

FREE STATE PROVINCE

APPROPRIATION BILL

(MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE)

[B4-2025]

PROVENSE YA FREISTATA

BILI YA DITEKANYETSO

(LETONA LE IKARABELLANG DITJHELETENG)

[B4-2025]

PROVINSIE VRYSTAAT

BEGROTINGSWETSONTWERP

(LID VAN DIE UITVOERENDE RAAD VERANTWOORDELIK VIR FINANSIES)

[W4-2025]

BILL

To provide for the appropriation of money from the Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Free State Province in the 2025/26 financial year and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 226(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, provides that money may be withdrawn from the Provincial Revenue Fund only in terms of an appropriation by an Act of the Provincial Legislature;

AND WHEREAS section 26 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) provides that the Provincial Legislature must appropriate money for each financial year for the requirements of the Province;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Provincial Legislature of the Free State Province, as follows:-

Definitions

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1. In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Public Finance Management Act has the meaning assigned to it in that Act and -

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“**Act**” includes the Schedules;

“**conditional grants**” means allocations to provinces, local government or municipalities from the national government’s share of revenue raised nationally, provided for in section 214(1)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;

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“**current payments**” means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a current payment in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act;

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“**earmarked funds**” means allocations to provincial departments for a specific purpose, subject to section 7A of the Free State Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 1 of 2003);

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"payments for capital assets" means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a payment for capital assets in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009) and the *Asset Management Framework* (April 2004, Version 3.3), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act; 5

"payments for financial assets" means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a payment for financial assets in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act; 10

"Public Finance Management Act" means the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999); and 15

"transfers and subsidies" means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a transfer or subsidy payment in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act. 20

Appropriation of money for the requirements of the Province

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, there are hereby appropriated out of the Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Province in respect of the financial year 2025/26, the amounts of money contemplated in subsection (2). 25
- (2) Appropriations by the Provincial Legislature of money from the Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Province in the 2025/26 financial year, to votes and main divisions within a vote, and for the specific listed purposes, are set out in the Schedules. 30

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Short title

3. This Act is called the Appropriation Act, 2025.

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SCHEDULE

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
1	Office of the Premier	633 571	402 169	109 011		117 727	4 664	
2	Free State Legislature	317 306	179 901	70 816		64 834	1 755	
3	Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	705 641	366 343	147 746		170 376	21 176	
4	Free State Provincial Treasury	384 032	289 171	89 549		85	5 227	
5	Health	14 187 504	9 928 324	3 653 021	125	147 603	458 431	
6	Education	18 889 391	14 282 707	1 328 899	84	2 525 580	752 121	
7	Social Development	1 373 855	919 684	130 690		315 381	8 100	
8	Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	447 914	327 790	101 306		12 224	6 594	
9	Public Works and Infrastructure	2 301 684	542 394	1 078 750		567 642	112 898	
10	Community Safety, Roads and Transport	3 787 093	921 802	1 927 750		378 586	558 955	
11	Agriculture and Rural Development	883 720	500 684	139 705		207 891	35 440	
12	Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	666 075	424 963	155 417		36 053	49 642	
13	Human Settlements	1 278 766	219 053	34 759		1 022 793	2 161	
Total		45 856 552	29 304 985	8 967 419	209	5 566 775	2 017 164	

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Schedule on Office of the Premier (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
1	Office of the Premier <i>Aim: To enable the Premier to fulfill constitutional obligations and other related functions through the effective and efficient utilisation of resources of the Free State Provincial Government.</i>	633 571	402 169	109 011	0	117 727	4 664	0
1	Administration <i>To provide executive support to the Premier, Provincial Executive Council and the Director General in respect of strategic and operational management in fulfilling their legislative and oversight functions and in promoting good corporate governance.</i>	110 958	75 644	32 398		227	2 689	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					227		
	Earmarked funds							
	–		13 000	2 000				
	Service Delivery Integrated Centres/ Task teams							
	– Skills Audit			5 000				
2	Institutional Development <i>To guide and coordinate Provincial Departments with regard to transverse corporate support functions and to attend to Departmental-specific matters.</i>	270 464	109 543	44 046		115 000	1 875	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					115 000		
	Earmarked funds							
	– Provincial Bursaries					115 000		
	– Cyber Security			10 000				
3	Policy and Governance <i>The provision of provincial strategic management services is achieved through integrated planning and research, cluster and provincial government programme coordination and integration as well as the monitoring and evaluation of government performance.</i>	79 590	51 610	25 780		2 200		
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					200		
	<i>Transfers to Higher education institutions</i>					2 000		
	Earmarked funds							
	– Youth Affairs			6 500				
	– Innovation Hub					2 000		
	– Gender Based Violence		3 000	7 000				

