Vote 36

Small Business Development

Adjusted budget summary

R thousand	2025/26				
	Appropriation	Special appropriation	Adjustments appropriation		Adjusted appropriation
			Decrease	Increase	
Amount to be appropriated	**2 918 122**	**–**	**(369 907)**	**369 907**	**2 918 122**
of which:					
Current payments	461 949	–	–	367 411	829 360
Transfers and subsidies	2 450 165	–	(369 907)	–	2 080 258
Payments for capital assets	6 008	–	–	2 496	8 504
Executive authority	Minister of Small Business Development				
Accounting officer	Director-General of Small Business Development				
Website	www.dsbd.gov.za				

Vote purpose

Lead and coordinate an integrated approach to the promotion and development of entrepreneurship among small, medium and micro enterprises and cooperatives, and ensure an enabling legislative and policy environment to support their growth and sustainability.

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 SMMEs exposed to global market opportunities	Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development	Outcome 7: Increased investment, trade and tourism	200	116	–
Number of business infrastructures (including products markets) for SMMEs refurbished or built	Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development		6	0	–
Number of informal businesses supported through the informal micro enterprise development programme	Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development		2 000	1 306	–
Number of crafters supported through the craft customised sector programme	Enterprise Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship		1 000	0	–

Progress

By mid-year, no infrastructure projects for small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) were undertaken as implementation for this indicator is scheduled for the second half of the year.

No crafters were supported through the craft customised sector programme during the reporting period as the programme is under review at the operational level. This indicator was published prematurely in the department’s 2025/26 annual performance plan as it is scheduled for 2026/27. Once the review is completed, the programme will be reintegrated into the department’s strategic documents for implementation.

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	199 897	–	–	3 296	–	–	–	3 296	203 193
Sector Policy and Research	81 946	–	–	(14 701)	–	–	–	(14 701)	67 245
Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development	489 156	–	–	(6 455)	–	–	–	(6 455)	482 701
Enterprise Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	2 147 123	–	–	17 860	–	–	–	17 860	2 164 983
Total	**2 918 122**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 918 122**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**461 949**	**–**	**–**	**367 411**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**367 411**	**829 360**
Compensation of employees	264 962	–	–	(1 422)	–	–	–	(1 422)	263 540
Goods and services	196 987	–	–	368 833	–	–	–	368 833	565 820
Transfers and subsidies	**2 450 165**	**–**	**–**	**(369 907)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(369 907)**	**2 080 258**
Departmental agencies and accounts	1	–	–	1 439	–	–	–	1 439	1 440
Public corporations and private enterprises	2 450 163	–	–	(381 238)	–	–	–	(381 238)	2 068 925
Non-profit institutions	1	–	–	8 470	–	–	–	8 470	8 471
Households	–	–	–	1 422	–	–	–	1 422	1 422
Payments for capital assets	**6 008**	**–**	**–**	**2 496**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 496**	**8 504**
Machinery and equipment	6 008	–	–	2 465	–	–	–	2 465	8 473
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	31	–	–	–	31	31
Total	**2 918 122**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 918 122**

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	28 661	–	–	6 724	–	–	–	6 724	35 385
Departmental Management	27 148	–	–	511	–	–	–	511	27 659
Corporate Management Services	114 170	–	–	(1 090)	–	–	–	(1 090)	113 080
Financial Management	29 918	–	–	(2 849)	–	–	–	(2 849)	27 069
Total	**199 897**	**–**	**–**	**3 296**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 296**	**203 193**

Programme 1: Administration (continued)

Economic classification R thousand	2025/26 Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Current payments	**194 657**	**–**	**–**	**487**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**487**	**195 144**
Compensation of employees	109 143	–	–	(2 118)	–	–	–	(2 118)	107 025
Goods and services	85 514	–	–	2 605	–	–	–	2 605	88 119
Transfers and subsidies	**–**	**–**	**–**	**414**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**414**	**414**
Households	–	–	–	414	–	–	–	414	414
Payments for capital assets	**5 240**	**–**	**–**	**2 395**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 395**	**7 635**
Machinery and equipment	5 240	–	–	2 395	–	–	–	2 395	7 635
Total	**199 897**	**–**	**–**	**3 296**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 296**	**203 193**

