

## Health

### Budget summary

R million	2026/27				2027/28	2028/29
	Current payments	Transfers and subsidies	Payments for capital assets	Total	Total	Total
<b>MTEF allocation</b>						
Administration	781.6	35.6	11.2	828.4	879.2	903.7
National Health Insurance	904.9	475.5	53.9	1 434.3	1 467.9	1 515.0
HIV/AIDS, TB & Maternal, Child and Women's Health	258.6	26 210.6	1.0	26 470.3	27 578.5	28 474.1
Primary Health Care	221.5	3 554.6	1.3	3 777.4	3 947.3	4 070.6
Hospital Systems	98.2	24 416.9	1 703.4	26 218.5	27 398.0	28 236.1
Health System Governance and Human Resources	167.3	8 009.5	4.5	8 181.3	8 522.8	8 809.8
<b>Total expenditure estimates</b>	<b>2 432.1</b>	<b>62 702.7</b>	<b>1 775.4</b>	<b>66 910.2</b>	<b>69 793.8</b>	<b>72 009.3</b>
Executive authority	Minister of Health					
Accounting officer	Director-General of Health					
Website	www.health.gov.za					

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### Vote purpose

Lead and coordinate health services to promote the health of all people in South Africa through an accessible, caring and high-quality health system based on the primary health care approach.

### Mandate

The Department of Health derives its mandate from the National Health Act (2003), which requires it to provide a framework for a structured and uniform health system for South Africa and sets out the responsibilities of the 3 levels of government in the provision of health services. Its mission is to improve health by preventing illness and disease and promoting healthy lifestyles. It aims to consistently improve the health care delivery system by focusing on access, equity, efficiency, quality and sustainability.

### Selected performance indicators

**Table 18.1 Performance indicators by programme and related outcome**

Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Total number of clients remaining on antiretroviral treatment	HIV/AIDS, TB and Maternal, Child and Women's Health	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	5.5 million	5.5 million	5.6 million	6 million	6.2 million	6.3 million	6.4 million
Number of people started on TB treatment per year	HIV/AIDS, TB and Maternal, Child and Women's Health		189 790	180 421	180 566	180 000	204 705	196 517	188 656
Number of screenings conducted for clients aged 18 and older for diabetes per year	Primary Health Care		-1	-1	44.1 million	29 million	33 million	35 million	37 million
Number of screenings conducted for clients aged 18 and older for hypertension per year	Primary Health Care		-1	-1	44.6 million	30 million	34 million	36 million	39 million
Number of active patients receiving medicine through the central chronic medication dispensing and distribution programme per year	National Health Insurance		-1	-1	-1	3.5 million	3.9 million	4.1 million	4.3 million

**Table 18.1 Performance indicators by programme and related outcome (continued)**

Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
Number of public health facilities (clinics, hospitals, nursing colleges, emergency medical services base stations) maintained, repaired and/or refurbished per year	Hospital Systems	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	120	299	403	400	500	550	550
Number of primary health care facilities that qualify as ideal clinics per year	Primary Health Care		2 046	2 706	2 762	2 600	2 700	2 750	2 800

1. No historical data available.

## Expenditure overview

Over the medium term, the department will continue to focus on strengthening primary health care and key health system functions, and improving tertiary services. These priorities are aimed at improving performance in the public health sector and supporting preparedness for the implementation of national health insurance.

As health is a concurrent function and most services are delivered at the provincial level, transfers to provincial departments of health through conditional grants account for an estimated 90.3 per cent (R188.5 billion) of the department's total budget of R208.7 billion over the MTEF period. Expenditure is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 3 per cent, from R65.9 billion in 2025/26 to R72 billion in 2028/29.

Reallocations within the department's baseline support emerging policy priorities. These include research funding to the South African Medical Research Council (R410 million over the MTEF period) for which donor funding from the United States government was withdrawn in 2025, and to the Office of Health Standards Compliance (R24 million over the MTEF period) to retain critical staff, including contracted inspectors, on a permanent basis. These reallocations are mainly funded through the implementation of National Treasury's targeted and responsible savings initiative, where savings were identified in goods and services in the *Administration*, and *HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Maternal, Child and Women's Health* programmes.

Additional allocations of R176.7 million in 2026/27 and R41.5 million in 2027/28 are made to the *health facility revitalisation grant* for Tygerberg/Belhar (Western Cape) and Klipfontein (Gauteng) regional hospitals through the budget facility for infrastructure. An amount of R13 million has been allocated to the department in 2026/27 for costs related to the incentivised early retirement programme and voluntary exit programme for 26 employees.

### Strengthening primary health care

The *district health programmes grant* remains an important funding mechanism for the delivery of primary health care services, representing an estimated 44.1 per cent (R92.1 billion) of the department's projected spending over the medium term. Of this amount, R81.1 billion is directed to the comprehensive HIV and AIDS component and R11.1 billion to the district health services component. To increase the number of clients on antiretroviral treatment from 6 million in 2025/26 to a targeted 6.4 million in 2028/29, funding for the comprehensive HIV and AIDS component of the grant is set to increase at an average annual rate of 3.1 per cent. As at December 2025, an estimated 5.6 million individuals were receiving treatment against an annual target of 6 million. To accelerate uptake, the department plans to strengthen outreach services by community health workers, scale up alternative medicine-dispensing models, improve men's access to services, and address gaps in paediatric and adolescent HIV care in underperforming provinces.

Resources for outreach activities are mainly channelled through the district health services component. Expenditure in this component is also projected to increase at an average annual rate of 3.7 per cent, from R3.4 billion in 2025/26 to R3.8 billion in 2028/29. This funding is intended to support the retention of more than 40 000 community health workers and finances key preventive and treatment interventions, including human papillomavirus vaccinations, and TB and malaria programmes. The number of clients started on TB treatment is expected to increase from 180 000 in 2025/26 to 204 705 in 2026/27, then gradually decrease over the medium term owing to expected gains in the success rate for treatment, which will lower transmission.

In response to the growing burden of non-communicable diseases, the department is expanding community-

based screening for elevated blood glucose and blood pressure to enable early detection and timely referral. Screening targets over the MTEF period include 105 million individuals for diabetes and 109 million for hypertension. These services are delivered through ward-based primary health care outreach teams that conduct household visits and refer individuals requiring further assessment or treatment to appropriate health facilities.

### ***Strengthening the health system***

Funding for activities that support the health system's readiness to roll out national health insurance is mainly provided through the *national health insurance indirect grant*, which amounts to R7.8 billion over the medium term. The grant comprises the health systems component (R2.5 billion over the medium term) and health facility revitalisation component (R5.3 billion over the medium term).

The health systems component finances a range of interventions aimed at improving the functioning and quality of care in public health facilities. These include the development and enhancement of patient information and data systems; remedial actions to address compliance issues identified by the Office of Health Standards Compliance; focused support to facilities implementing the ideal clinic programme, including mechanisms to monitor progress; improvements to the dispensing of medicine through the centralised chronic medication dispensing and distribution programme; and the piloting of contracting units for primary health care services.

The health facility revitalisation component finances strategic infrastructure investment. Of its allocation over the MTEF period, R1.7 billion is provided through the budget facility for infrastructure for the construction of the Limpopo Central Academic Hospital and R259 million in 2026/27 for Siloam Hospital, also in Limpopo. In addition, R24.3 billion over the MTEF period is set to be transferred to provinces through the direct *health facility revitalisation grant* to fast-track the maintenance, refurbishment, upgrading, expansion and construction of health infrastructure, including the replacement and commissioning of health technology in existing facilities.

### ***Improving tertiary services***

Highly specialised services are delivered through a fairly limited network of central and tertiary hospitals that play a critical role in the referral system. Access to these services remains uneven across the country, as only 35 hospitals, which are predominantly in urban centres, are equipped to provide advanced tertiary care. As a result, patients are often referred to facilities outside their home provinces, creating the need for coordinated national oversight and a mechanism to offset the associated financial pressures. This is provided for through the *national tertiary services grant* within the *Hospital Systems* programme. The grant is allocated R52.1 billion over the MTEF period, with spending in it projected to increase at an average annual rate of 4 per cent. Beyond reimbursing provinces for the cost of treating referred patients, the grant is used to strengthen tertiary service delivery in provinces with limited capacity. This includes investment in specialised medical equipment and the appointment of skilled medical professionals, with the objective of improving access, promoting a more equitable distribution of services and reducing reliance on interprovincial referrals.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.2 Vote expenditure trends by programme and economic classification<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Programmes</b>											
1. Administration											
2. National Health Insurance											
3. HIV/AIDS, TB & Maternal, Child and Women's Health											
4. Primary Health Care											
5. Hospital Systems											
6. Health System Governance and Human Resources											
<b>Programme</b>	<b>Audited outcome</b>			<b>Adjusted appropriation</b>	<b>Average growth rate (%)</b>	<b>Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)</b>	<b>Medium-term expenditure estimate</b>			<b>Average growth rate (%)</b>	<b>Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)</b>
R million	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2022/23 - 2025/26</b>		<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>	<b>2028/29</b>	<b>2025/26 - 2028/29</b>	<b>2026/27 - 2028/29</b>
Programme 1	693.1	736.7	702.7	840.2	6.6%	1.2%	828.4	879.2	903.7	2.5%	1.3%
Programme 2	1 366.1	1 425.1	1 168.7	1 433.3	1.6%	2.2%	1 434.3	1 467.9	1 515.0	1.9%	2.1%
Programme 3	24 583.9	23 412.8	25 249.7	26 019.3	1.9%	39.9%	26 470.3	27 578.5	28 474.1	3.1%	39.5%
Programme 4	6 605.8	3 224.8	3 440.1	3 672.0	-17.8%	6.8%	3 777.4	3 947.3	4 070.6	3.5%	5.7%
Programme 5	22 207.5	22 142.1	23 872.0	26 135.5	5.6%	37.9%	26 218.5	27 398.0	28 236.1	2.6%	39.2%
Programme 6	7 439.7	7 370.6	7 448.6	7 824.9	1.7%	12.1%	8 181.3	8 522.8	8 809.8	4.0%	12.2%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>62 896.0</b>	<b>58 312.1</b>	<b>61 881.8</b>	<b>65 925.1</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>66 910.2</b>	<b>69 793.8</b>	<b>72 009.3</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>62 896.0</b>	<b>58 312.1</b>	<b>61 881.8</b>	<b>65 925.1</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>66 910.2</b>	<b>69 793.8</b>	<b>72 009.3</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025				-			(17.5)	(389.3)	(1 324.4)		
Budget estimate											
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>3 601.6</b>	<b>2 204.9</b>	<b>2 054.0</b>	<b>2 543.1</b>	<b>-11.0%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>2 432.1</b>	<b>2 523.8</b>	<b>2 598.8</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Compensation of employees	761.0	614.9	639.3	744.3	-0.7%	1.1%	779.4	815.3	840.6	4.1%	1.2%
Goods and services <sup>1</sup>	2 840.6	1 590.0	1 414.8	1 798.8	-14.1%	3.1%	1 652.8	1 708.5	1 758.2	-0.8%	2.5%
<i>of which:</i>											
<i>Consultants: Business and advisory services</i>	294.4	153.6	146.6	373.3	8.2%	0.4%	254.9	229.6	232.2	-14.6%	0.3%
<i>Contractors</i>	530.9	452.0	425.7	635.9	6.2%	0.8%	609.8	628.2	647.8	0.6%	0.9%
<i>Operating leases</i>	102.9	111.8	136.2	135.5	9.6%	0.2%	131.1	146.7	151.3	3.7%	0.2%
<i>Property payments</i>	18.3	35.8	17.7	63.1	51.1%	0.1%	65.6	68.2	70.4	3.7%	0.1%
<i>Travel and subsistence</i>	103.8	100.0	107.9	102.4	-0.4%	0.2%	110.7	117.8	123.4	6.4%	0.2%
<i>Operating payments</i>	104.0	161.9	115.4	85.8	-6.2%	0.2%	94.4	104.3	106.9	7.6%	0.1%
<b>Transfers and subsidies<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>58 334.3</b>	<b>54 751.8</b>	<b>58 390.3</b>	<b>60 890.3</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>62 702.7</b>	<b>65 483.8</b>	<b>67 568.9</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
Provinces and municipalities	56 251.5	52 743.4	56 357.9	58 609.4	1.4%	89.9%	60 350.5	63 047.6	65 053.4	3.5%	90.3%
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 869.7	1 776.3	1 796.8	2 030.3	2.8%	3.0%	2 103.4	2 185.8	2 257.3	3.6%	3.1%
Foreign governments and international organisations	-	-	18.2	18.4	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-100.0%	0.0%
Non-profit institutions	208.4	226.5	214.0	231.4	3.6%	0.4%	235.8	250.4	258.2	3.7%	0.4%
Households	4.7	5.6	3.4	0.8	-44.5%	0.0%	13.0	-	-	-100.0%	0.0%
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>958.8</b>	<b>1 354.6</b>	<b>1 400.6</b>	<b>2 491.7</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1 775.4</b>	<b>1 786.2</b>	<b>1 841.6</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
Buildings and other fixed structures	930.3	1 259.8	1 357.0	2 323.2	35.7%	2.4%	1 615.0	1 613.6	1 663.7	-10.5%	2.3%
Machinery and equipment	28.6	94.8	43.5	168.5	80.6%	0.1%	160.3	172.6	177.9	1.8%	0.2%
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>62 896.0</b>	<b>58 312.1</b>	<b>61 881.8</b>	<b>65 925.1</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>66 910.2</b>	<b>69 793.8</b>	<b>72 009.3</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

1. Tables with expenditure trends, annual budget, adjusted appropriation and audited outcome are available at [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za) and [www.vulekamali.gov.za](http://www.vulekamali.gov.za).

