 - monitoring and enforcing compliance with the statutory obligations of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002) and the mining charter by conducting 636 social and labour plan verification inspections, 1 500 mine economic verification audits and 4 122 environmental verification inspections over the medium term.
- Ensure the development and transformation of the liquid fuels industry and the security of supply of petroleum and petroleum products by monitoring and enforcing technical and economic compliance with legislation, specifications, standards and licence conditions on ongoing basis.
- Facilitate the orderly operation of the petroleum sector through an analysis of fuel supply and the efficient adjudication of licences for manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing activities on an ongoing basis.
- Strengthen the regulatory framework in the liquid fuels petroleum industry over the medium term by implementing an accounting system to introduce a transparent fuel pricing mechanism that will provide appropriate returns to investors in the sector across the value chain.
- Manage compliance and enforcement of prospecting and mining activities with the National Environmental Management Act (1998) on an ongoing basis.
- Ensure the provision of support to at least 9 small-scale mining companies over the medium term.

Subprogrammes

- *Minerals and Petroleum Management* provides overall management to the programme.
- *Mineral Regulation and Administration* administers and evaluates prospecting and mining rights and licensing. This subprogramme also makes transfers to the South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator, which implements and enforces the provisions of the Precious Metals Act (2005); and to the Petroleum Agency South Africa, which regulates onshore and offshore oil and gas exploration and production activities.
- *Petroleum Licensing and Fuel Supply* manages petroleum licensing, regulates import and export permits for petroleum products, monitors fuel stock levels, and ensures the security of fuel supply.
- *Minerals Compliance and Enforcement Management* ensures that mining activities comply with the prescripts of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002) and the National Environmental Management Act (1998).
- *Petroleum Compliance Monitoring, Enforcement and Fuel Pricing* ensures technical, economic and legal compliance by the petroleum industry with the prescripts of the Petroleum Products Act (1977) and its regulations through monitoring and enforcement.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 34.8 Minerals and Petroleum Regulation 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											
Minerals and Petroleum Management	49.5	48.9	49.5	56.9	4.7%	6.4%	59.4	62.2	64.0	4.0%	7.4%
Mineral Regulation and Administration	386.0	401.7	400.7	407.9	1.9%	49.8%	417.2	438.4	453.6	3.6%	52.4%
Petroleum Licensing and Fuel Supply	62.0	66.2	68.1	72.8	5.5%	8.4%	69.7	73.3	75.6	1.3%	8.7%
Minerals Compliance and Enforcement Management	210.1	202.7	398.6	231.7	3.3%	32.5%	231.6	240.3	248.1	2.3%	28.8%
Petroleum Compliance Monitoring, Enforcement and Fuel Pricing	21.8	25.1	18.3	28.5	9.3%	2.9%	21.2	22.1	23.4	-6.3%	2.7%
Total	729.5	744.6	935.1	797.7	3.0%	100.0%	799.2	836.4	864.7	2.7%	100.0%
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				-			(30.8)	(34.0)	(44.8)		
Economic classification											
Current payments	541.2	552.6	744.6	608.4	4.0%	76.3%	596.8	625.4	646.7	2.1%	74.8%
Compensation of employees	311.9	324.9	336.1	354.2	4.3%	41.4%	336.7	354.9	367.8	1.3%	42.4%
Goods and services	229.3	227.7	408.5	254.2	3.5%	34.9%	260.2	270.5	278.9	3.1%	32.4%
of which:											
Communication	5.3	4.4	5.6	4.1	-8.5%	0.6%	6.4	6.5	6.5	16.9%	0.8%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	184.1	172.7	369.0	205.4	3.7%	29.0%	212.0	220.4	227.2	3.4%	26.4%
Legal services	4.6	12.1	3.9	1.7	-28.9%	0.7%	3.5	3.6	3.7	30.6%	0.4%
Consumable supplies	0.1	1.4	0.1	1.7	157.4%	0.1%	1.1	1.2	1.2	-10.2%	0.1%
Operating leases	4.0	5.5	5.0	3.8	-1.8%	0.6%	5.2	5.3	5.3	11.7%	0.6%
Travel and subsistence	26.8	27.3	22.7	30.5	4.5%	3.3%	29.2	30.7	31.9	1.4%	3.7%
Transfers and subsidies	188.0	192.0	190.5	189.2	0.2%	23.7%	202.3	211.0	218.0	4.8%	25.2%
Departmental agencies and accounts	62.9	63.1	69.9	62.6	-0.2%	8.1%	70.5	73.8	76.6	7.0%	8.8%
Foreign governments and international organisations	3.3	9.3	4.5	3.3	-0.1%	0.6%	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7%	0.4%
Public corporations and private enterprises	121.7	119.5	116.0	123.4	0.5%	15.0%	128.5	133.6	137.8	3.7%	16.0%
Households	0.1	-	0.0	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Payments for financial assets	0.2	0.0	0.0	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	729.5	744.6	935.1	797.7	3.0%	100.0%	799.2	836.4	864.7	2.7%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	31.7%	29.6%	31.8%	27.9%	-	-	28.0%	28.1%	28.2%	-	-
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	0.1	-	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employee social benefits	0.1	-	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other transfers to households											
Current	0.1	-	0.0	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims against the state	0.1	-	0.0	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental agencies and accounts											
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)											
Current	62.9	63.1	69.9	62.6	-0.2%	8.1%	70.5	73.8	76.6	7.0%	8.8%
South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator	62.9	63.1	69.9	62.6	-0.2%	8.1%	70.5	73.8	76.6	7.0%	8.8%
Foreign governments and international organisations											
Current	3.3	9.3	4.5	3.3	-0.1%	0.6%	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7%	0.4%
African Petroleum Producers' Organisation	3.3	9.3	4.5	3.3	-0.1%	0.6%	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7%	0.4%
Public corporations and private enterprises											
Subsidies on products and production											
Current	121.7	119.5	116.0	123.4	0.5%	15.0%	128.5	133.6	137.8	3.7%	16.0%
Petroleum Agency South Africa	94.3	92.1	87.4	91.2	-1.1%	11.4%	95.0	98.8	101.8	3.7%	11.8%
Industrial Development Corporation	27.3	27.4	28.6	29.9	3.1%	3.5%	31.1	32.4	33.4	3.7%	3.9%
Various institutions: Water management solutions subsidies for marginal mines	0.2	-	-	2.3	139.2%	0.1%	2.4	2.5	2.5	4.1%	0.3%

Personnel information

Table 34.9 Minerals and Petroleum Regulation personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026			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										
			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29			
Minerals and Petroleum Regulation			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		
Salary level	446	2	456	336.1	0.7	444	354.2	0.8	411	336.7	0.8	411	354.9	0.9	407	367.8	0.9	-2.9%	100.0%
1 – 6	84	–	93	36.8	0.4	84	34.2	0.4	78	33.4	0.4	78	35.2	0.5	78	37.2	0.5	-2.4%	19.0%
7 – 10	274	1	279	166.3	0.6	272	173.2	0.6	260	174.9	0.7	260	184.4	0.7	259	193.2	0.7	-1.6%	63.4%
11 – 12	53	1	50	73.5	1.5	53	82.1	1.5	45	73.9	1.6	45	77.9	1.7	43	79.0	1.8	-6.7%	10.8%
13 – 16	35	–	34	59.5	1.8	35	64.7	1.8	28	54.5	1.9	28	57.4	2.1	27	58.4	2.2	-8.3%	6.8%

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

2. Rand million.

Programme 3: Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate

Programme purpose

Ensure the health and safety of mine employees and nearby communities.

Objectives

- Promote mine health and safety by:
 - implementing the occupational and health and safety improvement strategy and enforcing guidelines on an ongoing basis
 - conducting 24 000 inspections and audits over the medium term.
- Contribute to skills development in the mining sector by implementing, monitoring and evaluating the government certificate of competency model on an ongoing basis.
- Improve health care in the mining sector on an ongoing basis by ensuring:
 - 80 per cent adherence to prescribed timeframes for resolving medical appeals
 - 80 per cent adherence to timelines for appeals to the chief inspector of mines
 - 80 per cent adherence to timelines for applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002).