Programme 2: Sector Policy and Research

Subprogramme R thousand	2025/26 Appropriation	Adjustments appropriation Expenditure announced in the budget	Unforeseeable /Unavoidable	Virements and shifts	Roll-overs	Self-financing	Other adjustments	Total adjustments appropriation	Adjusted appropriation
Business Intelligence and Sector-Wide Monitoring and Evaluation	34 183	–	–	(8 055)	–	–	–	(8 055)	26 128
Intergovernmental Relations and Business Efficiency	19 676	–	–	221	–	–	–	221	19 897
Sector Specific Support	28 087	–	–	(6 867)	–	–	–	(6 867)	21 220
Total	**81 946**	**–**	**–**	**(14 701)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(14 701)**	**67 245**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**81 708**	**–**	**–**	**(14 977)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(14 977)**	**66 731**
Compensation of employees	50 075	–	–	(9 977)	–	–	–	(9 977)	40 098
Goods and services	31 633	–	–	(5 000)	–	–	–	(5 000)	26 633
Transfers and subsidies	**–**	**–**	**–**	**276**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**276**	**276**
Households	–	–	–	276	–	–	–	276	276
Payments for capital assets	**238**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**238**
Machinery and equipment	238	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	238
Total	**81 946**	**–**	**–**	**(14 701)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(14 701)**	**67 245**

Programme 3: Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development

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
Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development	321 731	–	–	(2 097)	–	–	–	(2 097)	319 634
Economic Transformation Initiatives	119 034	–	–	(1 454)	–	–	–	(1 454)	117 580
Value Chain and Market Access Support	48 391	–	–	(2 904)	–	–	–	(2 904)	45 487
Total	**489 156**	**–**	**–**	**(6 455)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(6 455)**	**482 701**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**116 653**	**–**	**–**	**145 543**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**145 543**	**262 196**
Compensation of employees	51 117	–	–	(6 457)	–	–	–	(6 457)	44 660
Goods and services	65 536	–	–	152 000	–	–	–	152 000	217 536
Transfers and subsidies	**372 214**	**–**	**–**	**(151 998)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(151 998)**	**220 216**
Public corporations and private enterprises	372 214	–	–	(152 000)	–	–	–	(152 000)	220 214
Households	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2	2
Payments for capital assets	**289**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**289**
Machinery and equipment	289	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	289
Total	**489 156**	**–**	**–**	**(6 455)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(6 455)**	**482 701**

Programme 4: Enterprise Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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
Enterprise Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	9 424	–	–	174	–	–	–	174	9 598
Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	1 201 475	–	–	243	–	–	–	243	1 201 718
Funding Support and Coordination	936 224	–	–	17 443	–	–	–	17 443	953 667
Total	**2 147 123**	**–**	**–**	**17 860**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**17 860**	**2 164 983**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**68 931**	**–**	**–**	**236 358**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**236 358**	**305 289**
Compensation of employees	54 627	–	–	17 130	–	–	–	17 130	71 757
Goods and services	14 304	–	–	219 228	–	–	–	219 228	233 532
Transfers and subsidies	**2 077 951**	**–**	**–**	**(218 599)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(218 599)**	**1 859 352**
Departmental agencies and accounts	1	–	–	1 439	–	–	–	1 439	1 440
Public corporations and private enterprises	2 077 949	–	–	(229 238)	–	–	–	(229 238)	1 848 711
Non-profit institutions	1	–	–	8 470	–	–	–	8 470	8 471
Households	–	–	–	730	–	–	–	730	730
Payments for capital assets	**241**	**–**	**–**	**101**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**101**	**342**
Machinery and equipment	241	–	–	70	–	–	–	70	311
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	31	–	–	–	31	31
Total	**2 147 123**	**–**	**–**	**17 860**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**17 860**	**2 164 983**

Details of adjustments to the 2025 ENE

Virements and shifts within the vote

Programmes

1. Administration
2. Sector Policy and Research
3. Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development
4. Enterprise Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

