

Another R26,5 million will be spent by the Department of Transport and Public Works to fund bursary schemes and to provide 1 500 learnerships (in partnership with the National Skills Fund) over a three year period through its Learnership 1000 programme.

The budget of the **Department of Economic Development and Tourism** jumps by 20% to total R21,4,152 million in 2007/08. R50,821 million over the next three years will be spent for Workforce Development and learnership programmes, such as "Calling the Cape".

**Funds to improve the quality of social services and to support nurses and teachers**

Over 75% of this year's budget goes to health, education and social development to support families and create more livable, healthy communities.

We need to do more to improve the quality of education in our schools so that matric rates rise and the drop-out rate falls. The **Department of Education's** 2007/08 budget increases by 8% from 2006/07 to R7,685 billion in 2007/08. Over the next three years, the Department has allocated:

- R23,518 million to increase the remuneration for education personnel, beginning with school managers and administrative staff;
- R121 million to in-service training and development programmes for teachers to improve the quality of teaching in mathematics, life orientation, Grade R and school management;
- R10,648 million for testing of learners so that we have a more accurate understanding of their needs and progress, and
- R622,267 million which allows the Department to more than double the number of no-fee schools.

In order to increase the number of medical staff in clinics and hospitals and to improve the care they provide to patients:

- Over R97 million in 2007/08 and R402 million over the next three years will be used to increase nurses' salaries in 2007/08 and later for other health professionals;
- Second year internship posts for medical students and community service posts for nurses will be created to relieve the strain on current professional staff, and
- Over R21 million in 2007/08 and R128 million over the next three years has been allocated for additional posts for health professionals.

An additional R41 million will be used to expand ambulance services. In total, the **Department of Health** receives R7,095 billion for 2007/08 - a growth of 10% from 2006/07.

The budget for the **Department of Social Development** jumps by 22,5% to R89,1503 million in 2007/08. To assist in lessening the workload of social workers, over the next three years R34,779 million has been allocated to recruit and employ social auxiliary workers to perform certain tasks of regular social workers. R22,440 million will be spent in 2007/08 to fight substance abuse and fund rehabilitation centres.

R1 million will be spent over the next three years to strengthen programmes to make our trains and schools safer places. The **Department of Community Safety** will deploy an additional 700 Bamabani volunteers (350 per day) on trains and at priority train stations in 2007/08.

The **Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport** (DCAS) receives a budget of R224,522 million in 2007/08. R16,740 million has been allocated for libraries and R3,137 million in 2007/08 is earmarked for the new sports school located in Kullis River. The Province will spend R514,615 million over the next 3 years to train people in early childhood development, community and home-based care, community health as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme in the social sector.

**By targeting skills development, social services and infrastructure, the 2007/08 Western Cape Budget enables us to make critical inroads to break down the barriers to job creation and shared economic growth.**



**The largest slices of 2007/08 provincial budget go to: Education (37%); Health (34%); Transport and Public Works (11%); and Local Government and Housing (6%); Social Development (4%);**

**Strengthening infrastructure boosts the economy**

Better infrastructure helps poor communities connect to the mainstream economy. By building roads, improving our public transport system, and providing other critical infrastructure in communities, more people can take advantage of economic opportunities, the cost of running businesses drops, and people are better able to access the social services they need. Over the next three years, R6,629 billion is budgeted for building and maintaining roads, public transport, social service and administrative infrastructure. Part of these funds will be used to get the Province and the City of Cape Town ready to host the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The Province will give R212 million in 2008/09 to support the construction of the Greenpoint stadium.

The **Department of Transport and Public Works** has a R2,207 billion budget in 2007/08 which is 11% of the total provincial budget. R1,426 billion of this amount will be used to develop a transport system which links public, private and non-motorised modes of transportation.

The funds which the Province gives to municipalities to build subsidised housing climb steeply by 58,4% from R598,8 million in the original 2006/07 budget to R948,5 million in 2007/08. The increase will be used to provide higher quality and better-located houses. The **Department of Local Government and Housing's** total budget is R1,198 billion in 2007/08, or 6% of the total provincial budget.

Capenature receives a total of R88,410 million over the next three years to help protect reserve areas from fire, clear areas of alien vegetation and begin to improve eco-tourism facilities.

**Skills development is a top priority**

In order to grow the economy and reduce unemployment, government must assist people to improve their skills. Over the next three years, the **Department of Education's** budget for Further Education and Training (FET) sets aside:

- R883,925 million for aligning skills development with the MEDS and national needs
- R82,583 million for promoting equity within FET colleges and providing bursaries

The total budget for the **Department of Agriculture** is R290,212 million in 2007/08, which is 8% more than 2006/07. R29,487 million is set aside for agricultural training. To assist emerging farmers and land reform beneficiaries, the Department will:

- Offer 170 learnerships, 100 internships and 50 bursaries to historically disadvantaged individuals;
- Re-skill unemployed and evicted farm workers; and
- Implement a mentorship programme for BEE and land reform beneficiaries.

The overall purpose is to lessen the gap between the rich and poor in our Province and to make sure that all people feel a real improvement in their daily lives.

Budget 2007/08 totals R20,702 billion, which is R1,303 billion more than last year's revised estimate of R19,398 billion. Over the next three years, the budget is projected to grow on average by 8,9%, so that by 2009/10, it reaches R25,029 billion.

**The new Western Cape Budget 2007/08 mainly focuses on:**

- Infrastructure investment, including public transport, roads and housing
- Skills development, learnerships, bursaries for FET college learners, and training programme
- Quality of education, health care and access to social services.

By providing funds for these important focus areas and others, the 2007 Budget supports the Province to achieve the objectives of the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS). The PGDS is the Province's plan to boost economic growth so that all our people share the benefits. The main objectives of the PGDS are:

- Better economic opportunities
- Safer, reliable transport
- Livable communities
- Effective governance
- A culture of tolerance and mutual respect

## Departmental Shares of Total Amount to be Voted 2007/08 - R20,702 Billion



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**"To make sure that all people feel a real improvement in their daily lives!"**



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