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Provincial Monitoring and Evaluation Branch	172 559	165 372	6 787		300	100	
	<i>To give effect to the vision of the department to lead the Free State Province towards Service Excellence and the mission of the Department to provide strategic direction and coordinate integrated service delivery within government in the Free State. To drive Free State government performance through M&E and manage and coordinate the Free State Integrated Service Delivery through Operation Hlasela.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					300		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Community Development Workers		107 724	1 000		100	100	

Office of the Premier

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Schedule on Free State Legislature

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
2	Free State Legislature							
	<i>Aim: To provide funding for the legislative and institutional support services required by the Legislature to fulfill its constitutional functions.</i>	317 306	179 901	70 816	0	64 834	1 755	0
1	Administration <i>To provide administrative and financial management support to the Legislature.</i>	199 068	131 074	64 739		1 500	1 755	
2	Facilities for Members and Political Parties <i>To facilitate the necessary arrangements for members.</i> <i>of which</i> <i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>	66 490		3 156		63 334		
3	Parliamentary Services <i>To provide quality legal and procedural support, house proceedings, committee services, research, translation and interpretation to the Legislature.</i>	51 748	48 827	2 921				

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Schedule on Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
3	Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs							
	<i>Aim: A prosperous Free State through sustainable economic growth and a healthy environment for all.</i>	705 641	366 343	147 746	0	170 376	21 176	0
1	Administration	189 717	149 117	36 368		159	4 073	
	<i>To provide leadership and strategic management in accordance with Policy and Legislation and to provide appropriate support service to other programmes.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>					50		
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					105		
2	Environmental Affairs	152 397	117 983	33 318		265	831	
	<i>To implement and monitor legislation and policies in the areas of Air Quality, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Compliance Monitoring, Environmental Impact, Protected Areas, Pollution Control, Protected Areas and Waste Management.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>					265		
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces			3 266				
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			4 000				
	– Waste Management			4 000				
3	Economic and Small Business Development	255 505	51 771	34 017		169 534	183	
	<i>To enhance economic development, small business development and growth in the province.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers</i>							
	– Free State Development Corporation					46 000		
	<i>of which earmarked for</i>							
	– Maluti SEZ					40 000		
	– Free State Gambling, Liquor and Tourism Authority (FSGLTA)					103 755		
	<i>Other Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Enterprise Support			20 000		19 779		

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		R000	R000	R000	R000	R000	R000	R000
4	Tourism	108 022	47 472	44 043		418	16 089	
	<i>To ensure adequate planning, growth, development and transformation of the Tourism industry.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>					170		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Eco-Tourism Growth and Development			2 000				
	– Revenue Enhancement Allocation						5 600	
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			36 113			10 000	

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Schedule on Free State Provincial Treasury

