

# Vote 26

## Military Veterans

### Adjusted budget summary

R thousand	Appropriation	2023/24		Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation		
		Decrease	Increase	
<b>Amount to be appropriated</b>	<b>894 704</b>	<b>(104 769)</b>	<b>56 350</b>	<b>846 285</b>
<i>of which:</i>				
Current payments	426 227	–	49 624	475 851
Transfers and subsidies	442 873	(104 769)	–	338 104
Payments for capital assets	25 604	–	6 726	32 330
Executive authority	Minister of Defence and Military Veterans			
Accounting officer	Director-General of Military Veterans			
Website	www.dmv.gov.za			

### Vote purpose

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

### Performance

Indicator	Programme	MTSF priority	Annual performance		
			Projected for 2023/24	Achieved in the first half of 2023/24 (April to September)	Changed target for 2023/24
Number of military veterans provided with newly built houses per year	Socioeconomic Support	Priority 5: Spatial integration, human settlements and local government	480	101	–
Total number of military veterans and their dependants receiving pension benefit	Socioeconomic Support	Priority 6: Social cohesion and safer communities	4 000	0	–
Total number of military veterans with access to health care services	Socioeconomic Support	Priority 3: Education, skills and health	20 200	17 512	–
Number of bursaries provided to military veterans and their dependants per year	Empowerment and Stakeholder Management		3 500	661	–
Number of military veterans memorial sites facilitated per year	Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	Priority 6: Social cohesion and safer communities	3	0	–

### Progress

In the first half of 2023/24, 17 512 beneficiaries were provided with health care services against a target of 20 200 for the year. This high achievement was due to the service being driven by demand.

By mid-year, 101 newly built houses were provided to military veterans against an annual target of 480. This slow performance was mainly due to the department's dependence on provincial departments of human settlements for the delivery of houses. The department will expedite the implementation of service-level agreements with these provincial departments in KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North West.

By mid-year, the department had not rolled out the pension benefit to deserving military veterans and their dependants due to delays in finalising benefit regulations. The department is finalising administrative processes with the Government Pensions Administration Agency before it disburses funds.

The department provided 661 bursaries to military veterans and their dependants in the first half of 2023/24 against an annual target of 3 500. Most beneficiaries are expected to be enrolled in January 2024, in line with the start of the academic year. Although the department did not erect any memorial sites for military veterans in the first half of 2023/24, it expects to achieve the target by the end of the year.

### Adjusted estimates

Programme		2023/24							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation					Total adjustments appropriation		
R thousand	Appropriation	Amounts announced in the Budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Shifting of funds between votes	Significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events		Other adjustments <sup>1</sup>	
Administration	135 499	–	–	17 451	–	–	–	17 451	152 950
Socioeconomic Support	542 053	–	–	(42 916)	–	(48 419)	–	(91 335)	450 718
Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	217 152	–	–	25 465	–	–	–	25 465	242 617
<b>Total</b>	<b>894 704</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>846 285</b>
<b>Economic classification</b>									
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>426 227</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>49 624</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>49 624</b>	<b>475 851</b>
Compensation of employees	134 447	–	–	7 000	–	–	–	7 000	141 447
Goods and services	291 780	–	–	42 624	–	–	–	42 624	334 404
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>442 873</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(56 350)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(104 769)</b>	<b>338 104</b>
Foreign governments and international organisations	600	–	–	(600)	–	–	–	(600)	–
Households	442 273	–	–	(55 750)	–	(48 419)	–	(104 169)	338 104
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>25 604</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6 726</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6 726</b>	<b>32 330</b>
Machinery and equipment	12 144	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 144
Heritage assets	10 560	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 560
Software and other intangible assets	2 900	–	–	6 726	–	–	–	6 726	9 626
<b>Total</b>	<b>894 704</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>846 285</b>

1. Other adjustments include rollovers, the shifting of funds following a function shift within a vote, self-financing expenditure, declared unspent funds and expenditure in terms of section 16 of the Public Finance Management Act (1999).

**Programme 1: Administration**

Subprogramme		2023/24							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Amounts announced in the Budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Shifting of funds between votes	Significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events	Other adjustments		
Management	10 163	–	–	3 225	–	–	–	3 225	13 388
Corporate Services	70 390	–	–	7 145	–	–	–	7 145	77 535
Financial Administration	14 335	–	–	6 031	–	–	–	6 031	20 366
Internal Audit	10 290	–	–	1 050	–	–	–	1 050	11 340
Strategic Planning, Policy Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation	12 176	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 176
Office Accommodation	18 145	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18 145
<b>Total</b>	<b>135 499</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17 451</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17 451</b>	<b>152 950</b>
<b>Economic classification</b>									
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>128 886</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17 451</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17 451</b>	<b>146 337</b>
Compensation of employees	47 947	–	–	17 451	–	–	–	17 451	65 398
Goods and services	80 939	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	80 939
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>6 613</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6 613</b>
Machinery and equipment	4 713	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 713
Software and other intangible assets	1 900	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 900
<b>Total</b>	<b>135 499</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17 451</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17 451</b>	<b>152 950</b>