Subprogrammes

- Mine Health and Safety Management* provides overall management to the programme.
- Mine Health and Safety Regions* develops strategies to reduce occupational diseases and injuries in the mining sector, and conducts audits and inspections.
- Occupational Health* makes transfers to the Mine Health and Safety Council, which is tasked with promoting a culture of health and safety in the mining sector.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 34.10 Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)		Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	
	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
R million											
Mine Health and Safety Management	8.3	9.9	8.9	10.6	8.5%	4.0%	10.0	10.5	10.8	0.8%	3.6%
Mine Health and Safety Regions	193.9	202.6	217.4	213.0	3.2%	88.6%	249.2	260.0	269.3	8.1%	90.1%
Occupational Health	15.9	16.6	17.7	18.1	4.4%	7.3%	17.4	18.2	18.8	1.1%	6.3%
Total	218.1	229.2	244.0	241.7	3.5%	100.0%	276.7	288.7	298.9	7.3%	100.0%
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				–			25.8	25.6	23.9		
Economic classification											
Current payments	213.2	224.4	239.4	237.0	3.6%	98.0%	271.8	283.7	293.6	7.4%	98.2%
Compensation of employees	178.2	187.1	197.3	198.7	3.7%	81.6%	230.0	240.2	248.8	7.8%	83.2%
Goods and services	35.0	37.2	42.2	38.3	3.0%	16.4%	41.8	43.4	44.8	5.4%	15.0%
of which:											
Communication	1.5	0.9	2.3	1.6	2.3%	0.7%	2.1	2.1	2.2	11.5%	0.7%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	0.0	0.0	3.6	2.5	272.4%	0.7%	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.5%	0.9%
Legal services	0.1	1.7	0.5	1.1	103.2%	0.4%	1.1	1.2	1.2	4.5%	0.4%
Consumable supplies	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	12.7%	0.2%	0.6	0.7	0.7	-0.8%	0.2%
Travel and subsistence	31.2	32.8	34.4	29.6	-1.8%	13.7%	34.3	35.7	36.9	7.6%	12.4%
Operating payments	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	4.8%	0.1%	0.3	0.3	0.3	-7.5%	0.1%
Transfers and subsidies	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	-0.2%	2.0%	4.9	5.1	5.2	3.7%	1.8%
Departmental agencies and accounts	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	-0.2%	2.0%	4.9	5.1	5.2	3.7%	1.8%
Households	–	–	0.0	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Payments for financial assets	0.2	0.1	–	–	-100.0%	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Total	218.1	229.2	244.0	241.7	3.5%	100.0%	276.7	288.7	298.9	7.3%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	9.5%	9.1%	8.3%	8.4%	–	–	9.7%	9.7%	9.7%	–	–
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other transfers to households											
Current	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Claims against the state	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Departmental agencies and accounts											
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)											
Current	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	-0.2%	2.0%	4.9	5.1	5.2	3.7%	1.8%
Mine Health and Safety Council	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	-0.2%	2.0%	4.9	5.1	5.2	3.7%	1.8%

Personnel information

Table 34.11 Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of funded posts	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Number of posts	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate										
			2024/25	Unit cost	Cost	2025/26	Unit cost	Cost	2026/27	Unit cost	Cost	2027/28	Unit cost	Cost			2028/29	Unit cost	Cost
Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate	245	–	254	197.3	0.8	246	198.7	0.8	271	230.0	0.8	269	240.2	0.9	264	248.8	0.9	2.3%	100.0%
Salary level																			
1–6	40	–	47	12.7	0.3	40	11.5	0.3	40	12.1	0.3	40	12.7	0.3	40	13.4	0.3	-0.0%	14.9%
7–10	60	–	39	15.2	0.4	61	29.2	0.5	72	36.9	0.5	72	38.9	0.5	70	40.0	0.6	4.6%	26.6%
11–12	127	–	151	143.9	1.0	127	128.9	1.0	141	150.5	1.1	139	156.4	1.1	136	161.3	1.2	2.3%	51.8%
13–16	18	–	17	25.5	1.5	18	29.1	1.6	18	30.6	1.7	18	32.2	1.8	18	34.0	1.9	-0.0%	6.7%

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

2. Rand million.

Programme 4: Mining and Minerals Policy Development

Programme purpose

Formulate, maintain and implement integrated minerals and petroleum policies to promote and encourage investment in the mining and petroleum industries.

Objectives

- Promote investment in the mining, minerals and upstream petroleum sectors over the medium term by:
 - participating in local and international mining and petroleum conferences and events, engaging with stakeholders through various forums and leading the implementation of key government priorities
 - implementing the mining exploration strategy through the Junior Mining Exploration Fund
 - developing an implementation plan for the critical minerals strategy
 - ensuring the full implementation of the shale gas action plan through consultations, advocacy, research and promotional activities for shale gas exploration
 - publishing annual mining and energy reports and publications
 - ensuring the full implementation of plans for developing the oceans economy for oil and gas exploration through Operation Phakisa.
- Manage diplomatic imperatives and international relations to benefit South Africa by establishing and implementing bilateral and multilateral partnerships for mining and upstream petroleum development on an ongoing basis.
- Enable transformed, competitive and sustainable minerals and petroleum sectors by developing legislation to ensure upstream health and safety, and amending the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002), the Petroleum Pipelines Amendment Act (2003) and the Diamonds Amendment Act (2005) over the MTEF period.

Subprogrammes

- Mining and Minerals Development Management* provides overall management to the programme.
- Mineral and Petroleum Policy* develops and reviews policy and legislative frameworks for the mining, minerals and petroleum sectors; conducts research; and monitors the impact of policy implementation.
- Economic Analysis and Statistics* conducts research, compiles and collates data, and advises the department on local and international mineral and petroleum economic trends.
- Economic Growth, Promotion and Global Relations* promotes economic growth and investment in the sector and makes transfers to the Council for Geoscience and Mintek.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 34.12 Mining and Minerals Policy Development 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		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
Mining and Minerals Development Management	58.4	13.0	135.2	185.5	47.0%	9.5%	64.0	66.7	68.8	-28.1%	5.6%
Mineral and Petroleum Policy	19.6	23.6	33.3	28.2	12.9%	2.5%	27.4	28.8	29.7	1.7%	2.4%
Economic Analysis and Statistics	29.8	28.8	30.0	29.8	–	2.9%	44.5	46.8	44.4	14.2%	3.8%
Economic Growth, Promotion and Global Relations	695.1	897.9	928.6	981.1	12.2%	85.1%	1 015.1	1 055.4	1 088.0	3.5%	88.2%
Total	802.9	963.3	1 127.2	1 224.6	15.1%	100.0%	1 151.0	1 197.6	1 230.9	0.2%	100.0%
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				–			(4.4)	(10.7)	(31.6)		

Table 34.12 Mining and Minerals Policy Development 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	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
	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
Current payments	117.6	85.2	195.1	143.1	6.8%	13.1%	150.1	156.7	157.7	3.3%	13.0%
Compensation of employees	57.6	60.2	63.9	67.1	5.2%	6.0%	76.2	80.3	78.9	5.5%	6.6%
Goods and services	59.9	24.9	131.3	75.9	8.2%	7.1%	73.9	76.4	78.8	1.2%	6.4%
<i>of which:</i>											
Advertising	1.4	0.2	0.4	2.0	11.9%	0.1%	1.0	1.1	1.1	-18.6%	0.1%
Communication	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.0	20.7%	0.1%	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.8%	0.1%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	45.6	-	124.1	49.2	2.6%	5.3%	51.0	53.1	54.8	3.7%	4.4%
Travel and subsistence	3.3	4.7	4.5	7.2	29.8%	0.5%	6.9	7.1	7.2	0.2%	0.6%
Operating payments	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.7	245.5%	0.1%	5.7	5.8	6.1	2.1%	0.5%
Venues and facilities	7.4	13.6	0.8	2.9	-26.6%	0.6%	4.7	4.8	4.8	18.4%	0.4%
Transfers and subsidies	685.2	878.1	932.0	1 081.5	16.4%	86.9%	1 000.9	1 040.9	1 073.2	-0.3%	87.0%
Departmental agencies and accounts	355.8	559.5	613.6	640.6	21.7%	52.7%	666.9	693.5	715.1	3.7%	58.0%
Foreign governments and international organisations	4.5	-	15.9	5.1	4.3%	0.6%	5.3	5.5	5.7	3.7%	0.5%
Public corporations and private enterprises	325.0	318.7	302.5	435.8	10.3%	33.6%	328.7	341.8	352.4	-6.8%	28.6%
Households	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Payments for financial assets	0.0	0.0	-	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	802.9	963.3	1 127.2	1 224.6	15.1%	100.0%	1 151.0	1 197.6	1 230.9	0.2%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	34.8%	38.3%	38.3%	42.8%	-	-	40.3%	40.2%	40.1%	-	-

Details of transfers and subsidies

Households											
Other transfers to households											
Current	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims against the state	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental agencies and accounts											
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)											
Current	355.8	559.5	613.6	640.6	21.7%	52.7%	666.9	693.5	715.1	3.7%	58.0%
Council for Geoscience	355.8	559.5	613.6	640.6	21.7%	52.7%	666.9	693.5	715.1	3.7%	58.0%
Foreign governments and international organisations											
Current	4.5	-	15.9	5.1	4.3%	0.6%	5.3	5.5	5.7	3.7%	0.5%
African Diamond Producers Association	4.5	-	15.9	5.1	4.3%	0.6%	5.3	5.5	5.7	3.7%	0.5%
Public corporations and private enterprises											
Other transfers to public corporations											
Current	287.4	288.5	270.9	402.8	11.9%	30.3%	294.5	306.2	315.7	-7.8%	25.6%
Mintek	287.4	288.5	270.9	282.8	-0.5%	27.4%	294.5	306.2	315.7	3.7%	25.6%
Various Institutions: Junior Mining Exploration Fund (Industrial Development Corporation)	-	-	-	120.0	-	2.9%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Capital	37.5	30.2	31.5	32.9	-4.3%	3.2%	34.3	35.6	36.7	3.7%	3.0%
Mintek	37.5	30.2	31.5	32.9	-4.3%	3.2%	34.3	35.6	36.7	3.7%	3.0%

