

Vote 9

Government Communication and Information System

Adjusted budget summary

	2014/15			
R thousand	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Decrease	Increase
Amount to be appropriated	413 069	425 069	–	12 000
of which:				
Current payments	387 976	398 610	–	10 634
Transfers and subsidies	21 841	22 434	–	593
Payments for capital assets	3 252	4 025	–	773
Executive authority	Minister of Communications			
Accounting officer	Chief Executive Officer Government Communication and Information System			
Website address	www.gcis.gov.za			

Aim

Provide a comprehensive communication service on behalf of government to facilitate the involvement of the majority of South Africans in governance, reconstruction and development, nation building, and reconciliation.

2014 national macro organisation of the state

In accordance with the reorganisation of some national departments announced by the President in May 2014, the Government Communication and Information System will cease to exist. The department's operational functions will shift to the reconstituted Department of Communications.

Mid-year performance status

Indicator	Programme	Outcome	Annual performance		
			Projected for 2014/15 as published in the 2014 ENE	Achieved in the first six months of 2014/15 (April to September)	Changed target for 2014/15
Number of cluster reports on perceptions on government delivery and performance reports per year issued	Content Processing and Dissemination		14	6	–
Number of copies of Vuk'uzenzele newspaper published per year	Content Processing and Dissemination		20.4 million	10.5 million	–
Number of media briefings requests per year	Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management		100	105	–
Number of community and stakeholder liaison visits per year	Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management	Outcome 12: An efficient, effective and development oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship	2 750	1 281	–
Number of development communication projects aligned to the government communication programme per year	Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management		2 184	1 117	–
Number of rapid response facilitated reports per year	Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management		311	13	–
Number of marketing events per Thusong service centre per year	Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management		484	374	–

2014 Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure

Indicator	Programme	Outcome	Annual performance		
			Projected for 2014/15 as published in the 2014 ENE	Achieved in the first six months of 2014/15 (April to September)	Changed target for 2014/15
Number of radio advertisements and dramas produced per year	Communication Service Agency	Outcome 12: An efficient, effective and development oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship	48	21	-
Number of video programmes produced per year	Communication Service Agency		120	167	-
Number of requests for photographic coverage handled per year	Communication Service Agency		500	300	-
Number of live broadcasts on community radio stations per year	Communication Service Agency		54	48	-
Number of government and national events covered on video per year	Communication Service Agency		400	268	-
Number of graphic designs produced per year	Communication Service Agency		160	175	-

Mid-year progress

The higher than anticipated number of media briefings is mainly due to a number of emergency briefings that were organised in relation to the Nigerian church building collapse disaster and the Ebola virus health scare. The increase in the number of marketing events per Thusong service centre is due to the use of new platforms such as community media and open week campaigns to promote the centres. The target for the number of video programmes produced has been exceeded due to more requests from departments. The department is likely to produce 342 video programmes by the end of 2014/15.

The annual target for the number of graphic designs has already been exceeded due to more requests from departments, and this trend is likely to continue in the second half of 2014/15. Fewer rapid response facilitated reports were completed in the first half of 2014/15 as the reports are now completed bi-weekly for the minister, instead of daily.

Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure 2014

Programme	Main appropriation R thousand	2014/15						Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Function shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Administration	141 388	-	12 000	368	-	-	-	12 368 153 756	
Content Processing and Dissemination	99 928	-	-	(5 120)	-	-	-	(5 120) 94 808	
Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management	121 654	-	-	(189)	-	-	-	(189) 121 465	
Communication Service Agency	50 099	-	-	4 941	-	-	-	4 941 55 040	
Total	413 069	-	12 000	-	-	-	-	12 000 425 069	
Economic classification									
Current payments	387 976	-	12 000	(1 366)	-	-	-	10 634 398 610	
Compensation of employees	200 115	-	12 000	(45)	-	-	-	11 955 212 070	
Goods and services	187 861	-	-	(1 321)	-	-	-	(1 321) 186 540	
Transfers and subsidies	21 841	-	-	593	-	-	-	593 22 434	
Departmental agencies and accounts	21 841	-	-	548	-	-	-	548 22 389	
Households	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	45 45	
Payments for capital assets	3 252	-	-	773	-	-	-	773 4 025	
Machinery and equipment	3 002	-	-	773	-	-	-	773 3 775	
Software and other intangible assets	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 250	
Total	413 069	-	12 000	-	-	-	-	12 000 425 069	