## Transfers and subsidies expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.3 Vote transfers and subsidies trends and estimates**

	<b>Audited outcome</b>			<b>Adjusted appropriation</b>	<b>Average growth rate (%)</b>	<b>Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)</b>	<b>Medium-term expenditure estimate</b>			<b>Average growth rate (%)</b>	<b>Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)</b>
R thousand	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2022/23 - 2025/26</b>		<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>	<b>2028/29</b>	<b>2025/26 - 2028/29</b>	<b>2026/27 - 2028/29</b>
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	4 527	5 247	3 037	-	-100.0%	-	12 951	-	-	-	0.0%
Employee social benefits	4 527	5 247	3 037	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Early retirement and voluntary exit programmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 951	-	-	-	0.0%
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	149	345	359	800	75.1%	-	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Employee social benefits	149	3	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other transfers to households	-	342	359	800	-	-	-	-	-	-100.0%	-

Table 18.3 Vote transfers and subsidies trends and estimates (continued)

	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R thousand											
<b>Departmental agencies and accounts</b>											
<b>Departmental agencies (non-business entities)</b>											
<b>Current</b>	1 868 152	1 774 583	1 792 381	2 028 441	2.8%	3.2%	2 101 440	2 183 730	2 255 156	3.6%	3.3%
Health and Welfare Sector	2 362	2 055	2 140	2 786	5.7%	-	2 899	3 015	3 109	3.7%	0.0%
Education and Training Authority											
National Health Laboratory Service	772 521	706 425	598 842	636 361	-6.3%	1.2%	665 336	693 187	714 731	3.9%	1.1%
Office of Health Standards Compliance	157 509	161 546	181 599	191 749	6.8%	0.3%	206 043	214 942	222 374	5.1%	0.3%
South African Medical Research Council	779 523	760 147	833 489	1 013 929	9.2%	1.5%	1 039 023	1 104 140	1 141 260	4.0%	1.7%
Council for Medical Schemes	6 272	6 537	6 151	6 320	0.3%	-	6 581	6 842	7 055	3.7%	0.0%
South African Health Products Regulatory Authority	149 965	137 873	143 518	149 301	-0.1%	0.2%	155 435	161 604	166 627	3.7%	0.2%
South African Medical Research Council: Social Impact Bond	-	-	26 344	27 995	-	-	26 123	-	-	-100.0%	0.0%
South African Broadcasting Corporation	-	-	264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Com: Licences	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Social security funds</b>											
<b>Current</b>	1 544	1 735	4 466	1 894	7.0%	-	1 971	2 049	2 113	3.7%	0.0%
Mines and Works Compensation Fund	1 544	1 735	4 466	1 894	7.0%	-	1 971	2 049	2 113	3.7%	0.0%
<b>Foreign governments and international organisations</b>											
<b>Current</b>	-	-	18 222	18 400	-	-	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
World Health Organisation	-	-	18 222	18 400	-	-	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
<b>Non-profit institutions</b>											
<b>Current</b>	208 380	226 520	213 952	231 385	3.6%	0.4%	235 818	250 426	258 208	3.7%	0.4%
Non-governmental organisations: LifeLine	28 875	28 986	27 288	27 283	-1.9%	-	28 451	29 631	30 552	3.8%	0.0%
Non-governmental organisations: loveLife	64 327	64 635	63 038	62 821	-0.8%	0.1%	60 524	68 273	70 395	3.9%	0.1%
Non-governmental organisations: Soul City	25 065	25 161	24 291	24 361	-0.9%	-	25 403	26 462	27 284	3.8%	0.0%
Non-governmental organisations: HIV and AIDS	67 529	67 788	64 832	62 281	-2.7%	0.1%	65 064	67 885	69 995	4.0%	0.1%
South African National AIDS Council	19 380	30 234	31 143	32 090	18.3%	-	32 931	33 798	34 848	2.8%	0.1%
South African Renal Registry	460	461	482	504	3.1%	-	524	545	562	3.7%	0.0%
National Council Against Smoking	1 164	1 169	1 221	1 276	3.1%	-	1 327	1 380	1 423	3.7%	0.0%
South African Federation for Mental Health	488	490	512	535	3.1%	-	557	579	597	3.7%	0.0%
South African National Council for the Blind	1 092	1 096	1 145	1 196	3.1%	-	1 245	1 295	1 335	3.7%	0.0%
Health Systems Trust	-	6 500	-	19 038	-	-	19 792	20 578	21 217	3.7%	0.0%
<b>Provinces and municipalities</b>											
<b>Provincial revenue funds</b>											
<b>Current</b>	49 471 990	46 063 505	49 199 537	51 040 848	1.0%	84.3%	52 633 421	54 870 868	56 664 116	3.5%	83.9%
National health insurance grant	693 747	694 675	455 956	466 680	-12.4%	1.0%	475 483	496 504	513 248	3.2%	0.8%
District health programmes grant: Comprehensive HIV and AIDS component	24 134 521	22 934 604	24 724 358	25 517 795	1.9%	41.9%	25 998 245	27 097 413	27 979 171	3.1%	41.4%
District health programmes grant: District health component	4 888 597	2 931 257	3 238 337	3 411 515	-11.3%	6.2%	3 550 952	3 692 714	3 807 481	3.7%	5.6%
National tertiary services grant	14 306 059	14 023 946	15 263 784	15 994 921	3.8%	25.6%	16 699 756	17 410 260	17 979 635	4.0%	26.6%
Human resources and training grant	5 449 066	5 479 023	5 517 102	5 649 937	1.2%	9.5%	5 908 985	6 173 977	6 384 581	4.2%	9.4%
<b>Capital</b>	6 779 546	6 679 860	7 158 341	7 568 542	3.7%	12.1%	7 717 120	8 176 734	8 389 317	3.5%	12.4%
Health facility revitalisation grant	6 779 546	6 679 860	7 158 341	7 568 542	3.7%	12.1%	7 717 120	8 176 734	8 389 317	3.5%	12.4%
<b>Provincial agencies and funds</b>											
<b>Current</b>	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial agencies	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>58 334 288</b>	<b>54 751 795</b>	<b>58 390 300</b>	<b>60 890 310</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>62 702 721</b>	<b>65 483 807</b>	<b>67 568 910</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Personnel information

**Table 18.4 Vote personnel numbers and cost by salary level and programme<sup>1</sup>**

Programmes																			
1. Administration																			
2. National Health Insurance																			
3. HIV/AIDS, TB & Maternal, Child and Women's Health																			
4. Primary Health Care																			
5. Hospital Systems																			
6. Health System Governance and Human Resources																			
Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026			Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment													Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)		
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2024/25		2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29						
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
<b>Health</b>																			
Salary level	982	36	841	639.3	0.8	894	719.3	0.8	950	779.4	0.8	947	815.3	0.9	933	840.6	0.9	1.5%	100.0%
1 – 6	269	1	241	90.2	0.4	266	104.6	0.4	305	113.8	0.4	306	117.6	0.4	306	123.9	0.4	4.8%	32.4%
7 – 10	372	5	321	199.5	0.6	335	222.5	0.7	335	233.9	0.7	335	246.6	0.7	329	256.0	0.8	-0.6%	35.3%
11 – 12	188	3	145	171.7	1.2	170	209.1	1.2	181	233.7	1.3	177	242.0	1.4	174	250.2	1.4	0.6%	18.8%
13 – 16	128	4	109	167.0	1.5	108	173.3	1.6	115	188.1	1.6	115	198.9	1.7	110	200.2	1.8	0.7%	12.0%
Other	25	23	25	10.8	0.4	14	9.8	0.7	14	10.0	0.7	14	10.2	0.7	14	10.4	0.7	0.0%	1.5%
<b>Programme</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>639.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>719.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>779.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>815.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>840.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Programme 1	417	15	360	282.7	0.8	361	293.6	0.8	370	319.9	0.9	366	338.0	0.9	361	348.0	1.0	-0.0%	38.8%
Programme 2	102	7	83	67.9	0.8	103	91.1	0.9	116	114.5	1.0	113	117.2	1.0	111	120.8	1.1	2.8%	12.0%
Programme 3	182	1	152	87.7	0.6	152	92.4	0.6	151	95.8	0.6	148	98.5	0.7	144	101.7	0.7	-1.7%	15.6%
Programme 4	80	13	68	84.8	1.2	82	107.9	1.3	77	102.5	1.3	85	108.8	1.3	84	112.8	1.3	0.9%	8.7%
Programme 5	33	–	31	37.1	1.2	31	39.2	1.3	69	45.0	0.6	69	46.8	0.7	69	48.2	0.7	30.6%	7.3%
Programme 6	168	–	147	79.0	0.5	165	95.1	0.6	167	101.7	0.6	166	106.0	0.6	164	109.2	0.7	-0.3%	17.5%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Departmental receipts

**Table 18.5 Departmental receipts by economic classification**

	Audited outcome			Adjusted estimate	Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)	Medium-term receipts estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25					2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R thousand												
<b>Departmental receipts</b>	<b>1 165 733</b>	<b>139 213</b>	<b>660 624</b>	<b>249 387</b>	<b>249 303</b>	<b>-40.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13 519</b>	<b>13 886</b>	<b>14 123</b>	<b>-61.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Sales of goods and services produced by department</b>	<b>1 151 210</b>	<b>100 067</b>	<b>428 529</b>	<b>243 741</b>	<b>243 741</b>	<b>-40.4%</b>	<b>86.8%</b>	<b>6 252</b>	<b>4 184</b>	<b>2 922</b>	<b>-77.1%</b>	<b>32.2%</b>
Sales by market establishments	101	93	78	–	–	-100.0%	–	60	–	–	–	0.1%
of which:												
Parking	101	93	78	–	–	-100.0%	–	60	–	–	–	0.1%
Administrative fees	3 399	2 417	2 690	1 800	1 800	-19.1%	0.5%	1 850	1 382	1 258	-11.3%	10.8%
of which:												
Medical (drug control) licences	2 403	2 417	2 690	1 800	1 800	-9.2%	0.4%	1 850	1 382	1 258	-11.3%	10.8%
Inspection fees	996	–	–	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other sales	1 147 710	97 557	425 761	241 941	241 941	-40.5%	86.4%	4 342	2 802	1 664	-81.0%	21.2%
of which:												
Sale of vaccines	1 147 373	97 307	425 761	241 649	241 649	-40.5%	86.3%	4 000	2 500	1 500	-81.6%	19.3%
Replacement of security cards	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–
Commission on insurance	337	249	–	292	292	-4.7%	–	340	298	162	-17.8%	1.9%
Replacement: Lost office property	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	1	–	–
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	2	2	1	–	–
of which:												
Scrap paper	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	2	2	1	–	–
Fines, penalties and forfeits	–	–	–	84	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Interest, dividends and rent on land	8 981	13 818	15 422	2 000	2 000	-39.4%	1.8%	6 800	9 000	10 800	75.4%	64.1%
Interest	8 981	13 818	15 422	2 000	2 000	-39.4%	1.8%	6 800	9 000	10 800	75.4%	64.1%
Sales of capital assets	188	–	356	172	172	-2.9%	–	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	5 354	25 328	216 312	3 390	3 390	-14.1%	11.3%	465	700	400	-51.0%	3.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 165 733</b>	<b>139 213</b>	<b>660 624</b>	<b>249 387</b>	<b>249 303</b>	<b>-40.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13 519</b>	<b>13 886</b>	<b>14 123</b>	<b>-61.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Programme 1: Administration

### Programme purpose

Provide strategic leadership, management and support services to the department, monitor health sector performance and strengthen surveillance and research systems.

### Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.6 Administration expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million											
Ministry	38.8	41.8	43.2	38.3	-0.4%	5.5%	44.0	43.7	45.0	5.5%	5.1%
Management	6.2	14.8	9.5	12.0	24.7%	1.4%	12.5	13.1	13.5	3.9%	1.5%
Corporate Services	445.8	440.1	377.0	457.2	0.8%	57.9%	411.1	453.0	466.5	0.7%	51.0%
Property Management	114.2	141.7	146.7	178.5	16.0%	19.5%	175.1	192.5	198.5	3.6%	21.7%
Financial Management	88.1	98.3	126.3	154.3	20.5%	15.7%	185.7	177.0	180.2	5.3%	20.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>693.1</b>	<b>736.7</b>	<b>702.7</b>	<b>840.2</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>828.4</b>	<b>879.2</b>	<b>903.7</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025 Budget estimate							(83.2)	(75.2)	(93.6)		
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>676.2</b>	<b>711.6</b>	<b>672.2</b>	<b>787.5</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>781.6</b>	<b>844.0</b>	<b>867.4</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
Compensation of employees	260.6	290.5	282.7	294.6	4.2%	38.0%	319.9	338.0	348.0	5.7%	38.5%
Goods and services	415.7	421.1	389.5	492.9	5.8%	57.8%	461.7	506.1	519.4	1.8%	57.0%
of which:											
Audit costs: External	21.3	23.4	25.4	24.3	4.6%	3.2%	29.6	33.9	36.9	14.8%	3.8%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	73.9	23.8	29.6	60.7	-6.3%	6.3%	74.5	73.5	71.6	5.6%	8.4%
Operating leases	99.7	110.6	134.7	132.2	9.9%	16.1%	127.3	142.8	147.2	3.6%	16.0%
Property payments	17.7	34.7	16.7	61.4	51.4%	4.4%	63.9	66.4	68.5	3.7%	7.6%
Travel and subsistence	59.7	38.0	29.6	32.5	-18.4%	5.4%	32.3	38.8	40.7	7.8%	4.3%
Operating payments	2.3	30.1	25.3	23.4	116.5%	2.7%	27.7	34.0	35.1	14.5%	3.7%
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>120.4%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Provinces and municipalities	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Departmental agencies and accounts	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.8	5.7%	0.3%	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.7%	0.3%
Foreign governments and international organisations	-	-	18.2	18.4	-	1.2%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Non-profit institutions	-	6.5	-	19.0	-	0.9%	19.8	20.6	21.2	3.7%	2.4%
Households	1.4	1.6	1.4	-	-100.0%	0.1%	13.0	-	-	-	0.5%
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Machinery and equipment	12.7	14.4	7.5	12.4	-0.9%	1.6%	11.2	11.6	12.0	-1.1%	1.3%
Payments for financial assets	0.3	0.5	1.2	-	-100.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>693.1</b>	<b>736.7</b>	<b>702.7</b>	<b>840.2</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>828.4</b>	<b>879.2</b>	<b>903.7</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	1.1%	1.3%	1.1%	1.3%	-	-	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	-	-
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>											
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	1.4	1.6	1.4	-	-100.0%	0.1%	13.0	-	-	-	0.5%
Employee social benefits	1.4	1.6	1.4	-	-100.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-
Early retirement and voluntary exit programmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.0	-	-	-	0.5%
<b>Departmental agencies and accounts</b>											
<b>Departmental agencies (non-business entities)</b>											
<b>Current</b>	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.8	5.7%	0.3%	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.7%	0.3%
Health and Welfare Sector	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.8	5.7%	0.3%	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.7%	0.3%
Education and Training Authority	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South African Broadcasting Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Foreign governments and international organisations</b>											
<b>Current</b>	-	-	18.2	18.4	-	1.2%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
World Health Organisation	-	-	18.2	18.4	-	1.2%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
<b>Non-profit institutions</b>											
<b>Current</b>	-	6.5	-	19.0	-	0.9%	19.8	20.6	21.2	3.7%	2.4%
Health Systems Trust	-	6.5	-	19.0	-	0.9%	19.8	20.6	21.2	3.7%	2.4%
<b>Provinces and municipalities</b>											
<b>Provincial agencies and funds</b>											
<b>Current</b>	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial agencies	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Personnel information

**Table 18.7 Administration personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)				
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate														
		2024/25			2025/26			2026/27			2027/28			2028/29					2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29		
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost						
Administration		417		15	360	282.7	0.8	361	293.6	0.8	370	319.9	0.9	366	338.0	0.9	361	348.0	1.0	-0.0%	100.0%	
Salary level		417		15	360	282.7	0.8	361	293.6	0.8	370	319.9	0.9	366	338.0	0.9	361	348.0	1.0	-0.0%	100.0%	
1 – 6	159	–	137	56.4	0.4	155	65.6	0.4	155	69.0	0.4	148	69.9	0.5	148	73.7	0.5	148	73.7	0.5	-1.4%	41.2%
7 – 10	152	–	132	93.9	0.7	132	100.0	0.8	132	105.1	0.8	132	110.8	0.8	130	115.0	0.9	130	115.0	0.9	-0.5%	35.9%
11 – 12	48	–	41	57.2	1.4	41	60.9	1.5	51	77.8	1.5	51	82.0	1.6	50	85.2	1.7	50	85.2	1.7	7.1%	13.9%
13 – 16	45	4	37	68.0	1.8	31	61.2	2.0	30	62.1	2.1	32	69.3	2.2	30	68.2	2.3	30	68.2	2.3	-1.1%	8.4%
Other	13	11	13	7.2	0.6	2	5.9	3.0	2	5.9	3.0	2	5.9	3.0	2	5.9	3.0	2	5.9	3.0	–	0.5%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Programme 2: National Health Insurance

### Programme purpose

Achieve universal health coverage by improving the quality and coverage of health services through the development and implementation of policies and health financing reforms.

### Objectives

- Expand access to chronic medication by ensuring that 4.3 million stable patients actively receive medication through the central chronic medicine dispensing and distribution programme by March 2029.
- Develop a framework for health provider accreditation for rendering services under the National Health Insurance by March 2028.
- Facilitate the implementation of national health insurance by establishing mechanisms for health technology assessments and determination of health care benefits by the ministerial advisory committee by March 2027.
- Finalise the development of electronic medical records for the primary health care service package by March 2028.

### Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management* provides leadership to improve access to high-quality health care services by developing and implementing universal health coverage policies and health financing reform.
- *Health Products Procurement* develops systems to ensure the sustained availability of and equitable access to health products. This is achieved through the development of governance frameworks to support the selection and use of essential medicines and other essential health products, the development of standard treatment guidelines, the administration and management of pharmaceutical tenders, the development of provincial pharmaceutical budget forecasts and the reformation of the health products supply chain.
- *Health Financing and National Health Insurance* designs and tests policies, legislation and frameworks to achieve universal health coverage and inform proposals for national health insurance. It develops health financing reforms, including policies affecting the medical schemes environment; provides technical oversight of the Council for Medical Schemes; manages the direct *national health insurance grant* and the health systems component of the *national health insurance indirect grant*; and implements the single exit price regulations, including the development of policy and implementation initiatives in terms of dispensing and logistical fees. Activities in this subprogramme will increasingly focus on evolving health financing functions such as user and provider management, health care benefits, provider payment, digital health information, risk identification and fraud management.

- *Digital Health System* coordinates, develops and implements digital health systems and solutions for the digitisation of workflow processes in preparation for national health insurance, to improve patient care and service delivery, and to provide data for decision-making and planning for the implementation of national health insurance.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.8 National Health Insurance expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28			2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29
R million													
Programme Management	10.2	8.2	7.0	9.7	-1.6%	0.7%	9.1	9.5	9.9	0.7%	0.6%		
Health Products Procurement	37.3	29.2	44.3	30.7	-6.3%	2.6%	35.5	35.7	36.8	6.2%	2.4%		
Health Financing and National Health Insurance	1 309.5	1 375.9	1 111.9	1 383.9	1.9%	96.1%	1 380.2	1 413.0	1 458.4	1.8%	96.3%		
Digital Health System	9.1	11.7	5.5	9.0	-0.1%	0.7%	9.5	9.6	9.9	3.1%	0.7%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 366.1</b>	<b>1 425.1</b>	<b>1 168.7</b>	<b>1 433.3</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1 434.3</b>	<b>1 467.9</b>	<b>1 515.0</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				-			17.2	(14.0)	(33.4)				
<b>Economic classification</b>													
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>667.8</b>	<b>705.9</b>	<b>669.2</b>	<b>909.6</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>54.7%</b>	<b>904.9</b>	<b>915.6</b>	<b>944.2</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>62.6%</b>		
Compensation of employees	48.1	57.9	67.9	104.1	29.4%	5.2%	114.5	117.2	120.8	5.1%	8.0%		
Goods and services	619.8	648.0	601.3	805.5	9.1%	49.6%	790.4	798.4	823.4	0.7%	54.6%		
of which:													
Advertising	1.5	0.1	34.1	21.3	141.0%	1.1%	22.2	23.1	23.8	3.7%	1.6%		
Minor assets	3.1	6.4	2.9	12.1	56.6%	0.5%	12.5	13.0	13.4	3.7%	0.9%		
Consultants: Business and advisory services	2.8	0.5	3.8	106.7	234.6%	2.1%	102.3	100.2	103.1	-1.1%	6.9%		
Contractors	518.5	386.3	411.2	597.3	4.8%	35.5%	582.5	592.0	610.3	0.7%	40.4%		
Agency and support/outsourced services	-	-	-	33.3	-	0.6%	34.7	36.0	37.2	3.7%	2.4%		
Travel and subsistence	5.4	9.6	18.2	13.6	36.1%	0.9%	13.5	10.6	12.3	-3.4%	0.8%		
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>693.9</b>	<b>694.9</b>	<b>456.1</b>	<b>466.7</b>	<b>-12.4%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>475.5</b>	<b>496.5</b>	<b>513.2</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>33.6%</b>		
Provinces and municipalities	693.7	694.7	456.0	466.7	-12.4%	42.9%	475.5	496.5	513.2	3.2%	33.6%		
Households	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>136.5%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>		
Machinery and equipment	4.3	24.4	26.7	57.0	136.5%	2.1%	53.9	55.8	57.5	0.3%	3.8%		
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 366.1</b>	<b>1 425.1</b>	<b>1 168.7</b>	<b>1 433.3</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1 434.3</b>	<b>1 467.9</b>	<b>1 515.0</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	2.2%	2.4%	1.9%	2.2%	-	-	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	-	-		
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>													
Households													
Social benefits													
Current	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employee social benefits	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provinces and municipalities													
Provincial revenue funds													
Current	693.7	694.7	456.0	466.7	-12.4%	42.9%	475.5	496.5	513.2	3.2%	33.6%		
National health insurance grant	693.7	694.7	456.0	466.7	-12.4%	42.9%	475.5	496.5	513.2	3.2%	33.6%		

## Personnel information

**Table 18.9 National Health Insurance personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

National Health Insurance	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment										Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)					
	Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual		Revised estimate		Medium-term expenditure estimate												
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29										
Salary level	102	7	83	67.9	0.8	103	91.1	0.9	116	114.5	1.0	113	117.2	1.0	111	120.8	1.1	2.8%	100.0%
1 – 6	11	1	11	3.7	0.3	11	4.0	0.4	11	4.2	0.4	11	4.4	0.4	11	4.7	0.4	-	9.7%
7 – 10	28	5	28	14.5	0.5	28	15.4	0.6	28	16.2	0.6	28	17.1	0.6	28	18.0	0.6	-	24.7%
11 – 12	44	-	29	30.7	1.1	45	46.4	1.0	45	48.8	1.1	43	49.6	1.2	42	51.7	1.2	-1.9%	38.1%
13 – 16	18	-	14	18.9	1.4	18	25.2	1.4	31	45.2	1.5	30	46.1	1.5	29	46.4	1.6	17.6%	26.7%
Other	1	1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	-	0.9%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Programme 3: HIV/AIDS, TB and Maternal, Child and Women's Health

### Programme purpose

Develop national policies, guidelines, norms and standards, and targets to decrease the burden of disease related to the HIV and tuberculosis epidemics; support the implementation of these; and monitor and evaluate their impact. Develop strategies and implement programmes that minimise maternal and child mortality and morbidity, and optimise good health for children, adolescents and women.

### Objectives

- Reduce the risk of women developing cervical cancer by vaccinating 90 per cent of eligible girls aged 9 to 14 against human papillomavirus and expanding screening to 38 districts by March 2028.
- Increase the total number of HIV-positive people accessing antiretroviral treatment from 6 million in March 2026 to 6.4 million in March 2029 by:
  - increasing access to treatment
  - improving health-seeking behaviour among men
  - enhancing paediatric and adolescent HIV care.
- Make progress towards ending TB by 2035 by improving treatment adherence to achieve a drug-susceptible TB treatment success rate of 83 per cent and increasing the number of clients started on TB treatment to 204 705 per year by March 2027.

### Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management* ensures that efforts by all stakeholders are harnessed to support the purpose of the programme, and that the efforts and resources of provincial departments of health, development partners, donors, academic and research organisations, and non-governmental and civil society organisations all contribute in a coherent and integrated way.
- *HIV, AIDS and STIs* formulates policy services related to HIV and sexually transmitted infections, and monitors and evaluates these services; and manages and oversees the comprehensive HIV and AIDS component of the *district health programmes grant* implemented by provinces, and the coordination and direction of donor funding for HIV and AIDS.
- *Tuberculosis Management* develops national policies and guidelines for TB services; sets norms and standards and monitors their implementation in line with the vision of eliminating infections, mortality, stigma and discrimination; coordinates and manages the national response to the TB epidemic; and incorporates strategies needed to prevent, diagnose and treat drug-sensitive TB and drug-resistant TB.
- *Women's Maternal and Reproductive Health* develops and monitors policies and guidelines for maternal and women's health services; sets norms and standards for and monitors and evaluates the implementation of these services; and supports the implementation of key initiatives as indicated in the maternal and child health strategic plan and the reports of the ministerial committees on maternal, perinatal and child mortality.
- *Child, Youth and School Health* formulates policy and coordinates, monitors and evaluates child, youth and school health services; manages and oversees the human papillomavirus vaccination programme; coordinates stakeholders outside of the health sector to play key roles in promoting improved health and nutrition for children and young people; supports provincial units responsible for the implementation of policies and guidelines; and focuses on recommendations made by the ministerial committee on morbidity and mortality in children. These are aimed at reducing mortality in children younger than 5 years, increasing the number of HIV-positive children on treatment, strengthening the expanded programme on immunisation, and ensuring that health services are friendly to children and young people.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.10 HIV/AIDS, TB & Maternal, Child and Women's Health expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million											
Programme Management	19.4	3.1	4.0	8.1	-25.2%	0.0%	4.8	6.9	7.2	-4.1%	0.0%
HIV, AIDS and STIs	24 505.6	23 342.0	25 186.0	25 929.5	1.9%	99.7%	26 385.0	27 491.1	28 383.8	3.1%	99.7%
Tuberculosis Management	24.2	28.8	26.3	33.1	11.0%	0.1%	32.8	30.5	31.4	-1.7%	0.1%
Women's Maternal and Reproductive Health	12.8	14.0	10.0	19.6	15.0%	0.1%	17.4	18.3	19.0	-1.0%	0.1%
Child, Youth and School Health	21.9	24.9	23.5	29.0	9.8%	0.1%	30.3	31.7	32.7	4.0%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 583.9</b>	<b>23 412.8</b>	<b>25 249.7</b>	<b>26 019.3</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26 470.3</b>	<b>27 578.5</b>	<b>28 474.1</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025 Budget estimate							(127.3)	(218.0)	(570.2)		
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>243.6</b>	<b>260.3</b>	<b>309.6</b>	<b>291.7</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>258.6</b>	<b>254.0</b>	<b>260.7</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Compensation of employees	72.1	71.4	87.7	92.4	8.6%	0.3%	95.8	98.5	101.7	3.2%	0.4%
Goods and services	171.5	189.0	221.8	199.3	5.1%	0.8%	162.9	155.5	159.0	-7.2%	0.6%
of which:											
Consultants: Business and advisory services	33.5	24.1	22.5	30.7	-2.9%	0.1%	35.8	27.7	28.6	-2.3%	0.1%
Contractors	2.9	1.2	–	4.6	17.0%	0.0%	4.8	5.0	5.1	3.7%	0.0%
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	4.0	5.7	5.1	10.8	38.8%	0.0%	12.5	11.7	12.1	3.8%	0.0%
Inventory: Medical supplies	33.0	32.5	28.0	67.8	27.2%	0.2%	21.1	19.7	19.1	-34.5%	0.1%
Travel and subsistence	13.9	16.9	15.2	19.4	11.7%	0.1%	21.3	21.1	21.7	3.8%	0.1%
Operating payments	69.3	87.8	83.8	58.8	-5.4%	0.3%	60.1	62.5	64.4	3.1%	0.2%
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>24 340.2</b>	<b>23 151.9</b>	<b>24 935.1</b>	<b>25 726.6</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>26 210.6</b>	<b>27 323.5</b>	<b>28 212.2</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
Provinces and municipalities	24 134.5	22 934.6	24 724.4	25 517.8	1.9%	98.0%	25 998.2	27 097.4	27 979.2	3.1%	98.2%
Departmental agencies and accounts	–	–	0.0	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Non-profit institutions	205.2	216.8	210.6	208.8	0.6%	0.8%	212.4	226.0	233.1	3.7%	0.8%
Households	0.5	0.5	0.1	–	-100.0%	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Machinery and equipment	–	0.3	3.9	1.0	–	0.0%	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.7%	0.0%
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 583.9</b>	<b>23 412.8</b>	<b>25 249.7</b>	<b>26 019.3</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26 470.3</b>	<b>27 578.5</b>	<b>28 474.1</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>											
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	0.4	0.5	0.1	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	0.4	0.5	0.1	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	0.1	0.0	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	0.1	0.0	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Departmental agencies and accounts</b>											
<b>Departmental agencies (non-business entities)</b>											
<b>Current</b>	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
South African Broadcasting Corporation	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Non-profit institutions</b>											
<b>Current</b>	205.2	216.8	210.6	208.8	0.6%	0.8%	212.4	226.0	233.1	3.7%	0.8%
Non-governmental organisations: LifeLine	28.9	29.0	27.3	27.3	-1.9%	0.1%	28.5	29.6	30.6	3.8%	0.1%
Non-governmental organisations: loveLife	64.3	64.6	63.0	62.8	-0.8%	0.3%	60.5	68.3	70.4	3.9%	0.2%
Non-governmental organisations: Soul City	25.1	25.2	24.3	24.4	-0.9%	0.1%	25.4	26.5	27.3	3.8%	0.1%
Non-governmental organisations: HIV and AIDS	67.5	67.8	64.8	62.3	-2.7%	0.3%	65.1	67.9	70.0	4.0%	0.2%
South African National AIDS Council	19.4	30.2	31.1	32.1	18.3%	0.1%	32.9	33.8	34.8	2.8%	0.1%
<b>Provinces and municipalities</b>											
<b>Provincial revenue funds</b>											
<b>Current</b>	24 134.5	22 934.6	24 724.4	25 517.8	1.9%	98.0%	25 998.2	27 097.4	27 979.2	3.1%	98.2%
District health programmes grant: Comprehensive HIV and AIDS component	24 134.5	22 934.6	24 724.4	25 517.8	1.9%	98.0%	25 998.2	27 097.4	27 979.2	3.1%	98.2%

## Personnel information

**Table 18.11 HIV/AIDS, TB & Maternal, Child and Women's Health personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026			Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate										
			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29			
HIV/AIDS, TB & Maternal, Child and Women's Health			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		
Salary level	182	1	152	87.7	0.6	152	92.4	0.6	151	95.8	0.6	148	98.5	0.7	144	101.7	0.7	-1.7%	100.0%
1 – 6	20	–	19	5.1	0.3	20	5.7	0.3	20	6.0	0.3	20	6.3	0.3	20	6.7	0.3	–	13.5%
7 – 10	92	–	77	33.5	0.4	77	35.7	0.5	77	37.5	0.5	77	39.6	0.5	73	39.5	0.5	-1.7%	51.3%
11 – 12	45	–	36	30.6	0.9	36	32.6	0.9	36	34.3	1.0	33	33.7	1.0	33	35.6	1.1	-2.5%	23.2%
13 – 16	24	–	19	18.3	1.0	18	18.3	1.0	17	17.8	1.1	17	18.8	1.1	17	19.8	1.2	-2.5%	11.3%
Other	1	1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	–	0.7%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Programme 4: Primary Health Care

### Programme purpose

Develop and oversee the implementation of legislation, policies, systems, norms and standards for a uniform district health system, environmental and port health services, communicable and non-communicable disease control, health promotion and improved nutrition.

### Objectives

- Improve the quality of care at primary health care facilities by ensuring that 2 800 of these qualify as ideal clinics each year by March 2029.
- Ensure continuity of care by ensuring that community health workers conduct 20 million household visits per year by March 2028.
- Reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases by conducting 37 million screenings for elevated blood glucose and 39 million screenings for elevated blood pressure by March 2029.
- Facilitate the integration of mental health in primary health care by ensuring that 50 per cent of community health centres have at least 1 mental health care provider by March 2028.
- Strengthen environmental health services by assessing all metropolitan and district municipalities for compliance with national environmental health norms and standards by 2027.
- Support the effective implementation of the national strategic plan on malaria elimination over the medium term by:
  - ensuring indoor residual insecticide spray coverage of at least 95 per cent of households in malaria-endemic municipalities
  - conducting information and communication campaigns on malaria prevention
  - investigating and classifying confirmed cases within 72 hours.

### Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management* supports and provides leadership for the development and implementation of legislation, policies, systems, norms and standards for a uniform district health system, and emergency, environmental and port health systems.
- *District Health Services* promotes, coordinates and institutionalises the district health system; integrates programme implementation using the primary health care approach by improving the quality of care; coordinates the traditional medicine programme; and manages the district health component of the *district health programmes grant*.