Personnel information

Table 34.13 Mining and Minerals Policy Development personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Mining and Minerals Policy Development	Salary level	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026	Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average Salary level/ Total (%)
			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		
	75	-	78	63.9	0.8	73	67.1	0.9	77	76.2	1.0	77	80.3	1.0	73	78.9	1.1	0.0%	100.0%
1-6	8	-	9	2.5	0.3	7	2.1	0.3	7	2.2	0.3	7	2.3	0.3	7	2.4	0.3	-0.0%	9.2%
7-10	38	-	40	23.3	0.6	37	23.6	0.6	37	24.9	0.7	37	26.2	0.7	36	27.1	0.8	-0.9%	48.4%
11-12	19	-	19	24.2	1.3	19	26.8	1.4	23	33.9	1.5	23	35.7	1.5	20	32.4	1.6	1.8%	29.1%
13-16	10	-	10	13.8	1.4	10	14.6	1.5	10	15.3	1.5	10	16.1	1.6	10	17.0	1.7	-	13.2%

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

2. Rand million.

Entities

Alexkor

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.14 Alexkor performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related priority

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Area rehabilitated in Arrisdrift, Witvoorkop and Perdevlei regions (hectares)	Mining	Increased infrastructure investment, access and efficiency	–1	–1	–1	75	100	120	120
Diamonds produced per year (carats)	Mining	Accelerated growth of strategic and labour-intensive sectors	–1	–1	26 000	30 000	34 000	40 000	40 000

1. No historical data available.

Entity overview

Alexkor was established in terms of the Alexkor Limited Act (1992) to extract marine and land diamonds in Alexander Bay, Northern Cape. The company holds a 51 per cent stake in the Alexkor Richtersveld Mining Company Pooling and Sharing Joint Venture and the Richtersveld community holds 49 per cent. Alexkor is listed as a schedule 2 public entity in the Public Finance Management Act (1999).

Over the medium term, the company will continue to focus on the mining and sale of diamonds in the areas in which it operates. It aims to produce 114 000 carats of diamonds over this period. It plans to implement a revised contracting model over the medium term to improve operational efficiency, and will strengthen its administration, improve cost efficiencies, review its current business model, and scale up the rehabilitation of historic mining areas.

Total expenditure is projected to decrease at an average annual rate of 15.9 per cent, from R369.4 million in 2025/26 to R219.8 million in 2028/29, as a result of a high baseline in 2025/26. Compensation of employees is projected to constitute 22 per cent (R133.7 million) of total expenditure over the medium term, increasing at an average annual rate of 6 per cent. The entity derives most of its revenue from the sale of diamonds. Revenue is projected to decrease at an average annual rate of 20.2 per cent, from R353.4 million in 2025/26 to R179.9 million in 2028/29, as a result of the high baseline in 2025/26.

Programmes/Objectives/Activities

Table 34.15 Alexkor expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity

	Audited outcome				Revised estimate	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	2028/29		
R million												
Administration	301.3	681.6	266.0	369.4	7.0%	100.0%	184.5	202.4	219.8	-15.9%	100.0%	
Total	301.3	681.6	266.0	369.4	7.0%	100.0%	184.5	202.4	219.8	-15.9%	100.0%	

Statements of financial performance

Table 34.16 Alexkor statements of financial performance

Statement of financial performance				Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome							2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
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	
Revenue											
Non-tax revenue	380.5	615.6	176.1	353.4	-2.4%	98.7%	134.3	165.8	179.9	-20.2%	100.0%
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	363.9	558.9	124.1	338.0	-2.4%	89.6%	118.1	148.4	162.5	-21.7%	89.4%
Other sales	4.0	5.8	2.9	6.1	15.3%	1.2%	11.2	7.4	7.4	6.6%	5.4%
Other non-tax revenue	16.6	56.7	52.0	15.3	-2.5%	9.1%	16.2	17.4	17.4	4.3%	10.6%
Transfers received	-	-	20.3	-	-	1.3%	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	380.5	615.6	196.4	353.4	-2.4%	100.0%	134.3	165.8	179.9	-20.2%	100.0%
Expenses											
Current expenses	286.8	660.2	247.5	346.5	6.5%	95.2%	158.9	173.7	187.4	-18.5%	85.7%
Compensation of employees	31.8	38.5	35.3	39.6	7.5%	9.0%	42.0	44.5	47.2	6.0%	22.0%
Goods and services	247.0	609.4	130.0	302.8	7.0%	79.7%	112.6	124.7	135.5	-23.5%	61.4%
Depreciation	7.5	4.1	66.4	4.1	-18.3%	5.1%	4.3	4.5	4.7	5.0%	2.2%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	0.5	8.1	15.7	0.0	-55.0%	1.5%	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.0%	-
Transfers and subsidies	14.5	21.4	18.5	22.9	16.4%	4.8%	25.6	28.7	32.4	12.3%	14.3%
Total expenses	301.3	681.6	266.0	369.4	7.0%	100.0%	184.5	202.4	219.8	-15.9%	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	79.1	(66.0)	(69.6)	(16.0)	-158.7%		(50.2)	(36.6)	(39.9)	35.6%	

Personnel information

Table 34.17 Alexkor personnel numbers and cost by salary level

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026			Number and cost ¹ of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)						
Number of approved funded posts	Number of posts on establishment	Number of posts on 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													
			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost								
Alexkor			139	139	140	35.3	0.3	139	39.6	0.3	139	42.0	0.3	139	44.5	0.3	139	47.2	0.3			
Salary level	139	139	140	35.3	0.3	139	39.6	0.3	139	42.0	0.3	139	44.5	0.3	139	47.2	0.3	139	47.2	0.3	-	100.0%
1 – 6	120	120	125	16.8	0.1	120	19.4	0.2	120	19.7	0.2	120	20.8	0.2	120	22.4	0.2	120	22.4	0.2	-	86.3%
7 – 10	10	10	11	4.6	0.4	10	4.6	0.5	10	4.6	0.5	10	4.8	0.5	10	5.0	0.5	10	5.0	0.5	-	7.2%
11 – 12	1	1	1	0.9	0.9	1	1.0	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	1	1.1	1.1	1	1.2	1.2	1	1.2	1.2	-	0.7%
13 – 16	1	1	1	1.4	1.4	1	1.4	1.4	1	1.5	1.5	1	1.6	1.6	1	1.7	1.7	1	1.7	1.7	-	0.7%
17 – 22	7	7	2	11.6	5.8	7	13.1	1.9	7	15.2	2.2	7	16.1	2.3	7	16.9	2.4	7	16.9	2.4	-	5.0%

1. Rand million.

Central Energy Fund

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.18 Central Energy Fund performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of crude oil barrels maintained as per ministerial directive per year	Strategic stock and oil pollution control	Increased infrastructure investment, access and efficiency	10.3 million	10.3 million	10.3 million	10.3 million	10.3 million	10.3 million	10.3 million
Number of reportable environmental incidents at Strategic Fuel Fund per year	Strategic stock and oil pollution control	Improved governance and performance of public entities	10	0	0	10	10	10	10
Number of reportable environmental incidents at the African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation per year	Mining, coal		2	2	0	1	1	1	1

Table 34.18 Central Energy Fund performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome (continued)

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Total quantity of energy supplied per year (million gigajoules)	Mining, coal	Improved energy security and a just energy transition	— ¹	— ¹	44.4	141	143	143	143
Days of strategic crude supply on hand per year	Strategic stock and oil pollution control		— ¹	— ¹	— ¹	60 days	60 days	60 days	60 days
Days of strategic refined product supply on hand per year			— ¹	— ¹	— ¹	14 days	14 days	14 days	14 days
Days of liquefied natural gas supply on hand per year			— ¹	— ¹	— ¹	14 days	14 days	14 days	14 days

1. No historical data available.

Entity overview

The Central Energy Fund is listed in schedule 2 of the Public Finance Management Act (1999) and is governed by the Central Energy Fund Act (1977) and the Companies Act (2008). Its mandate is to contribute to South Africa and the region's security of energy supply through exploration, acquisition, development, marketing and strategic partnerships. Through its subsidiaries, the fund is also mandated to finance and promote the acquisition of coal; exploit coal deposits; manufacture liquid fuel, oil and other products from coal; market these products; and acquire, generate, manufacture, market, distribute or research any other form of energy. The subsidiaries of the fund are the Petroleum Oil and Gas Corporation of South Africa (PetroSA), the South African Gas Development Company, Petroleum Agency South Africa, Oil Pollution Control South Africa, the Strategic Fuel Fund, the African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation, South African National Petroleum Company, CEF Trading, ETA Energy Solutions and CCE Solutions.

The fund will continue to develop upstream resources over the period ahead through the long-term development of the orange basin and the 11B/12B blocks, which are offshore exploration areas on the west coast of South Africa with oil and gas potential, and will expand energy infrastructure through the reinstatement of PetroSA's gas-to-liquid refinery. As a result, spending in the *oil and gas, national oil company* programme is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 17.3 per cent, from R25.4 billion in 2025/26 to R41 billion in 2028/29. The fund will also advance critical minerals exploration efforts through its African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation subsidiary, and realign its operating model and governance after operationalising the South African National Petroleum Company through the consolidation of PetroSA, the Strategic Fuel Fund and the South African Gas Development Company.

