Vote 4

Government Communication and Information System

Adjusted budget summary

	2025/26				
		Special	Adjustments appropriation		Adjusted
R thousand	Appropriation	appropriation	Decrease	Increase	appropriation
Amount to be appropriated	**820 281**	**–**	**–**	**9 064**	**829 345**
of which:					
Current payments	544 492	–	–	1 003	545 495
Transfers and subsidies	270 711	–	–	–	270 711
Payments for capital assets	5 078	–	–	8 061	13 139
Executive authority	Minister in the Presidency				
Accounting officer	Director-General of Government Communication and Information System				
Website	www.gcis.gov.za				

Vote purpose

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.

Performance

			Annual performance		
Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Projected for 2025/26 as published in the 2025 ENE	Achieved in the first half of 2025/26 (April to September)	Changed target for 2025/26
Percentage compliance of government communications at the national level with qualitative elements in phase 2 of the government communication policy per year	Content Processing and Dissemination	Outcome 15: Social cohesion and nation building	20%	46.4%	–
Percentage growth in the number of reads on SAnews stories per year	Content Processing and Dissemination		5%	84%	–
Number of audiovisual products developed to profile national events, government programmes and the Presidency on various platforms to amplify reach per year	Content Processing and Dissemination		2 200	1 160	–
Number of people reached through central government campaigns per year	Content Processing and Dissemination		20 million	11.9 million	–
Number of development communication projects aligned with the national communication strategic framework per year	Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management		1 250	912	–

Progress

The mid-year overachievement on the annual target for the percentage compliance of government communications at the national level with qualitative elements in phase 2 of the government communication policy was the result of the intensified monitoring of work by departments in relation to the policy. The significant increase in readership on SAnews stories by mid-year was due to activities around South Africa’s G20 presidency and celebrating 30 years of democracy.

Adjusted estimates

Programme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments[1]	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Administration	210 500	–	–	1 903	2 935	1 990	–	6 828	217 328
Content Processing and Dissemination	451 194	–	–	220	3 247	–	–	3 467	454 661
Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management	158 587	–	–	(2 123)	892	–	–	(1 231)	157 356
Total	**820 281**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**7 074**	**1 990**	**–**	**9 064**	**829 345**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**544 492**	**–**	**–**	**(5 924)**	**4 937**	**1 990**	**–**	**1 003**	**545 495**
Compensation of employees	311 080	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	311 080
Goods and services	233 412	–	–	(5 924)	4 937	1 990	–	1 003	234 415
Transfers and subsidies	**270 711**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**270 711**
Departmental agencies and accounts	269 368	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	269 368
Public corporations and private enterprises	46	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	46
Households	1 297	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 297
Payments for capital assets	**5 078**	**–**	**–**	**5 924**	**2 137**	**–**	**–**	**8 061**	**13 139**
Machinery and equipment	5 078	–	–	4 079	2 137	–	–	6 216	11 294
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	1 845	–	–	–	1 845	1 845
Total	**820 281**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**7 074**	**1 990**	**–**	**9 064**	**829 345**

1. Other adjustments include the shifting of funds between votes, the shifting of funds within a vote following a function shift, declared unspent funds, significant and unforeseeable economic and financial events, and expenditure of an exceptional nature in terms of section 6(1)(b) of the Appropriation Act (2025).

Programme 1: Administration

Subprogramme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Departmental Management	13 214	–	–	(1 011)	–	–	–	(1 011)	12 203
Corporate Services	83 908	–	–	8 043	2 935	1 990	–	12 968	96 876
Financial Administration	26 714	–	–	2 096	–	–	–	2 096	28 810
Internal Audit	11 923	–	–	(878)	–	–	–	(878)	11 045
Office Accommodation	74 741	–	–	(6 347)	–	–	–	(6 347)	68 394
Total	**210 500**	**–**	**–**	**1 903**	**2 935**	**1 990**	**–**	**6 828**	**217 328**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**209 098**	**–**	**–**	**(3 258)**	**798**	**1 990**	**–**	**(470)**	**208 628**
Compensation of employees	87 773	–	–	2 736	–	–	–	2 736	90 509
Goods and services	121 325	–	–	(5 994)	798	1 990	–	(3 206)	118 119
Transfers and subsidies	**306**	**–**	**–**	**67**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**67**	**373**
Public corporations and private enterprises	44	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	44
Households	262	–	–	67	–	–	–	67	329
Payments for capital assets	**1 096**	**–**	**–**	**5 094**	**2 137**	**–**	**–**	**7 231**	**8 327**
Machinery and equipment	1 096	–	–	3 249	2 137	–	–	5 386	6 482
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	1 845	–	–	–	1 845	1 845
Total	**210 500**	**–**	**–**	**1 903**	**2 935**	**1 990**	**–**	**6 828**	**217 328**

