

Mineral and Petroleum Resources

Adjusted budget summary

		2025/26			
R thousand	Appropriation	Special appropriation	Adjustments appropriation		Adjusted appropriation
			Decrease	Increase	
Amount to be appropriated	2 859 637	–	(120 000)	120 963	2 860 600
of which:					
Current payments	1 685 162	–	(120 000)	–	1 565 162
Transfers and subsidies	1 158 462	–	–	120 000	1 278 462
Payments for capital assets	16 013	–	–	963	16 976
Executive authority	Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources				
Accounting officer	Director-General of Mineral and Petroleum Resources				
Website	www.dmre.gov.za				

Vote purpose

Regulate the minerals, mining and petroleum sectors for transformation, growth and development to ensure that all South Africans derive sustainable benefits from the country's mineral wealth.

Performance

Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Annual performance		
			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 new petroleum retail site inspections per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Outcome 20: Safer communities and increased business confidence	1 500	808	–
Number of mining rights and permits granted or issued to historically disadvantaged South Africans per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Outcome 2: Accelerated growth of strategic and labour-intensive sectors	200	234	–
Number of social and labour plan verification inspections per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation		212	141	–
Number of environmental verification inspections conducted per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Outcome 20: Safer communities and increased business confidence	1 374	763	–
Number of mine economic verification inspections conducted per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Outcome 2: Accelerated growth of strategic and labour-intensive sectors	500	240	–
Number of mineral legislation compliance inspections conducted per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation		150	81	–
Number of derelict and ownerless mines rehabilitated per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	Outcome 20: Safer communities and increased business confidence	3	0	–
Number of fuel samples tested per year	Minerals and Petroleum Regulation		1 080	540	–
Total number of qualitative audits conducted, including individual audits, per year	Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate	Outcome 2: Accelerated growth of strategic and labour-intensive sectors	8 000	4 446	–

Progress

The department granted 234 mining rights and permits to historically disadvantaged South Africans by mid-year against an annual target of 200. This overachievement was due to a positive response to the application process. By mid-year, there was no progress on achieving the annual target for rehabilitating ownerless mines due to delays in the appointment of a contractor. The contractor is expected to be appointed in the third quarter, after which the sealing of unsafe shafts will commence.

Adjusted estimates

Programme		2025/26							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments ¹		
Administration	605 707	–	–	(10 000)	963	–	–	(9 037)	596 670
Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	791 274	–	–	6 400	–	–	–	6 400	797 674
Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate	239 085	–	–	2 600	–	–	–	2 600	241 685
Mining and Minerals Policy Development	1 223 571	–	–	1 000	–	–	–	1 000	1 224 571
Total	2 859 637	–	–	–	963	–	–	963	2 860 600
Economic classification									
Current payments	1 685 162	–	–	(120 000)	–	–	–	(120 000)	1 565 162
Compensation of employees	905 590	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	905 590
Goods and services	779 572	–	–	(120 000)	–	–	–	(120 000)	659 572
Transfers and subsidies	1 158 462	–	–	120 000	–	–	–	120 000	1 278 462
Departmental agencies and accounts	709 031	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	709 031
Foreign governments and international organisations	8 372	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 372
Public corporations and private enterprises	439 172	–	–	120 000	–	–	–	120 000	559 172
Households	1 887	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 887
Payments for capital assets	16 013	–	–	–	963	–	–	963	16 976
Buildings and other fixed structures	2 461	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 461
Machinery and equipment	13 552	–	–	–	963	–	–	963	14 515
Total	2 859 637	–	–	–	963	–	–	963	2 860 600

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							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments		
Ministry	43 146	–	–	(3 500)	–	–	–	(3 500)	39 646
Departmental Management	37 108	–	–	5 500	–	–	–	5 500	42 608
Internal Audit	20 055	–	–	(1 000)	–	–	–	(1 000)	19 055
Finance Administration	80 007	–	–	500	963	–	–	1 463	81 470
Corporate Services	289 896	–	–	(4 000)	–	–	–	(4 000)	285 896
Office Accommodation	135 495	–	–	(7 500)	–	–	–	(7 500)	127 995
Total	605 707	–	–	(10 000)	963	–	–	(9 037)	596 670
Economic classification									
Current payments	586 674	–	–	(10 000)	–	–	–	(10 000)	576 674
Compensation of employees	295 520	–	–	(10 000)	–	–	–	(10 000)	285 520
Goods and services	291 154	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	291 154
Transfers and subsidies	3 020	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 020
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 133	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 133
Households	1 887	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 887
Payments for capital assets	16 013	–	–	–	963	–	–	963	16 976
Buildings and other fixed structures	2 461	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 461
Machinery and equipment	13 552	–	–	–	963	–	–	963	14 515
Total	605 707	–	–	(10 000)	963	–	–	(9 037)	596 670