An estimated 94.6 per cent (R183.9 billion) of the entity's total expenditure over the medium term is allocated for goods and services. This will fund exploration; production; the refining and trading of oil, fuel and gas; and other operational costs involved with enhancing South Africa's energy supply, and will allow for an estimated 143 million gigajoules of energy to be produced each year over the medium term. Spending on compensation of employees accounts for an estimated 2.5 per cent (R4.8 billion) of total expenditure, increasing at an average annual rate of 5.9 per cent to accommodate additional posts aligned with the new organisational structure.

Total expenditure is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 13.3 per cent, from R50.6 billion in 2025/26 to R73.6 billion in 2028/29, mainly driven by increased spending on oil and gas due to the reinstatement of the gas-to-liquid refinery after PetroSA's anticipated recovery, in line with its turnaround plan. Revenue is expected to increase in line with expenditure, mainly driven by PetroSA's anticipated recovery, hydrocarbon trading and dividends from iGas's investment in the Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Investments Company.

Programmes/Objectives/Activities

Table 34.19 Central Energy Fund expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)		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	2028/29		
R million											
Administration	289.7	379.2	572.2	987.1	50.5%	1.7%	805.7	841.0	878.7	-3.8%	1.3%
Clean and renewable energy	37.6	79.9	92.9	101.2	39.2%	0.2%	112.1	124.1	137.5	10.7%	0.2%
Oil and gas, national oil company	25 813.1	26 346.1	16 979.4	25 386.0	-0.6%	70.1%	30 060.7	35 024.3	41 020.1	17.3%	54.6%
Strategic stock and oil pollution control	3 218.9	2 782.8	1 093.4	1 370.4	-24.8%	6.3%	53.1	55.2	57.4	-65.3%	0.1%
Mining, coal	1 401.7	2 551.5	783.6	4 338.0	45.7%	6.7%	4 606.6	4 809.8	5 019.1	5.0%	7.4%
Gas and gas infrastructure	328.2	428.9	349.3	314.9	-1.4%	1.1%	249.4	172.7	95.0	-32.9%	0.3%
Promotion, licensing and regulation	183.3	189.7	229.5	337.3	22.5%	0.7%	258.3	233.7	231.6	-11.8%	0.4%
sanpc	–	–	20.7	17 466.3	–	13.0%	20 449.9	22 393.0	25 882.8	14.0%	35.3%
CEF Trading	–	–	71.8	276.5	–	0.3%	287.7	298.6	309.3	3.8%	0.5%
Total	31 272.5	32 758.1	20 192.8	50 577.8	17.4%	100.0%	56 883.5	63 952.5	73 631.5	13.3%	100.0%

Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

Table 34.20 Central Energy Fund statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

Statement of financial performance											
	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)		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	2028/29		
R million											
Revenue											
Non-tax revenue	32 893.9	32 116.1	20 595.3	50 801.2	15.6%	99.6%	57 705.0	64 555.2	73 358.2	13.0%	99.8%
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	31 376.3	29 346.7	16 015.1	48 530.2	15.6%	91.5%	55 143.2	62 003.0	70 963.3	13.5%	96.0%
Other non-tax revenue	1 517.6	2 769.4	4 580.2	2 271.0	14.4%	8.1%	2 561.8	2 552.1	2 394.9	1.8%	3.8%
Transfers received	148.5	119.0	150.9	135.3	-3.0%	0.4%	145.9	151.8	105.8	-7.9%	0.2%
Total revenue	33 042.4	32 235.1	20 746.2	50 936.5	15.5%	100.0%	57 850.9	64 707.0	73 464.0	13.0%	100.0%
Expenses											
Current expenses	30 811.7	32 309.6	19 925.6	50 179.2	17.7%	98.8%	56 241.8	63 337.3	73 003.1	13.3%	99.0%
Compensation of employees	1 431.8	1 500.7	1 673.5	1 446.1	0.3%	4.5%	1 499.9	1 601.3	1 717.1	5.9%	2.5%
Goods and services	28 125.8	29 000.0	16 476.6	47 946.0	19.5%	90.2%	53 904.8	60 738.2	69 244.1	13.0%	94.6%
Depreciation	604.5	710.2	746.0	198.9	-31.0%	1.7%	214.6	224.6	231.1	5.1%	0.3%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	649.6	1 098.6	1 029.6	588.2	-3.3%	2.5%	622.5	773.2	1 810.7	45.5%	1.6%
Transfers and subsidies	460.8	448.5	267.3	398.6	-4.7%	1.2%	641.8	615.2	628.4	16.4%	1.0%
Total expenses	31 272.5	32 758.1	20 192.8	50 577.8	17.4%	100.0%	56 883.5	63 952.5	73 631.5	13.3%	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	1 770.0	(523.0)	553.4	358.8	-41.3%		967.3	754.5	(167.5)	-177.6%	
Cash flow statement											
Cash flow from operating activities	(377.2)	1 274.6	2 279.1	2 266.4	-281.8%	100.0%	3 760.3	2 744.7	2 201.0	-1.0%	100.0%
Receipts											
Non-tax receipts	33 743.3	33 818.0	22 407.9	51 294.8	15.0%	99.6%	58 847.1	65 686.6	74 370.3	13.2%	99.8%
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	31 384.9	31 609.0	20 128.3	49 397.1	16.3%	93.5%	56 412.8	63 260.8	72 094.5	13.4%	96.2%
Other tax receipts	2 358.3	2 209.0	2 279.6	1 897.6	-7.0%	6.2%	2 434.4	2 425.8	2 275.8	6.2%	3.6%
Transfers received	148.5	122.1	110.4	135.3	-3.0%	0.4%	145.9	151.8	105.8	-7.9%	0.2%
Total receipts	33 891.8	33 940.0	22 518.4	51 430.1	14.9%	100.0%	58 993.0	65 838.4	74 476.0	13.1%	100.0%
Payment											
Current payments	33 900.2	32 259.9	19 781.8	48 827.5	12.9%	98.8%	55 148.5	63 014.0	72 207.0	13.9%	99.9%
Compensation of employees	529.4	622.0	759.1	446.2	-5.5%	1.7%	500.9	536.8	565.0	8.2%	0.8%
Goods and services	32 989.3	31 246.4	18 689.4	47 929.5	13.3%	96.0%	54 231.6	61 917.6	70 057.1	13.5%	97.7%
Interest and rent on land	381.6	391.5	333.4	451.8	5.8%	1.1%	416.0	559.6	1 585.0	51.9%	1.3%
Transfers and subsidies	368.7	405.5	600.6	336.2	-3.0%	1.3%	84.2	79.8	68.0	-41.3%	0.1%
Payments for financial assets	–	–	(143.2)	–	–	-0.1%	–	–	–	–	–
Total payments	34 268.9	32 665.5	20 239.3	49 163.7	12.8%	100.0%	55 232.7	63 093.8	72 275.0	13.7%	100.0%

Table 34.20 Central Energy Fund statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position (continued)

