Vote 23

Defence

Adjusted budget summary

R thousand	2025/26 Appropriation	Special appropriation	Adjustments appropriation Decrease	Increase	Adjusted appropriation
Amount to be appropriated	**57 183 704**	**–**	**–**	**1 888 486**	**59 072 190**
of which:					
Current payments	50 220 640	–	–	342 425	50 563 065
Transfers and subsidies	6 153 445	–	–	1 546 061	7 699 506
Payments for capital assets	809 619	–	–	–	809 619
Executive authority	Minister of Defence and Military Veterans				
Accounting officer	Secretary for Defence				
Website	www.dod.mil.za				

Vote purpose

Defend and protect the Republic of South Africa, its territorial integrity and its people, in accordance with the Constitution and the principles of international law regulating the use of force.

Performance

Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Annual performance: Projected for 2025/26 as published in the 2025 ENE	Achieved in the first quarter of 2025/26 (April to September)	Changed target for 2025/26
Number of reserve force person days per year	Administration	Outcome 21: Effective border management and development in Africa and globally	1 997 872	2 123 141	–
Percentage compliance with the Southern African Development Community standby force pledge per year	Force Employment		100% (32)	79% (25.2/32)	–
Percentage compliance with number of external operations conducted per year	Force Employment		100% (3)	67% (2/3)	–
Percentage compliance with number of internal operations conducted per year	Force Employment		100% (4)	100% (4)	–
Number of joint, interdepartmental, interagency and multinational military exercises conducted per year	Force Employment		3	0	–
Number of landward sub-units deployed on border safeguarding per year	Force Employment		15	15	–
Number of maritime coastal patrols conducted per year	Force Employment		4	2	–
Number of hours flown per year	Air Defence		12 000	2 411	–
Number of hours at sea per year	Maritime Defence		8 000	2 377	–

Progress

The department achieved 2 123 141 reserve force person days by mid-year against an annual target of 1 997 872. This overachievement was mainly due to increased reliance on deploying reserve force members instead of regular force personnel to supplement its core capacity, as these members are remunerated only when called up. Over the same period, the department complied fully with all internal operations, including executing all of South Africa’s internal commitments such as border safeguarding, police support and humanitarian search-and-rescue missions. The department achieved 79 per cent compliance on meeting requirements for the Southern African Development Community standby force. This was due to delays in the repair and maintenance of both vessels and aircraft. Performance is expected to improve in the second half of the year.

All joint, interdepartmental, interagency and multinational military exercises are planned for the fourth quarter. All 15 landward subunits were deployed in the first half of 2025/26 to safeguard borders in Limpopo, Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and North West. The deployment was coordinated as a single activity.

By mid-year, the department had flown 2 411 hours against an annual target of 12 000. This slow progress was mainly due to delays in aircraft repairs and maintenance. However, the target is typically achieved in the fourth quarter of the year. Similarly, by mid-year, the department had spent only 2 377 hours at sea against an annual target of 8 000. This was due to delays in the repair and maintenance of vessels. Performance is expected to improve in the second half of the year.

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	5 839 871	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 839 871
Force Employment	5 903 954	40 524	–	–	–	616 492	–	657 016	6 560 970
Landward Defence	18 134 449	208 588	–	–	–	832 916	–	1 041 504	19 175 953
Air Defence	7 193 733	54 208	–	–	–	–	–	54 208	7 247 941
Maritime Defence	4 978 263	33 628	–	–	–	–	–	33 628	5 011 891
Military Health Support	6 289 415	53 433	–	–	–	–	–	53 433	6 342 848
Defence Intelligence	1 184 163	8 461	–	–	–	–	–	8 461	1 192 624
General Support	7 659 856	40 236	–	–	–	–	–	40 236	7 700 092
Total	**57 183 704**	**439 078**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 449 408**	**–**	**1 888 486**	**59 072 190**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**50 220 640**	**–**	**–**	**92 017**	**–**	**250 408**	**–**	**342 425**	**50 563 065**
Compensation of employees	36 703 098	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36 703 098
Goods and services	13 517 542	–	–	92 017	–	250 408	–	342 425	13 859 967
Transfers and subsidies	**6 153 445**	**439 078**	**–**	**(92 017)**	**–**	**1 199 000**	**–**	**1 546 061**	**7 699 506**
Provinces and municipalities	232	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	232
Departmental agencies and accounts	3 970 755	–	–	(81 297)	–	1 199 000	–	1 117 703	5 088 458
Foreign governments and international organisations	487 000	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	487 000
Public corporations and private enterprises	1 464 694	–	–	(10 720)	–	–	–	(10 720)	1 453 974
Non-profit institutions	10 979	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 979
Households	219 785	439 078	–	–	–	–	–	439 078	658 863
Payments for capital assets	**809 619**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**809 619**
Buildings and other fixed structures	394 360	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	394 360
Machinery and equipment	392 014	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	392 014
Specialised military assets	20 623	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 623
Biological assets	142	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	142
Software and other intangible assets	2 480	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 480
Total	**57 183 704**	**439 078**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 449 408**	**–**	**1 888 486**	**59 072 190**

