# Vote 26

# Military Veterans

## Adjusted budget summary

| | 2025/26 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Special | Adjustments appropriation | | Adjusted |
| R thousand | Appropriation | appropriation | Decrease | Increase | appropriation |
| **Amount to be appropriated** | **878 541** | **–** | **(48 180)** | **48 180** | **878 541** |
| ***of which:*** | | | | | |
| Current payments | 528 867 | – | (31 043) | – | 497 824 |
| Transfers and subsidies | 326 118 | – | – | 48 180 | 374 298 |
| Payments for capital assets | 23 556 | – | (17 137) | – | 6 419 |

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| Executive authority | Minister of Defence and Military Veterans |
| Accounting officer | Director-General for 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

| | | | 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 |
| Number of military veterans provided with newly built houses per year | Database Management and Socioeconomic Support | Outcome 15: Social cohesion and nation building | 250 | 61 | – |
| Total number of military veterans and their dependants receiving pension benefits | Database Management and Socioeconomic Support | | 6 500 | 4 471 | – |
| Total number of military veterans with access to health care services | Database Management and Socioeconomic Support | Outcome 12: Improved access to affordable and quality health care | 18 400 | 18 050 | – |
| Number of bursaries provided to military veterans and their dependants per year | Empowerment and Stakeholder Management | Outcome 13: Improved education outcomes and skills | 4 500 | 373 | – |

### Progress

By mid-year, 61 newly built houses were provided to military veterans against an annual target of 250. This slow progress was due to the department's dependence on provincial departments of human settlements for the delivery of houses. In an effort to meet this target by the end of the year, the department will expedite the implementation of service-level agreements with provincial departments.

During the period under review, 4 471 military veterans and their dependants received pension benefits against an annual target of 6 500. The department expects to exceed the cumulative target for this indicator by year-end.

In the first half of 2025/26, 18 050 beneficiaries received health care services against a cumulative target of 18 400 for the year. This high achievement was due to the service being driven by demand.

The department provided 373 bursaries to military veterans and their dependants in the first half of 2025/26 against an annual target of 4 500. Most beneficiaries are expected to be enrolled at the start of the academic year in January 2026.

# 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 | 181 374 | – | – | (6 253) | – | – | – | (6 253) | 175 121 |
| Database Management and Socioeconomic Support | 425 944 | – | – | 46 800 | – | – | – | 46 800 | 472 744 |
| Empowerment and Stakeholder Management | 271 223 | – | – | (40 547) | – | – | – | (40 547) | 230 676 |
| **Total** | **878 541** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **878 541** |
| **Economic classification** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current payments** | **528 867** | **–** | **–** | **(31 043)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(31 043)** | **497 824** |
| Compensation of employees | 149 511 | – | – | (16 000) | – | – | – | (16 000) | 133 511 |
| Goods and services | 379 356 | – | – | (15 043) | – | – | – | (15 043) | 364 313 |
| **Transfers and subsidies** | **326 118** | **–** | **–** | **48 180** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **48 180** | **374 298** |
| Households | 326 118 | – | – | 48 180 | – | – | – | 48 180 | 374 298 |
| **Payments for capital assets** | **23 556** | **–** | **–** | **(17 137)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(17 137)** | **6 419** |
| Machinery and equipment | 11 969 | – | – | (8 590) | – | – | – | (8 590) | 3 379 |
| Heritage assets | 8 547 | – | – | (8 547) | – | – | – | (8 547) | – |
| Software and other intangible assets | 3 040 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 3 040 |
| **Total** | **878 541** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **878 541** |

*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 | 16 316 | – | – | (2 930) | – | – | – | (2 930) | 13 386 |
| Corporate Services | 80 303 | – | – | (9 500) | – | – | – | (9 500) | 70 803 |
| Financial Administration | 32 244 | – | – | (2 000) | – | – | – | (2 000) | 30 244 |
| Internal Audit | 14 659 | – | – | (2 000) | – | – | – | (2 000) | 12 659 |
| Strategic Planning, Policy Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation | 16 169 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 16 169 |
| Office Accommodation | 21 683 | – | – | 10 177 | – | – | – | 10 177 | 31 860 |
| **Total** | **181 374** | **–** | **–** | **(6 253)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(6 253)** | **175 121** |
| **Economic classification** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current payments** | **173 418** | **–** | **–** | **(2 753)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(2 753)** | **170 665** |
| Compensation of employees | 85 958 | – | – | (12 000) | – | – | – | (12 000) | 73 958 |
| Goods and services | 87 460 | – | – | 9 247 | – | – | – | 9 247 | 96 707 |
| **Payments for capital assets** | **7 956** | **–** | **–** | **(3 500)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(3 500)** | **4 456** |
| Machinery and equipment | 4 916 | – | – | (3 500) | – | – | – | (3 500) | 1 416 |
| Software and other intangible assets | 3 040 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 3 040 |
| **Total** | **181 374** | **–** | **–** | **(6 253)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(6 253)** | **175 121** |