Cash flow statement				Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome							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	
Net cash flow from investing activities	(3 210.8)	916.4	71.1	1 048.0	-168.9%	100.0%	(2 841.0)	(8 578.6)	(17 121.1)	-353.7%	100.0%
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	(490.1)	(456.3)	(200.8)	(3 713.2)	96.4%	413.5%	(2 972.8)	(8 789.8)	(16 974.3)	66.0%	100.7%
Acquisition of software and other intangible assets	(44.4)	(69.3)	(48.6)	(71.9)	17.4%	19.9%	(76.9)	(48.3)	(14.6)	-41.2%	0.5%
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	1.4	0.2	0.4	-	-100.0%	-0.2%	-	-	-	-	-
Other flows from investing activities	(2 677.7)	1 441.8	320.1	4 833.0	-221.8%	-333.3%	208.6	259.4	(132.1)	-130.1%	-1.2%
Net cash flow from financing activities	2 687.1	(364.1)	(568.4)	(534.8)	-158.4%	100.0%	(595.1)	(710.2)	(76.7)	-47.7%	100.0%
Borrowing activities	2 806.5	(250.8)	(568.4)	(651.5)	-161.5%	109.5%	(823.5)	(894.3)	(175.0)	-35.5%	137.0%
Repayment of finance leases	(119.4)	(113.4)	-	(16.7)	-48.1%	-20.4%	(28.6)	(31.6)	(25.2)	14.8%	6.2%
Other flows from financing activities	-	-	-	133.5	-	10.9%	257.0	215.6	123.5	-2.6%	-43.1%
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(900.9)	1 826.8	1 781.7	2 779.6	-245.6%	100.0%	324.1	(6 544.2)	(14 996.7)	-275.4%	100.0%
Statement of financial position											
Carrying value of assets	8 303.0	8 243.5	9 622.4	15 975.3	24.4%	26.4%	18 419.9	26 177.4	42 573.5	38.6%	57.7%
of which:											
Acquisition of assets	(490.1)	(456.3)	(200.8)	(3 713.2)	96.4%	100.0%	(2 972.8)	(8 789.8)	(16 974.3)	66.0%	100.0%
Investments	7 261.1	7 601.5	6 135.3	7 698.0	2.0%	18.0%	7 385.8	7 004.3	6 982.2	-3.2%	14.1%
Inventory	1 962.9	2 855.7	2 768.4	1 600.7	-6.6%	5.8%	1 571.0	1 583.5	1 593.5	-0.2%	3.1%
Loans	594.6	733.7	736.7	988.1	18.4%	1.9%	951.4	933.7	913.4	-2.6%	1.9%
Receivables and prepayments	3 737.9	2 698.1	3 103.3	5 110.3	11.0%	9.2%	5 004.6	5 324.4	5 885.7	4.8%	10.7%
Cash and cash equivalents	13 190.7	15 017.5	16 799.1	15 147.6	4.7%	37.7%	15 526.4	9 037.6	(5 875.1)	-172.9%	12.4%
Non-current assets held for sale	-	-	140.7	-	-	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-
Taxation	450.0	425.5	496.2	18.8	-65.3%	0.9%	18.8	18.8	18.8	-	-
Total assets	35 500.2	37 575.5	39 802.0	46 538.8	9.4%	100.0%	48 877.8	50 079.7	52 091.9	3.8%	100.0%
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	11 403.5	10 898.2	11 463.9	17 359.8	15.0%	32.1%	21 723.2	22 732.5	23 353.3	10.4%	44.9%
Capital and reserves	1 306.1	1 424.2	1 225.6	1 524.9	5.3%	3.4%	45.7	45.7	45.7	-68.9%	0.1%
Borrowings	-	2 116.4	1 603.4	1 918.1	-	3.5%	1 432.1	713.5	720.5	-27.8%	1.9%
Finance lease	1 144.1	1 109.7	975.4	975.8	-5.2%	2.6%	272.9	271.4	277.6	-34.2%	0.5%
Accrued interest	-	-	-	155.5	-	0.1%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Deferred income	128.6	177.2	143.2	767.9	81.4%	0.8%	35.2	69.6	56.4	-58.1%	0.1%
Trade and other payables	5 685.1	8 672.4	10 520.7	9 212.8	17.5%	21.4%	9 614.4	10 320.5	11 039.0	6.2%	20.5%
Benefits payable	2 511.9	-	-	-	-100.0%	1.6%	-	-	-	-	-
Non controlling interests	35.0	41.0	19.4	39.8	4.3%	0.1%	55.0	100.7	149.3	55.4%	0.2%
Taxation	1 163.2	1 179.6	780.7	111.5	-54.2%	2.0%	556.1	43.9	43.9	-26.7%	0.4%
Provisions	11 737.9	11 388.0	12 347.8	14 391.9	7.0%	31.3%	15 058.2	15 492.9	16 078.6	3.8%	30.9%
Derivatives financial instruments	384.7	568.8	721.9	80.8	-40.5%	1.1%	85.0	288.8	327.5	59.4%	0.5%
Total equity and liabilities	35 500.2	37 575.5	39 802.0	46 538.8	9.4%	100.0%	48 877.8	50 079.7	52 091.9	3.8%	100.0%

Council for Geoscience

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.21 Council for Geoscience performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of papers published in conference proceedings per year	Statutory projects	Increased infrastructure investment, access and efficiency	126	41	58	55	40	40	40
Number of peer-reviewed articles published per year	Statutory projects		40	34	22	40	40	45	50
Number of applied geoscience outputs for minerals and energy per year	Statutory projects	Accelerated growth of strategic and labour-intensive sector	7	10	7	3	4	3	3

Table 34.21 Council for Geoscience performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome (continued)

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
Number of applied geoscience outputs for infrastructure, land use, health, groundwater and the environment per year	Statutory projects	Social cohesion and nation building	6	11	2	3	3	3	3
Percentage of onshore geoscience map coverage (cumulative)	Statutory projects	Increased infrastructure investment, access and efficiency	12% (230/ 1 916)	16% (307/ 1 916)	18% (346 / 1 916)	20%	22%	24%	26%
Percentage of offshore geoscience map coverage (cumulative)	Statutory projects		0.1% (2/ 1 828)	0.3% (5/ 1 828)	0.5% (13/ 2 765)	0.6%	1%	1.5%	2%
Number of council publications per year	Statutory projects		12	10	9	9	10	10	10

Entity overview

The Council for Geoscience was established by the Geoscience Act (1993), as amended in 2010, and is mandated to generate, compile, curate and disseminate world-class geoscience data, information and knowledge, as well as provide geoscience-related services to the South African public and to the global industry. The council also renders advisory services for geohazards and geo-environmental pollution.

Over the next 3 years, the council will continue to implement its integrated and multidisciplinary geoscience mapping programme to collect and interpret high-resolution geoscientific knowledge to support early-stage mining exploration initiatives. This is expected to enable it to achieve 2 per cent offshore map coverage and 26 per cent onshore map coverage by 2028/29. The data and information generated from this programme will also help to assess environmental impacts from mining and geohazards affecting communities; and conduct research on carbon capture use and storage, minerals systems and shale gas development.

As the council is a knowledge institution that places significant reliance on skilled personnel to discharge its mandate, 62.4 per cent (R1.5 billion) of its total budget over the medium term is allocated to compensation of employees, increasing at an average annual rate of 7 per cent. The entity will use these funds to accelerate geohazard mapping and assess potential for mineral development. Total expenditure is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.3 per cent, from R799.6 million in 2025/26 to R831.1 million in 2028/29.

The council is set to derive 86.2 per cent (R2.1 billion) of its revenue over the medium term through transfers from the department and the balance mainly through collaborative activities, including the work done on the rehabilitation of derelict and ownerless mines and the water ingress solutions projects on behalf of the department.

Programmes/Objectives/Activities

Table 34.22 Council for Geoscience expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity

R million	Audited outcome				Revised estimate	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	2028/29		
	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27 - 2028/29					2025/26 - 2028/29		2026/27 - 2028/29		
Administration	275.1	341.6	454.4	236.5	-4.9%	43.6%	250.0	266.7	279.7	5.8%	33.1%	
Statutory projects	321.1	369.0	139.6	502.0	16.1%	44.4%	458.1	470.0	476.8	-1.7%	58.3%	
Foreign commercial	6.7	3.3	19.5	15.1	31.1%	1.5%	15.8	16.8	18.6	7.3%	2.1%	
Local commercial	57.6	116.1	96.7	46.1	-7.2%	10.6%	48.4	50.8	55.9	6.7%	6.4%	
Total	660.5	830.0	710.2	799.6	6.6%	100.0%	772.4	804.3	831.1	1.3%	100.0%	

Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

Table 34.23 Council for Geoscience statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