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2014/15							Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation								
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Function shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other Adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation		
Departmental Management	7 285	—	12 000	(14)	—	—	—	11 986	19 271	
Corporate Services	56 430	—	—	449	—	—	—	449	56 879	
Financial Administration	28 888	—	—	(56)	—	—	—	(56)	28 832	
Internal Audit	6 605	—	—	(11)	—	—	—	(11)	6 594	
Office Accommodation	42 180	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42 180	
Total	141 388	—	12 000	368	—	—	—	12 368	153 756	
Economic classification										
Current payments	140 297	—	12 000	(409)	—	—	—	11 591	151 888	
Compensation of employees	60 913	—	12 000	(3)	—	—	—	11 997	72 910	
Goods and services	79 384	—	—	(406)	—	—	—	(406)	78 978	
Transfers and subsidies	24	—	—	544	—	—	—	544	568	
Departmental agencies and accounts	24	—	—	541	—	—	—	541	565	
Households	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	3	
Payments for capital assets	1 067	—	—	233	—	—	—	233	1 300	
Machinery and equipment	1 067	—	—	233	—	—	—	233	1 300	
Total	141 388	—	12 000	368	—	—	—	12 368	153 756	

Programme 2: Content Processing and Dissemination

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2014/15							Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation								
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Function shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other Adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation		
Programme Management for Content Processing and Dissemination	3 022	—	—	(7)	—	—	—	(7)	3 015	
Policy and Research	35 661	—	—	(555)	—	—	—	(555)	35 106	
Products and Platforms	61 245	—	—	(4 558)	—	—	—	(4 558)	56 687	
Total	99 928	—	—	(5 120)	—	—	—	(5 120)	94 808	
Economic classification										
Current payments	99 826	—	—	(5 541)	—	—	—	(5 541)	94 285	
Compensation of employees	45 362	—	—	(12)	—	—	—	(12)	45 350	
Goods and services	54 464	—	—	(5 529)	—	—	—	(5 529)	48 935	
Transfers and subsidies	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	12	12	
Households	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	12	12	
Payments for capital assets	102	—	—	409	—	—	—	409	511	
Machinery and equipment	102	—	—	409	—	—	—	409	511	
Total	99 928	—	—	(5 120)	—	—	—	(5 120)	94 808	

Programme 3: Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management

Subprogramme	Main appropriation R thousand	2014/15							Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation								
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Function shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other Adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation		
Programme Management for Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management	2 432	—	—	195	—	—	—	195	2 627	
Provincial and Local Liaison	73 507	—	—	(136)	—	—	—	(136)	73 371	
Media Engagement	14 371	—	—	(227)	—	—	—	(227)	14 144	
Media Development and Diversity Agency	21 815	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21 815	
Cluster Supervision (Human Development, Social Protection and Governance and Administration)	4 946	—	—	(11)	—	—	—	(11)	4 935	
Cluster Supervision (Economic and Infrastructure, Justice and International)	4 583	—	—	(10)	—	—	—	(10)	4 573	
Total	121 654	—	—	(189)	—	—	—	(189)	121 465	

Programme 3: Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management (continued)

Economic classification R thousand	Main appropriation	2014/15						Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Function shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Current payments	99 277	–	–	(357)	–	–	–	(357) 98 920	
Compensation of employees	71 528	–	–	(30)	–	–	–	(30) 71 498	
Goods and services	27 749	–	–	(327)	–	–	–	(327) 27 422	
Transfers and subsidies	21 817	–	–	37	–	–	–	37 21 854	
Departmental agencies and accounts	21 817	–	–	7	–	–	–	7 21 824	
Households	–	–	–	30	–	–	–	30 30	
Payments for capital assets	560	–	–	131	–	–	–	131 691	
Machinery and equipment	560	–	–	131	–	–	–	131 691	
Total	121 654	–	–	(189)	–	–	–	(189) 121 465	