## Programme 2: Database Management and Socioeconomic 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 |
| Database and Benefits Management | 33 544 | – | – | (11 257) | – | – | – | (11 257) | 22 287 |
| Health Care and Wellbeing Support | 193 319 | – | – | (10 000) | – | – | – | (10 000) | 183 319 |
| Socioeconomic Support Management | 199 081 | – | – | 68 057 | – | – | – | 68 057 | 267 138 |
| **Total** | **425 944** | **–** | **–** | **46 800** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **46 800** | **472 744** |
| **Economic classification** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current payments** | **239 178** | **–** | **–** | **(30 590)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(30 590)** | **208 588** |
| Compensation of employees | 32 514 | – | – | (7 000) | – | – | – | (7 000) | 25 514 |
| Goods and services | 206 664 | – | – | (23 590) | – | – | – | (23 590) | 183 074 |
| **Transfers and subsidies** | **185 110** | **–** | **–** | **78 180** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **78 180** | **263 290** |
| Households | 185 110 | – | – | 78 180 | – | – | – | 78 180 | 263 290 |
| **Payments for capital assets** | **1 656** | **–** | **–** | **(790)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(790)** | **866** |
| Machinery and equipment | 1 656 | – | – | (790) | – | – | – | (790) | 866 |
| **Total** | **425 944** | **–** | **–** | **46 800** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **46 800** | **472 744** |

## Programme 3: Empowerment 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 |
| Provincial Offices and Stakeholder Relations | 41 978 | – | – | 3 000 | – | – | – | 3 000 | 44 978 |
| Empowerment, Skills Development and Education Support | 177 599 | – | – | (35 000) | – | – | – | (35 000) | 142 599 |
| Heritage, Memorials, Burials and Honours | 51 646 | – | – | (8 547) | – | – | – | (8 547) | 43 099 |
| **Total** | **271 223** | **–** | **–** | **(40 547)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(40 547)** | **230 676** |
| **Economic classification** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current payments** | **116 271** | **–** | **–** | **2 300** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **2 300** | **118 571** |
| Compensation of employees | 31 039 | – | – | 3 000 | – | – | – | 3 000 | 34 039 |
| Goods and services | 85 232 | – | – | (700) | – | – | – | (700) | 84 532 |
| **Transfers and subsidies** | **141 008** | **–** | **–** | **(30 000)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(30 000)** | **111 008** |
| Households | 141 008 | – | – | (30 000) | – | – | – | (30 000) | 111 008 |
| **Payments for capital assets** | **13 944** | **–** | **–** | **(12 847)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(12 847)** | **1 097** |
| Machinery and equipment | 5 397 | – | – | (4 300) | – | – | – | (4 300) | 1 097 |
| Heritage assets | 8 547 | – | – | (8 547) | – | – | – | (8 547) | – |
| **Total** | **271 223** | **–** | **–** | **(40 547)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(40 547)** | **230 676** |

# Details of adjustments to the 2025 ENE

## Virements and shifts within the vote

**Programmes**

1. Administration
2. Database Management and Socioeconomic Support
3. Empowerment and Stakeholder Management

| **From:** | | | **To:** | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Programme by economic classification** | **Motivation** | **R thousand** | **Programme by economic classification** | **Motivation** | **R thousand** |
| **Programme 1** | | **(15 500)** | **Programme 1** | | **700** |
| Machinery and equipment | ICT equipment, office furniture | (700) | Goods and services | Asset verification and management[1] | 700 |
| | | | **Programme 2** | | **11 800** |
| | ICT equipment, office furniture | (2 800) | Households | Pension benefit[2] | 2 800 |
| Compensation of employees | Vacant posts | (9 000) | | Pension benefit[2] | 9 000 |
| | | | **Programme 3** | | **3 000** |
| | Vacant posts | (3 000) | Compensation of employees | Salaries and wages[2] | 3 000 |
| Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget | | 0.4% | | | |
| **Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget[2]** | | **8.2%** | | | |
| **Programme 2** | | **(31 380)** | **Programme 2** | | **31 380** |
| Goods and services | Computer services, contractors, travel and subsistence | (23 580) | Households | Pension benefit[1] | 23 580 |
| | Contractors | (10) | | Leave gratuity[1] | 10 |
| Machinery and equipment | ICT equipment, office furniture | (790) | | Pension benefit[1] | 790 |
| Compensation of employees | Vacant posts | (7 000) | | Pension benefit[1] | 7 000 |
| Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget | | 7.4% | | | |
| **Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget** | | **0%** | | | |
| **Programme 3** | | **(48 047)** | **Programme 1** | | **8 547** |
| Heritage assets | Memorial sites | (8 547) | Goods and services | Operating leases[2] | 8 547 |
| | | | **Programme 2** | | **35 000** |
| Households | Education support benefit | (30 000) | Households | Pension benefit[2] | 30 000 |
| Goods and services | Training and development | (5 000) | | Pension benefit[2] | 5 000 |
| | | | **Programme 3** | | **4 500** |
| Machinery and equipment | ICT equipment, office furniture | (4 500) | Goods and services | South African National Military Veterans Association[1] | 4 500 |
| Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget | | 1.7% | | | |
| **Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget[2]** | | **16.1%** | | | |
| **Total** | | **94 927** | | | **94 927** |