Statement of financial performance				Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome			2025/26				2022/23 - 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	
Revenue											
Non-tax revenue	151.1	280.4	155.1	159.0	1.7%	24.7%	105.5	110.7	116.0	-10.0%	13.8%
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	132.1	253.7	125.1	154.8	5.4%	22.0%	101.1	106.2	111.2	-10.4%	13.2%
Other non-tax revenue	19.0	26.7	30.0	4.1	-39.8%	2.6%	4.3	4.6	4.8	5.0%	0.6%
Transfers received	419.9	580.3	636.1	640.6	15.1%	75.3%	666.9	693.5	715.1	3.7%	86.2%
Total revenue	571.0	860.7	791.2	799.6	11.9%	100.0%	772.4	804.3	831.1	1.3%	100.0%
Expenses											
Current expenses	660.5	830.0	710.2	799.6	6.6%	100.0%	772.4	804.3	831.1	1.3%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	345.9	362.7	385.8	436.6	8.1%	51.0%	467.2	499.9	534.9	7.0%	62.4%
Goods and services	274.0	424.6	279.4	336.0	7.0%	43.8%	279.2	277.2	271.8	-6.8%	34.4%
Depreciation	40.6	42.7	45.0	27.0	-12.7%	5.2%	26.0	27.2	24.4	-3.3%	3.2%
Total expenses	660.5	830.0	710.2	799.6	6.6%	100.0%	772.4	804.3	831.1	1.3%	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	(89.5)	30.7	81.0	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow statement											
Cash flow from operating activities	(64.3)	(11.4)	67.4	(30.4)	-22.1%	100.0%	(13.7)	(21.4)	(23.2)	-8.6%	100.0%
Receipts											
Non-tax receipts	205.8	242.5	198.8	106.4	-19.7%	25.6%	101.7	106.8	112.0	1.7%	13.3%
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	195.7	226.0	181.8	104.8	-18.8%	24.1%	100.0	105.0	110.0	1.6%	13.1%
Other tax receipts	10.1	16.5	17.0	1.6	-45.9%	1.5%	1.7	1.8	2.0	6.8%	0.2%
Transfers received	355.8	559.5	613.6	640.6	21.7%	73.7%	666.9	693.5	715.1	3.7%	86.2%
Financial transactions in assets and liabilities	8.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	-23.8%	0.7%	4.0	4.2	4.6	6.5%	0.5%
Total receipts	570.2	805.5	816.2	750.9	9.6%	100.0%	772.6	804.5	831.7	3.5%	100.0%
Payment											
Current payments	634.6	816.9	748.8	781.4	7.2%	100.0%	786.4	825.9	854.9	3.0%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	345.9	362.7	385.8	436.6	8.1%	51.3%	467.2	499.9	534.9	7.0%	60.9%
Goods and services	288.6	454.2	363.0	344.7	6.1%	48.7%	319.2	326.0	320.0	-2.5%	39.1%
Interest and rent on land	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2%	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0%	-
Total payments	634.6	816.9	748.8	781.4	7.2%	100.0%	786.4	825.9	854.9	3.0%	100.0%
Net cash flow from investing activities	(58.5)	(17.9)	(58.6)	(22.0)	-27.8%	100.0%	(22.0)	(80.5)	(84.4)	56.5%	100.0%
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	(59.4)	(18.5)	(37.9)	(20.0)	-30.4%	86.6%	(20.0)	(76.5)	(79.9)	58.6%	94.4%
Acquisition of software and other intangible assets	(0.2)	-	(31.8)	(2.0)	121.9%	21.7%	(2.0)	(4.0)	(4.5)	31.0%	5.6%
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	1.1	0.6	11.2	-	-100.0%	-8.2%	-	-	-	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(122.8)	(29.3)	8.8	(52.4)	-24.7%	100.0%	(35.7)	(101.9)	(107.6)	27.1%	100.0%
Statement of financial position											
Carrying value of assets	381.2	353.5	382.7	392.7	1.0%	62.5%	398.4	416.4	403.7	0.9%	63.8%
<i>of which:</i>											
Acquisition of assets	(59.4)	(18.5)	(37.9)	(20.0)	-30.4%	100.0%	(20.0)	(76.5)	(79.9)	58.6%	100.0%
Inventory	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-100.0%	-
Receivables and prepayments	60.1	105.0	67.1	38.4	-13.9%	11.2%	41.3	43.2	45.3	5.7%	6.8%
Cash and cash equivalents	170.2	140.9	149.7	175.5	1.0%	26.3%	178.3	186.4	195.7	3.7%	29.4%
Total assets	611.5	599.4	599.4	606.6	-0.3%	100.0%	618.0	646.0	644.7	2.1%	100.0%
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	331.5	362.2	443.2	531.6	17.0%	69.0%	542.6	555.7	560.1	1.8%	86.9%
Capital and reserves	-	-	17.6	-	-	0.7%	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income	168.9	78.0	39.2	37.7	-39.3%	13.4%	35.7	31.1	26.1	-11.6%	4.9%
Trade and other payables	72.4	109.6	52.6	17.3	-38.0%	10.4%	18.9	37.7	39.6	31.8%	5.0%
Provisions	38.7	49.7	46.9	20.1	-19.6%	6.4%	20.9	21.5	19.0	-1.8%	3.2%
Total equity and liabilities	611.5	599.4	599.4	606.6	-0.3%	100.0%	618.0	646.0	644.7	2.1%	100.0%

Personnel information

Table 34.24 Council for Geoscience personnel numbers and cost by salary level

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost ¹ of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)					
Number of funded posts	Number of posts on approved establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate								2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29			
		2024/25		Unit cost	2025/26		Unit cost	2026/27		Unit cost	2027/28		Unit cost	2028/29				Unit cost		
		Number	Cost		Number	Cost		Number	Cost		Number	Cost		Number	Cost				Number	Cost
Council for Geoscience		526	526	493	385.8	0.8	526	436.6	0.8	524	467.2	0.9	524	499.9	1.0	526	534.9	1.0	-	100.0%
Salary level																				
1 – 6	67	67	62	17.3	0.3	67	19.5	0.3	66	20.8	0.3	66	22.3	0.3	67	23.9	0.4	-	12.6%	
7 – 10	180	180	158	74.5	0.5	180	91.1	0.5	180	97.5	0.5	180	104.3	0.6	180	111.6	0.6	-	34.3%	
11 – 12	180	180	175	156.8	0.9	180	170.9	0.9	179	182.8	1.0	179	195.8	1.1	180	209.8	1.2	-	34.2%	
13 – 16	93	93	92	116.3	1.3	93	134.9	1.5	93	144.5	1.6	93	154.6	1.7	93	165.4	1.8	-	17.7%	
17 – 22	6	6	6	20.8	3.5	6	20.2	3.4	6	21.7	3.6	6	23.0	3.8	6	24.3	4.0	-	1.1%	

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Mine Health and Safety Council

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.25 Mine Health and Safety Council performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Percentage implementation of the dissemination plan to improve collective occupational health and safety knowledge per year	Promote a health and safety culture in the mining industry	A dynamic science, technology and innovation ecosystem for growth	100%	92%	100%	85%	87%	90%	90%
Percentage implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan that advocates a strong safety culture and increased awareness of occupational health and safety issues per year	Promote a health and safety culture in the mining industry		100%	87%	96%	85%	87%	90%	90%
Number of advisory notes (research, non-legislative or legislative) submitted to the minister per year	Research, programme promotion and programme improvement in mining		12	17	15	7	10	13	13

Entity overview

The Mine Health and Safety Council was established in terms of the Mine Health and Safety Act (1996) and is listed as a schedule 3A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (1999). It is mandated to advise the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources on occupational health and safety at mines, develop legislation, conduct research and liaise with other statutory bodies. The council operates through the tripartite partnership between organised labour, employers and the department.

The council's focus over the medium term will be on undertaking research to provide solutions to occupational health and safety challenges and reviewing regulatory frameworks for the mining industry to ensure mineworkers are free from harm. It will participate in various forums and collaborative platforms, such as the regional tripartite forums coordinated by the International Labour Organisation, to improve occupational health and safety knowledge to ensure zero harm in the industry. Over the MTEF period, it aims to submit 36 advisory notes on occupational health and safety at mines to the minister.

The council's main expenditure over the medium term will be on health and safety research at mines directed at benefiting mineworkers, and projects on various health and safety issues in the mining industry such as women in mining and occupational health. These include agreements on occupational health and safety

standards, HIV/AIDS and TB, and will be funded from the goods and services budget, which accounts for an estimated 47.9 per cent (R224.4 million) of the council's total allocation over the medium term. Spending on compensation of employees is anticipated to increase from R59.4 million in 2025/26 to R81.9 million in 2028/29, at an average annual rate of 11.3 per cent, as the council recruits additional staff, which is projected to reach 64 positions (excluding interns) by 2028/29. To support its digital transformation and research capabilities, the council plans to invest R4 million per year in software and ICT infrastructure upgrades over the medium term to strengthen systems and operational efficiency.

The council expects to generate 90 per cent (R421.9 million) of its revenue over the MTEF period through levies received from mining companies in accordance with the Mine Health and Safety Act (1996) and the balance through transfers from the department. Revenue is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 3.4 per cent, from R145.9 million in 2025/26 to R161.2 million in 2028/29.

Programmes/Objectives/Activities

Table 34.26 Mine Health and Safety Council expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	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											
Administration	46.8	43.7	70.0	84.8	21.9%	42.6%	73.7	76.2	78.8	-2.4%	48.8%
Promote a health and safety culture in the mining industry	26.7	24.3	4.6	27.5	0.9%	14.4%	9.8	10.1	10.5	-27.5%	6.5%
Research, programme promotion and programme improvement in mining	20.8	28.8	45.6	152.1	94.2%	42.9%	67.8	70.0	72.0	-22.1%	44.7%
Total	94.3	96.8	120.2	264.3	41.0%	100.0%	151.3	156.3	161.2	-15.2%	100.0%

Statements of financial performance

Table 34.27 Mine Health and Safety Council statements of financial performance

Statement of financial performance	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	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											
Revenue											
Non-tax revenue	109.4	128.9	144.6	141.3	8.9%	96.6%	146.4	151.2	155.9	3.4%	96.8%
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	105.2	117.6	130.8	130.3	7.4%	89.2%	136.2	140.7	145.0	3.6%	90.0%
Other non-tax revenue	4.2	11.3	13.8	11.0	38.1%	7.4%	10.2	10.6	10.9	-0.3%	6.8%
Transfers received	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	-0.2%	3.4%	4.9	5.1	5.2	3.7%	3.2%
Total revenue	114.1	133.6	149.1	145.9	8.5%	100.0%	151.3	156.3	161.2	3.4%	100.0%
Expenses											
Current expenses	94.3	96.8	120.2	264.3	41.0%	100.0%	151.3	156.3	161.2	-15.2%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	46.3	50.2	59.2	59.4	8.7%	37.4%	75.1	78.3	81.9	11.3%	50.2%
Goods and services	45.9	44.3	58.6	201.0	63.6%	60.8%	73.3	74.9	76.2	-27.6%	47.9%
Depreciation	2.2	2.3	2.4	3.9	21.5%	1.9%	3.0	3.1	3.2	-7.0%	2.0%
Total expenses	94.3	96.8	120.2	264.3	41.0%	100.0%	151.3	156.3	161.2	-15.2%	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	19.8	36.8	28.8	(118.4)	-281.5%		-	-	-	-100.0%	

Personnel information

Table 34.28 Mine Health and Safety Council personnel numbers and cost by salary level