- *Environmental Health and Communicable Diseases* coordinates environmental and municipal health services, including port health, in line with international health regulations; supports provinces and municipalities in disease control, surveillance and emergency preparedness; and implements targeted programmes for malaria, influenza and other communicable diseases.
- *Non-communicable Diseases* establishes policy, legislation and guidelines, and assists provinces in implementing and monitoring services for chronic non-communicable diseases. This includes disability and rehabilitation – including for older people – eye health, palliative care, mental health and substance abuse, and forensic mental health.
- *Health Promotion, Nutrition and Oral Health* formulates and monitors policies, guidelines, norms and standards for health promotion and nutrition, focusing on TB, HIV and AIDS, maternal and child mortality, non-communicable diseases, and violence. This subprogramme implements the health-promotion strategy of reducing risk factors for diseases, and promotes an integrated approach to working towards an optimal nutritional status for all South Africans.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.12 Primary Health Care expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million					2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
Programme Management	4.5	3.9	2.8	7.1	16.4%	0.1%	5.3	5.6	5.8	-6.5%	0.1%
District Health Services	4 906.4	2 947.6	3 253.5	3 430.7	-11.2%	85.8%	3 571.1	3 713.8	3 829.2	3.7%	94.2%
Environmental Health and Communicable Diseases	1 607.9	174.1	80.4	103.6	-59.9%	11.6%	89.2	93.6	97.0	-2.2%	2.4%
Non-communicable Diseases	57.0	68.0	72.0	96.4	19.2%	1.7%	35.7	97.1	100.1	1.3%	2.0%
Health Promotion and Nutrition	30.0	31.1	31.4	34.2	4.4%	0.7%	76.3	37.3	38.4	4.0%	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 605.8</b>	<b>3 224.8</b>	<b>3 440.1</b>	<b>3 672.0</b>	<b>-17.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 777.4</b>	<b>3 947.3</b>	<b>4 070.6</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025 Budget estimate							(55.6)	(59.1)	(115.7)		
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>1 710.3</b>	<b>284.4</b>	<b>178.8</b>	<b>251.5</b>	<b>-47.2%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>221.5</b>	<b>243.4</b>	<b>251.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
Compensation of employees	269.5	83.8	84.8	118.9	-23.9%	3.3%	102.5	108.8	112.8	-1.7%	2.7%
Goods and services	1 440.7	200.6	94.0	132.6	-54.8%	11.0%	119.0	134.6	139.0	1.6%	3.3%
of which:											
Advertising	0.5	3.0	11.1	8.0	153.4%	0.1%	12.9	11.2	11.5	13.1%	0.3%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	29.3	11.8	33.8	91.7	46.3%	1.0%	23.7	13.2	13.6	-47.0%	0.4%
Agency and support/outsourced services	5.2	11.3	-	0.7	-48.8%	0.1%	3.0	20.7	21.4	212.6%	0.4%
Inventory: Medicine	1 310.4	1.5	-	5.5	-83.9%	7.8%	42.7	44.5	45.8	102.8%	1.1%
Travel and subsistence	12.3	19.8	16.0	16.8	11.0%	0.4%	13.4	21.1	21.9	9.3%	0.5%
Venues and facilities	2.4	14.0	12.3	1.5	-14.4%	0.2%	5.6	5.8	6.0	57.6%	0.1%
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>4 892.8</b>	<b>2 937.0</b>	<b>3 242.8</b>	<b>3 415.8</b>	<b>-11.3%</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>3 554.6</b>	<b>3 696.5</b>	<b>3 811.4</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
Provinces and municipalities	4 888.6	2 931.3	3 238.3	3 411.5	-11.3%	85.4%	3 551.0	3 692.7	3 807.5	3.7%	93.7%
Non-profit institutions	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.1%	0.1%	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7%	0.1%
Households	1.0	2.5	1.1	0.8	-7.3%	0.0%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Machinery and equipment	2.6	3.5	3.7	4.7	21.3%	0.1%	1.3	7.4	7.4	16.9%	0.1%
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 605.8</b>	<b>3 224.8</b>	<b>3 440.1</b>	<b>3 672.0</b>	<b>-17.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 777.4</b>	<b>3 947.3</b>	<b>4 070.6</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 18.12 Primary Health Care expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)**

Details of transfers and subsidies	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	1.0	2.1	0.7	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	1.0	2.1	0.7	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	–	0.3	0.4	0.8	–	–	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Other transfers to households	–	0.3	0.4	0.8	–	–	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
<b>Non-profit institutions</b>											
<b>Current</b>	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.1%	0.1%	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7%	0.1%
South African Renal Registry	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.1%	–	0.5	0.5	0.6	3.7%	0.0%
National Council Against Smoking	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	3.1%	–	1.3	1.4	1.4	3.7%	0.0%
South African Federation for Mental Health	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.1%	–	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.7%	0.0%
South African National Council for the Blind	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	3.1%	–	1.2	1.3	1.3	3.7%	0.0%
<b>Provinces and municipalities</b>											
<b>Provincial revenue funds</b>											
<b>Current</b>	4 888.6	2 931.3	3 238.3	3 411.5	-11.3%	85.4%	3 551.0	3 692.7	3 807.5	3.7%	93.7%
District health programmes grant: District health component	4 888.6	2 931.3	3 238.3	3 411.5	-11.3%	85.4%	3 551.0	3 692.7	3 807.5	3.7%	93.7%

## Personnel information

**Table 18.13 Primary Health Care personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)					
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate												
		2024/25		2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29							
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost				
<b>Primary Health Care</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
1 – 6	10	–	8	5.0	0.6	11	7.2	0.7	11	7.5	0.7	19	8.7	0.5	19	9.2	0.5	19.8%	19.8%	
7 – 10	31	–	26	27.7	1.1	31	34.7	1.1	31	36.5	1.2	31	38.5	1.2	31	40.6	1.3	–	37.8%	
11 – 12	20	3	16	29.0	1.8	21	39.2	1.9	20	39.6	2.0	20	41.7	2.1	19	42.1	2.2	-3.0%	24.0%	
13 – 16	9	–	8	19.6	2.5	9	23.0	2.6	5	14.9	2.9	5	15.7	3.1	5	16.6	3.2	-17.0%	6.3%	
Other	10	10	10	3.5	0.3	10	3.7	0.4	10	3.9	0.4	10	4.1	0.4	10	4.3	0.4	–	12.2%	

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Programme 5: Hospital Systems

### Programme purpose

Develop national policies and plans for all levels of hospital services to strengthen the referral system and facilitate the improvement of hospitals and emergency medical services. Ensure that the planning, coordination, delivery and oversight of health infrastructure meet the country's health needs.

### Objectives

- Align the classification of hospitals with the resources available for services by facilitating the amendments to the regulations relating to categories of hospitals for implementation by provinces by 2027/28.
- Enable improvements in the quality and safety of care in hospitals by implementing the national clinical governance policy by March 2028.
- Improve the financing and delivery of health care infrastructure over the medium term by constructing or revitalising 50 primary health care facilities and 60 hospitals, and maintaining, repairing or refurbishing 550 public health facilities per year.

## Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management* supports and provides leadership for the development of national policy on hospital services, including the management of health facility infrastructure and hospital systems.
- *Health Facilities Infrastructure Management* coordinates and funds health care infrastructure to enable provinces to plan, manage, modernise, rationalise and transform infrastructure, health technology and hospital management, and improve the quality of care. This subprogramme also manages the direct *health facility revitalisation grant* and the health facility revitalisation component of the *national health insurance indirect grant*.
- *Hospital Systems* focuses on the modernised and reconfigured provision of tertiary hospital services, identifies tertiary and regional hospitals to serve as centres of excellence for disseminating best practices as they pertain to quality improvements, and manages the *national tertiary services grant*.
- *Emergency Medical Services* improves the governance, management and functioning of emergency medical services by formulating policies, guidelines, norms and standards; strengthens the capacity and skills of emergency medical services personnel; identifies needs and service gaps; and provides oversight to emergency medical services in provinces.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.14 Hospital Systems expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million											
Programme Management	2.0	3.2	3.1	7.1	53.6%	0.0%	3.9	4.2	4.5	-14.3%	0.0%
Health Facilities Infrastructure Management	7 882.6	8 096.0	8 584.6	10 113.0	8.7%	36.7%	9 487.5	9 956.8	10 224.6	0.4%	36.2%
Hospital Systems	14 313.9	14 031.6	15 273.0	16 006.5	3.8%	63.2%	16 712.8	17 423.8	17 993.6	4.0%	63.7%
Emergency Medical Services	9.1	11.3	11.3	8.9	-0.8%	0.0%	14.3	13.2	13.5	15.0%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 207.5</b>	<b>22 142.1</b>	<b>23 872.0</b>	<b>26 135.5</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26 218.5</b>	<b>27 398.0</b>	<b>28 236.1</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025 Budget estimate				-			87.2	(143.5)	(541.8)		
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>183.5</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>-12.8%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Compensation of employees	29.3	34.3	37.1	39.2	10.2%	0.1%	45.0	46.8	48.2	7.1%	0.2%
Goods and services	154.3	93.4	54.6	124.7	-6.8%	0.5%	53.2	58.7	60.5	-21.4%	0.2%
of which:											
Minor assets	0.0	1.1	0.2	4.8	1237.1%	0.0%	5.0	5.2	5.3	3.7%	0.0%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	149.6	86.4	47.4	79.2	-19.1%	0.4%	9.8	10.2	10.5	-49.0%	0.0%
Contractors	-	-	0.1	1.9	-	0.0%	2.0	2.1	2.2	3.7%	0.0%
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.9	25.6%	0.0%	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1%	0.0%
Consumable supplies	-	0.0	0.0	21.6	-	0.0%	17.5	23.2	24.0	3.5%	0.1%
Travel and subsistence	3.0	4.0	5.3	12.8	61.6%	0.0%	14.2	13.1	13.5	1.8%	0.0%
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>21 086.2</b>	<b>20 704.0</b>	<b>22 422.3</b>	<b>23 563.5</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>24 416.9</b>	<b>25 587.0</b>	<b>26 369.0</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>93.3%</b>
Provinces and municipalities	21 085.6	20 703.8	22 422.1	23 563.5	3.8%	93.0%	24 416.9	25 587.0	26 369.0	3.8%	93.3%
Departmental agencies and accounts	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Households	0.6	0.2	0.1	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>937.8</b>	<b>1 310.5</b>	<b>1 358.0</b>	<b>2 408.1</b>	<b>36.9%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>1 703.4</b>	<b>1 705.5</b>	<b>1 758.5</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Buildings and other fixed structures	930.3	1 259.8	1 357.0	2 323.1	35.7%	6.2%	1 615.0	1 613.6	1 663.7	-10.5%	6.0%
Machinery and equipment	7.5	50.7	0.9	85.0	124.5%	0.2%	88.4	92.0	94.8	3.7%	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 207.5</b>	<b>22 142.1</b>	<b>23 872.0</b>	<b>26 135.5</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26 218.5</b>	<b>27 398.0</b>	<b>28 236.1</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>38.6%</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>39.3%</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 18.14 Hospital Systems expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million					2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
Current	0.6	0.2	0.1	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	0.6	0.2	0.1	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Departmental agencies and accounts</b>											
<b>Departmental agencies (non-business entities)</b>											
Current	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Com: Licences	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Provinces and municipalities</b>											
<b>Provincial revenue funds</b>											
Current	14 306.1	14 023.9	15 263.8	15 994.9	3.8%	63.2%	16 699.8	17 410.3	17 979.6	4.0%	63.6%
National tertiary services grant	14 306.1	14 023.9	15 263.8	15 994.9	3.8%	63.2%	16 699.8	17 410.3	17 979.6	4.0%	63.6%
Capital	6 779.5	6 679.9	7 158.3	7 568.5	3.7%	29.9%	7 717.1	8 176.7	8 389.3	3.5%	29.7%
Health facility revitalisation grant	6 779.5	6 679.9	7 158.3	7 568.5	3.7%	29.9%	7 717.1	8 176.7	8 389.3	3.5%	29.7%

## Personnel information

**Table 18.15 Hospital Systems personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Hospital Systems	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
			Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate										
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29										
			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost					
Salary level	33	–	31	37.1	1.2	31	39.2	1.3	69	45.0	0.6	69	46.8	0.7	69	48.2	0.7	30.6%	100.0%
1–6	5	–	5	2.5	0.5	5	2.6	0.5	44	6.6	0.2	44	6.7	0.2	44	6.9	0.2	105.8%	63.0%
7–10	9	–	8	6.0	0.8	8	6.4	0.8	8	6.7	0.8	8	7.1	0.9	8	7.5	0.9	–	11.6%
11–12	9	–	8	10.9	1.4	8	11.4	1.5	8	12.0	1.5	8	12.7	1.6	8	13.4	1.7	–	11.4%
13–16	10	–	10	17.7	1.8	10	18.7	1.9	10	19.7	2.0	10	20.4	2.1	9	20.4	2.2	-2.4%	14.0%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Programme 6: Health System Governance and Human Resources

### Programme purpose

Develop policies and systems for the planning, managing and training of health sector human resources, and for planning, monitoring, evaluation and research in the sector. Provide oversight to all public entities in the sector and statutory health professional councils in South Africa.

### Objectives

- Ensure the continuity of governance oversight in health public entities and statutory health councils by ensuring the timeous appointment of boards by the minister and appointing 2 boards by March 2027 and 4 boards by March 2029.
- Strengthen the governance of health public entities by monitoring audit action plans for those with material findings over the medium term.
- Promote the equitable distribution of health professionals in district hospitals by facilitating the implementation of the framework for multidisciplinary teams in 179 district hospitals by March 2029.

### Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management* supports and provides leadership for health workforce programmes and key governance functions such as planning and monitoring, public entity oversight and forensic chemistry laboratories.

- *Policy and Planning* provides advisory and strategic technical assistance on policy and for planning, coordinates the planning system of the health sector, and supports policy analysis and implementation.
- *Public Entities Management* supports the executive authority's oversight function and provides guidance to health entities and statutory councils that fall within the mandate of health legislation with regards to planning and budget procedures, performance and financial reporting, remuneration, governance and accountability.
- *Nursing Services* develops and monitors the implementation of a policy framework for the development of required nursing skills and capacity to deliver effective nursing services.
- *Human Resources for Health* is responsible for the medium- to long-term development and management of the public health sector workforce. This entails facilitating the implementation of the national human resources for health strategy, developing capacity in the health workforce for sustainable service delivery, coordinating transversal human resources management policies, providing in-service training for health workers, and managing the *human resources and training grant*.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 18.16 Health System Governance and Human Resources expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million					2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
Programme Management	4.3	5.0	4.8	8.8	27.0%	0.1%	6.2	6.6	6.9	-7.7%	0.1%
Policy and Planning	11.2	5.5	8.4	7.8	-11.5%	0.1%	8.1	8.5	8.8	4.0%	0.1%
Public Entities Management	1 937.0	1 848.7	1 885.4	2 125.7	3.1%	25.9%	2 213.0	2 296.1	2 370.8	3.7%	27.0%
Nursing Services	19.0	10.2	9.7	10.8	-17.1%	0.2%	11.3	11.8	12.2	4.0%	0.1%
Human Resources for Health	5 468.1	5 501.2	5 540.2	5 671.8	1.2%	73.7%	5 942.6	6 199.8	6 411.1	4.2%	72.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 439.7</b>	<b>7 370.6</b>	<b>7 448.6</b>	<b>7 824.9</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 181.3</b>	<b>8 522.8</b>	<b>8 809.8</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2025 Budget estimate							144.2	120.4	30.3		
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>132.5</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>167.3</b>	<b>161.3</b>	<b>166.0</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Compensation of employees	81.4	77.2	79.0	95.1	5.3%	1.1%	101.7	106.0	109.2	4.7%	1.2%
Goods and services	38.7	37.8	53.5	43.8	4.1%	0.6%	65.5	55.3	56.8	9.1%	0.7%
of which:											
Audit costs: External	3.3	2.3	2.2	3.1	-2.3%	0.0%	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.7%	0.0%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	5.2	7.0	9.5	4.3	-6.2%	0.1%	8.8	4.7	4.9	4.1%	0.1%
Contractors	1.8	2.8	2.7	4.2	33.3%	0.0%	2.4	4.6	4.7	4.1%	0.0%
Agency and support/outsourced services	8.4	-	1.6	6.4	-9.0%	0.1%	14.8	8.5	8.7	11.2%	0.1%
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	1.3	2.0	2.1	3.0	31.4%	0.0%	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.0%	0.0%
Travel and subsistence	9.4	11.6	23.7	7.2	-8.3%	0.2%	16.0	13.0	13.3	22.4%	0.2%
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>7 317.4</b>	<b>7 254.0</b>	<b>7 312.2</b>	<b>7 677.5</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	<b>8 009.5</b>	<b>8 356.7</b>	<b>8 638.7</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
Provinces and municipalities	5 449.1	5 479.0	5 517.1	5 649.9	1.2%	73.4%	5 909.0	6 174.0	6 384.6	4.2%	72.4%
Departmental agencies and accounts	1 867.3	1 774.3	1 794.5	2 027.5	2.8%	24.8%	2 100.5	2 182.8	2 254.2	3.6%	25.6%
Households	1.0	0.7	0.6	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>81.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-16.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Buildings and other fixed structures	-	0.0	-	0.1	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Machinery and equipment	1.4	1.5	0.8	8.5	81.0%	0.0%	4.5	4.8	5.0	-16.0%	0.1%
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 439.7</b>	<b>7 370.6</b>	<b>7 448.6</b>	<b>7 824.9</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 181.3</b>	<b>8 522.8</b>	<b>8 809.8</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 18.16 Health System Governance and Human Resources expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)**