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
Ministry	153 002	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	153 002
Departmental Direction	54 553	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54 553
Policy and Planning	163 370	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	163 370
Financial Services	498 562	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	498 562
Human Resources Support Services	1 065 401	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 065 401
Legal Services	426 160	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	426 160
Inspection and Audit Services	170 821	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	170 821
Acquisition Services and Management of Denel	103 616	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	103 616
Communication Services	131 118	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	131 118
South African National Defence Force Command and Control	213 640	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	213 640
Religious Services	23 337	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23 337
Defence Reserve Direction	42 298	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42 298
Defence Foreign Relations	20 617	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 617
Office Accommodation	2 773 376	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 773 376
Total	**5 839 871**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5 839 871**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**5 732 992**	**–**	**–**	**10 720**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**10 720**	**5 743 712**
Compensation of employees	2 371 889	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 371 889
Goods and services	3 361 103	–	–	10 720	–	–	–	10 720	3 371 823
Transfers and subsidies	**71 751**	**–**	**–**	**(10 720)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(10 720)**	**61 031**
Provinces and municipalities	67	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	67
Departmental agencies and accounts	29 801	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29 801
Public corporations and private enterprises	10 724	–	–	(10 720)	–	–	–	(10 720)	4
Non-profit institutions	10 829	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 829
Households	20 330	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 330
Payments for capital assets	**35 128**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**35 128**
Buildings and other fixed structures	584	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	584
Machinery and equipment	32 925	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	32 925
Software and other intangible assets	1 619	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 619
Total	**5 839 871**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5 839 871**

Programme 2: Force Employment

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
Strategic Direction	199 397	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	199 397
Operational Direction	486 642	40 524	–	–	–	–	–	40 524	527 166
Special Operations	1 232 608	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 232 608
Regional Security	2 696 079	–	–	–	–	616 492	–	616 492	3 312 571
Support to the People	1 289 228	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 289 228
Total	**5 903 954**	**40 524**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**616 492**	**–**	**657 016**	**6 560 970**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**5 070 772**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5 070 772**
Compensation of employees	3 387 487	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 387 487
Goods and services	1 683 285	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 683 285
Transfers and subsidies	**725 450**	**40 524**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**616 492**	**–**	**657 016**	**1 382 466**
Provinces and municipalities	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8
Departmental agencies and accounts	230 689	–	–	–	–	616 492	–	616 492	847 181
Foreign governments and international organisations	487 000	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	487 000
Public corporations and private enterprises	82	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82
Households	7 671	40 524	–	–	–	–	–	40 524	48 195
Payments for capital assets	**107 732**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**107 732**
Buildings and other fixed structures	17 759	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17 759
Machinery and equipment	71 230	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	71 230
Specialised military assets	18 743	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18 743
Total	**5 903 954**	**40 524**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**616 492**	**–**	**657 016**	**6 560 970**

Programme 3: Landward Defence

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
Strategic Direction	583 005	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	583 005
Infantry Capability	6 356 039	–	–	–	–	832 916	–	832 916	7 188 955
Armour Capability	658 756	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	658 756
Artillery Capability	660 419	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	660 419
Air Defence Artillery Capability	605 720	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	605 720
Engineering Capability	1 098 330	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 098 330
Operational Intelligence	325 678	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	325 678
Command and Control Capability	281 712	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	281 712
Support Capability	5 099 578	208 588	–	–	–	–	–	208 588	5 308 166
General Training Capability	730 724	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	730 724
Signal Capability	1 734 488	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 734 488
Total	**18 134 449**	**208 588**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**832 916**	**–**	**1 041 504**	**19 175 953**

