Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services

Adjusted budget summary

	2025/26				
		Special	Adjustments appropriation		Adjusted
R thousand	Appropriation	appropriation	Decrease	Increase	appropriation
Amount to be appropriated	**121 152**	**–**	**(3 820)**	**3 820**	**121 152**
of which:					
Current payments	120 454	–	(3 820)	–	116 634
Transfers and subsidies	328	–	–	–	328
Payments for capital assets	370	–	–	3 820	4 190

Executive authority	Minister of Justice and Correctional Services
Accounting officer	National Commissioner of Correctional Services
Website	www.dcs.gov.za

Department purpose

Inspect, monitor and report on the treatment of inmates and the conditions of correctional centres.

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 August)[1]**	**Changed target for 2025/26**
Number of correctional facilities inspected on the conditions and treatment of inmates per year	Inspection and Compliance Monitoring	Outcome 20: Safer communities and increased business confidence	150	43	–
Percentage of investigations mandated within 7 days of the notification per year	Inspection and Compliance Monitoring		80%	100% (6)	–
Percentage of urgent and unresolved complaints received and processed within 60 days of receiving all relevant documents per year	Inspection and Compliance Monitoring		70%	100% (277)	–
Percentage of reported unnatural deaths in correctional facilities received and processed per year	Inspection and Compliance Monitoring		100%	100% (38)	–
Percentage of reported natural deaths in correctional facilities received and processed per year	Inspection and Compliance Monitoring		100%	100% (159)	–

1. Only data for the first five months of 2025/26 was available at the time of publication.

Progress

In the first five months of 2025/26, 43 correctional centres against the targeted 150 for the year were inspected to evaluate the conditions and treatment of inmates. This relatively low performance was due to limited capacity. To improve performance, the inspectorate has begun recruiting inspectors and expects to fill vacant posts by year-end.

In the first five months of 2025/26, the inspectorate achieved 100 per cent of investigations mandated within 7 days of the notification against a targeted 80 per cent for the year. This was because the cases did not involve complex matters such as allegations of corruption, dishonest practices, acts of torture, or cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment. In the first half of the year, the inspectorate exceeded the annual target for the number of urgent and unresolved complaints received and processed within 60 days of receiving all relevant documents. This was attributed to the turnaround time of receiving investigation reports and official responses from the Department of Correctional Services more quickly than before. The overachievement on the annual target for processing natural and unnatural deaths reported was due to the timeous submission of reports by the Department of Correctional Services for processing.

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	59 169	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	59 169
Inspections and Compliance Monitoring	18 773	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18 773
Regional Coordination and Oversight	43 210	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43 210
Total	**121 152**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**121 152**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**120 454**	**–**	**–**	**(3 820)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(3 820)**	**116 634**
Compensation of employees	82 567	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82 567
Goods and services	37 887	–	–	(3 820)	–	–	–	(3 820)	34 067
Transfers and subsidies	**328**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**328**
Provinces and municipalities	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20
Households	308	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	308
Payments for capital assets	**370**	**–**	**–**	**3 820**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 820**	**4 190**
Machinery and equipment	370	–	–	3 820	–	–	–	3 820	4 190
Total	**121 152**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**121 152**

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
Management	17 055	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17 055
Human resources	19 157	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19 157
Finance	8 687	–	–	2 500	–	–	–	2 500	11 187
Information technology	11 886	–	–	(2 500)	–	–	–	(2 500)	9 386
Strategic management	2 384	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 384
Total	**59 169**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**59 169**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**58 471**	**–**	**–**	**(3 520)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(3 520)**	**54 951**
Compensation of employees	28 798	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28 798
Goods and services	29 673	–	–	(3 520)	–	–	–	(3 520)	26 153
Transfers and subsidies	**328**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**328**
Provinces and municipalities	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20
Households	308	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	308
Payments for capital assets	**370**	**–**	**–**	**3 520**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 520**	**3 890**
Machinery and equipment	370	–	–	3 520	–	–	–	3 520	3 890
Total	**59 169**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**59 169**

Programme 2: Inspection Monitoring and Compliance

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
Legal and Special Operations	18 773	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18 773
Total	**18 773**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**18 773**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**18 773**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**18 773**
Compensation of employees	15 397	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15 397
Goods and services	3 376	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 376
Total	**18 773**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**18 773**

Programme 3: Regional Coordination and Oversight

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
Operations	43 210	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43 210
Total	**43 210**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**43 210**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**43 210**	**–**	**–**	**(300)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(300)**	**42 910**
Compensation of employees	38 372	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38 372
Goods and services	4 838	–	–	(300)	–	–	–	(300)	4 538
Payments for capital assets	**–**	**–**	**–**	**300**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**300**	**300**
Machinery and equipment	–	–	–	300	–	–	–	300	300
Total	**43 210**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**43 210**

Details of adjustments to the 2025 ENE

Virements and shifts within the department

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Inspection and Compliance
3. Regional Coordination and Oversight

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	**Motivation**	**R thousand**	**Programme by economic classification**	**Motivation**	**R thousand**
Programme 1		**(3 520)**	**Programme 1**		**3 520**
Goods and services	Minor assets	(20)	Payments for capital assets	Office equipment	20
	Computer services	(2 500)		Vehicles	2 500
	Computer services	(1 000)		Computers	1 000
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		5.9%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0%**			
Programme 3		**(300)**	**Programme 3**		**300**
Goods and services	Minor assets	(300)	Payments for capital assets	Office equipment	300
		(300)			300
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		**0.7%**			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget					
Total		**(3 820)**			**3 820**

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	58 887	–	–	–	–	59 169	48.8	20 000	33.8
Inspections and Compliance Monitoring	16 549	–	–	–	–	18 773	15.5	5 762	30.7
Regional Coordination and Oversight	39 171	–	–	–	–	43 210	35.7	16 103	37.3
Total	**114 607**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**121 152**	**100.0**	**41 865**	**34.6**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**114 588**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**116 634**	**96.3**	**41 150**	**35.3**
Compensation of employees	72 741	–	–	–	–	82 567	68.2	29 071	35.2
Goods and services	41 847	–	–	–	–	34 067	28.1	12 079	35.5
Transfers and subsidies	**19**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**328**	**0.3**	**525**	**160.1**
Provinces and municipalities	19	–	–	–	–	20	0.0	14	70.0
Public corporations and private enterprises	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(3)	–
Households	–	–	–	–	–	308	0.3	514	166.9
Payments for capital assets	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**4 190**	**3.5**	**190**	**4.5**
Machinery and equipment	–	–	–	–	–	4 190	3.5	190	4.5
Total	**114 607**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**121 152**	**100.0**	**41 865**	**34.6**

Expenditure trends

The Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services started operating as a standalone government component from 1 April 2025 and, as such, has no historical expenditure. As at 30 September 2025, the inspectorate total expenditure was R41.9 million, 34.6 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year.

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	**21**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**31**	**23**	**100.0**	**12**	**52.2**
Sales of goods and services produced by the department	9	–	–	–	–	9	23	100.0	12	52.2
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	12	–	–	–	–	12	–	–	–	–
Sales of capital assets	–	–	–	–	–	10	–	–	–	–
Total	**21**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**31**	**23**	**100.0**	**12**	**52.2**

Revenue trends for the first half of 2025/26

As the Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services only became a standalone government component from 1 April 2025, it has no historical revenue. As at 30 September 2025, actual revenue collections amounted to R23 000, 100 per cent of the projected revenue. The revenue was mainly derived from employee parking fees.