Programme 2: Minerals and Petroleum Regulation

Subprogramme		2025/26							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments		
Minerals and Petroleum Management	59 686	–	–	(2 797)	–	–	–	(2 797)	56 889
Mineral Regulation and Administration	399 675	–	–	8 200	–	–	–	8 200	407 875
Petroleum Licensing and Fuel Supply	66 785	–	–	6 000	–	–	–	6 000	72 785
Minerals Compliance and Enforcement Management	232 957	–	–	(1 300)	–	–	–	(1 300)	231 657
Petroleum Compliance Monitoring, Enforcement and Fuel Pricing	32 171	–	–	(3 703)	–	–	–	(3 703)	28 468
Total	791 274	–	–	6 400	–	–	–	6 400	797 674
Economic classification									
Current payments	602 039	–	–	6 400	–	–	–	6 400	608 439
Compensation of employees	347 829	–	–	6 400	–	–	–	6 400	354 229
Goods and services	254 210	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	254 210
Transfers and subsidies	189 235	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	189 235
Departmental agencies and accounts	62 558	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	62 558
Foreign governments and international organisations	3 266	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 266
Public corporations and private enterprises	123 411	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	123 411
Total	791 274	–	–	6 400	–	–	–	6 400	797 674

Programme 3: Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate

Subprogramme		2025/26							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments		
Mine Health and Safety Management	9 562	–	–	1 000	–	–	–	1 000	10 562
Mine Health and Safety Regions	212 979	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	212 979
Occupational Health	16 544	–	–	1 600	–	–	–	1 600	18 144
Total	239 085	–	–	2 600	–	–	–	2 600	241 685
Economic classification									
Current payments	234 392	–	–	2 600	–	–	–	2 600	236 992
Compensation of employees	196 126	–	–	2 600	–	–	–	2 600	198 726
Goods and services	38 266	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38 266
Transfers and subsidies	4 693	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 693
Departmental agencies and accounts	4 693	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 693
Total	239 085	–	–	2 600	–	–	–	2 600	241 685

Programme 4: Mining and Minerals Policy Development

Subprogramme		2025/26							Adjusted appropriation
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	
R thousand	Appropriation	Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments		
Mining and Minerals Development Management	185 954	–	–	(500)	–	–	–	(500)	185 454
Mineral and Petroleum Policy	27 700	–	–	500	–	–	–	500	28 200
Economic Analysis and Statistics	37 769	–	–	(8 000)	–	–	–	(8 000)	29 769
Economic Growth, Promotion and Global Relations	972 148	–	–	9 000	–	–	–	9 000	981 148
Total	1 223 571	–	–	1 000	–	–	–	1 000	1 224 571
Economic classification									
Current payments	262 057	–	–	(119 000)	–	–	–	(119 000)	143 057
Compensation of employees	66 115	–	–	1 000	–	–	–	1 000	67 115
Goods and services	195 942	–	–	(120 000)	–	–	–	(120 000)	75 942
Transfers and subsidies	961 514	–	–	120 000	–	–	–	120 000	1 081 514
Departmental agencies and accounts	640 647	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	640 647
Foreign governments and international organisations	5 106	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 106
Public corporations and private enterprises	315 761	–	–	120 000	–	–	–	120 000	435 761
Total	1 223 571	–	–	1 000	–	–	–	1 000	1 224 571

Details of adjustments to the 2025 ENE

Virements and shifts within the vote

Programmes					
1. Administration					
2. Minerals and Petroleum Regulation					
3. Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate					
4. Mining and Minerals Policy Development					
From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 1		(10 000)	Programme 2		6 400
Compensation of employees	Budget realignment	(6 400)	Compensation of employees	Budget realignment	6 400
	Budget realignment	(2 600)	Programme 3		2 600
	Budget realignment	(1 000)	Compensation of employees	Budget realignment	2 600
			Programme 4		1 000
			Compensation of employees	Budget realignment	1 000
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget			0%		
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget			1.7%		
Programme 4		(120 000)	Programme 4		120 000
Goods and services	Reclassification of the Junior Mining Exploration Fund ¹	(120 000)	Public corporations and private enterprises	Reclassification of the Junior Mining Exploration Fund ¹	120 000
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget			9.8%		
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget			0%		
Total		(130 000)			130 000

1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.

Rollovers – R963 000

Programme 1: Administration

R963 000 is rolled over for the purchase of laptops.

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

Programme	2024/25						2025/26			
	Outcome						Actual expenditure			
	Apr 24 - Sep 24		Apr 24 - Mar 25		Apr 24 - Sep 24		Apr 25 - Sep 25		Apr 25 - Sep 25	
R thousand	Adjusted appropriation	% of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	% of adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation/Total (%)	Adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation/Total (%)	Adjusted appropriation	% of adjusted appropriation
Administration	608 349	297 999	49.0	619 041	101.8	20.9	596 670	20.9	281 017	47.1
Minerals and Petroleum Regulation	954 476	334 633	35.1	897 274	94.0	27.9	797 674	27.9	348 524	43.7
Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate	234 440	122 000	52.0	299 288	127.7	8.4	241 685	8.4	118 191	48.9
Mining and Minerals Policy Development	1 150 817	805 338	70.0	1 127 178	97.9	42.8	1 224 571	42.8	869 921	71.0
Total	2 948 082	1 559 970	52.9	2 942 781	99.8	100.0	2 860 600	100.0	1 617 653	56.5