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			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Free State Provincial Treasury							
	<i>Aim: To promote prudent financial management of provincial resources.</i>	384 032	289 171	89 549	0	85	5 227	0
1	Administration <i>To provide leadership and strategic management in accordance with legislation, regulations and policies as well as to ensure there is appropriate support service to all other programmes.</i>	133 095	101 478	27 514		85	4 018	
2	Sustainable Resource Management <i>To provide professional advice and support to the MEC on provincial economic analysis, fiscal policy, public finance development and management of the annual budget process.</i>	65 789	60 350	5 055			384	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Development Improvement		5 184	783				
3	Asset and Liability Management <i>To provide policy direction, by facilitating the effective and efficient management of physical and financial assets, PPP's and liabilities.</i>	72 542	52 963	19 379			200	
4	Financial Governance <i>To promote accountability through substantive reflection of financial activities of the Province as well as compliance with financial norms and standards.</i>	34 193	30 136	3 822			235	
5	Municipal Finance Management <i>To improve the state of financial governance and management at local government level.</i>	78 413	44 244	33 779			390	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Municipal Support Programme			10 000				
	– Operation Clean Audit			16 356				
	– Municipal Finance Recovery Services/ MSP (NT-S 139 intervention)		4 244	3 161				

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Schedule on Health

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
5	Health							
	<i>Aim: To provide comprehensive health services, which include the prevention of disease, promotion of health, curative and rehabilitation services.</i>	14 187 504	9 928 324	3 653 021	125	147 603	458 431	0
1	Administration	406 857	279 348	75 817	118	45 706	5 868	
	<i>To conduct the strategic management and overall administration of the Department of Health.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Revenue Enhancement Allocation			2 088			1 120	
2	District Health Services	6 279 932	4 558 796	1 657 120		18 742	45 274	
	<i>To render primary health care services and district hospital</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– District Health Programmes Grant:		726 077	779 062		5 068	16 639	
	Comprehensive HIV, Aids component							
	– District Health Programmes Grant: District Health component		160 082	10 496			1 281	
	– National Health Insurance Grant		28 517	991			270	
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces		8 334	1 261				
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Health System Support		261 146	1 000				
	– Funding for cuban doctors		30 000					
3	Emergency Medical Services	995 765	751 697	223 327		1 000	19 741	
	<i>The rendering of pre-hospital emergency medical services including inter-hospital transfers and planned patient</i>							
4	Provincial Hospital Services	1 997 391	1 524 568	455 615	1	6 576	10 631	
	<i>Delivery of hospital services, which are accessible, appropriate, effective and provide general specialist services, including a specialized rehabilitation service, as well as a platform for training health professionals and research.</i>							
4.1	General (Regional) Hospitals		1 159 786	381 549		2 761	9 502	
4.2	Public-Private Partnerships							
4.3	Psychiatric/Mental Hospitals		364 782	74 066	1	3 815	1 129	
5	Central Hospital Services	3 385 732	2 478 998	760 850		8 780	137 104	
	<i>To provide tertiary health services and create a platform for the training of health workers.</i>							
5.1	Central Hospital Services		1 568 712	480 934		4 646	92 104	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Human Resources and Training Grant: Training Component		165 136					
	– National Tertiary Services Grant		395 833	346 953	0	1 090	92 023	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Funding for cuban doctors		58 668					
5.2	Public-Private Partnerships			17 783				
5.3	Provincial Tertiary Hospital Services		910 286	262 133		4 134	45 000	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– National Tertiary Services Grant		288 642	177 544		1 000	45 000	
	– Human Resources and Training Grant: Statutory Human Resources Component		126 155					

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6	Health Sciences and Training	322 510	191 378	63 005	6	66 321	1 800	
	<i>Rendering of training and development opportunities for actual and potential employees of the Department of Health.</i>							
6.1	Nurse Training College		121 024	13 324	6	316	1 677	
6.2	EMS Training Colleges		21 556	2 828			123	
6.4	Primary Health Care Training		36 953	6 229		908		
6.5	Other Training		11 845	40 624		65 097		
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Bursaries for international students			15 000		21 879		
7	Health Care Support Services	175 655	109 639	64 322		478	1 216	
	<i>To render support services required by the Department to realise its aims.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Medical Depot			40 000				
8	Health Facilities Management	623 662	33 900	352 965			236 797	
	<i>Provision of new health facilities and the refurbishment, upgrading and maintenance of existing facilities.</i>							
8.1	Community Health Facility			12 352			73 149	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			3 000			73 149	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			9 352				
8.2	District Hospital Services		33 900	14 953			50 673	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant		33 900	14 953			50 673	
8.3	Provincial Health Services			11 545			50 100	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			11 545			50 100	
8.4	Emergency Medical Rescue Services							
8.5	Central Hospital Services			38 384			55 475	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			25 189			55 475	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			13 195				
8.6	Other Facilities			275 731			7 400	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			275 731			6 100	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation						1 300	