Programme 3: Landward Defence (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	**17 109 111**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**250 408**	**–**	**250 408**	**17 359 519**
Compensation of employees	15 064 301	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15 064 301
Goods and services	2 044 810	–	–	–	–	250 408	–	250 408	2 295 218
Transfers and subsidies	**1 003 643**	**208 588**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**582 508**	**–**	**791 096**	**1 794 739**
Provinces and municipalities	38	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38
Departmental agencies and accounts	931 977	–	–	–	–	582 508	–	582 508	1 514 485
Public corporations and private enterprises	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
Households	71 616	208 588	–	–	–	–	–	208 588	280 204
Payments for capital assets	**21 695**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**21 695**
Buildings and other fixed structures	386	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	386
Machinery and equipment	21 283	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21 283
Software and other intangible assets	26	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26
Total	**18 134 449**	**208 588**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**832 916**	**–**	**1 041 504**	**19 175 953**

Programme 4: Air Defence

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
Strategic Direction	34 908	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34 908
Operational Direction	145 716	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	145 716
Helicopter Capability	921 478	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	921 478
Transport and Maritime Capability	711 669	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	711 669
Air Combat Capability	781 270	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	781 270
Operational Support and Intelligence Capability	409 445	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	409 445
Command and Control Capability	420 516	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	420 516
Base Support Capability	2 344 329	54 208	–	–	–	–	–	54 208	2 398 537
Command Post	105 475	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	105 475
Training Capability	484 362	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	484 362
Technical Support Services	834 565	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	834 565
Total	**7 193 733**	**54 208**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**54 208**	**7 247 941**

Programme 4: Air Defence (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	**5 883 907**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5 883 907**
Compensation of employees	4 531 338	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 531 338
Goods and services	1 352 569	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 352 569
Transfers and subsidies	**1 233 485**	**54 208**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**54 208**	**1 287 693**
Provinces and municipalities	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 198 327	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 198 327
Public corporations and private enterprises	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Households	35 148	54 208	–	–	–	–	–	54 208	89 356
Payments for capital assets	**76 341**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**76 341**
Buildings and other fixed structures	835	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	835
Machinery and equipment	75 406	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75 406
Biological assets	100	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	100
Total	**7 193 733**	**54 208**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**54 208**	**7 247 941**

Programme 5: Maritime Defence

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
Maritime Direction	860 468	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	860 468
Maritime Combat Capability	964 207	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	964 207
Maritime Logistics Support Capability	1 858 971	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 858 971
Maritime Human Resources and Training Capability	608 358	33 628	–	–	–	–	–	33 628	641 986
Base Support Capability	686 259	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	686 259
Total	**4 978 263**	**33 628**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**33 628**	**5 011 891**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**3 661 516**	**–**	**–**	**90 100**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**90 100**	**3 751 616**
Compensation of employees	2 810 980	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 810 980
Goods and services	850 536	–	–	90 100	–	–	–	90 100	940 636
Transfers and subsidies	**1 295 150**	**33 628**	**–**	**(90 100)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(56 472)**	**1 238 678**
Provinces and municipalities	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10
Departmental agencies and accounts	888 459	–	–	(90 100)	–	–	–	(90 100)	798 359
Public corporations and private enterprises	366 266	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	366 266
Households	40 415	33 628	–	–	–	–	–	33 628	74 043
Payments for capital assets	**21 597**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**21 597**
Machinery and equipment	19 135	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19 135
Specialised military assets	1 880	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 880
Software and other intangible assets	582	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	582
Total	**4 978 263**	**33 628**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**33 628**	**5 011 891**

Programme 6: Military Health Support

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
Strategic Direction	274 162	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	274 162
Mobile Military Health Support	217 456	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	217 456
Area Military Health Service	2 398 298	53 433	–	–	–	–	–	53 433	2 451 731
Specialist/Tertiary Health Service	2 592 247	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 592 247
Military Health Product Support Capability	398 467	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	398 467
Military Health Training Capability	408 785	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	408 785
Total	**6 289 415**	**53 433**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**53 433**	**6 342 848**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**6 170 758**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**6 170 758**
Compensation of employees	4 466 508	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 466 508
Goods and services	1 704 250	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 704 250
Transfers and subsidies	**25 368**	**53 433**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**53 433**	**78 801**
Provinces and municipalities	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Public corporations and private enterprises	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Non-profit institutions	150	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	150
Households	25 209	53 433	–	–	–	–	–	53 433	78 642
Payments for capital assets	**93 289**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**93 289**
Machinery and equipment	93 247	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	93 247
Biological assets	42	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42
Total	**6 289 415**	**53 433**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**53 433**	**6 342 848**