Expenditure outcome for 2024/25 and actual expenditure for 2025/26 (continued)

Economic classification	2024/25					2025/26			
	Adjusted appropriation	Outcome				Adjusted appropriation	Adjusted appropriation/Total (%)	Actual expenditure	
		Apr 24 - Sep 24	Apr 24 - Sep 24 % of adjusted appropriation	Apr 24 - Mar 25	Apr 24 - Mar 25 % of adjusted appropriation			Apr 25 - Sep 25	Apr 25 - Sep 25 % of adjusted appropriation
R thousand									
Current payments	1 811 434	745 850	41.2	1 782 978	98.4	1 565 162	54.7	775 205	49.5
Compensation of employees	915 252	442 972	48.4	893 345	97.6	905 590	31.7	444 282	49.1
Goods and services	896 182	302 864	33.8	889 633	99.3	659 572	23.1	330 923	50.2
Interest and rent on land	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers and subsidies	1 121 262	811 186	72.3	1 130 787	100.8	1 278 462	44.7	839 406	65.7
Departmental agencies and accounts	679 150	557 957	82.2	689 150	101.5	709 031	24.8	584 523	82.4
Foreign governments and international organisations	19 687	11 519	58.5	20 395	103.6	8 372	0.3	466	5.6
Public corporations and private enterprises	420 618	240 526	57.2	418 481	99.5	559 172	19.5	252 788	45.2
Households	1 807	1 184	65.5	2 761	152.8	1 887	0.1	1 629	86.3
Payments for capital assets	15 386	2 934	19.1	28 966	188.3	16 976	0.6	3 042	17.9
Buildings and other fixed structures	2 358	350	14.8	—	—	2 461	0.1	—	—
Machinery and equipment	13 028	2 584	19.8	8 835	67.8	14 515	0.5	3 042	21.0
Software and other intangible assets	—	—	—	20 131	—	—	—	—	—
Payments for financial assets	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2 948 082	1 559 970	52.9	2 942 781	99.8	2 860 600	100.0	1 617 653	56.5

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in 2024/25 was R2.9 billion, 99.8 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2024/25 was R1.6 billion, 52.9 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2025/26 was R1.6 billion, 56.5 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R2.9 billion. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, expenditure over the same period in 2025/26 increased by R57.7 million, 3.7 per cent. This was mainly due to higher allocations to the Junior Mining Exploration Fund as well as increased transfers to the Council for Geoscience.

Departmental receipts

Economic classification	2024/25					2025/26				
	Adjusted estimate	Outcome				Budget estimate	Adjusted estimate	Adjusted receipts estimate/Total (%)	Actual receipts	
		Apr 24 - Sep 24	Apr 24 - Sep 24 % of adjusted estimate	Apr 24 - Mar 25	Apr 24 - Mar 25 % of adjusted estimate				Apr 25 - Sep 25	Apr 25 - Sep 25 % of adjusted estimate
R thousand										
Departmental receipts	43 966	29 881	68.0	53 562	121.8	58 967	58 967	100.0	25 214	42.8
Sales of goods and services produced by the department	18 161	14 351	79.0	26 917	148.2	27 254	27 255	46.2	12 958	47.5
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	—	—	—	121	—	—	120	0.2	120	100.0
Fines, penalties and forfeits	5 255	5 255	100.0	5 773	109.9	6 678	4 898	8.3	672	13.7
Interest, dividends and rent on land	17 914	8 957	50.0	20 327	113.5	22 232	22 232	37.7	7 106	32.0
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	2 636	1 318	50.0	424	16.1	2 803	4 462	7.6	4 358	97.7
Total	43 966	29 881	68.0	53 562	121.8	58 967	58 967	100.0	25 214	42.8

Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2024/25 was R29.9 million, 68 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue in the first half of 2025/26 was R25.2 million, 42.8 per cent of the adjusted estimate of R59 million. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, revenue over the same period in 2025/26 decreased by R4.7 million, 15.6 per cent. This was mainly due to a decrease in the number of environmental authorisation applications received, as well as fewer applications for new petroleum licences and licence renewals. The decrease is also attributed to fewer environmental authorisation fines and penalties issued over the period.

Changes to transfers and subsidies, including conditional grants

Summary of changes to transfers and subsidies per programme

2025/26									
		Adjustments appropriation						Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
		Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments		
R thousand	Appropriation								
Mining and Minerals									
Policy Development									
Public corporations and private enterprises									
Public corporations									
Other transfers									
Current	–	–	–	120 000	–	–	–	120 000	120 000
Various Institutions:	–	–	–	120 000	–	–	–	120 000	120 000
Junior Mining Exploration Fund (Industrial Development Corporation)									