Details of transfers and subsidies			Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
R million													
<b>Households</b>													
<b>Social benefits</b>													
<b>Current</b>													
	1.0	0.7	0.6	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Employee social benefits	1.0	0.7	0.6	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
<b>Departmental agencies and accounts</b>													
<b>Departmental agencies (non-business entities)</b>													
<b>Current</b>													
	1 865.8	1 772.5	1 790.1	2 025.7	2.8%	24.8%	2 098.5	2 180.7	2 252.0	3.6%	25.6%		
National Health Laboratory Service	772.5	706.4	598.8	636.4	-6.3%	9.0%	665.3	693.2	714.7	3.9%	8.1%		
Office of Health Standards Compliance	157.5	161.5	181.6	191.7	6.8%	2.3%	206.0	214.9	222.4	5.1%	2.5%		
South African Medical Research Council	779.5	760.1	833.5	1 013.9	9.2%	11.3%	1 039.0	1 104.1	1 141.3	4.0%	12.9%		
Council for Medical Schemes	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.3	0.3%	0.1%	6.6	6.8	7.1	3.7%	0.1%		
South African Health Products Regulatory Authority	150.0	137.9	143.5	149.3	-0.1%	1.9%	155.4	161.6	166.6	3.7%	1.9%		
South African Medical Research Council: Social Impact Bond	–	–	26.3	28.0	–	0.2%	26.1	–	–	-100.0%	0.1%		
South African Broadcasting Corporation	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		
<b>Social security funds</b>													
<b>Current</b>													
	1.5	1.7	4.5	1.9	7.0%	–	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.7%	0.0%		
Mines and Works Compensation Fund	1.5	1.7	4.5	1.9	7.0%	–	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.7%	0.0%		
<b>Provinces and municipalities</b>													
<b>Provincial revenue funds</b>													
<b>Current</b>													
	5 449.1	5 479.0	5 517.1	5 649.9	1.2%	73.4%	5 909.0	6 174.0	6 384.6	4.2%	72.4%		
Human resources and training grant	5 449.1	5 479.0	5 517.1	5 649.9	1.2%	73.4%	5 909.0	6 174.0	6 384.6	4.2%	72.4%		

## Personnel information

**Table 18.17 Health System Governance and Human Resources personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment											Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)					
		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	2024/25			2025/26			2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29				
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost						
<b>Health System Governance and Human Resources</b>																			
Salary level	168	–	147	79.0	0.5	165	95.1	0.6	167	101.7	0.6	166	106.0	0.6	164	109.2	0.7	-0.3%	100.0%
1–6	64	–	61	17.5	0.3	64	19.4	0.3	64	20.4	0.3	64	21.5	0.3	64	22.7	0.4	–	38.7%
7–10	60	–	50	24.0	0.5	59	30.3	0.5	59	31.9	0.5	59	33.6	0.6	59	35.4	0.6	–	35.7%
11–12	22	–	15	13.1	0.9	20	18.4	0.9	22	21.1	1.0	22	22.3	1.0	21	22.3	1.1	1.0%	12.9%
13–16	22	–	21	24.4	1.2	22	26.9	1.2	22	28.3	1.3	21	28.6	1.4	20	28.7	1.4	-3.2%	12.7%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Entities

### Council for Medical Schemes

#### Selected performance indicators

**Table 18.18 Council for Medical Schemes performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome**

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Percentage of broker and broker organisation applications accredited within 30 working days per quarter on receipt of complete information per year	Regulation	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	86.5% (4 585/ 5 301)	88.4% (4 761/ 5 386)	94.1% (4 456/ 4 736)	85%	85%	85%	85%
Percentage of interim rule amendments processed within 14 working days of receipt of all information per year	Regulation		82.2% (46/56)	70.4% (38/54)	85.7% (48/56)	80%	80%	80%	80%
Percentage of annual rule amendments processed before 31 December of each year per year	Regulation		97.1% (67/69)	100% (69)	100% (68)	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percentage of governance interventions implemented during the period per year	Regulation		100% 18	97% (37/38)	96% (26/27)	80%	100%	100%	100%
Number of research projects and support projects published per year in support of the national health policy	Policy, research and monitoring		17	17	16	12	12	12	12

#### Entity overview

The Council for Medical Schemes is a statutory regulatory authority established in terms of the Medical Schemes Act (1998) to regulate and supervise the medical schemes industry. In fulfilling its mandate, the council oversees and coordinates the operations of medical schemes, facilitates the collection and dissemination of information on private health care, and provides technical and policy advice to the Minister of Health on matters relating to medical schemes.

Over the MTEF period, the council will focus on continuing to provide regulatory oversight and guidance to medical schemes on compliance, governance, benefit design and member protection while contributing to broader health system reforms aimed at advancing universal health coverage through the implementation of national health insurance. Key deliverables over the period ahead include the development of an alternative funding model in 2026/27 to increase the council's revenue. This will enable the council to cover its operational costs, support the effective execution of its regulatory mandate and facilitate the overhaul of its ICT infrastructure through investments in enterprise resource planning solutions.

Total expenditure is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 5.1 per cent, from R236.3 million in 2025/26 to R274 million in 2028/29. The council expects to derive 94.8 per cent (R758.7 million) of its revenue over the medium term from levy income collected from medical schemes. Transfers from the department are set to account for 2.6 per cent (R20.5 million) of revenue over the MTEF period.

## Programmes/Objectives/Activities

**Table 18.19 Council for Medical Schemes expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity**

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27			2027/28
R million												
Administration	103.1	123.8	152.7	135.6	9.6%	59.2%	139.4	145.6	153.4	4.2%	56.1%	
Strategy, performance and risk	2.1	2.2	1.5	–	-100.0%	0.7%	–	–	–	–	–	
Regulation	37.0	44.1	48.6	52.0	12.0%	20.9%	55.0	58.1	61.2	5.6%	22.3%	
Policy, Research and Monitoring	8.4	13.8	15.7	15.7	23.3%	6.2%	17.1	17.9	18.9	6.3%	6.9%	
Member protection	22.0	26.7	32.1	32.9	14.3%	13.1%	36.6	38.4	40.5	7.2%	14.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>172.5</b>	<b>210.7</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>236.3</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>274.0</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

## Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

**Table 18.20 Council for Medical Schemes statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position**

### Statement of financial performance

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27			2027/28
R million												
<b>Revenue</b>												
<b>Non-tax revenue</b>	<b>194.6</b>	<b>209.2</b>	<b>220.5</b>	<b>244.0</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>244.2</b>	<b>259.4</b>	<b>276.0</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	188.4	199.8	211.3	223.4	5.8%	92.0%	237.5	252.5	268.7	6.4%	94.8%	
Other non-tax revenue	6.2	9.4	9.3	20.6	49.0%	5.1%	6.7	7.0	7.3	-29.3%	2.6%	
Transfers received	6.5	6.9	6.4	6.3	-1.0%	2.9%	6.6	6.8	7.1	3.7%	2.6%	
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>201.1</b>	<b>216.0</b>	<b>226.9</b>	<b>250.3</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>250.8</b>	<b>266.3</b>	<b>283.0</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>												
<b>Current expenses</b>	<b>172.5</b>	<b>210.7</b>	<b>240.0</b>	<b>236.3</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>274.0</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Compensation of employees	117.2	137.2	157.5	170.9	13.4%	67.0%	182.2	191.8	202.1	5.8%	73.7%	
Goods and services	52.9	69.4	80.0	65.2	7.2%	30.7%	65.8	68.0	71.7	3.2%	26.3%	
Depreciation	2.4	4.0	2.4	–	-100.0%	1.0%	–	–	–	–	–	
Interest, dividends and rent on land	–	0.1	0.1	0.2	–	–	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.1%	0.1%	
Transfers and subsidies	–	–	10.6	–	–	1.2%	–	–	–	–	–	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>172.5</b>	<b>210.7</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>236.3</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>274.0</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>(23.7)</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>-21.2%</b>		<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>-13.4%</b>		

### Cash flow statement

<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>(18.9)</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-60.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>60.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>											
<b>Non-tax receipts</b>	<b>193.6</b>	<b>209.3</b>	<b>219.0</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>244.2</b>	<b>259.4</b>	<b>276.0</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	188.1	199.9	209.9	223.4	5.9%	93.3%	237.5	252.5	268.7	6.4%	94.8%
Other tax receipts	5.6	9.4	9.1	9.0	17.5%	3.8%	6.7	7.0	7.3	-6.9%	2.6%
Transfers received	6.5	6.9	6.4	6.3	-1.0%	3.0%	6.6	6.8	7.1	3.7%	2.6%
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>200.1</b>	<b>216.1</b>	<b>225.4</b>	<b>238.7</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>250.8</b>	<b>266.3</b>	<b>283.0</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Payment</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>206.5</b>	<b>233.7</b>	<b>236.5</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>274.0</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Compensation of employees	112.1	141.6	158.0	170.9	15.1%	68.4%	182.2	191.8	202.1	5.8%	73.7%
Goods and services	52.9	64.7	75.6	65.4	7.3%	30.4%	65.8	68.0	71.7	3.1%	26.3%
Interest and rent on land	–	0.1	0.1	0.2	–	–	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.1%	0.1%
Transfers and subsidies	–	–	10.6	–	–	1.2%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>206.5</b>	<b>244.3</b>	<b>236.5</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>274.0</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(1.5)</b>	<b>(2.0)</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>(14.0)</b>	<b>112.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>(6.3)</b>	<b>(9.1)</b>	<b>-13.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	(1.3)	(1.6)	(5.0)	–	-100.0%	44.4%	(2.7)	(2.8)	(2.9)	–	46.6%
Acquisition of software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	(14.0)	–	78.1%	–	(3.5)	(6.2)	-24.0%	53.4%
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	0.0	0.0	–	–	-100.0%	-0.3%	–	–	–	–	–
Other flows from investing activities	(0.2)	(0.3)	4.5	–	-100.0%	-22.2%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(0.3)</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Repayment of finance leases	–	(0.3)	(0.5)	–	–	100.0%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>(19.9)</b>	<b>(11.8)</b>	<b>-170.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 18.20 Council for Medical Schemes statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position (continued)**

Statement of financial position		Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million												
Carrying value of assets		9.8	8.8	11.5	24.5	35.9%	20.5%	25.7	24.5	24.9	0.5%	43.9%
of which:												
Acquisition of assets		(1.3)	(1.6)	(5.0)	–	-100.0%	100.0%	(2.7)	(2.8)	(2.9)	–	100.0%
Investments		4.2	4.5	–	–	-100.0%	3.3%	–	–	–	–	–
Accrued investment interest		–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Receivables and prepayments		6.6	7.4	7.5	4.4	-12.9%	9.7%	4.4	4.4	4.4	–	7.7%
Cash and cash equivalents		51.7	59.1	39.2	27.6	-18.9%	66.6%	27.6	27.6	27.6	–	48.4%
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>72.3</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)		30.8	37.2	13.5	18.8	-15.1%	37.6%	19.1	18.5	19.2	0.6%	33.2%
Capital reserve fund		2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	–	3.1%	2.1	2.1	2.1	–	3.6%
Finance lease		–	1.2	0.8	0.8	–	1.0%	1.7	1.1	0.8	3.4%	2.1%
Deferred income		–	–	1.2	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–	–	–
Trade and other payables		29.8	27.6	25.2	22.4	-9.1%	39.3%	22.4	22.4	22.4	–	39.3%
Provisions		9.6	11.8	15.4	12.4	8.9%	18.5%	12.4	12.4	12.4	–	21.8%
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>72.3</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Personnel information

**Table 18.21 Council for Medical Schemes personnel numbers and cost by salary level**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>1</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment										Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)						
Number of funded posts	Number of approved establishment posts	Actual		Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate												
		2024/25		2025/26			2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29					
Council for Medical Schemes		Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost						
Salary level	143	143	136	157.5	1.2	143	170.9	1.2	143	182.2	1.3	143	191.8	1.3	143	202.1	1.4	–	100.0%
1 – 6	8	8	8	1.9	0.2	8	1.9	0.2	8	2.2	0.3	8	2.1	0.3	8	2.3	0.3	–	5.6%
7 – 10	44	44	40	27.5	0.7	44	27.9	0.6	44	30.0	0.7	44	31.5	0.7	44	33.2	0.8	–	30.8%
11 – 12	21	21	21	18.5	0.9	21	20.8	1.0	21	22.2	1.1	21	23.3	1.1	21	24.5	1.2	–	14.7%
13 – 16	63	63	60	91.1	1.5	63	99.8	1.6	63	106.4	1.7	63	112.5	1.8	63	118.6	1.9	–	44.1%
17 – 22	7	7	7	18.6	2.7	7	20.4	2.9	7	21.5	3.1	7	22.4	3.2	7	23.6	3.4	–	4.9%

1. Rand million.

## Mines and Works Compensation Fund

### Selected performance indicators

**Table 18.22 Mines and Works Compensation Fund performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome**

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of controlled mines and works inspected per year	Administration	Optimised social protection and improved coverage	121	108	131	85	85	90	90
Percentage of levies received from controlled mines and works liable for payment of levies per year	Administration		– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	97% (R104m/R107.4m)	85%	85%	90%	90%
Number of certifications finalised on the mineworkers compensation system per year	Compensation of ex-miners		10 212	14 276	17 765	9 000	8 000	7 000	6 000
Number of benefit payments made by the Compensation Commissioner for Occupational Diseases per year	Compensation of ex-miners		5 776	4 590	5 637	5 000	4 000	4 000	3 000
Number of claims finalised by the Compensation Commissioner for Occupational Diseases per year	Compensation of ex-miners		6 693	5 527	6 197	5 500	4 400	4 400	3 300

1. No historical data available.

## Entity overview

The Mines and Works Compensation Fund was established in terms of the Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act (1973). The act mandates the fund to levy contributions from designated mines and works to finance compensation for current and former employees, as well as the dependants of deceased workers who contracted occupational diseases affecting their cardiorespiratory functions. In addition, the fund provides income replacement to workers undergoing TB treatment.

Over the medium term, the fund will focus on improving access to benefits for eligible mineworkers and former mineworkers. It plans to achieve this by increasing the number of claims finalised and enhancing the efficiency of claims administration to ensure timely compensation. In support of these objectives, expenditure is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.7 per cent, from R368.5 million in 2025/26 to R398.9 million in 2028/29.

Claims are financed through statutory levies collected from controlled mines and works on behalf of their employees. The fund expects interest and investment income to account for 80.8 per cent (R1.3 billion) of total revenue over the MTEF period and levy income to contribute 19.2 per cent (R307.6 million). The fund is fully managed by employees of the department and its operational expenses are within the *Health System Governance and Human Resources* programme's budget.