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026			Number and cost ¹ of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of approved establishment	Number of posts on 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			
			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		
Mine Health and Safety Council	67	67	57	59.2	1.0	67	59.4	0.9	67	75.1	1.1	64	78.3	1.2	64	81.9	1.3	-1.5%	100.0%
Salary level																			
1 – 6	4	4	–	–	–	4	0.2	0.1	3	0.4	0.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	-100.0%	1.5%
7 – 10	28	28	24	15.7	0.7	28	16.6	0.6	30	20.5	0.7	30	21.5	0.7	30	22.5	0.8	2.3%	46.2%
11 – 12	12	12	12	14.1	1.2	12	13.3	1.1	12	14.5	1.2	12	15.2	1.3	12	15.9	1.3	–	18.5%
13 – 16	22	22	20	26.7	1.3	22	26.4	1.2	21	36.4	1.7	21	38.2	1.8	21	39.9	1.9	-1.5%	32.3%
17 – 22	1	1	1	2.9	2.9	1	2.8	2.8	1	3.2	3.2	1	3.4	3.4	1	3.5	3.5	–	1.5%

1. Rand million.

Mintek

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.29 Mintek performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of prototypes, processes and/or models demonstrated/validated in a relevant environment per year	Foster industry establishment and expansion	A dynamic science, technology and innovation ecosystem for growth	12	15	19	12	14	15	15
Number of intellectual property licences issued per year	Foster industry establishment and expansion		0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of refereed journal papers per year	Conduct relevant, applied research and technological innovation		69	67	88	52	52	53	55
Number of refereed conference papers per year	Conduct relevant, applied research and technological innovation		45	50	71	49	50	52	54
Number of invention disclosures made per year	Conduct relevant, applied research and technological innovation		10	10	7	10	11	11	11
Number of patents registered per year	Conduct relevant, applied research and technological innovation		0	1	3	1	1	1	1
Number of trademarks registered per year	Conduct relevant, applied research and technological innovation		3	5	0	2	2	2	2

Entity overview

Mintek is South Africa's national mineral research organisation specialising in minerals processing, extractive metallurgy and related areas. Its mandate, as set out in the Mineral Technology Act (1989), is to maximise the value derived from South Africa's mineral resources through activities such as research and development, technology transfer, and the creation of an enabling environment for the establishment and expansion of mineral industries. Mintek works closely with industry and other research and development institutions, and provides service test work, process development and optimisation, consulting and innovative products to clients worldwide. It is listed as a schedule 3B public entity in the Public Finance Management Act (1999).

Some of the major projects Mintek will focus on over the medium term include recovering rare earth elements from discarded coal products and fly-ash; advancing the development of battery systems, precursor materials and other storage solutions in support of renewable energy adoption and the promotion of energy security; and

implementing integrated solutions for the treatment of mine-affected water to produce water that is fit for reuse. As Mintek is a research organisation that requires skilled professionals, compensation of employees accounts for an estimated 46.7 per cent (R1.1 billion) of its total expenditure over the medium term, increasing at an average annual rate of 2.4 per cent, from R369.1 million in 2025/26 to R395.9 million in 2028/29.

The entity is set to receive 38 per cent (R1 billion) of its revenue over the MTEF period through departmental transfers and generate 56.5 per cent (R1.5 billion) through commercial activities and funding for specific projects such as the rehabilitation of ownerless and derelict asbestos mines and holings. The outlook for commercial activities is expected to improve over the medium term as global and domestic market conditions stabilise following several years of economic pressure, including persistent inflation, rising operating costs and subdued demand in key sectors.

Programmes/Objectives/Activities

Table 34.30 Mintek expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	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
Administration	32.2	37.5	44.6	39.6	7.2%	5.0%	38.8	40.6	42.4	2.3%	5.0%
Develop and maintain world-class research and development infrastructure	32.2	37.5	44.6	39.6	7.1%	5.0%	38.8	40.6	42.4	2.3%	5.0%
Foster industry establishment and expansion	193.4	225.2	223.0	198.1	0.8%	27.3%	194.0	202.8	211.9	2.3%	25.0%
Conduct relevant, applied research and technological innovation	225.6	262.8	267.6	237.7	1.7%	32.3%	232.8	243.3	254.3	2.3%	30.0%
Ensuring financial sustainability	64.5	75.1	89.2	79.2	7.1%	10.0%	77.6	81.1	84.8	2.3%	10.0%
Develop a capable workforce	96.7	112.6	133.8	118.8	7.1%	15.0%	116.4	121.7	127.1	2.3%	15.0%
Commercialise intellectual property	–	–	89.2	79.2	–	5.5%	77.6	81.1	84.8	2.3%	10.0%
Total	644.6	750.8	892.1	792.2	7.1%	100.0%	776.1	811.0	847.5	2.3%	100.0%

Statements of financial performance

Table 34.31 Mintek statements of financial performance

Statement of financial performance											
	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	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
Revenue											
Non-tax revenue	353.1	486.7	622.4	519.5	13.7%	62.9%	538.2	555.9	573.2	3.3%	62.0%
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	323.4	452.6	588.9	473.4	13.5%	58.4%	490.5	506.7	522.4	3.3%	56.5%
Other non-tax revenue	29.7	34.1	33.5	46.1	15.7%	4.6%	47.7	49.3	50.8	3.3%	5.5%
Transfers received	296.3	278.9	275.9	315.8	2.1%	37.1%	328.7	341.8	352.4	3.7%	38.0%
Total revenue	649.5	765.6	898.3	835.2	8.7%	100.0%	866.9	897.8	925.7	3.5%	100.0%
Expenses											
Current expenses	644.6	750.8	892.1	792.2	7.1%	100.0%	776.1	811.0	847.5	2.3%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	312.1	360.2	365.7	369.1	5.8%	45.7%	362.6	378.9	395.9	2.4%	46.7%
Goods and services	292.4	343.8	482.5	381.9	9.3%	48.7%	366.8	381.9	398.1	1.4%	47.1%
Depreciation	39.2	46.0	43.3	40.5	1.1%	5.5%	46.0	49.4	52.6	9.1%	6.1%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	-6.6%	0.1%	0.8	0.8	0.9	4.4%	0.1%
Total expenses	644.6	750.8	892.1	792.2	7.1%	100.0%	776.1	811.0	847.5	2.3%	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	4.9	14.9	6.2	43.0	106.3%		90.8	86.7	78.2	22.1%	

Personnel information

Table 34.32 Mintek personnel numbers and cost by salary level

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost ¹ of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)				
Number of funded posts	Number of posts on approved 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						
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
Mintek																			
Salary level	571	571	644	365.7	0.6	571	369.1	0.6	575	362.6	0.6	601	378.9	0.6	628	395.9	0.6	3.2%	100.0%
1 – 6	210	210	415	204.2	0.5	210	68.7	0.3	210	60.4	0.3	219	68.6	0.3	232	71.7	0.3	3.4%	36.6%
7 – 10	304	304	139	69.1	0.5	304	191.3	0.6	308	200.1	0.6	323	205.5	0.6	333	214.7	0.6	3.1%	53.4%
13 – 16	56	56	82	88.2	1.1	56	104.1	1.9	56	96.9	1.7	58	99.5	1.7	62	104.0	1.7	3.5%	9.8%
17 – 22	1	1	8	4.2	0.5	1	5.0	5.0	1	5.2	5.2	1	5.3	5.3	1	5.6	5.6	–	0.2%

1. Rand million.

South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.33 South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of new entrants trained per year	Diamond trade	Increased employment and work opportunities	6	10	10	9	10	10	10
Number of inspections conducted on licensed precious metals premises per year	Regulatory compliance	Accelerated growth of strategic industrial and labour-intensive sectors	481	752	815	800	850	900	900
Number of inspections conducted on licensed diamonds premises per year	Regulatory compliance		755	961	902	800	850	900	900
Number of precious metals joint inspections conducted with law enforcement stakeholders per year	Regulatory compliance		30	32	35	35	40	45	45
Number of diamond joint inspections conducted with law enforcement stakeholders per year	Regulatory compliance		17	25	27	30	35	40	40

Entity overview

The South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator was established in terms of section 3 of the Diamonds Act (1986). It is mandated to implement and enforce the provisions of the act, the Precious Metals Act (2005), the Diamond Export Levy Act (2007) and the Diamond Export Levy (Administration) Act (2007), and is a schedule 3A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (1999). The regulator's core functions entail trade and regulatory compliance. Its trade functions involve facilitating the local trade, export and import of diamonds through its Diamond Exchange and Export Centre and the Kimberley process certification scheme to ensure that diamonds are traded at fair market value. Its regulatory activities ensure compliance with the legislative requirements in the diamond and precious metals industries by regulating the acquisition, possession, smelting, refining, beneficiation, use and disposal of precious metals to ensure transformation, and improve competitiveness and job creation in these industries.

Over the medium term, the regulator will continue to focus on combating the illicit trade of diamonds and precious metals in collaboration with law enforcement authorities and other relevant regulatory authorities; monitoring and enforcing compliance in the diamond and precious metals sector; and facilitating the entry of new players, in collaboration with industry. As regulation is labour intensive and skilled personnel are required

to perform compliance inspections and audits, compensation of employees accounts for an estimated 69.7 per cent (R265.2 million) of total expenditure over the medium term.