**Programme 2: Socioeconomic Support**

Subprogramme		2023/24							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Amounts announced in the Budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Shifting of funds between votes	Significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events	Other adjustments		
Database and Benefits Management	32 346	–	–	(1 458)	–	–	–	(1 458)	30 888
Health Care and Wellbeing Support	113 862	–	–	70 542	–	–	–	70 542	184 404
Socioeconomic Support Management	395 845	–	–	(112 000)	–	(48 419)	–	(160 419)	235 426
<b>Total</b>	<b>542 053</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(42 916)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(91 335)</b>	<b>450 718</b>
<b>Economic classification</b>									
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>166 980</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>54 858</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>54 858</b>	<b>221 838</b>
Compensation of employees	44 766	–	–	(12 916)	–	–	–	(12 916)	31 850
Goods and services	122 214	–	–	67 774	–	–	–	67 774	189 988
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>371 581</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(104 500)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(152 919)</b>	<b>218 662</b>
Households	371 581	–	–	(104 500)	–	(48 419)	–	(152 919)	218 662
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>3 492</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6 726</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6 726</b>	<b>10 218</b>
Machinery and equipment	2 492	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 492
Software and other intangible assets	1 000	–	–	6 726	–	–	–	6 726	7 726
<b>Total</b>	<b>542 053</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(42 916)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(48 419)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(91 335)</b>	<b>450 718</b>

**Programme 3: Empowerment and Stakeholder Management**

Subprogramme		2023/24							
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
R thousand	Appropriation	Amounts announced in the Budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Shifting of funds between votes	Significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events	Other adjustments		
Provincial Offices and Stakeholder Relations	45 645	–	–	(3 394)	–	–	–	(3 394)	42 251
Empowerment and Skills Development	124 770	–	–	25 606	–	–	–	25 606	150 376
Heritage, Memorials, Burials and Honours	46 737	–	–	3 253	–	–	–	3 253	49 990
<b>Total</b>	<b>217 152</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25 465</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25 465</b>	<b>242 617</b>
<b>Economic classification</b>									
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>130 361</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(22 685)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(22 685)</b>	<b>107 676</b>
Compensation of employees	41 734	–	–	2 465	–	–	–	2 465	44 199
Goods and services	88 627	–	–	(25 150)	–	–	–	(25 150)	63 477
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>71 292</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>48 150</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>48 150</b>	<b>119 442</b>
Foreign governments and international organisations	600	–	–	(600)	–	–	–	(600)	–
Households	70 692	–	–	48 750	–	–	–	48 750	119 442
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>15 499</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>15 499</b>
Machinery and equipment	4 939	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 939
Heritage assets	10 560	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 560
<b>Total</b>	<b>217 152</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25 465</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25 465</b>	<b>242 617</b>

## Details of adjustments to the 2023 Estimates of National Expenditure

### Virements and shifts within the vote

<b>Programmes</b>					
1. Administration					
2. Socioeconomic Support					
3. Empowerment and Stakeholder Management					
<b>From:</b>			<b>To:</b>		
<b>Programme by economic classification</b>	<b>Motivation</b>	<b>R thousand</b>	<b>Programme by economic classification</b>	<b>Motivation</b>	<b>R thousand</b>
<b>Programme 2</b>		<b>(124 142)</b>	<b>Programme 2</b>		<b>6 726</b>
Goods and services	Computer services	(6 426)	Software and other intangible assets	Software licences	6 426
	Communication	(300)		Software licences	300
Compensation of employees	Reallocation of funds incorrectly allocated in the 2023 ENE	(12 916)	<b>Programme 1</b>		<b>12 916</b>
			Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages	12 916
Households	Social benefits	(10 000)	<b>Programme 2</b>		<b>74 500</b>
	Reallocation of funds incorrectly allocated in the 2023 ENE	(64 500)	Goods and services	Administration fee (Government Pensions Administration Agency)	10 000
	Reallocation of funds incorrectly allocated in the 2023 ENE	(30 000)		Health care support	64 500
			<b>Programme 3</b>		<b>30 000</b>
			Households	Education support	30 000
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		15.0%			
<b>Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget</b>		<b>7.9%</b>			
<b>Programme 3</b>		<b>(25 750)</b>	<b>Programme 1</b>		<b>2 465</b>
Goods and services	Travel and subsistence <sup>1</sup>	(4 535)	Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages <sup>1</sup>	4 535
	Travel and subsistence <sup>1</sup>	(2 465)	<b>Programme 3</b>		<b>18 750</b>
	Inventory (other supplies)	(3 000)	Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages <sup>1</sup>	2 465
	Stationery, printing and office supplies	(150)	Households	Burial support	3 000
	Training and development	(15 000)		Burial support	150
Foreign governments and international organisations	Reallocation of funds incorrectly allocated in the 2023 ENE	(600)		Education support	15 000
				Burial support	600
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		9.8%			
<b>Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget</b>		<b>2.1%</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<b>(149 892)</b>			<b>149 892</b>

1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.