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Schedule on Education

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			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
6	Education							
	<i>Aim: All learners have equal access to quality basic education that is inclusive and responsive in functional and safe school environments that set them up for success in learning.</i>	18 889 391	14 282 707	1 328 899	84	2 525 580	752 121	0
	1 Administration	1 440 575	1 062 394	335 580	59	10 335	32 207	
	<i>To provide overall management of the education system in accordance with the National Education Policy Act, the Public Finance Management Act and other policies.</i>							
	2 Public Ordinary School Education	13 785 972	11 906 357	195 617	17	1 674 563	9 418	
	<i>To provide public ordinary education from Grades 1 to 12 in accordance with the South African Schools Act and White Paper 6 on inclusive education (E-learning is also included).</i>							
	2.1 Public Primary Level		6 715 735	6 392	14	642 478	718	
	2.2 Public Secondary Level		5 154 238	72 350	3	459 993	540	
	Of which							
	Earmarked funds							
	– School Connectivity			21 000				
	2.3 Human Resource Development			47 141			7 003	
	2.4 School Sport, Culture and Media Services		35 565	2 945		826	172	
	2.5 Conditional Grants		819	66 789		571 266	985	
	Of which							
	Conditional grant							
	– National School Nutrition Programme Grant			16 419		571 266	985	
	– Maths, Science & Technology Grant		819	50 370				
	3 Independent School Subsidies	126 752				126 752		
	<i>To support independent schools in accordance with the South African Schools Act.</i>							
	4 Public Special School Education	767 094	638 365	22 075		106 254	400	
	<i>To provide compulsory public education in special schools in accordance with the South African Schools Act and White Paper 6 on inclusive education (Including E-Learning and inclusive education).</i>							
	Of which							
	Conditional grants							
	– National School Nutrition Programme Grant					3 830		
	– Learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities Grant		22 968	10 625			400	

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
5	Early Childhood Development	711 282	314 210	15 878		378 947	2 247	
	<i>To provide Early Childhood Education (ECD) at the Grade R and Pre-Grade R in accordance with White Paper 5. (E-learning is also included)</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Early Childhood Development Grant		5 048	950		78 842	50	
6	Infrastructure Development	1 109 585	56 604	340 954		6 721	705 306	
	<i>To provide and maintain infrastructure facilities for schools and non-schools.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Education Infrastructure Grant		56 604	323 340			670 556	
	– Early Childhood Development Grant			11 148				
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces					6 721		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			6 466			9 750	
7	Examination and Education Related Services	948 131	304 777	418 795	8	222 008	2 543	
	<i>To provide the education institutions as a whole with examination and education related services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– HIV and AIDS (Life Skills Education) Grant		3 800	7 840				
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Sanitary Towels / Dignity Packs			16 822				
	– Learner Transport			106 982			5	
	– Basic Education Employment Initiative			68 807				

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Schedule on Social Development (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
7	Social Development							
	<i>Aim: To meet the human and social needs of the poor and vulnerable communities through an inter-sectoral and integrated developmental social service.</i>	1 373 855	919 684	130 690	0	315 381	8 100	0
	1 Administration	358 657	262 636	83 516		4 405	8 100	
	<i>To provide strategic management and support services at all levels in the Department.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>					3 805		
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					600		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	<i>– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation</i>			2 000				
	2 Social Welfare Services	263 843	141 883	16 058		105 902		
	<i>To provide integrated developmental social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					200		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
	2.1 Services to Older Persons					59 062		
	2.2 Services to Persons with Disabilities					28 292		
	2.3 HIV/AIDS					18 348		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	<i>– NPO Court Judgement</i>					56 301		
	3 Children and Families	331 475	164 649	12 389		154 437		
	<i>To provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organizations.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					200		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
	3.1 Care and Services to Families					6 003		
	3.2 Child Care and Protection					50 183		
	3.3 ECD and Partial Care					10 000		
	3.4 Child and Youth Care Centres					71 184		
	3.5 Community Based Care Services to Children					16 867		
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	<i>– NPO Court Judgement</i>					59 098		