Programme 2: Content Processing and Dissemination

Subprogramme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Programme Management for Content Processing and Dissemination	3 101	–	–	(1 029)	–	–	–	(1 029)	2 072
Research Analysis and Knowledge Services	39 078	–	–	1 379	–	–	–	1 379	40 457
Products and Platforms	46 008	–	–	(1 412)	–	–	–	(1 412)	44 596
Communication Service Agency	88 443	–	–	1 282	3 247	–	–	4 529	92 972
Policy Development, Analysis and Market Modelling	5 196	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 196
Brand South Africa	229 072	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	229 072
Media Development and Diversity Agency	40 296	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	40 296
Total	**451 194**	**–**	**–**	**220**	**3 247**	**–**	**–**	**3 467**	**454 661**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**179 923**	**–**	**–**	**(779)**	**3 247**	**–**	**–**	**2 468**	**182 391**
Compensation of employees	96 651	–	–	1 351	–	–	–	1 351	98 002
Goods and services	83 272	–	–	(2 130)	3 247	–	–	1 117	84 389
Transfers and subsidies	**269 368**	**–**	**–**	**169**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**169**	**269 537**
Departmental agencies and accounts	269 368	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	269 368
Households	–	–	–	169	–	–	–	169	169
Payments for capital assets	**1 903**	**–**	**–**	**830**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**830**	**2 733**
Machinery and equipment	1 903	–	–	830	–	–	–	830	2 733
Total	**451 194**	**–**	**–**	**220**	**3 247**	**–**	**–**	**3 467**	**454 661**

Programme 3: Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management

Subprogramme	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Programme Management for Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management	4 339	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 339
Provincial and Local Liaison	107 970	–	–	(79)	892	–	–	813	108 783
Media Engagement	19 606	–	–	(300)	–	–	–	(300)	19 306
Cluster Supervision (Human Development, Social Protection, and Governance and Administration)	12 706	–	–	(1 120)	–	–	–	(1 120)	11 586
Cluster Supervision (Economic and Infrastructure, Justice and International)	13 966	–	–	(624)	–	–	–	(624)	13 342
Total	**158 587**	**–**	**–**	**(2 123)**	**892**	**–**	**–**	**(1 231)**	**157 356**

Programme 3: Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management (continued)

Economic classification	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Current payments	**155 471**	**–**	**–**	**(1 887)**	**892**	**–**	**–**	**(995)**	**154 476**
Compensation of employees	126 656	–	–	(4 087)	–	–	–	(4 087)	122 569
Goods and services	28 815	–	–	2 200	892	–	–	3 092	31 907
Transfers and subsidies	**1 037**	**–**	**–**	**(236)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(236)**	**801**
Public corporations and private enterprises	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Households	1 035	–	–	(236)	–	–	–	(236)	799
Payments for capital assets	**2 079**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 079**
Machinery and equipment	2 079	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 079
Total	**158 587**	**–**	**–**	**(2 123)**	**892**	**–**	**–**	**(1 231)**	**157 356**

Details of adjustments to the 2025 ENE

Virements and shifts within the vote

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Content Processing and Dissemination
3. Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	**Motivation**	**R thousand**	**Programme by economic classification**	**Motivation**	**R thousand**
Programme 1		**(5 994)**	**Programme 1**		**5 094**
Goods and services	Computer services	(3 249)	Machinery and equipment	Computers, interactive whiteboard, storage servers	3 249
	Computer services	(1 845)	Software and other intangible assets	Software	1 845
			Programme 3		**900**
	Operating leases	(900)	Goods and services	Minor assets	900
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		2.4%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0.4%**			
Programme 2		**(2 130)**	**Programme 2**		**830**
Goods and services	Contractors	(830)	Machinery and equipment	Photographic equipment	830
			Programme 3		**1 300**
	Advertising	(1 200)	Goods and services	Advertising, catering, communication	1 200
	Advertising	(100)		Advertising, travel and subsistence	100
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.2%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0.3%**			
Programme 3		**(4 323)**	**Programme 1**		**2 803**
Households	Leave gratuities	(67)	Households	Leave gratuities	67
Compensation of employees	Vacant posts	(2 736)	Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages	2 736
			Programme 2		**1 520**
Households	Leave gratuities	(169)	Households	Leave gratuities	169
	Vacant posts	(1 351)	Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages	1 351
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**2.7%**			
Total		**(12 447)**			**12 447**

Rollovers – R7.074 million

Programme 1: Administration

R2.935 million is rolled over for servers for Tshedimosetso House, LAN (local area network) infrastructure for provincial offices and mobile screens.

Programme 2: Content Processing and Dissemination

R3.247 million is rolled over for national priority campaigns, G20 presidency campaigns and promotional items.

Programme 3: Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management.

R892 000 is rolled over for national priority campaigns.

