Vote 38

Tourism

Adjusted budget summary

R thousand	2025/26 Appropriation	Special appropriation	Adjustments appropriation Decrease	Increase	Adjusted appropriation
Amount to be appropriated	**2 434 892**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 434 892**
of which:					
Current payments	835 226	–	–	–	835 226
Transfers and subsidies	1 489 297	–	–	–	1 489 297
Payments for capital assets	110 369	–	–	–	110 369
Executive authority	Minister of Tourism				
Accounting officer	Director-General of Tourism				
Website	www.tourism.gov.za				

Vote purpose

Promote and support the growth and development of an equitable, competitive and sustainable tourism sector, enhancing its contribution to national priorities.

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 monitoring and evaluation reports produced per year	Tourism Research, Policy and International Relations	Outcome 1: Increased employment and work opportunities	1	1	–
Number of work opportunities created through the Working for Tourism programme per year	Destination Development		1 400	735	–
Number of programmes implemented per year to increase the participation of small, medium and micro enterprises in the tourism sector for inclusive economic growth[1]	Tourism Sector Support Services		4	2	–
Number of capacity-building programmes implemented per year	Tourism Sector Support Services		2	10	–

1. Indicator wording changed to align with the department's 2025/26 annual performance plan, which was finalised after the 2025 ENE was published.

Progress

By mid-year, the department implemented 10 demand-led skills development programmes across the sector against an annual target of 2, creating 900 jobs and work opportunities. This high achievement is attributable to strengthened partnerships with industry stakeholders and training institutions.

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	364 184	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	364 184
Tourism Research, Policy and International Relations	1 408 014	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 408 014
Destination Development	331 057	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	331 057
Tourism Sector Support Services	331 637	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	331 637
Total	**2 434 892**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 434 892**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**835 226**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**835 226**
Compensation of employees	432 867	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	432 867
Goods and services	402 359	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	402 359
Transfers and subsidies	**1 489 297**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 489 297**
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 305 250	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 305 250
Foreign governments and international organisations	2 872	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 872
Public corporations and private enterprises	176 566	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	176 566
Non-profit institutions	480	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	480
Households	4 129	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 129
Payments for capital assets	**110 369**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**110 369**
Buildings and other fixed structures	104 700	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	104 700
Machinery and equipment	5 669	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 669
Total	**2 434 892**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2 434 892**

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	36 570	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36 570
Management	2 899	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 899
Corporate Management	212 949	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	212 949
Financial Management	67 235	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	67 235
Office Accommodation	44 531	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	44 531
Total	**364 184**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**364 184**

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	**358 901**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**358 901**
Compensation of employees	201 459	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	201 459
Goods and services	157 442	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	157 442
Transfers and subsidies	**212**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**212**
Departmental agencies and accounts	212	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	212
Payments for capital assets	**5 071**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5 071**
Machinery and equipment	5 071	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 071
Total	**364 184**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**364 184**

Programme 2: Tourism Research, Policy and International Relations

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
Tourism Research, Policy and International Relations Management	10 124	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 124
Research and Knowledge Management	38 578	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38 578
Policy Planning and Strategy	17 410	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17 410
South African Tourism	1 300 207	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 300 207
International Relations and Cooperation	41 695	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	41 695
Total	**1 408 014**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 408 014**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**100 478**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**100 478**
Compensation of employees	65 012	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	65 012
Goods and services	35 466	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	35 466
Transfers and subsidies	**1 307 208**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 307 208**
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 300 207	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 300 207
Foreign governments and international organisations	2 872	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 872
Households	4 129	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 129
Payments for capital assets	**328**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**328**
Machinery and equipment	328	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	328
Total	**1 408 014**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1 408 014**

Programme 3: Destination Development

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
Destination Development Management	12 308	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 308
Tourism Enhancement	27 421	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	27 421
Destination Planning and Investment Coordination	34 721	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34 721
Working for Tourism	256 607	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	256 607
Total	**331 057**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**331 057**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**226 167**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**226 167**
Compensation of employees	69 029	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	69 029
Goods and services	157 138	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	157 138
Payments for capital assets	**104 890**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**104 890**
Buildings and other fixed structures	104 700	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	104 700
Machinery and equipment	190	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	190
Total	**331 057**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**331 057**