Programme 7: Defence Intelligence

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	320 073	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	320 073
Defence Intelligence Support Services	864 090	8 461	–	–	–	–	–	8 461	872 551
Total	**1 184 163**	**8 461**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**8 461**	**1 192 624**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**856 056**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**856 056**
Compensation of employees	707 239	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	707 239
Goods and services	148 817	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	148 817
Transfers and subsidies	**325 009**	**8 461**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**8 461**	**333 470**
Provinces and municipalities	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Departmental agencies and accounts	320 073	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	320 073
Households	4 931	8 461	–	–	–	–	–	8 461	13 392
Payments for capital assets	**3 098**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 098**
Machinery and equipment	3 098	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 098
Total	**1 184 163**	**8 461**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**8 461**	**1 192 624**

Programme 8: General Support

Subprogramme R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
	2025/26	Adjustments appropriation							
Joint Logistics Services	4 105 368	40 236	–	–	–	–	–	40 236	4 145 604
Command and Management Information Systems	1 147 765	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 147 765
Military Police	815 250	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	815 250
Technology Development	353 627	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	353 627
Departmental Support	1 237 846	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 237 846
Total	**7 659 856**	**40 236**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**40 236**	**7 700 092**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**5 735 528**	**–**	**–**	**(8 803)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(8 803)**	**5 726 725**
Compensation of employees	3 363 356	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 363 356
Goods and services	2 372 172	–	–	(8 803)	–	–	–	(8 803)	2 363 369
Transfers and subsidies	**1 473 589**	**40 236**	**–**	**8 803**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**49 039**	**1 522 628**
Provinces and municipalities	93	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	93
Departmental agencies and accounts	371 429	–	–	8 803	–	–	–	8 803	380 232
Public corporations and private enterprises	1 087 602	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 087 602
Households	14 465	40 236	–	–	–	–	–	40 236	54 701
Payments for capital assets	**450 739**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**450 739**
Buildings and other fixed structures	374 796	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	374 796
Machinery and equipment	75 690	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75 690
Software and other intangible assets	253	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	253
Total	**7 659 856**	**40 236**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**40 236**	**7 700 092**

Details of adjustments to the 2025 ENE

Appropriation of funds for expenditure announced by the minister during the tabling of the annual budget – R439.078 million

An additional R439.078 million is allocated for expenses related to the implementation of the government-wide early retirement programme to facilitate the exit of South African National Defence Force members. The allocation will cover expenses related to financial incentives and medical continuation. The funds are allocated as follows:

Programme 2: Force Employment

R40.524 million

Programme 3: Landward Defence

R208.588 million

Programme 4: Air Defence

R54.208 million

Programme 5: Maritime Defence

R33.628 million

Programme 6: Military Health Support

R53.433 million

Programme 7: Defence Intelligence

R8.461 million

Programme 8: General Support

R40.236 million

Virements and shifts within the vote

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Force Employment
3. Landward Defence
4. Air Defence
5. Maritime Defence
6. Military Health Support
7. Defence Intelligence
8. General Support

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	**Motivation**	**R thousand**	**Programme by economic classification**	**Motivation**	**R thousand**
Programme 1		**(10 720)**	**Programme 1**		**10 720**
Public corporations and private enterprises	Reallocation of funds incorrectly allocated in the 2025 ENE	(10 720)	Goods and services	Research and development services rendered by the Defence Decision Support Institute[1]	10 720
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%**			
Programme 5		**(90 100)**	**Programme 5**		**90 100**
Departmental agencies and accounts	Special defence account	(90 100)	Goods and services	Maintenance and repair of the integrated platform management system on valour-class frigates	90 100
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		1.8%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0%**			
Programme 8		**(8 803)**	**Programme 8**		**8 803**
Goods and services	Reallocation of funds incorrectly allocated in the 2025 ENE	(8 803)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Radio spectrum licence fees[1]	8 803
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.1%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0%**			
Total		**(109 623)**			**109 623**

1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.