Programme 4: Communication Service Agency

Subprogramme R thousand	Main appropriation	2014/15						Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/ unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Function shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Marketing, Advertising and Media Buying	28 617	–	–	4 565	–	–	–	4 565 33 182	
Media Production	21 482	–	–	376	–	–	–	376 21 858	
Total	50 099	–	–	4 941	–	–	–	4 941 55 040	
Economic classification									
Current payments	48 576	–	–	4 941	–	–	–	4 941 53 517	
Compensation of employees	22 312	–	–	–	–	–	–	– 22 312	
Goods and services	26 264	–	–	4 941	–	–	–	4 941 31 205	
Payments for capital assets	1 523	–	–	–	–	–	–	– 1 523	
Machinery and equipment	1 273	–	–	–	–	–	–	– 1 273	
Software and other intangible assets	250	–	–	–	–	–	–	– 250	
Total	50 099	–	–	4 941	–	–	–	4 941 55 040	

Details of adjustments to the Estimates of National Expenditure 2014

Unforeseeable and unavoidable expenditure – R12 million

Programme 1: Administration

R12 million has been allocated to the ministry for the reconstituted Department of Communications to provide for a ministry and deputy ministry.

Virements and shifts

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Content Processing and Dissemination
3. Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management
4. Communication Service Agency

FROM:	TO:				
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 1		(409)	Programme 1		409
Goods and services	Cost containment measures effected on non-core items	(233)	Machinery and equipment	Computer processing units, laptops, desktop printers and tablets	233
	Cost containment measures effected on training and staff development	(11)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Projected shortfalls in television licence fees due to an increased number of television sets ¹	11

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FROM:			TO:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
	Reallocation of funds for training and staff development	(162)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Transfer payments to the Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority based on the directive from the Department of Public Service and Administration ¹	162
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(3)	Households	Leave gratuities	3
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget	0.3%				
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget	0.0%				
Programme 2		(5 541)	Programme 1		120
Goods and services	Reallocation of funds for training and staff development	(120)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Transfer payments to the Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority based on the directive from the Department of Public Service and Administration ¹	120
	Cost containment measures effected on the use of contractors, graphic designers, volunteer workers, as well operating payments; equipment and office furniture less than R5 000; travelling and subsistence; training and staff development	(409)	Programme 2		409
	Cost containment measures effected on advertising, printing and publication services	(2 000)	Machinery and equipment	Television sets, computer processing units, laptops, desktop printers, and tablets	409
	Cost containment measures effected on advertising, printing and publication services	(3 000)	Programme 4		5 000
	Vacant posts	(12)	Goods and services	Projected shortfalls in the costs of distribution of the South Africa Yearbook and Pocket Guide to South Africa	2 000
Compensation of employees				Projected shortfalls in communication and marketing costs related to the 2014 presidential inauguration	3 000
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget	0.4%		Programme 2		12
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget	5.1%		Households	Leave gratuities	12
Programme 3		(357)	Programme 1		189
Goods and services	Reallocation of funds for training and staff development	(189)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Transfer payments to the Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority based on the directive from the Department of Public Service and Administration ¹	189
	Cost containment measures effected on consumables: groceries; communication: satellite signals; stationery, and operating leases	(131)	Programme 3		168
	Cost containment measures effected on training and staff development; stationery, and advertising	(7)	Machinery and equipment	Laptops and desktop printers	131
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(30)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Projected shortfalls in television licence fees due to an increased number of television sets ¹	7
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget	0.1%		Households	Leave gratuities	30
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget	0.2%				

2014 Adjusted Estimates of National Expenditure

FROM:			TO:			
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	
Programme 4	Motivation		(59)	Programme 1	Motivation	
Goods and services	Reallocation of funds for training and staff development		(59)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Transfer payments to the Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority based on the directive from the Department of Public Service and Administration ¹	
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget	0.0%					
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget	0.1%					
Total	(6 366)					6 366

1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.