## Programmes/Objectives/Activities

**Table 18.23 Mines and Works Compensation Fund expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity**

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
R million											
Administration	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Compensation of pensioners	0.4	0.2	6.6	0.2	-14.6%	0.5%	0.2	0.1	0.1	-31.1%	–
Compensation of ex-miners	283.6	304.6	631.5	368.3	9.1%	99.5%	370.3	385.1	398.8	2.7%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>284.0</b>	<b>304.8</b>	<b>638.1</b>	<b>368.5</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>370.4</b>	<b>385.2</b>	<b>398.9</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

**Table 18.24 Mines and Works Compensation Fund statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position**

Statement of financial performance											
	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
R million											
<b>Revenue</b>											
Tax revenue	119.8	127.4	107.0	103.3	-4.8%	15.5%	101.7	102.7	103.2	–	19.2%
Non-tax revenue	956.7	594.0	522.3	421.2	-23.9%	84.5%	416.4	430.1	444.2	1.8%	80.8%
Other non-tax revenue	956.7	594.0	522.3	421.2	-23.9%	84.5%	416.4	430.1	444.2	1.8%	80.8%
Transfers received	1.5	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.1%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1 078.1</b>	<b>721.4</b>	<b>629.3</b>	<b>524.5</b>	<b>-21.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>518.1</b>	<b>532.8</b>	<b>547.4</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>											
Current expenses	283.6	304.6	638.1	368.5	9.1%	100.0%	370.4	385.2	398.9	2.7%	100.0%
Goods and services	0.9	15.2	336.4	110.9	396.9%	29.0%	108.4	108.9	109.1	-0.5%	28.3%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	282.7	289.4	301.7	257.6	-3.1%	70.9%	262.0	276.3	289.8	4.0%	71.7%
Transfers and subsidies	0.4	0.2	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>284.0</b>	<b>304.8</b>	<b>638.1</b>	<b>368.5</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>370.4</b>	<b>385.2</b>	<b>398.9</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	794.1	416.7	(8.8)	156.0	-41.9%		147.7	147.6	148.5	-1.6%	

**Table 18.24 Mines and Works Compensation Fund statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position (continued)**

Cash flow statement	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27			2027/28	2028/29
							2025/26					2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
R million													
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>246.9</b>	<b>365.6</b>	<b>211.4</b>	<b>163.6</b>	<b>-12.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>211.3</b>	<b>217.2</b>	<b>304.3</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>													
<b>Tax receipts</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>		
<b>Non-tax receipts</b>	<b>293.4</b>	<b>450.6</b>	<b>512.7</b>	<b>415.6</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>76.6%</b>	<b>412.1</b>	<b>426.4</b>	<b>441.1</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>79.7%</b>		
Other tax receipts	293.4	450.6	512.7	415.6	12.3%	76.6%	412.1	426.4	441.1	2.0%	79.7%		
<b>Transfers received</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>		
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>444.9</b>	<b>580.7</b>	<b>619.7</b>	<b>538.1</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>520.2</b>	<b>535.3</b>	<b>550.6</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
<b>Payment</b>													
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-19.6%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>		
Goods and services	0.9	2.6	2.5	2.1	33.0%	0.7%	2.2	2.3	2.3	3.0%	0.8%		
Interest and rent on land	4.2	1.0	0.5	0.5	-50.5%	0.5%	0.5	0.5	0.6	3.0%	0.2%		
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>193.0</b>	<b>211.5</b>	<b>405.4</b>	<b>371.8</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>306.2</b>	<b>315.3</b>	<b>243.5</b>	<b>-13.2%</b>	<b>99.0%</b>		
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>198.0</b>	<b>215.1</b>	<b>408.4</b>	<b>374.4</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>308.9</b>	<b>318.1</b>	<b>246.3</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(284.7)</b>	<b>(348.0)</b>	<b>(217.3)</b>	<b>(164.3)</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(210.6)</b>	<b>(214.9)</b>	<b>(309.4)</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
Other flows from investing activities	(284.7)	(348.0)	(217.3)	(164.3)	-16.7%	100.0%	(210.6)	(214.9)	(309.4)	23.5%	100.0%		
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(37.7)</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>(5.9)</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>	<b>-73.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>(5.1)</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
<b>Statement of financial position</b>													
Investments	5 363.6	5 727.1	5 919.2	6 083.5	4.3%	98.5%	6 294.1	6 509.0	6 818.3	3.9%	98.9%		
Receivables and prepayments	28.3	-	-	-	-100.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-		
Cash and cash equivalents	51.9	69.4	63.5	62.8	6.6%	1.1%	63.5	65.8	60.7	-1.1%	1.0%		
Statutory receivables	-	15.2	33.6	17.5	-	0.3%	14.2	11.2	8.2	-22.4%	0.2%		
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5 443.7</b>	<b>5 811.7</b>	<b>6 016.2</b>	<b>6 163.8</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6 371.8</b>	<b>6 586.0</b>	<b>6 887.3</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	2 402.3	2 819.0	2 810.2	2 966.1	7.3%	46.9%	3 113.8	3 261.4	3 409.9	4.8%	49.3%		
Trade and other payables	93.2	103.5	115.5	124.2	10.0%	1.9%	133.3	142.9	153.1	7.2%	2.2%		
Provisions	2 948.2	2 889.2	3 090.6	3 073.5	1.4%	51.2%	3 124.7	3 181.7	3 324.3	2.6%	48.5%		
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>5 443.7</b>	<b>5 811.7</b>	<b>6 016.2</b>	<b>6 163.8</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6 371.8</b>	<b>6 586.0</b>	<b>6 887.3</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		

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### Selected performance indicators

**Table 18.25 National Health Laboratory Service performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome**

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Percentage of occupational and environmental health laboratory tests conducted within the predefined turnaround time per year	Occupational health	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	98% (3 999/ 4 046)	76% (13 104/ 17 317)	77% (9 193/ 11 922)	90%	90%	90%	90%
Percentage of HIV viral load tests performed within 96 hours per year	Laboratory tests		95% (6 213 893/ 6 557 966)	93% (6 255 731/ 6 727 552)	81% (5 303 077/ 6 573 308)	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percentage of TB molecular tests performed within 40 hours per year	Laboratory tests		91% (2 283 562/ 2 513 781)	94% (2 726 809/ 2 887 303)	86% (2 495 060/ 2 899 662)	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percentage of HIV polymerase chain reaction tests performed within 96 hours per year	Laboratory tests		93% (615 195/ 664 912)	94% (573 135/ 609 799)	85% (455 946/ 537 465)	95%	95%	95%	9%
Percentage of cervical smear tests performed within 5 weeks per year	Laboratory tests		88% (813 065/ 918 988)	98% (883 741/ 901 442)	83% (693 380/ 831 918)	95%	95%	95%	95%
Number of articles published in the peer-reviewed journals per year	Research		664	597	702	720	700	700	700

**Table 18.25 National Health Laboratory Service performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome (continued)**

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Percentage of blood alcohol tests completed within 90 days per year	Forensic chemistry laboratories	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	34% (20 597/ 61 514)	82% (60 270/ 73 656)	87% (69 744/ 80 579)	85%	90%	90%	90%
Percentage of perishable food samples tested within 30 days of sampling per year	Forensic chemistry laboratories		72% (176/244)	75% (186/247)	72% (208/288)	85%	90%	90%	90%
Percentage of non-perishable food samples tested within 60 days of sampling per year	Forensic chemistry laboratories		40% (1 010/ 2 517)	48% (1 101/ 2 276)	68% (1 900/ 2 795)	85%	85%	90%	90%

### Entity overview

The National Health Laboratory Service was established in terms of the National Health Laboratory Service Act (2000). It has more than 230 laboratories across all provinces and is the sole provider of training for pathologists and medical scientists. It delivers comprehensive, affordable pathology services to more than 80 per cent of the South African population. The service plays a critical role in the diagnosis and monitoring of priority diseases, including HIV and TB, and hosts the National Institute for Communicable Diseases, which provides expertise on communicable disease outbreaks in South Africa and the broader Southern African Development Community region. The service will continue to provide laboratory testing primarily to health care providers in the public sector while expanding capacity in response to rising demand in priority programmes, particularly HIV and TB care.

Laboratory services remain the entity's core function, accounting for an estimated 77.5 per cent (R35.2 billion) of total spending over the MTEF period. As testing volumes are expected to remain relatively stable over the MTEF period, the entity projects that it will maintain the same turnaround times. The National Institute for Communicable Diseases will continue to lead surveillance and response to communicable diseases through community outreach, hotline services, border testing and provincial support. Total expenditure is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.9 per cent, from R14.5 billion in 2025/26 to R15.4 billion in 2028/29.

The entity expects to derive 89.8 per cent (R40.7 billion) of its revenue over the medium term mainly from laboratory test fees and 4.6 per cent (R2.1 billion) from departmental transfers. Total revenue is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.9 per cent, from R14.5 billion in 2025/26 to R15.4 billion in 2028/29.

### Programmes/Objectives/Activities

**Table 18.26 National Health Laboratory Service expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity**

Audited outcome	Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)			
				2026/27	2027/28	2028/29					
R million	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29	
Administration	355.8	953.7	3 087.4	2 197.2	83.5%	13.7%	2 218.1	2 270.8	2 310.3	1.7%	15.0%
Surveillance of communicable diseases	466.3	385.3	417.5	441.4	-1.8%	3.5%	472.4	411.2	401.3	-3.1%	2.8%
Occupational health	142.7	137.9	149.1	197.8	11.5%	1.3%	180.0	181.4	174.6	-4.1%	1.2%
Laboratory tests	7 957.6	9 394.9	8 804.9	11 199.8	12.1%	77.4%	11 614.4	11 664.4	11 954.8	2.2%	77.5%
Research	359.8	407.3	102.7	214.8	-15.8%	2.2%	238.6	232.2	231.4	2.5%	1.5%
Forensic chemistry laboratories	273.9	168.9	184.1	295.0	2.5%	1.9%	247.8	320.8	318.8	2.6%	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 556.2</b>	<b>11 448.0</b>	<b>12 745.7</b>	<b>14 546.0</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14 971.4</b>	<b>15 080.9</b>	<b>15 391.3</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

**Table 18.27 National Health Laboratory Service statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position**

Statement of financial performance				Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome			2025/26				2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29	
<b>Revenue</b>											
<b>Non-tax revenue</b>	<b>11 963.9</b>	<b>12 248.1</b>	<b>11 879.8</b>	<b>13 909.7</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>14 306.1</b>	<b>14 387.7</b>	<b>14 676.6</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	11 164.3	11 521.7	11 186.8	13 076.6	5.4%	88.9%	13 338.1	13 604.9	13 877.0	2.0%	89.8%
Other non-tax revenue	799.6	726.4	693.0	833.1	1.4%	5.8%	968.0	782.8	799.6	-1.4%	5.6%
<b>Transfers received</b>	<b>772.5</b>	<b>710.2</b>	<b>692.5</b>	<b>636.4</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>665.3</b>	<b>693.2</b>	<b>714.7</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>12 736.4</b>	<b>12 958.3</b>	<b>12 572.3</b>	<b>14 546.0</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14 971.4</b>	<b>15 080.9</b>	<b>15 391.3</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>											
<b>Current expenses</b>	<b>9 553.2</b>	<b>11 444.4</b>	<b>12 745.7</b>	<b>14 546.0</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14 971.4</b>	<b>15 080.9</b>	<b>15 391.3</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Compensation of employees	4 559.6	5 078.4	5 459.1	6 608.6	13.2%	44.9%	6 603.3	7 181.6	7 701.3	5.2%	47.3%
Goods and services	4 662.9	6 210.8	7 015.7	7 568.9	17.5%	52.7%	8 066.6	7 567.5	7 387.9	-0.8%	50.7%
Depreciation	330.7	155.2	270.9	368.5	3.7%	2.3%	301.5	331.8	302.2	-6.4%	2.1%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>9 556.2</b>	<b>11 448.0</b>	<b>12 745.7</b>	<b>14 546.0</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14 971.4</b>	<b>15 080.9</b>	<b>15 391.3</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>3 180.3</b>	<b>1 510.3</b>	<b>(173.4)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash flow statement</b>											
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>1 747.1</b>	<b>889.2</b>	<b>533.2</b>	<b>700.0</b>	<b>-26.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>599.8</b>	<b>450.0</b>	<b>336.1</b>	<b>-21.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>											
<b>Non-tax receipts</b>	<b>10 648.2</b>	<b>11 723.2</b>	<b>12 573.0</b>	<b>14 546.5</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>14 175.7</b>	<b>14 784.9</b>	<b>15 221.2</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	10 265.4	11 114.5	11 879.3	14 285.3	11.6%	91.1%	13 899.0	14 492.2	14 924.5	1.5%	93.6%
Other tax receipts	382.8	608.7	693.7	261.2	-12.0%	3.7%	276.7	292.8	296.7	4.3%	1.9%
<b>Transfers received</b>	<b>772.5</b>	<b>706.4</b>	<b>598.8</b>	<b>636.4</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>665.3</b>	<b>693.2</b>	<b>714.7</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11 420.7</b>	<b>12 429.6</b>	<b>13 171.8</b>	<b>15 182.8</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14 841.0</b>	<b>15 478.1</b>	<b>15 935.9</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Payment</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>9 673.6</b>	<b>11 540.4</b>	<b>12 638.7</b>	<b>14 482.8</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14 241.2</b>	<b>15 028.1</b>	<b>15 599.8</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Compensation of employees	4 863.7	5 078.4	5 496.6	6 608.6	10.8%	45.6%	6 603.3	7 181.6	7 701.3	5.2%	47.9%
Goods and services	4 809.8	6 462.1	7 142.1	7 874.2	17.9%	54.4%	7 637.9	7 846.5	7 898.5	0.1%	52.1%
Interest and rent on land	0.1	-	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9 673.6</b>	<b>11 540.4</b>	<b>12 638.7</b>	<b>14 482.8</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14 241.2</b>	<b>15 028.1</b>	<b>15 599.8</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(91.1)</b>	<b>(317.3)</b>	<b>(409.7)</b>	<b>(700.0)</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(599.8)</b>	<b>(450.0)</b>	<b>(336.1)</b>	<b>-21.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	(89.3)	(316.5)	(397.9)	(700.0)	98.6%	99.1%	(599.8)	(450.0)	(336.1)	-21.7%	100.0%
Acquisition of software and other intangible assets	(1.7)	(0.8)	(11.8)	-	-100.0%	0.9%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1 656.1</b>	<b>571.9</b>	<b>123.4</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>-100.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-185.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Statement of financial position</b>											
Carrying value of assets	1 454.9	1 549.6	1 699.3	2 383.3	17.9%	16.7%	2 244.9	2 643.9	2 696.8	4.2%	35.1%
<i>of which:</i>											
<b>Acquisition of assets</b>	<b>(89.3)</b>	<b>(316.5)</b>	<b>(397.9)</b>	<b>(700.0)</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(599.8)</b>	<b>(450.0)</b>	<b>(336.1)</b>	<b>-21.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Inventory	597.7	557.3	974.7	587.2	-0.6%	6.4%	771.7	642.5	674.6	4.7%	9.7%
Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables and prepayments	3 319.8	3 999.6	3 614.3	1 839.9	-17.9%	30.1%	3 731.7	2 226.3	2 448.9	10.0%	38.9%
Cash and cash equivalents	5 139.4	5 711.3	5 834.7	3 085.4	-15.6%	46.7%	2 724.3	630.2	189.0	-60.6%	16.4%
Taxation	5.4	9.8	7.0	-	-100.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10 517.2</b>	<b>11 827.5</b>	<b>12 129.9</b>	<b>7 895.9</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9 472.6</b>	<b>6 142.8</b>	<b>6 009.4</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	7 103.6	8 614.0	8 441.9	4 370.6	-14.9%	67.3%	5 443.6	2 493.3	1 670.5	-27.4%	44.4%
Capital and reserves	654.9	582.2	582.2	582.2	-3.8%	5.7%	582.2	582.2	582.2	-	8.1%
Capital reserve fund	129.1	126.8	-	-	-100.0%	0.6%	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	0.0	-	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income	-	-	137.5	-	-	0.3%	-	-	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	1 273.3	1 070.3	1 415.0	1 710.9	10.3%	12.9%	1 421.0	1 723.1	1 723.1	0.2%	22.5%
Taxation	2.0	2.5	1.9	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	1 354.3	1 061.6	1 537.2	783.4	-16.7%	11.2%	1 597.7	856.3	899.2	4.7%	15.5%
Derivatives financial instruments	-	370.1	14.2	448.8	-	2.0%	428.0	487.8	1 134.3	36.2%	9.5%
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>10 517.2</b>	<b>11 827.5</b>	<b>12 129.9</b>	<b>7 895.9</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9 472.6</b>	<b>6 142.8</b>	<b>6 009.4</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Personnel information