From:			To:		
Programme by economic classification	**Motivation**	**R thousand**	**Programme by economic classification**	**Motivation**	**R thousand**
Programme 1		**(4 513)**	**Programme 1**		**2 809**
Goods and services	Advertising	(2 095)	Machinery and equipment	Audiovisual equipment, furniture, laptops	2 095
	Audit fees	(300)		Ministerial vehicle	300
Compensation of employees	Social contributions	(405)	Households	Employee social benefits	405
	Social contributions	(9)		Employee social benefits	9
			Programme 4		**1 704**
	Salaries and wages, social contributions	(1 704)	Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages	1 704
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		1.4%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0.9%**			
Programme 2		**(14 977)**	**Programme 1**		**5 000**
Goods and services	Business and advisory services	(5 000)	Goods and services	Travel and subsistence	5 000
			Programme 2		**276**
Compensation of employees	Social contributions	(276)	Households	Social benefits	276
			Programme 4		**9 701**
Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages, social contributions	(9 701)	Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages	9 701
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		0.3%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**17.9%**			
Programme 3		**(158 457)**	**Programme 3**		**152 002**
Public corporations and private enterprises	Reclassification of the product markets programme[1]	(152 000)	Goods and services	Reclassification of the product markets programme[1]	152 000
Compensation of employees	Social contributions	(2)	Households	Employee social benefits	2
			Programme 4		**6 455**
	Salaries and wages, social contributions	(6 455)	Compensation of employees	Salaries and wages, social contributions	6 455
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		31.1%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**1.3%**			

Virements and shifts within the vote (continued)

From: Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand	To: Programme by economic classification	Motivation	R thousand
Programme 4		**(230 069)**	**Programme 4**		**230 069**
Goods and services	Business and advisory services	(70)	Machinery and equipment	Finance leases	70
	Business and advisory services	(31)	Software and other intangible assets	Job Access With Speech software	31
Compensation of employees	Social contributions	(730)	Households	Social benefits and other transfers to households	730
Public corporations and private enterprises	Reclassification of the craft customised sector programme[1]	(1 439)	Departmental agencies and accounts	Reclassification of the craft customised sector programme[1]	1 439
	Reclassification of the craft customised sector programme[1]	(8 470)	Non-profit institutions	Reclassification of the craft customised sector programme[1]	8 470
	Reclassification of the Asset Assist programme[1]	(219 329)	Goods and services	Reclassification of the Asset Assist programme[1]	219 329
Shifts within the programme as a percentage of the programme budget		10.7%			
Virements to other programmes as a percentage of the programme budget		**0%**			
Total		**(408 016)**			**408 016**

1. National Treasury approval has been obtained.

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	162 389	82 451	50.8	165 699	102.0	203 193	7.0	92 880	45.7
Sector Policy and Research	47 675	15 002	31.5	37 311	78.3	67 245	2.3	19 764	29.4
Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development	173 733	47 624	27.4	142 681	82.1	482 701	16.5	94 324	19.5
Enterprise Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	2 324 335	1 480 891	63.7	2 323 195	100.0	2 164 983	74.2	1 131 472	52.3
Total	**2 708 132**	**1 625 968**	**60.0**	**2 668 886**	**98.6**	**2 918 122**	**100.0**	**1 338 440**	**45.9**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**378 906**	**167 552**	**44.2**	**370 791**	**97.9**	**829 360**	**28.4**	**201 553**	**24.3**
Compensation of employees	234 102	105 592	45.1	218 360	93.3	263 540	9.0	125 713	47.7
Goods and services	144 804	61 960	42.8	152 431	105.3	565 820	19.4	75 840	13.4
Transfers and subsidies	**2 323 033**	**1 455 355**	**62.6**	**2 290 913**	**98.6**	**2 080 258**	**71.3**	**1 132 697**	**54.4**
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 316 074	930 430	70.7	1 317 189	100.1	1 440	0.0	432	30.0
Public corporations and private enterprises	997 099	517 828	51.9	962 695	96.5	2 068 925	70.9	1 123 999	54.3
Non-profit institutions	9 388	6 116	65.1	9 388	100.0	8 471	0.3	6 812	80.4
Households	472	981	207.8	1 641	347.7	1 422	0.0	1 454	102.3
Payments for capital assets	**6 193**	**3 061**	**49.4**	**7 179**	**115.9**	**8 504**	**0.3**	**4 190**	**49.3**
Machinery and equipment	6 172	3 040	49.3	7 130	115.5	8 473	0.3	4 159	49.1
Software and other intangible assets	21	21	100.0	49	233.3	31	0.0	31	100.0
Payments for financial assets	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Total	**2 708 132**	**1 625 968**	**60.0**	**2 668 886**	**98.6**	**2 918 122**	**100.0**	**1 338 440**	**45.9**