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Schedule on Social Development (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Restorative Services	254 414	213 810	13 832		26 772		
	<i>To provide integrated developmental social crime prevention and anti-substance abuse services to the most vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organizations.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					500		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
4.1	Crime Prevention and Support					3 771		
4.2	Victim Empowerment					14 556		
4.3	Substance Abuse, Prevention and Rehabilitation					7 945		
5	Development and Research	165 466	136 706	4 895		23 865		
	<i>To provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities, based on empirical research and demographic information at provincial and district level.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					100		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
5.1	Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihood					18 630		
5.2	Youth Development					3 593		
5.3	Women Development					1 542		
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces		794	287		4 125		

Social Development

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Schedule on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
8	Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs							
	<i>Aim: Integrated, responsive and developmental local</i>	447 914	327 790	101 306	0	12 224	6 594	0
	1 Administration	183 113	126 016	53 213		290	3 594	
	<i>To provide leadership and support to the Department in accordance with all applicable Acts and policies.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>					10		
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					280		
	2 Local Governance	113 671	90 354	13 925		9 392		
	<i>To facilitate the creation of accountable and sustainable local governance through effective collaboration with all</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Municipalities</i>					9 392		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Municipal Support Programme		14 000	1 000		5 000		
	– Municipal Support Programme (NT-S 139)		4 427	500				
	3 Development and Planning	72 604	48 990	23 614				
	<i>To promote and facilitate integrated development and planning on local government level.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Water laboratory municipal support			2 500				
	– Disaster			10 000				
	– Cleaner City			5 000				
	4 Traditional Institutional Management	63 097	52 623	4 932		2 542	3 000	
	<i>To promote and facilitate viable and sustainable traditional institutions.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					382		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>					2 160		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Building of palaces for Marena			2 000			3 000	
	5 House of Traditional Leaders	15 429	9 807	5 622				
	<i>To promote and enhance the effective and efficient functioning of the FS House of Traditional Leaders.</i>							

Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs

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Schedule on Public Works and Infrastructure

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
9	Public Works and Infrastructure							
	<i>Aim: To ensure the provision, promotion and sound management of assets and infrastructure systems which are safe, affordable, reliable, accessible and sustainable.</i>	2 301 684	542 394	1 078 750	0	567 642	112 898	0
1	Administration <i>To provide the Department with administrative, strategic, financial and corporate support services in order to ensure that it delivers on its mandate in an integrated, efficient, effective and sustainable manner.</i>	208 054	121 744	77 931		1 247	7 132	
2	Public Works Infrastructure <i>To provide a balanced and equitable provincial government building infrastructure by promoting accessibility that is sustainable, integrated and environmentally sensitive which supports economic development and social empowerment.</i>	2 030 723	399 355	959 207		566 395	105 766	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Property Rates and Taxes Allocation					562 600		
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			12 000			37 309	
3	Expanded Public Works Programme <i>To manage the implementation of programmes and strategies that lead to the development and empowerment of communities and contractors. This includes the provincial management and co-ordination of the Expanded Public Works Programme.</i>	62 907	21 295	41 612				
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces			4 232				

Public Works and Infrastructure

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Schedule on Community Safety, Roads and Transport