**Table 18.28 National Health Laboratory Service personnel numbers and cost by salary level**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>1</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)	
Number of funded posts	Number of posts on approved establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2024/25		2025/26		2026/27			2027/28			2028/29			2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29			
National Health Laboratory Service		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
Salary level	8 800	8 800	8 367	5 459.1	0.7	8 800	6 608.6	0.8	8 800	6 603.3	0.8	8 810	7 181.6	0.8	8 810	7 701.3	0.9	0.0%	100.0%
1 – 6	1 353	1 353	1 353	236.7	0.2	1 353	253.7	0.2	1 353	253.5	0.2	1 353	271.8	0.2	1 353	291.5	0.2	-	15.4%
7 – 10	5 949	5 942	5 516	3 012.8	0.5	5 949	3 948.8	0.7	5 942	3 945.6	0.7	5 947	4 230.9	0.7	5 947	4 537.0	0.8	-0.0%	67.5%
11 – 12	838	841	838	971.3	1.2	838	1 041.2	1.2	841	1 040.4	1.2	846	1 216.6	1.4	846	1 304.6	1.5	0.3%	9.6%
13 – 16	651	655	651	1 206.8	1.9	651	1 330.9	2.0	655	1 329.8	2.0	655	1 426.0	2.2	655	1 529.2	2.3	0.2%	7.4%
17 – 22	9	9	9	31.6	3.5	9	33.9	3.8	9	33.9	3.8	9	36.3	4.0	9	39.0	4.3	-	0.1%

1. Rand million.

## Office of Health Standards Compliance

### Selected performance indicators

**Table 18.29 Office of Health Standards Compliance performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome**

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Percentage of public health establishments inspected for compliance with norms and standards per year	Compliance inspectorate		20.8% (781/ 3 741)	19.6% (734/ 3 741)	19.1% (715/ 3 741)	100% <sup>1</sup> (761)	20%	20%	20%
Percentage of private health establishments inspected for compliance with norms and standards per year	Compliance inspectorate		11.8% (51/431)	11.4% (60/526)	18.4% (97/526)	100% <sup>1</sup> (210)	20%	20%	20%
Percentage of low-risk complaints resolved per year within 25 working days of lodgement in the call centre	Complaints management and office of the ombud		93.4% (2 472/ 2 647)	96.6% (2 308/ 2 389)	95.7% (3 645/ 3 810)	90%	90%	90%	90%
Number of recommendation reports for improvement in the health care sector made to relevant authorities per year	Health standards design, analysis and support	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
Percentage of health establishments issued with a certificate of compliance within 15 days of the date of the final inspection report and a recommendation by an inspector per year	Certification and enforcement		100% (251)	91% (563/ 618)	91.2% (1 252/ 1 373)	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of health establishments against which enforcement action has been taken within 30 days of the date of the final inspection report per year	Certification and enforcement		- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	90%	100%	100%	100%

1. The targets for these indicators, for 2025/26 only, were amended to reflect the facilities targeted for that year. This explains the 100% in-year estimated performance.

2. No historical data available.

### Entity overview

The Office of Health Standards Compliance was established in terms of the National Health Amendment Act (2013) and is responsible for promoting and enforcing compliance with prescribed norms and standards across public and private health establishments. Over the medium term, the office will focus on strengthening its oversight of quality and safety in the delivery of health services by conducting routine and targeted inspections informed by risk profiling and performance data. It will continue to receive, assess and resolve complaints relating to noncompliance and investigate adverse events in a manner that is procedurally fair, cost-effective and timely, thereby contributing to improved accountability and patient protection within the health system.

Over the period ahead, the office aims to increase the number of inspections conducted at public and private public health facilities from 971 in 2025/26 to 1 050 in 2028/29. As a result, spending in the compliance

inspectorate is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.3 per cent, from R66.7 million in 2025/26 to R71.5 million in 2028/29. Total expenditure is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 5.1 per cent, from R191.7 million in 2025/26 to R222.4 million in 2028/29.

The entity is fully funded through departmental transfers. Over the MTEF period, R24 million is allocated for the appointment of critical staff. Total revenue is estimated to amount to R647.7 million over the medium term and is projected to increase in line with spending.

## Programmes/Objectives/Activities

**Table 18.30 Office of Health Standards Compliance expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity**

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million											
Administration	72.3	77.2	77.8	73.7	0.6%	39.8%	82.6	85.2	87.2	5.8%	39.6%
Compliance inspectorate	75.9	59.6	64.3	66.7	-4.2%	35.3%	66.0	69.2	71.5	2.3%	32.1%
Complaints management and office of the ombud	23.4	29.4	32.9	32.3	11.4%	15.6%	36.1	38.1	40.2	7.5%	17.8%
Health standards design, analysis and support	13.2	14.4	14.1	15.5	5.5%	7.6%	16.9	17.8	18.6	6.3%	8.3%
Certification and Enforcement	2.5	3.3	3.6	3.5	12.1%	1.7%	4.4	4.7	4.9	11.5%	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>187.2</b>	<b>183.9</b>	<b>192.8</b>	<b>191.7</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>222.4</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

**Table 18.31 Office of Health Standards Compliance statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position**

Statement of financial performance											
	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million											
<b>Revenue</b>											
Non-tax revenue	3.3	2.9	2.9	1.4	-24.4%	1.5%	1.4	1.4	1.4	-	0.7%
Other non-tax revenue	3.3	2.9	2.9	1.4	-24.4%	1.5%	1.4	1.4	1.4	-	0.7%
Transfers received	157.5	161.5	181.6	191.7	6.8%	98.5%	206.0	214.9	222.4	5.1%	99.3%
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>164.4</b>	<b>184.5</b>	<b>193.2</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>207.5</b>	<b>216.4</b>	<b>223.8</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>											
Current expenses	187.2	183.9	192.8	191.7	0.8%	100.0%	206.0	214.9	222.4	5.1%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	126.1	123.7	131.6	135.3	2.4%	68.4%	150.9	159.1	167.9	7.5%	74.3%
Goods and services	54.3	53.6	54.0	56.5	1.3%	28.9%	55.1	55.8	54.5	-1.2%	25.7%
Depreciation	6.8	6.5	7.2	-	-100.0%	2.7%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>187.2</b>	<b>183.9</b>	<b>192.8</b>	<b>191.7</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>222.4</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(26.4)</b>	<b>(19.4)</b>	<b>(8.3)</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-137.6%</b>		<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Cash flow statement</b>											
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>(14.4)</b>	<b>(17.8)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-169.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>											
Non-tax receipts	3.3	2.9	2.9	-	-100.0%	1.3%	-	-	-	-	-
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	-	-	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other tax receipts	3.3	2.9	2.9	-	-100.0%	1.3%	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers received	157.5	161.5	181.6	191.7	6.8%	98.7%	206.0	214.9	222.4	5.1%	100.0%
Financial transactions in assets and liabilities	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>164.4</b>	<b>184.5</b>	<b>191.7</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>222.4</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Payment</b>											
Current payments	175.2	182.3	184.3	187.0	2.2%	100.0%	201.5	210.6	218.6	5.3%	100.0%
Compensation of employees	126.1	124.3	130.9	135.3	2.4%	70.9%	150.9	159.1	167.9	7.5%	75.8%
Goods and services	49.1	58.0	53.4	51.7	1.7%	29.1%	50.6	51.5	50.7	-0.6%	24.2%
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>175.2</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>184.3</b>	<b>187.0</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>201.5</b>	<b>210.6</b>	<b>218.6</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(4.5)</b>	<b>(4.8)</b>	<b>(4.0)</b>	<b>(4.8)</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(4.5)</b>	<b>(4.4)</b>	<b>(3.8)</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	(2.5)	(1.0)	(0.9)	(0.7)	-33.5%	27.9%	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	-0.7%	16.2%
Acquisition of software and other intangible assets	(2.0)	(3.8)	(3.1)	(4.1)	26.1%	72.1%	(3.9)	(3.7)	(3.1)	-9.0%	83.8%
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(18.9)</b>	<b>(22.6)</b>	<b>(3.8)</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-251.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 18.31 Office of Health Standards Compliance statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position (continued)**

Statement of financial position		Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
R million												
Carrying value of assets		10.8	12.2	9.1	8.7	-6.8%	30.2%	9.4	8.2	7.4	-5.3%	52.2%
of which:												
Acquisition of assets		(2.5)	(1.0)	(0.9)	(0.7)	-33.5%	100.0%	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	-0.7%	100.0%
Receivables and prepayments		3.6	1.6	1.3	–	-100.0%	4.7%	–	–	–	–	–
Cash and cash equivalents		45.7	23.0	19.3	–	-100.0%	65.1%	7.3	7.6	8.0	–	47.8%
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>60.0</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-47.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)		40.4	24.2	15.9	1.4	-67.2%	60.6%	9.1	7.8	7.0	70.2%	50.0%
Trade and other payables		12.4	6.0	6.7	–	-100.0%	18.6%	–	–	–	–	–
Provisions		7.2	6.6	6.9	7.3	0.6%	20.8%	7.6	8.0	8.4	4.5%	50.0%
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>60.0</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-47.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Personnel information

**Table 18.32 Office of Health Standards Compliance personnel numbers and cost by salary level**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>1</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)				
Number of funded posts	Number of approved establishment posts	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate						2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29				
		2024/25		2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2028/29									
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
Office of Health Standards Compliance		143	143		143	135.3	0.9	153	150.9	1.0	153	159.1	1.0	153	167.9	1.1	2.3%	100.0%	
Salary level																			
7 – 10	88	88	88	61.4	0.7	88	62.7	0.7	94	70.2	0.7	94	74.1	0.8	94	78.2	0.8	2.2%	61.4%
11 – 12	34	34	33	38.2	1.2	34	38.9	1.1	38	45.1	1.2	38	47.6	1.3	38	50.4	1.3	3.8%	24.8%
13 – 16	21	21	21	32.0	1.5	21	33.6	1.6	21	35.6	1.7	21	37.4	1.8	21	39.3	1.9	–	13.7%

1. Rand million.

## South African Health Products Regulatory Authority

### Selected performance indicators

**Table 18.33 South African Health Products Regulatory Authority performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome**

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of new chemical entities' master applications finalised within 360 working days (human and veterinary medicines) per year	Health product authorisation	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	60	65	70	75
Number of generic master applications finalised within 250 working days (human and veterinary) per year	Health product authorisation		– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	420	480	495	510
Percentage of applications for the sale of unregistered category A (human) medicines finalised within 3 working days per year	Medicines evaluation and registration		87% (14 874/ 16 940)	96% (17 404/ 18 083)	96% (19 509/ 20 245)	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percentage of human clinical trials applications finalised within 80 working days per year	Medicines evaluation and registration		104% (169/ 163)	91.3% (189/ 207)	94% (122/ 130)	80%	80%	85%	85%
Percentage of medical device licence applications finalised within 90 days per year	Devices and radiation control		136% (943/ 692)	126.6% (1 114/ 880)	128.4% (1 349/ 1 051)	80%	80%	80%	85%

1. No historical data available.

## Entity overview

The South African Health Products Regulatory Authority was established in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Act (1965) to regulate medicines, scheduled substances, clinical trials, medical devices and in vitro diagnostic test kits. It aims to improve access to safe, effective and quality health products over the medium term by ensuring the timely registration of health products to meet public health needs, while strengthening institutional capacity, stability and in-house technical expertise.

In its efforts to increase the number of registrations of new chemical entities from 60 in 2025/26 to 75 in 2028/29 and generic products from 420 to 510 over the same period, spending in the authority's medicines evaluation and registration programme is expected to account for 32.8 per cent (R528.6 million) of total expenditure over the period ahead. Total expenditure is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 6.6 per cent, from R471.3 million in 2025/26 to R570.2 million in 2028/29, driven mainly by compensation of employees and investments in digital systems to streamline regulatory processes.

Revenue over the period ahead is expected to increase in line with expenditure. This increase is largely driven by high anticipated revenue from evaluation and registration fees, which increases at an average annual rate of 8.9 per cent over the period ahead. Revenue from these fees is expected to account for 62.9 per cent (R1 billion) of total revenue over the MTEF period, while transfers from the department are set to account for 30 per cent (R483.7 million).

## Programmes/Objectives/Activities

**Table 18.34 South African Health Products Regulatory Authority expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity**

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million											
Administration	140.5	180.6	194.8	172.6	7.1%	40.2%	170.0	179.9	191.0	3.4%	33.6%
Health product authorisation	47.0	34.1	41.7	54.9	5.4%	10.4%	48.4	51.1	54.4	-0.3%	9.6%
Inspectorate and regulatory compliance	42.4	49.2	56.4	63.8	14.6%	12.4%	69.1	75.3	79.9	7.8%	13.9%
Medicines evaluation and registration	109.6	119.4	115.5	136.2	7.5%	28.1%	164.9	176.0	187.7	11.3%	32.8%
Devices and radiation control	33.1	35.4	40.7	43.7	9.7%	8.9%	51.0	53.8	57.2	9.4%	10.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>372.7</b>	<b>418.7</b>	<b>449.1</b>	<b>471.3</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>503.3</b>	<b>536.0</b>	<b>570.2</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position

**Table 18.35 South African Health Products Regulatory Authority statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position**

Statement of financial performance											
	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million											
<b>Revenue</b>											
<b>Non-tax revenue</b>	<b>246.2</b>	<b>300.6</b>	<b>359.5</b>	<b>322.0</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>67.9%</b>	<b>347.9</b>	<b>374.4</b>	<b>403.6</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	206.0	231.2	254.7	284.4	11.3%	54.0%	308.8	336.6	366.9	8.9%	62.9%
Other non-tax revenue	40.2	69.4	104.7	37.6	-2.1%	13.9%	39.1	37.8	36.8	-0.8%	7.1%
<b>Transfers received</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>155.4</b>	<b>161.6</b>	<b>166.6</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>396.2</b>	<b>438.4</b>	<b>503.0</b>	<b>471.3</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>503.3</b>	<b>536.0</b>	<b>570.2</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>											
<b>Current expenses</b>	<b>372.7</b>	<b>418.7</b>	<b>449.1</b>	<b>471.3</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>503.3</b>	<b>536.0</b>	<b>570.2</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Compensation of employees	223.4	248.1	296.4	305.9	11.0%	62.7%	344.7	371.0	394.7	8.9%	69.0%
Goods and services	141.4	163.2	142.6	165.5	5.4%	35.8%	158.6	165.0	175.5	2.0%	31.0%
Depreciation	7.8	7.4	10.1	—	-100.0%	1.5%	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>372.7</b>	<b>418.7</b>	<b>449.1</b>	<b>471.3</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>503.3</b>	<b>536.0</b>	<b>570.2</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

**Table 18.35 South African Health Products Regulatory Authority statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position (continued)**