Self-financing expenditure – R1.449 billion

Revenue of R1.449 billion has been generated through reimbursements from the United Nations and Southern African Development Community for South Africa’s contributions towards peace support in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through operations Mistral and Thiba, and through the sale of equipment and spares procured through the special defence account. These funds will be used to enhance border safeguarding through the use of technology; support internal stability operations; and cover costs associated with the continuous deployment of and procurement of uniforms for South African National Defence Force personnel, the upgrading of prime mission equipment, and logistical support. The revenue is allocated as follows:

Programme 2: Force Employment

R616.492 million

Programme 3: Landward Defence

R832.916 million

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	5 609 162	2 847 291	50.8	5 852 172	104.3	5 839 871	9.9	3 010 048	51.5
Force Employment	7 421 970	2 821 863	38.0	7 279 075	98.1	6 560 970	11.1	3 224 787	49.2
Landward Defence	16 995 203	9 713 720	57.2	19 384 909	114.1	19 175 953	32.5	10 841 971	56.5
Air Defence	6 695 149	3 157 967	47.2	6 715 706	100.3	7 247 941	12.3	3 507 944	48.4
Maritime Defence	4 443 786	2 157 883	48.6	4 527 090	101.9	5 011 891	8.5	2 360 350	47.1
Military Health Support	5 816 587	2 921 159	50.2	6 029 507	103.7	6 342 848	10.7	3 242 373	51.1
Defence Intelligence	1 128 385	626 162	55.5	1 372 619	121.6	1 192 624	2.0	556 605	46.7
General Support	7 396 406	2 986 254	40.4	6 833 004	92.4	7 700 092	13.0	3 650 520	47.4
Total	**55 506 648**	**27 232 299**	**49.1**	**57 994 082**	**104.5**	**59 072 190**	**100.0**	**30 394 598**	**51.5**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**49 380 088**	**24 451 802**	**49.5**	**51 222 903**	**103.7**	**50 563 065**	**85.6**	**27 070 625**	**53.5**
Compensation of employees	35 148 444	18 609 684	52.9	37 654 703	107.1	36 703 098	62.1	19 935 814	54.3
Goods and services	14 231 644	5 842 118	41.1	13 568 200	95.3	13 859 967	23.5	7 134 811	51.5
Transfers and subsidies	**5 315 180**	**2 577 902**	**48.5**	**5 781 779**	**108.8**	**7 699 506**	**13.0**	**2 968 387**	**38.6**
Provinces and municipalities	241	82	34.0	178	73.9	232	0.0	78	33.6
Departmental agencies and accounts	3 658 159	1 307 569	35.7	2 919 536	79.8	5 088 458	8.6	1 637 733	32.2
Foreign governments and international organisations	–	–	–	755 004	–	487 000	0.8	473 618	97.3
Public corporations and private enterprises	1 400 447	701 314	50.1	1 401 396	100.1	1 453 974	2.5	725 367	49.9
Non-profit institutions	11 932	2 000	16.8	4 363	36.6	10 979	0.0	6 064	55.2
Households	244 401	566 937	232.0	701 302	286.9	658 863	1.1	125 527	19.1
Payments for capital assets	**811 380**	**199 849**	**24.6**	**979 777**	**120.8**	**809 619**	**1.4**	**355 069**	**43.9**
Buildings and other fixed structures	393 765	59 013	15.0	118 877	30.2	394 360	0.7	112 702	28.6
Machinery and equipment	395 062	140 784	35.6	852 305	215.7	392 014	0.7	239 575	61.1
Specialised military assets	20 981	–	–	2 744	13.1	20 623	0.0	1 874	9.1
Biological assets	40	–	–	–	–	142	0.0	892	628.2
Software and other intangible assets	1 532	52	3.4	5 851	381.9	2 480	0.0	26	1.0
Payments for financial assets	**–**	**2 746**	**–**	**9 623**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**517**	**–**
Total	**55 506 648**	**27 232 299**	**49.1**	**57 994 082**	**104.5**	**59 072 190**	**100.0**	**30 394 598**	**51.5**

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in 2024/25 was R58 billion, 104.5 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2024/25 was R27.2 billion, 49.1 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2025/26 was R30.4 billion, 51.5 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R59.1 billion. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, expenditure over the same period in 2025/26 increased by R3.2 billion, 11.6 per cent. This was mainly due to an additional allocation to cater for adjustments arising from the public sector wage agreement and the provision of additional support to South African National Defence Force members deployed in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. The support was intended to enhance the operational effectiveness of defence force personnel, including specialised units, equipment, aircraft charters and other resources. As part of the defence force's contribution to the Southern African Development Community mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this deployment led to increased operational expenditure, particularly on fuel, ammunition and weapons.