### Adjustments due to significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events

Cabinet has approved reductions of R48.419 million to the department's baseline, all of which is in Programme 2: Socioeconomic Support.

**Expenditure outcome for 2022/23 and actual expenditure for 2023/24**

Programme	2022/23					2023/24			
	Adjusted appropriation	Outcome			Adjusted appropriation/ Total (%)	Actual expenditure			
Apr 22 - Sep 22		Apr 22 - Sep 22 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 22 - Mar 23	Apr 22 - Mar 23 % of adjusted appropriation		Apr 23 - Sep 23	Apr 23 - Sep 23 % of adjusted appropriation		
R thousand									
Administration	151 431	70 238	46.4	144 902	95.7	152 950	18.1	60 074	39.3
Socioeconomic Support	370 278	115 023	31.1	319 170	86.2	450 718	53.3	79 984	17.7
Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	148 323	71 127	48.0	151 536	102.2	242 617	28.7	71 983	29.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>670 032</b>	<b>256 388</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>615 608</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>846 285</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>212 041</b>	<b>25.1</b>
<b>Economic classification</b>									
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>444 892</b>	<b>205 378</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>459 683</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>475 851</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>158 733</b>	<b>33.4</b>
Compensation of employees	133 413	57 316	43.0	124 797	93.5	141 447	16.7	59 469	42.0
Goods and services	311 479	148 062	47.5	334 886	107.5	334 404	39.5	98 950	29.6
Interest and rent on land	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	314	–
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>214 706</b>	<b>48 219</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>152 813</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>338 104</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>53 308</b>	<b>15.8</b>
Foreign governments and international organisations	600	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Households	214 106	48 219	22.5	152 813	71.4	338 104	40.0	53 308	15.8
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>10 434</b>	<b>2 791</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>3 112</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>32 330</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Machinery and equipment	9 387	2 791	29.7	3 112	33.2	12 144	1.4	–	–
Heritage assets	100	–	–	–	–	10 560	1.2	–	–
Software and other intangible assets	947	–	–	–	–	9 626	1.1	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>670 032</b>	<b>256 388</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>615 608</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>846 285</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>212 041</b>	<b>25.1</b>

**Expenditure trends**

Total expenditure in 2022/23 was R615.6 million, 91.9 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2022/23 was R256.4 million, 38.3 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2023/24 was R212 million, 25.1 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R846.3 million. Compared to the first half of 2022/23, expenditure over the same period in 2023/24 decreased by R44.3 million, 17.3 per cent. This was mainly due to delays in the receipt of invoices from provincial human settlements departments to confirm the delivery of the houses, resulting in delays in payment and implementing the pension benefit.

## Departmental receipts

R thousand	2022/23					2023/24				
	Adjusted estimate	Outcome			Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Actual receipts		
		Apr 22 - Sep 22	Apr 22 - Sep 22 % of adjusted estimate	Apr 22 - Mar 23				Apr 22 - Mar 23 % of adjusted estimate	Apr 23 - Sep 23	Apr 23 - Sep 23 % of adjusted estimate
<b>Departmental receipts</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 140</b>	<b>95.4</b>
Sales of goods and services produced by the department:	51	20	39.2	40	78.4	54	30	2.5	21	70.0
Interest, dividends and rent on land	–	1	–	5	–	–	10	0.8	6	60.0
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	472	127	26.9	305	64.6	510	1 155	96.7	1 113	96.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 140</b>	<b>95.4</b>

## Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2022/23 was R148 000, 28.3 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue for the first half of 2023/24 was R1.1 million, 95.4 per cent of the adjusted estimate of R1.2 million. Compared to the first half of 2022/23, revenue over the same period in 2023/24 increased by R992 000, 670.3 per cent. This was mainly due to an increase in credit notes received from the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as a result of incorrect billing for office accommodation, and from the Department of Basic Education for the education support benefit.

## Changes to transfers and subsidies

### Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

R thousand	Appropriation	2023/24							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	
		Amounts announced in the Budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Shifting of funds between votes	Significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events	Other adjustments		
<b>Socioeconomic Support Households Social benefits Current</b>	<b>335 458</b>	–	–	<b>(104 500)</b>	–	<b>(48 419)</b>	–	<b>(152 919)</b>	<b>182 539</b>
Military veterans' benefits	335 458	–	–	(104 500)	–	(48 419)	–	(152 919)	182 539
<b>Empowerment and Stakeholder Management Foreign governments and international organisations Current</b>	<b>600</b>	–	–	<b>(600)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(600)</b>	–
World Veterans Federation	600	–	–	(600)	–	–	–	(600)	–
<b>Households Social benefits Current</b>	<b>8 692</b>	–	–	<b>3 750</b>	–	–	–	<b>3 750</b>	<b>12 442</b>
Military veterans' benefits	8 692	–	–	3 750	–	–	–	3 750	12 442
<b>Households Other transfers to households Current</b>	<b>62 000</b>	–	–	<b>45 000</b>	–	–	–	<b>45 000</b>	<b>107 000</b>
Military veterans' benefits	62 000	–	–	45 000	–	–	–	45 000	107 000