Self-financing expenditure – R1.99 million

Programme 1: Administration

Revenue of R1.99 million has been generated from subletting office accommodation to the Border Management Authority. These funds will be used for technical assistance from the Government Technical Advisory Centre in proposing a suitable service delivery model.

Expenditure outcome for 2024/25 and actual expenditure for 2025/26

Programme	2024/25					2025/26			
		Outcome						Actual expenditure	
R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	Apr 24 - Sep 24	Apr 24 - Sep 24 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 24 - Mar 25	Apr 24 - Mar 25 % of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation/ Total (%)	Apr 25 - Sep 25	Apr 25 - Sep 25 % of adjusted appropriation
Administration	227 415	102 508	45.1	216 781	95.3	217 328	26.2	106 456	49.0
Content Processing and Dissemination	393 357	182 114	46.3	389 701	99.1	454 661	54.8	235 983	51.9
Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management	140 001	65 431	46.7	137 533	98.2	157 356	19.0	77 736	49.4
Total	**760 773**	**350 053**	**46.0**	**744 015**	**97.8**	**829 345**	**100.0**	**420 175**	**50.7**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**524 980**	**233 167**	**44.4**	**511 693**	**97.5**	**545 495**	**65.8**	**266 502**	**48.9**
Compensation of employees	291 288	141 093	48.4	287 414	98.7	311 080	37.5	152 931	49.2
Goods and services	233 692	92 074	39.4	224 279	96.0	234 415	28.3	113 571	48.4
Transfers and subsidies	**226 636**	**113 083**	**49.9**	**225 844**	**99.7**	**270 711**	**32.6**	**145 662**	**53.8**
Departmental agencies and accounts	225 284	112 642	50.0	225 320	100.0	269 368	32.5	145 354	54.0
Public corporations and private enterprises	44	–	–	–	–	46	0.0	–	–
Households	1 308	441	33.7	524	40.1	1 297	0.2	308	23.7
Payments for capital assets	**9 157**	**3 650**	**39.9**	**6 295**	**68.7**	**13 139**	**1.6**	**7 992**	**60.8**
Buildings and other fixed structures	–	–	–	125	–	–	–	–	–
Machinery and equipment	9 157	2 926	32.0	5 392	58.9	11 294	1.4	6 147	54.4
Software and other intangible assets	–	724	–	778	–	1 845	0.2	1 845	100.0
Payments for financial assets	**–**	**153**	**–**	**183**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**19**	**–**
Total	**760 773**	**350 053**	**46.0**	**744 015**	**97.8**	**829 345**	**100.0**	**420 175**	**50.7**

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in 2024/25 was R744 million, 97.8 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2024/25 was R350.1 million, 46 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2025/26 was R420.2 million, 50.7 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R829.3 million. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, expenditure over the same period in 2025/26 increased by R70.1 million, 20 per cent, mainly due to activities related to South Africa's G20 presidency and the procurement of ICT equipment.

Departmental receipts

	2024/25					2025/26				
		Outcome							Actual receipts	
R thousand	Adjusted estimate	Apr 24 - Sep 24	Apr 24 - Sep 24 % of adjusted estimate	Apr 24 - Mar 25	Apr 24 - Mar 25 % of adjusted estimate	Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/ Total (%)	Apr 25 - Sep 25	Apr 25 - Sep 25 % of adjusted estimate
Departmental receipts	**19 642**	**11 419**	**58.1**	**13 600**	**69.2**	**793**	**3 468**	**100.0**	**2 930**	**84.5**
Sales of goods and services produced by the department	19 133	11 040	57.7	13 175	68.9	387	2 485	71.7	2 211	89.0
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	2	2	0.1	1	50.0
Interest, dividends and rent on land	162	81	50.0	97	59.9	60	92	2.7	46	50.0
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	346	297	85.8	327	94.5	344	889	25.6	672	75.6
Total	**19 642**	**11 419**	**58.1**	**13 600**	**69.2**	**793**	**3 468**	**100.0**	**2 930**	**84.5**

Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2024/25 was R11.4 million, 58.1 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue for the first half of 2025/26 was R 2.9 million, 84.5 per cent of the adjusted revenue estimate of R3.5 million for the year. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, revenue over the same period in 2025/26 decreased by R8.5 million, 74.3 per cent, mainly due to a decrease in collections from the Border Management Authority for the subletting of office accommodation. The lease lapsed at the end of May 2025.

Changes to transfers and subsidies

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

	2025/26								
		Adjustments appropriation							
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Administration									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**262**	**–**	**–**	**67**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**67**	**329**
Employee social benefits	262	–	–	67	–	–	–	67	329
Content Processing and Dissemination									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**169**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**169**	**169**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	169	–	–	–	169	169
Intergovernmental Coordination and Stakeholder Management									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**1 035**	**–**	**–**	**(236)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(236)**	**799**
Employee social benefits	1 035	–	–	(236)	–	–	–	(236)	799