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	**1 319 314**	**754 066**	**57.2**	**2 028 080**	**153.7**	**1 345 701**	**1 345 701**	**100.0**	**913 948**	**67.9**
Sales of goods and services produced by the department	503 182	229 844	45.7	532 026	105.7	513 246	504 922	37.5	237 833	47.1
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	1 692	165	9.8	1 489	88.0	1 726	1 726	0.1	184	10.7
Transfers received	690 758	501 471	72.6	1 411 486	204.3	704 573	704 573	52.4	646 153	91.7
Fines, penalties and forfeits	1 462	644	44.0	1 260	86.2	1 491	1 491	0.1	808	54.2
Interest, dividends and rent on land	4 795	4 288	89.4	10 386	216.6	4 891	13 215	1.0	8 193	62.0
Sales of capital assets	33 282	3 206	9.6	25 253	75.9	33 948	33 948	2.5	13 252	39.0
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	84 143	14 448	17.2	46 180	54.9	85 826	85 826	6.4	7 525	8.8
Total	**1 319 314**	**754 066**	**57.2**	**2 028 080**	**153.7**	**1 345 701**	**1 345 701**	**100.0**	**913 948**	**67.9**

Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2024/25 was R754.1 million, 57.2 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue for the first half of 2025/26 was R913.9 million, 67.9 per cent of the adjusted estimate of R1.3 billion. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, revenue over the same period in 2025/26 increased by R159.9 million, 21.2 per cent. This was mainly due to an increase in reimbursements from the Southern African Development Community for the deployment of transport and combat support helicopters through operation Thiba.

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									
Public corporations and private enterprises									
Public corporations									
Subsidies on production or products									
Current	**10 720**	**–**	**–**	**(10 720)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(10 720)**	**–**
Armaments Corporation of South Africa	10 720	–	–	(10 720)	–	–	–	(10 720)	–

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme (continued)

		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
Force Employment									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	**230 689**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**616 492**	**–**	**616 492**	**847 181**
Special defence account	230 689	–	–	–	–	616 492	–	616 492	847 181
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**7 671**	**40 524**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**40 524**	**48 195**
Employee social benefits	7 671	40 524	–	–	–	–	–	40 524	48 195
Landward Defence									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	**931 977**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**582 508**	**–**	**582 508**	**1 514 485**
Special defence account	931 977	–	–	–	–	582 508	–	582 508	1 514 485
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**71 616**	**208 588**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**208 588**	**280 204**
Employee social benefits	71 616	208 588	–	–	–	–	–	208 588	280 204
Air Defence									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**35 148**	**54 208**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**54 208**	**89 356**
Employee social benefits	35 148	54 208	–	–	–	–	–	54 208	89 356
Maritime Defence									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	**888 459**	**–**	**–**	**(90 100)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(90 100)**	**798 359**
Special defence account	888 459	–	–	(90 100)	–	–	–	(90 100)	798 359
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**40 415**	**33 628**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**33 628**	**74 043**
Employee social benefits	40 415	33 628	–	–	–	–	–	33 628	74 043
Military Health Support									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**25 209**	**53 433**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**53 433**	**78 642**
Employee social benefits	25 209	53 433	–	–	–	–	–	53 433	78 642
Defence Intelligence									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**4 931**	**8 461**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**8 461**	**13 392**
Employee social benefits	4 931	8 461	–	–	–	–	–	8 461	13 392
General Support									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**8 803**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**8 803**	**8 803**
Communication Licences	–	–	–	8 803	–	–	–	8 803	8 803
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**14 465**	**40 236**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**40 236**	**54 701**
Employee social benefits	14 465	40 236	–	–	–	–	–	40 236	54 701