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R000	R000	R000	R000	R000	R000	R000
10	Community Safety, Roads and Transport <i>Aim: To contribute towards the creation of a prosperous Free State through the facilitation of the provision of sustainable community safety, mobility and road infrastructure.</i>	3 787 093	921 802	1 927 750	0	378 586	558 955	0
	1 Administration <i>To provide administrative and financial support to the executing authority, the Head of Department and line</i>	351 956	255 140	89 218		2 085	5 513	
	2 Provincial Secretariat for Police Services <i>To monitor the performance of the service delivery by the South African Police Services (SAPS) and to mobilise and ensure active community and sector participation in crime prevention in the Province.</i>	31 316	26 573	4 209		334	200	
	3 Transport Operation <i>To plan, regulate and facilitate the provision of transport services and infrastructure.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Conditional grants</i> <i>– Public Transport Operations Grant</i>	405 280	30 167	13 994		361 119		
	4 Transport Regulation <i>To establish, manage, and maintain a safe and efficient road traffic system.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Earmarked funds</i> <i>– Post Office (SAPO)</i> <i>– Revenue Enhancement Allocation</i>	522 236	436 330	84 668		1 238		
	5 Transport Infrastructure <i>To promote accessibility and the safe, affordable movement of people, goods and services through the delivery and maintenance of transport infrastructure that is sustainable, integrated and environmentally sensitive, and which supports and facilitates social empowerment and economic growth.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Conditional grants</i> <i>– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces</i> <i>– Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant</i> <i>Earmarked funds</i> <i>– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation</i>	2 476 305	173 592	1 735 661		13 810	553 242	
				5 292				
				1 633 462			456 275	
			153 243	96 907		13 810	96 967	

Community Safety, Roads and Transport

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Schedule on Agriculture and Rural Development

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
11	Agriculture and Rural Development							
	<i>Aim: Prosperous agriculture, farming our future.</i>	883 720	500 684	139 705	0	207 891	35 440	0
1	Administration	223 677	170 660	47 897		4 000	1 120	
	<i>To provide strategic direction and leadership within the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.</i>							
2	Sustainable Resource Use & Management	71 240	38 690	22 479		9 751	320	
	<i>To ensure implementation of Sustainable Resource Management by providing Engineering Services, Land Care, Land Use Management Services and Disaster Risk Management Support.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Land Care Programme Grant: Poverty Relief and Infrastructure Development					9 751		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Disaster			10 000				
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			10 000				
3	Agricultural Producer Support and Development	378 537	148 182	34 353		194 140	1 862	
	<i>To provide support to all farmers through agricultural development programmes.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant		40 101	19 315		102 345	1 740	
	– Ilima/Letsema Projects Grant			9 400		71 795		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation					20 000		
4	Veterinary Services	67 438	49 946	16 707			785	
	<i>To provide veterinary services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant			8 750			750	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Revenue Enhancement Allocation			4 306				

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Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
5	Research and Technology Development Services	77 262	45 331	11 669			20 262	
	<i>To render needs based research, development and technology transfer services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant			9 944				
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation						20 262	
6	Agricultural Economic Services	14 507	13 780	700			27	
	<i>To provide timely and relevant agricultural economic services to the sector in support of sustainable agricultural and agri-business development to increase economic growth.</i>							
7	Agricultural Education and Training	37 171	20 907	5 200			11 064	
	<i>To facilitate and provide agricultural education and training in line with the Agricultural Education and Training Strategy to all participants in the agricultural sector in order to establish a knowledgeable, prosperous and competitive sector.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant			1 000			10 964	
8	Rural Development	13 888	13 188	700				
	<i>To plan, facilitate development and social cohesion through participatory approaches in partnership with all stakeholders.</i>							