*1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.*
*2. Only Parliament may approve this virement.*

# 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 | 164 722 | 61 701 | 37.5 | 149 162 | 90.6 | 175 121 | 19.9 | 60 342 | 34.5 |
| Database Management and Socioeconomic Support | 383 024 | 143 345 | 37.4 | 413 202 | 107.9 | 472 744 | 53.8 | 263 920 | 55.8 |
| Empowerment and Stakeholder Management | 264 660 | 72 747 | 27.5 | 195 441 | 73.8 | 230 676 | 26.3 | 86 687 | 37.6 |
| **Total** | **812 406** | **277 793** | **34.2** | **757 805** | **93.3** | **878 541** | **100.0** | **410 949** | **46.8** |
| **Economic classification** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current payments** | **510 907** | **168 136** | **32.9** | **421 020** | **82.4** | **497 824** | **56.7** | **214 147** | **43.0** |
| Compensation of employees | 140 373 | 63 201 | 45.0 | 120 352 | 85.7 | 133 511 | 15.2 | 59 387 | 44.5 |
| Goods and services | 370 534 | 104 935 | 28.3 | 300 668 | 81.1 | 364 313 | 41.5 | 154 760 | 42.5 |
| **Transfers and subsidies** | **276 023** | **109 206** | **39.6** | **330 907** | **119.9** | **374 298** | **42.6** | **196 441** | **52.5** |
| Households | 276 023 | 109 206 | 39.6 | 330 907 | 119.9 | 374 298 | 42.6 | 196 441 | 52.5 |
| **Payments for capital assets** | **25 476** | **451** | **1.8** | **5 878** | **23.1** | **6 419** | **0.7** | **361** | **5.6** |
| Machinery and equipment | 15 201 | 355 | 2.3 | 3 105 | 20.4 | 3 379 | 0.4 | 361 | 10.7 |
| Software and other intangible assets | 10 275 | 96 | 0.9 | 2 773 | 27.0 | 3 040 | 0.3 | – | – |
| **Total** | **812 406** | **277 793** | **34.2** | **757 805** | **93.3** | **878 541** | **100.0** | **410 949** | **46.8** |

## Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in 2024/25 was R757.8 million, 93.3 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2024/25 was R277.8 million, 34.2 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R812.4 million, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2025/26 was R410.9 million, 46.8 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, expenditure over the same period in 2025/26 increased by R133.2 million, 47.9 per cent. This was mainly due to an increase in the number of recipients for the military veterans' pension benefit and the payment of health care and housing accruals from previous financial years.

# 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** | **1 915** | **1 915** | **100.0** | **2 160** | **112.8** | **630** | **652** | **100.0** | **279** | **42.8** |
| Sales of goods and services produced by the department | 23 | 23 | 100.0 | 44 | 191.3 | 60 | 30 | 4.6 | 23 | 76.7 |
| Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods | – | – | – | – | – | – | 8 | 1.2 | – | – |
| Interest, dividends and rent on land | 4 | 4 | 100.0 | 13 | 325.0 | – | 40 | 6.1 | 18 | 45.0 |
| Sales of capital assets | – | – | – | – | – | – | 8 | 1.2 | 8 | 100.0 |
| Transactions in financial assets and liabilities | 1 888 | 1 888 | 100.0 | 2 103 | 111.4 | 570 | 566 | 86.8 | 230 | 40.6 |
| **Total** | **1 915** | **1 915** | **100.0** | **2 160** | **112.8** | **630** | **652** | **100.0** | **279** | **42.8** |

### Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2024/25 was R1.9 million, 100 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue for the first half of 2025/26 was R279 000, 42.8 per cent of the adjusted estimate of R652 000. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, revenue over the same period in 2025/26 decreased by R1.6 million, 85.4 per cent. This was mainly due to a decrease in credit notes from travel agencies for travel and subsistence refunds.

## 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** |
| **Database Management and Socioeconomic Support** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Households** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Social benefits** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current** | **155 078** | **–** | **–** | **78 180** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **78 180** | **233 258** |
| Military veterans' benefits | 155 078 | – | – | 78 180 | – | – | – | 78 180 | 233 258 |
| **Empowerment and Stakeholder Management** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Households** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Other transfers to households** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current** | **128 350** | **–** | **–** | **(30 000)** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **(30 000)** | **98 350** |
| Military veterans' benefits | 128 350 | – | – | (30 000) | – | – | – | (30 000) | 98 350 |