Cash flow statement		Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25				2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27		
R million												
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		<b>92.6</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-55.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>												
<b>Non-tax receipts</b>		<b>293.4</b>	<b>294.3</b>	<b>322.2</b>	<b>321.2</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>64.4%</b>	<b>346.9</b>	<b>373.6</b>	<b>402.9</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>69.8%</b>
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets		272.8	261.5	285.4	284.4	1.4%	57.8%	308.8	336.6	366.9	8.9%	62.9%
Other tax receipts		20.6	32.8	36.8	36.8	21.2%	6.7%	38.1	37.1	36.0	-0.7%	6.9%
<b>Transfers received</b>		<b>164.5</b>	<b>164.9</b>	<b>199.6</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	<b>155.4</b>	<b>161.6</b>	<b>166.6</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>
<b>Financial transactions in assets and liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>457.9</b>	<b>459.2</b>	<b>521.8</b>	<b>471.3</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>503.3</b>	<b>536.0</b>	<b>570.2</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Payment</b>												
<b>Current payments</b>		<b>365.3</b>	<b>400.1</b>	<b>426.6</b>	<b>463.2</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>496.5</b>	<b>530.6</b>	<b>564.9</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Compensation of employees		225.8	258.9	290.0	305.9	10.6%	65.3%	344.7	371.0	394.7	8.9%	69.7%
Goods and services		139.5	141.2	136.6	157.3	4.1%	34.7%	151.7	159.6	170.2	2.7%	30.3%
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>365.3</b>	<b>400.1</b>	<b>426.6</b>	<b>463.2</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>496.5</b>	<b>530.6</b>	<b>564.9</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>		<b>(7.4)</b>	<b>(17.1)</b>	<b>(15.3)</b>	<b>(8.1)</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(6.9)</b>	<b>(5.4)</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets		(7.4)	(3.3)	(6.3)	(8.1)	3.1%	52.6%	(6.9)	(5.4)	(5.3)	-13.3%	100.0%
Acquisition of software and other intangible assets		-	(13.8)	(9.0)	-	-	47.6%	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>85.2</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-101.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Statement of financial position</b>												
Carrying value of assets		31.2	42.0	53.1	61.3	25.2%	9.5%	68.2	73.5	78.8	8.8%	10.7%
<i>of which:</i>												
Acquisition of assets		(7.4)	(3.3)	(6.3)	(8.1)	3.1%	100.0%	(6.9)	(5.4)	(5.3)	-13.3%	100.0%
Receivables and prepayments		15.1	27.0	24.9	25.0	18.2%	4.7%	25.0	25.0	25.0	-	3.6%
Cash and cash equivalents		329.6	371.6	451.5	546.9	18.4%	85.9%	570.0	590.0	610.0	3.7%	85.7%
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>376.0</b>	<b>440.7</b>	<b>529.5</b>	<b>633.2</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>663.2</b>	<b>688.5</b>	<b>713.8</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)		71.0	90.7	144.6	195.3	40.1%	25.3%	205.3	210.6	215.9	3.4%	30.6%
Capital reserve fund		4.3	9.8	10.1	15.0	51.5%	2.0%	15.0	15.0	15.0	-	2.2%
Finance lease		4.1	3.5	1.5	1.5	-28.3%	0.5%	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	0.2%
Deferred income		256.2	289.8	318.6	365.0	12.5%	62.1%	385.0	405.0	425.0	5.2%	58.8%
Trade and other payables		10.6	12.1	13.6	25.0	33.3%	3.1%	25.0	25.0	25.0	-	3.6%
Provisions		28.8	33.8	40.2	31.4	2.9%	6.8%	31.4	31.4	31.4	-	4.6%
Derivatives financial instruments		1.0	0.9	0.9	-	-100.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>376.0</b>	<b>440.7</b>	<b>529.5</b>	<b>633.2</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>663.2</b>	<b>688.5</b>	<b>713.8</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Personnel information

**Table 18.36 South African Health Products Regulatory Authority personnel numbers and cost by salary level**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>1</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment											Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)					
		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
Number of approved funded establishment posts	Number of posts on approved establishment	2024/25		2025/26			2026/27		2027/28		2028/29		2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29					
		Number	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost							
395	473	355	296.4	0.8	356	305.9	0.9	381	344.7	0.9	381	371.0	1.0	381	394.7	1.0	2.3%	100.0%	
7 - 10	170	188	153	85.1	0.6	148	86.9	0.6	166	78.6	0.5	166	83.3	0.5	166	88.4	0.5	3.9%	43.6%
11 - 12	168	224	152	139.8	0.9	153	139.1	0.9	159	176.5	1.1	159	192.3	1.2	159	205.1	1.3	1.3%	41.7%
13 - 16	54	58	47	63.1	1.3	52	71.3	1.4	53	80.3	1.5	53	85.5	1.6	53	90.7	1.7	0.6%	13.9%
17 - 22	3	3	3	8.3	2.8	3	8.6	2.9	3	9.4	3.1	3	9.9	3.3	3	10.5	3.5	-	0.8%

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## South African Medical Research Council

### Selected performance indicators

**Table 18.37 South African Medical Research Council performance indicators by programme/objective/activity and related outcome**

Indicator	Programme/Objective/Activity	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Number of accepted and/or published conference proceedings, abstracts, journal articles, book chapters and books by council affiliated and funded authors per year	Core research	Improved access to affordable and quality health care	1 455	1 294	1 339	1 000	900	1 025	1 025
Number of accepted and/or published conference proceedings, abstracts, journal articles, book chapters and books where the first and/or last author is affiliated with the council per year	Core research		775	646	673	650	500	500	500
Number of research grants funded by the council per year	Core research		174	221	197	210	210	210	210
Number of innovation and technology projects funded by the council aimed at developing, testing and/or implementing new or improved health solutions per year	Innovation and technology		20	26	28	38	38	38	38
Number of council career and capacity development awards to all recipients for masters and PhD candidates, postdoctoral fellows, and early- and mid-career scientists per year	Capacity development		171	184	199	110	130	140	150
Number of masters and PhD students graduated or completed per year	Capacity development		93	120	113	50	50	50	20

### Entity overview

The South African Medical Research Council conducts and funds health research and medical innovation in terms of the amended South African Medical Research Council Act (1991). It is mandated to improve the health and quality of life of the South African population by generating evidence-based recommendations for policy-makers through research, technology development and capacity-building initiatives. Over the medium term, the council will focus on prioritising core health research, innovation and technology development; and strengthening its research capacity, with a focus on risk factors associated with TB, HIV and AIDS, cardiovascular and non-communicable diseases, gender, and alcohol and other substance abuse.

The council's core research function is expected to account for 60.6 per cent (R4.2 billion) of total expenditure over the MTEF period, supporting the publication of more than 5 000 journal articles, book chapters and books authored by researchers affiliated with the council. Total expenditure is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 5.5 per cent, from R2 billion in 2025/26 to R2.4 billion in 2028/29.

Revenue over the period ahead is expected to increase in line with expenditure. This growth is largely driven by additional funding of R410 million over the medium term to replace funding withdrawn by the United States government. Transfers from the department are set to account for 46.9 per cent (R3.3 billion) of total revenue over the MTEF period, while revenue from research grants is estimated at 49.9 per cent (R3.5 billion).

**Programmes/Objectives/Activities****Table 18.38 South African Medical Research Council expenditure trends and estimates by programme/objective/activity**

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
R million											
Administration	246.4	273.1	321.6	322.8	9.4%	17.8%	335.7	345.8	360.0	3.7%	14.9%
Core research	774.4	847.6	842.7	1 150.1	14.1%	55.4%	1 414.8	1 439.8	1 390.5	6.5%	60.6%
Innovation and technology	340.8	355.6	303.4	433.1	8.3%	22.0%	459.3	484.3	504.8	5.2%	20.7%
Capacity development	70.4	75.0	71.7	89.6	8.4%	4.7%	83.4	87.6	91.4	0.7%	3.7%
Research Translation	3.2	–	–	4.5	11.2%	0.1%	3.2	4.9	4.9	3.0%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 435.3</b>	<b>1 551.3</b>	<b>1 539.5</b>	<b>1 999.9</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 296.4</b>	<b>2 362.4</b>	<b>2 351.6</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position****Table 18.39 South African Medical Research Council statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position**

## Statement of financial performance

	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29
R million											
<b>Revenue</b>											
<b>Non-tax revenue</b>	<b>664.0</b>	<b>770.5</b>	<b>767.3</b>	<b>986.0</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>1 257.4</b>	<b>1 258.2</b>	<b>1 210.3</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>53.1%</b>
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	600.0	693.1	690.7	915.7	15.1%	44.1%	1 184.1	1 183.4	1 130.3	7.3%	49.9%
Other non-tax revenue	63.9	77.4	76.6	70.3	3.2%	4.4%	73.4	74.8	80.0	4.4%	3.3%
<b>Transfers received</b>	<b>778.9</b>	<b>759.5</b>	<b>832.8</b>	<b>1 013.9</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>51.5%</b>	<b>1 039.0</b>	<b>1 104.1</b>	<b>1 141.3</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>46.9%</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1 442.8</b>	<b>1 530.0</b>	<b>1 600.1</b>	<b>1 999.9</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 296.4</b>	<b>2 362.4</b>	<b>2 351.6</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>											
<b>Current expenses</b>	<b>1 333.7</b>	<b>1 452.3</b>	<b>1 430.8</b>	<b>1 881.4</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>93.4%</b>	<b>2 160.9</b>	<b>2 218.3</b>	<b>2 202.7</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
Compensation of employees	484.1	552.0	599.2	635.7	9.5%	34.8%	672.2	711.2	752.4	5.8%	30.5%
Goods and services	824.5	867.3	794.1	1 208.7	13.6%	56.6%	1 451.7	1 468.7	1 407.9	5.2%	61.7%
Depreciation	24.8	32.7	37.2	37.0	14.2%	2.0%	37.0	38.5	42.4	4.6%	1.7%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	0.2	0.4	0.3	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1 435.3</b>	<b>1 551.3</b>	<b>1 539.5</b>	<b>1 999.9</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 296.4</b>	<b>2 362.4</b>	<b>2 351.6</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>(21.4)</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	
<b>Cash flow statement</b>											
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>(142.3)</b>	<b>222.8</b>	<b>(16.8)</b>	<b>-160.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>-277.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>											
<b>Non-tax receipts</b>	<b>593.4</b>	<b>561.1</b>	<b>757.3</b>	<b>900.3</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>1 230.6</b>	<b>1 228.1</b>	<b>1 181.2</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>52.6%</b>
Sales of goods and services other than capital assets	550.8	498.3	702.9	844.5	15.3%	41.9%	1 173.7	1 170.8	1 121.2	9.9%	50.1%
Other tax receipts	42.5	62.8	54.4	55.8	9.4%	3.5%	56.9	57.3	60.0	2.5%	2.5%
<b>Transfers received</b>	<b>778.9</b>	<b>759.5</b>	<b>832.8</b>	<b>1 013.9</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>54.6%</b>	<b>1 039.0</b>	<b>1 104.1</b>	<b>1 141.3</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>47.4%</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1 372.2</b>	<b>1 320.6</b>	<b>1 590.1</b>	<b>1 914.2</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 269.6</b>	<b>2 332.3</b>	<b>2 322.5</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Payment</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>1 296.2</b>	<b>1 462.9</b>	<b>1 367.2</b>	<b>1 931.0</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 199.7</b>	<b>2 261.9</b>	<b>2 228.5</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Compensation of employees	477.5	527.7	595.0	646.2	10.6%	37.1%	683.0	723.7	786.1	6.8%	32.8%
Goods and services	818.4	934.9	771.9	1 284.5	16.2%	62.9%	1 516.5	1 538.0	1 442.1	3.9%	67.2%
Interest and rent on land	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.6%	–	0.3	0.3	0.3	–	–
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1 296.2</b>	<b>1 462.9</b>	<b>1 367.2</b>	<b>1 931.0</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 199.7</b>	<b>2 261.9</b>	<b>2 228.5</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(54.7)</b>	<b>(53.7)</b>	<b>(65.5)</b>	<b>(57.5)</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(57.5)</b>	<b>(61.4)</b>	<b>(68.9)</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Acquisition of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	(53.0)	(43.4)	(60.2)	(54.5)	1.0%	91.3%	(54.5)	(58.2)	(65.4)	6.2%	94.8%
Acquisition of software and other intangible assets	(1.9)	(10.7)	(6.1)	(3.0)	15.8%	9.4%	(3.0)	(3.2)	(3.5)	5.6%	5.2%
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	0.2	0.4	0.8	–	-100.0%	-0.6%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Borrowing activities	0.2	0.4	0.4	–	-100.0%	100.0%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>(195.7)</b>	<b>157.8</b>	<b>(74.3)</b>	<b>-251.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-169.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 18.39 South African Medical Research Council statements of financial performance, cash flow and financial position (continued)**

Statement of financial position				Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome			2025/26				2026/27	2027/28	2028/29		
R million	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2025/26 - 2028/29	2026/27 - 2028/29	
Carrying value of assets	291.1	330.6	354.6	313.5	2.5%	29.2%	320.2	327.6	327.6	1.5%	29.6%
<i>of which:</i>											
Acquisition of assets	(53.0)	(43.4)	(60.2)	(54.5)	1.0%	100.0%	(54.5)	(58.2)	(65.4)	6.2%	100.0%
Investments	15.6	18.5	21.7	16.1	1.0%	1.6%	16.1	16.8	16.8	1.3%	1.5%
Receivables and prepayments	129.2	112.6	113.3	99.7	-8.3%	10.3%	101.7	105.5	105.5	1.9%	9.5%
Cash and cash equivalents	719.7	522.1	679.8	605.5	-5.6%	57.2%	617.9	626.8	651.9	2.5%	57.6%
Taxation	16.2	25.4	13.2	16.5	0.6%	1.6%	18.5	19.5	19.5	5.7%	1.7%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1 171.8</b>	<b>1 009.3</b>	<b>1 182.6</b>	<b>1 051.2</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1 074.3</b>	<b>1 096.2</b>	<b>1 121.2</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	434.3	412.9	473.6	289.5	-12.6%	36.5%	289.5	289.5	289.5	-	26.4%
Deferred income	549.6	448.6	538.8	563.1	0.8%	47.6%	578.0	600.3	625.4	3.6%	54.8%
Trade and other payables	166.5	115.6	103.0	160.1	-1.3%	12.3%	166.8	165.0	165.0	1.0%	15.1%
Provisions	21.4	32.1	67.2	38.6	21.7%	3.6%	40.0	41.4	41.4	2.3%	3.7%
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1 171.8</b>	<b>1 009.3</b>	<b>1 182.6</b>	<b>1 051.2</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1 074.3</b>	<b>1 096.2</b>	<b>1 121.2</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Personnel information

**Table 18.40 South African Medical Research Council personnel numbers and cost by salary level**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026		Number and cost <sup>1</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate of personnel posts (%)	Average: salary level/ Total (%)				
Number of funded posts	Number of posts on approved establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2024/25		2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2028/29									
South African Medical Research Council		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
Salary level	878	878	850	599.2	0.7	878	635.7	0.7	878	672.2	0.8	878	711.2	0.8	878	752.4	0.9	-	100.0%
1 – 6	266	266	306	69.7	0.2	266	60.3	0.2	266	63.7	0.2	266	67.4	0.3	266	71.4	0.3	-	30.3%
7 – 10	382	382	329	201.1	0.6	382	221.9	0.6	382	234.6	0.6	382	248.1	0.6	382	262.5	0.7	-	43.5%
11 – 12	102	102	103	119.5	1.2	102	123.4	1.2	102	130.4	1.3	102	138.0	1.4	102	146.0	1.4	-	11.6%
13 – 16	121	121	107	192.5	1.8	121	209.0	1.7	121	220.9	1.8	121	233.7	1.9	121	247.2	2.0	-	13.8%
17 – 22	7	7	5	16.4	3.3	7	21.3	3.0	7	22.6	3.2	7	24.0	3.4	7	25.3	3.6	-	0.8%

1. Rand million.