The regulator plans to conduct 2 650 inspections on licensed precious metals premises and 2 650 inspections on licensed diamond premises over the medium term. These will be funded through an allocation of R102.3 million in goods and services over the medium term, accounting for an estimated 26.9 per cent of total expenditure. The regulator has requested approval from National Treasury to budget for a deficit of R25.2 million in 2026/27 to fund its projected operational expenditure, with the shortfall arising due to lower-than-expected revenue because of poor industry conditions. This shortfall will be funded from accumulated cash reserves.

The regulator is set to derive 62.2 per cent (R220.9 million) of its revenue over the period ahead through transfers from the department and 36 per cent (R127.6 million) through internally generated revenue from fees, mostly for services rendered at the Diamond Exchange and Export Centre, licences and permits. Total revenue is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.7 per cent, from R122.6 million in 2025/26 to R128.8 million in 2028/29. To improve its revenue prospects, the regulator will review relevant legislation, including the adjustment of fees, and will implement strategies for additional revenue streams within the confines of the applicable prescripts.

Programmes/Objectives/Activities

Table 34.34 South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity

	Audited outcome				Revised estimate	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												
Administration	72.4	78.9	85.2	76.1		1.7%	61.9%	80.7	74.6	80.1	1.7%	61.9%
Diamond trade	13.2	17.5	17.3	19.8		14.4%	13.4%	16.4	16.4	16.5	-5.9%	13.0%
Regulatory compliance	27.0	34.1	31.1	32.0		5.8%	24.6%	31.1	32.1	32.2	0.2%	25.1%
Total	112.6	130.5	133.6	127.9		4.3%	100.0%	128.2	123.2	128.8	0.2%	100.0%

Statements of financial performance

Table 34.35 South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator statements of financial performance

Statement of financial performance												
	Audited outcome				Revised estimate	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												
Revenue												
Non-tax revenue	65.5	52.1	43.3	60.0		-2.9%	45.8%	32.5	49.3	52.2	-4.5%	37.8%
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	59.9	44.9	38.6	56.3		-2.1%	41.4%	30.8	47.1	49.7	-4.0%	36.0%
Other non-tax revenue	5.6	7.2	4.8	3.7		-12.6%	4.4%	1.7	2.2	2.4	-13.2%	1.8%
Transfers received	62.9	64.4	71.8	62.6		-0.2%	54.2%	70.5	73.8	76.6	7.0%	62.2%
Total revenue	128.4	116.4	115.2	122.6		-1.5%	100.0%	103.0	123.2	128.8	1.7%	100.0%
Expenses												
Current expenses	112.6	130.5	133.6	127.9		4.3%	100.0%	128.2	123.2	128.8	0.2%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	82.8	88.6	91.7	91.4		3.4%	70.3%	88.4	88.4	88.4	-1.1%	69.7%
Goods and services	28.1	38.1	37.9	32.2		4.6%	27.0%	35.8	30.6	35.9	3.8%	26.9%
Depreciation	1.7	3.9	4.0	4.3		36.5%	2.7%	4.0	4.2	4.5	1.2%	3.3%
Total expenses	112.6	130.5	133.6	127.9		4.3%	100.0%	128.2	123.2	128.8	0.2%	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	15.8	(14.1)	(18.4)	(5.3)		-169.5%		(25.2)	-	-	-100.0%	

Personnel information

Table 34.36 South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator personnel numbers and cost by salary level

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost ¹ of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)		
Number of funded posts	Number of posts on approved 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		
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost				
South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator		131	131	128	91.7	0.7	131	91.4	0.7	124	88.4	0.7	124	88.4	0.7	124	88.4	0.7	-1.8%	100.0%
Salary level		20	20	20	3.0	0.1	20	3.0	0.1	20	2.1	0.1	20	2.1	0.1	20	2.1	0.1	-	16.1%
1 – 6		80	80	80	48.0	0.6	80	49.4	0.6	80	50.6	0.6	80	50.6	0.6	80	50.6	0.6	-	64.5%
7 – 10		17	17	13	13.3	1.0	17	13.8	0.8	10	10.4	1.0	10	10.4	1.0	10	10.4	1.0	-16.2%	8.1%
11 – 12		13	13	14	24.5	1.8	13	22.4	1.7	13	22.4	1.7	13	22.4	1.7	13	22.4	1.7	-	10.5%
13 – 16		1	1	1	2.9	2.9	1	2.9	2.9	1	2.9	2.9	1	2.9	2.9	1	2.9	2.9	-	0.8%
17 – 22																				

1. Rand million.

State Diamond Trader

Selected performance indicators

Table 34.37 State Diamond Trader performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of diamond producers selling rough diamonds to the trader per year	Administration	Accelerated growth of strategic industrial and labour-intensive sectors	13	35	44	19	19	19	19
Number of trader clients per year	Administration		43	25	20	42	42	42	42
Number of diamond production inspections per year	Administration		167	133	227	242	242	242	242
Number of trainees employed by the trader per year	Administration		5	13	3	10	10	10	10

Entity overview

The State Diamond Trader was established in 2007 in terms of section 14 of the Diamonds Act (1986) to promote equitable access to the country's diamond resources and facilitate growth in local diamond beneficiation. The entity aims to grow South Africa's diamond-cutting and polishing industry by enabling and increasing the participation of historically disadvantaged South Africans in diamond beneficiation. It is empowered by section 59B of the Diamonds Act (1986), as amended, to purchase up to 10 per cent of the run-of-mine production from all diamond producers in South Africa and sell to beneficiation licence holders who are registered customers. It is listed as a schedule 3B public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (1999).

Over the medium term, the diamond trader will strengthen its marketing efforts, advance beneficiation and promote the sustainable development of the local diamond sector. It will do this by continuing to host the South African Diamond Show and facilitate other local and international events and exhibitions for its clients. This will be achieved through collaborative efforts with the entity's stakeholders, including the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition. The entity has identified research and development as a focus area during the medium term, and a research partner has been identified to assist in this regard. Spending on goods and services accounts for an estimated 97.2 per cent (R2.6 billion) of total expenditure over the medium term, mostly for the procurement of rough diamonds.

The diamond trader generates income entirely from sales. Revenue is set to increase at an average annual rate of 33.3 per cent, from R415.9 million in 2025/26 to R986 million in 2028/29, as a result of projected stable demand in the industry and the trader increasing its sales of diamonds acquired through foreign purchases, which is expected to constitute 50 per cent (R1.2 billion) of total revenue of the medium term. The entity's

business model is under review in an effort to develop sustainable operating, business, financial and governance models.

Programmes/Objectives/Activities

Table 34.38 State Diamond Trader expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	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											
Administration	1 284.9	651.4	362.7	424.7	-30.9%	100.0%	864.9	906.5	951.9	30.9%	100.0%
Total	1 284.9	651.4	362.7	424.7	-30.9%	100.0%	864.9	906.5	951.9	30.9%	100.0%

Statements of financial performance

Table 34.39 State Diamond Trader statements of financial performance

Statement of financial performance											
	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	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											
Revenue											
Non-tax revenue	1 322.6	641.0	345.3	415.9	-32.0%	100.0%	565.8	752.2	986.0	33.3%	100.0%
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	1 316.1	631.5	334.5	405.9	-32.4%	98.6%	552.2	734.2	962.3	33.3%	97.6%
Other non-tax revenue	6.4	9.6	10.9	10.0	15.8%	1.4%	13.6	18.1	23.7	33.3%	2.4%
Total revenue	1 322.6	641.0	345.3	415.9	-32.0%	100.0%	565.8	752.2	986.0	33.3%	100.0%
Expenses											
Current expenses	1 284.9	651.4	362.7	424.7	-30.9%	100.0%	864.9	906.5	951.9	30.9%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	15.0	17.3	16.9	19.1	8.5%	2.5%	20.5	21.9	23.4	7.0%	2.4%
Goods and services	1 267.4	631.6	343.4	402.7	-31.8%	97.1%	841.3	880.7	925.4	32.0%	97.2%
Depreciation	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.9	8.0%	0.2%	2.0	2.1	2.3	7.3%	0.2%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-1.2%	0.1%	1.1	1.8	0.8	-8.3%	0.1%
Total expenses	1 284.9	651.4	362.7	424.7	-30.9%	100.0%	864.9	906.5	951.9	30.9%	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	37.7	(10.4)	(17.4)	(8.8)	-161.6%		(299.1)	(154.3)	34.1	-257.1%	

Personnel information

Table 34.40 State Diamond Trader personnel numbers and cost by salary level

Number of approved funded posts	Number of posts on approved establishment	Number and cost ¹ of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)				
		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						
State Diamond Trader		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
Salary level	18	18	18	16.9	0.9	18	19.1	1.1	18	20.5	1.1	18	21.9	1.2	18	23.4	1.3	-	100.0%
7 – 10	12	12	12	7.8	0.7	12	8.7	0.7	12	9.9	0.8	12	11.0	0.9	12	11.8	1.0	-	66.7%
11 – 12	2	2	2	2.2	1.1	2	2.3	1.2	2	2.5	1.3	2	2.7	1.3	2	2.8	1.4	-	11.1%
13 – 16	4	4	4	6.9	1.7	4	8.1	2.0	4	8.0	2.0	4	8.2	2.0	4	8.8	2.2	-	22.2%