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in the 2024/25 was R2.7 billion, 98.6 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2024/25 was R1.6 billion, 60 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2025/26 was R1.3 billion, 45.9 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 decreased by R287.5 million, 17.7 per cent. This was mainly due to the delayed commencement of the small business exporters development scheme and limited progress on infrastructure projects.

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	**330**	**296**	**89.7**	**503 835**	**152 677.3**	**74**	**326**	**100.0**	**259**	**79.4**
Sales of goods and services produced by the department	66	32	48.5	64	97.0	69	78	23.9	33	42.3
Transfers received	–	–	–	211	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fines, penalties and forfeits	–	–	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	–
Interest, dividends and rent on land	24	24	100.0	203	845.8	5	127	39.0	107	84.3
Sales of capital assets	240	240	100.0	240	100.0	–	–	–	–	–
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	–	–	–	503 106	–	–	121	37.1	119	98.3
Total	**330**	**296**	**89.7**	**503 835**	**152 677.3**	**74**	**326**	**100.0**	**259**	**79.4**

Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2024/25 was R296 000, 89.6 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue for the first half of 2025/26 was R259 000, 79.4 per cent of the adjusted estimate of R326 000. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, revenue over the same period in 2025/26 decreased by R37 000, 12.5 per cent. This was mainly due to the sale of capital assets in 2024/25.

Changes to transfers and subsidies, including conditional grants

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	**–**	**–**	**–**	**404**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**404**	**404**
Employee Social Benefits	–	–	–	404	–	–	–	404	404
Households									
Other transfers to households									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**10**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**10**	**10**
Households	–	–	–	10	–	–	–	10	10

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
Sector Policy and Research									
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**272**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**272**	**272**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	272	–	–	–	272	272
Households									
Other transfers to households									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**4**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**4**	**4**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2	2
Households	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2	2
Integrated Cooperatives and Micro Enterprise Development									
Public corporations and private enterprises									
Private enterprises									
Other transfers									
Current	**310 846**	**–**	**–**	**(152 000)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(152 000)**	**158 846**
Various institutions: Product markets	310 846	–	–	(152 000)	–	–	–	(152 000)	158 846
Households									
Other transfers to households									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**
Households	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2	2
Enterprise Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship									
Departmental agencies and accounts									
Departmental agencies (non-business entities)									
Current	**1**	**–**	**–**	**1 439**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 439**	**1 440**
Various institutions: Craft customised sector programme	1	–	–	1 439	–	–	–	1 439	1 440
Public corporations and private enterprises									
Public corporations									
Other transfers									
Current	**12 384**	**–**	**–**	**(9 909)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(9 909)**	**2 475**
Various institutions: Craft customised sector programme	12 384	–	–	(9 909)	–	–	–	(9 909)	2 475
Public corporations and private enterprises									
Private enterprises									
Other transfers									
Current	**219 329**	**–**	**–**	**(219 329)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(219 329)**	**–**
Various institutions: Asset Assist	219 329	–	–	(219 329)	–	–	–	(219 329)	–

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

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							
Non-profit institutions									
Current	**1**	**–**	**–**	**8 470**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**8 470**	**8 471**
Various institutions: Craft customised sector programme	1	–	–	8 470	–	–	–	8 470	8 471
Households									
Social benefits									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**728**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**728**	**728**
Employee social benefits	–	–	–	728	–	–	–	728	728
Households									
Other transfers to households									
Current	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**
Households	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2	2