Programme 4: Tourism Sector Support Services

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
Tourism Sector Support Services Management	11 989	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 989
Tourism Human Resource Development	35 122	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	35 122
Enterprise Development and Transformation	56 520	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	56 520
Tourism Visitor Services	30 804	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30 804
Tourism incentive programme	197 202	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	197 202
Total	**331 637**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**331 637**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**149 680**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**149 680**
Compensation of employees	97 367	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	97 367
Goods and services	52 313	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52 313
Transfers and subsidies	**181 877**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**181 877**
Departmental agencies and accounts	4 831	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 831
Public corporations and private enterprises	176 566	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	176 566
Non-profit institutions	480	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	480
Payments for capital assets	**80**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**80**
Machinery and equipment	80	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	80
Total	**331 637**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**331 637**

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	359 427	143 813	40.0	340 477	94.7	364 184	15.0	152 825	42.0
Tourism Research, Policy and International Relations	1 335 623	1 100 063	82.4	1 319 055	98.8	1 408 014	57.8	1 013 058	71.9
Destination Development	367 801	126 930	34.5	297 969	81.0	331 057	13.6	67 020	20.2
Tourism Sector Support Services	318 057	68 060	21.4	294 642	92.6	331 637	13.6	81 360	24.5
Total	**2 380 908**	**1 438 866**	**60.4**	**2 252 143**	**94.6**	**2 434 892**	**100.0**	**1 314 263**	**54.0**
Economic classification									
Current payments	**883 150**	**349 988**	**39.6**	**742 392**	**84.1**	**835 226**	**34.3**	**298 902**	**35.8**
Compensation of employees	411 949	185 748	45.1	377 238	91.6	432 867	17.8	193 814	44.8
Goods and services	471 201	164 239	34.9	365 151	77.5	402 359	16.5	105 088	26.1
Interest and rent on land	–	1	–	3	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers and subsidies	**1 427 610**	**1 085 867**	**76.1**	**1 431 314**	**100.3**	**1 489 297**	**61.2**	**993 233**	**66.7**
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 248 382	1 065 333	85.3	1 248 382	100.0	1 305 250	53.6	982 153	75.2
Foreign governments and international organisations	2 750	2 478	90.1	2 478	90.1	2 872	0.1	2 619	91.2
Public corporations and private enterprises	172 067	13 874	8.1	172 067	100.0	176 566	7.3	7 436	4.2
Non-profit institutions	459	459	100.0	459	100.0	480	0.0	480	100.0
Households	3 952	3 723	94.2	7 928	200.6	4 129	0.2	545	13.2
Payments for capital assets	**70 148**	**3 010**	**4.3**	**78 424**	**111.8**	**110 369**	**4.5**	**22 128**	**20.0**
Buildings and other fixed structures	65 450	–	–	61 810	94.4	104 700	4.3	18 919	18.1
Machinery and equipment	4 698	3 010	64.1	16 614	353.6	5 669	0.2	3 209	56.6
Payments for financial assets	**–**	**1**	**–**	**13**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Total	**2 380 908**	**1 438 866**	**60.4**	**2 252 143**	**94.6**	**2 434 892**	**100.0**	**1 314 263**	**54.0**

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in 2024/25 was R2.3 billion, 94.6 per cent of the adjusted appropriation for the year. Mid-year expenditure in 2024/25 was R1.4 billion, 60.4 per cent of the adjusted appropriation, whereas expenditure in the first half of 2025/26 was R1.3 billion, 54 per cent of the adjusted appropriation of R2.4 billion. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, expenditure over the same period in 2025/26 decreased by R124.6 million, 8.7 per cent. This was primarily due to a decrease in transfers to South African Tourism.

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	**43 060**	**22 936**	**53.3**	**92 858**	**215.6**	**3 045**	**32 915**	**100.0**	**27 767**	**84.4**
Sales of goods and services produced by the department	193	87	45.1	175	90.7	195	195	0.6	88	45.1
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	–	–	–	–	–	23	–	–	–	–
Interest, dividends and rent on land	40 000	21 943	54.9	91 549	228.9	107	30 000	91.1	27 500	91.7
Sales of capital assets	67	12	17.9	33	49.3	68	68	0.2	25	36.8
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	2 800	894	31.9	1 101	39.3	2 652	2 652	8.1	154	5.8
Total	**43 060**	**22 936**	**53.3**	**92 858**	**215.6**	**3 045**	**32 915**	**100.0**	**27 767**	**84.4**

Revenue trends

Mid-year revenue in 2024/25 was R22.9 million, 53.3 per cent of the adjusted estimate, whereas revenue for the first half of 2025/26 was R27.8 million, 84.4 per cent of the adjusted estimate of R32.9 million. Compared to the first half of 2024/25, revenue over the same period in 2025/26 increased by R4.8 million, 21.1 per cent, mainly driven by an increase in interest earned on project funds.