Expenditure outcome for 2013/14 and actual expenditure for 2014/15

Programme	2013/14 Audited outcome				2014/15 Actual expenditure			
	R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 13 - Sep 13	Apr 13 - Sep 13 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 13 - Mar 14	Apr 13 - Mar 14 % of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted Appropriation	Apr 14 - Sep 14 % of adjusted appropriation
Administration	181 446	106 179	58.5	184 457	101.7	153 756	36.2	73 382
Content Processing and Dissemination	89 304	37 728	42.2	82 600	92.5	94 808	22.3	37 860
Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management	118 249	67 166	56.8	120 566	102.0	121 465	28.6	68 459
Communication Service Agency	48 218	18 845	39.1	53 290	110.5	55 040	12.9	29 228
Total	437 217	229 918	52.6	440 913	100.8	425 069	100.0	208 929
Economic classification								49.2
Current payments	378 110	183 147	48.4	373 179	98.7	398 610	93.8	182 874
Compensation of employees	188 703	89 702	47.5	182 247	96.6	212 070	49.9	99 028
Goods and services	189 407	93 445	49.3	190 932	100.8	186 540	43.9	83 846
Transfers and subsidies	21 128	21 188	100.3	21 626	102.4	22 434	5.3	22 275
Departmental agencies and accounts	20 809	20 791	99.9	20 837	100.1	22 389	5.3	22 083
Households	319	397	124.5	789	247.3	45	0.0	192
Payments for capital assets	37 979	25 535	67.4	45 967	121.0	4 025	0.9	3 755
Buildings and other fixed structures	36 088	24 391	67.6	26 224	72.7	-	0.0	-
Machinery and equipment	1 601	1 026	64.1	19 743	1 233.2	3 775	0.9	3 755
Software and other intangible assets	290	118	40.7	-	0.0	250	0.1	-
Payments for financial assets	-	48	0.0	141	0.0	-	0.0	25
Total	437 217	229 918	52.6	440 913	100.8	425 069	100.0	208 929
								49.2

Expenditure trends for the first half of 2014/15

Total expenditure in 2013/14 was 100.8 per cent of the 2013/14 adjusted appropriation. Expenditure in the first six months of 2014/15 was R208.929 million, or 49.2 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R425.069 million for the year. In comparison, mid-year expenditure in 2013/14 was R229.918 million, or 52.6 per cent of the 2013/14 adjusted appropriation. Compared to the first six months of 2013/14, expenditure over the same period in 2014/15 decreased by R20.989 million, or 9.1 per cent. This was mainly due to new building costs, the installation of data lines, and the purchase of office furniture for the new head office that was completed in 2013/14.

Departmental receipts

R thousand	Adjusted estimate	2013/14				2014/15				
		Audited outcome				Actual receipts				
		Apr 13 - Sep 13	% of adjusted estimate	Apr 13 - Mar 14	% of adjusted estimate	Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Apr 14 - Sep 14 % of adjusted estimate	
Departmental receipts	904	491	54.3	874	96.7	792	803	100.0	439	54.7
Sales of goods and services produced by department	294	105	35.7	237	80.6	302	321	40.0	198	61.7
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	-	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	2	0.2	1	50.0
Interest, dividends and rent on land	120	37	30.8	79	65.8	140	122	15.2	61	50.0
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	490	349	71.2	558	113.9	350	358	44.6	179	50.0
Total	904	491	54.3	874	96.7	792	803	100.0	439	54.7

Revenue trends for the first half of 2014/15

Revenue in the first six months of 2014/15 was R439 000, or 54.7 per cent of the adjusted revenue estimate of R803 000 for the year. In comparison, mid-year revenue in 2013/14 was R491 000, or 54.3 per cent of the 2013/14 adjusted estimate. Compared to the first six months of 2013/14, revenue over the same period in 2014/15 decreased by R52 000, or 10.6 per cent. This was mainly due to less revenue collected in financial transactions in assets and liabilities as a result of less outstanding debt owed by staff on non-contractual debts.

Changes to transfers and subsidies, including conditional grants

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	Main appropriation	2014/15						Adjusted appropriation	
		Adjustments appropriation							
		Roll-overs	Unforeseeable/unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Function shifts	Declared unspent funds	Other adjustments		
Administration									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	24	-	-	541	-	-	-	541	
Communication	24	-	-	11	-	-	-	11	
Public Service Sector	-	-	-	530	-	-	-	530	
Education and Training Authority									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	
Employee social benefits	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	
Content Processing and Dissemination									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	12	
Employee social benefits	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	12	
Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	2	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	
Communication	2	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	30	
Employee social benefits	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	30	