Agriculture and Rural Development

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Schedule on Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
12	Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation							
	<i>Aim: The promotion, development and transformation of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in order to contribute to sustainable economic growth and opportunities, nation building, good governance and social and human capital development.</i>	666 075	424 963	155 417	0	36 053	49 642	0
1	Administration	118 276	100 576	13 868		800	3 032	
	<i>To conduct the overall management and administrative support of the Department.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	— Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation		1 560	240				
2	Cultural Affairs	143 038	71 129	53 987		9 800	8 122	
	<i>To promote culture, conservation and management of cultural, historical assets and resources of the province by rendering various services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	— Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces			2 713				
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	— Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			4 500			7 500	
	— Arts and Culture programmes			18 000				
	— Artists			4 000				
	— Community Media			3 000				
	— Sport and Creative Arts			12 000		3 000		
3	Library and Archives Services	251 314	195 305	37 859		7 500	10 650	
	<i>Assist local library authorities in rendering of public library services and providing of an archive service in the province.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	— Community Library Services Grant		149 331	22 809		5 500	10 486	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	— Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			7 500				

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Schedule on Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Sport and Recreation	153 447	57 953	49 703		17 953	27 838	
	<i>To provide assistance to provincial sport associations and other relevant bodies to stimulate the development of sport. Formulate inputs regarding sport policy and promote sport programmes. Control, promote and develop the provincial sport academy. Develop and contribute towards sport marketing strategies. Facilitate development of facilities with a view to improving life of the disadvantaged. Promote and develop sport tourism through major events.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Mass Participation and Sport Development Grant		3 101	36 935		8 547		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			3 500			27 500	
	– Sport and Creative Arts			5 000				
	– COSAFA					5 700		

Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

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Schedule on Human Settlements

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
13	Human Settlements							
	<i>Aim: To manage housing delivery, development of integrated human settlements.</i>	1 278 766	219 053	34 759	0	1 022 793	2 161	0
1	Administration <i>To provide overall management in the Department in accordance with all applicable acts and policies.</i>	142 054	112 135	28 313		245	1 361	
2	Housing Needs, Research and Planning <i>To facilitate housing delivery.</i>	24 502	20 693	3 732			77	
3	Housing Development <i>To provide individual subsidies and housing opportunities to beneficiaries in accordance with housing policy.</i>	1 109 955	84 237	2 447		1 022 548	723	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Human Settlements Development Grant					829 366		
	– Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant for Provinces					162 353		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Demolition and Construction of two-roomed houses					30 000		
4	Housing Asset Management and Property Management <i>To provide for the effective management of housing.</i>	2 255	1 988	267				

Human Settlements

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Schedule on Transfers and Subsidies

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Descriptions	Vote and main division	Forward estimates	
		2025/26	2026/27
	R'000	R'000	R'000
Transfers to Municipalities:	577 992	610 618	649 401
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	9 392	9 594	9 801
Public Works and Infrastructure	562 600	595 024	633 600
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	6 000	6 000	6 000
Transfers to Public Entities:	149 755	149 755	149 755
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	149 755	149 755	149 755
Free State Development Corporation	46 000	46 000	46 000
Free State Gambling, Liquor and Tourism Authority	103 755	103 755	103 755
Transfers to other Departmental Agencies and Accounts:	156 191	158 267	179 844
Free State Legislature	63 334	65 757	84 037
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs			
Health	45 990	43 218	44 263
Education	42 543	44 827	46 901
Social Development	3 805	3 946	4 124
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	10	10	10
Public Works and Infrastructure	9	9	9
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	500	500	500
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions:	2 769 064	2 867 126	2 990 633
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	485		
Health	4 211	4 411	4 609
Education	2 420 479	2 514 054	2 624 413
Social Development	309 976	313 192	325 818
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	2 160	2 207	2 306
Community Safety, Roads and Transport	5 000	5 000	5 225
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	26 753	28 262	28 262
Other transfers:	1 913 773	1 848 086	1 935 351
Office of the Premier	117 727	117 727	117 727
Free State Legislature	1 500	1 500	1 568
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	20 136	21 412	31 424
Free State Provincial Treasury	85	77	81
Health	97 402	89 814	98 368
Education	62 558	62 563	62 548
Social Development	1 600	1 600	1 600
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	662	693	724
Public Works and Infrastructure	5 033	5 264	5 502
Community Safety, Roads and Transport	373 586	389 780	404 163
Agriculture and Rural Development	207 891	229 140	242 627
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	2 800	2 800	2 800
Human Settlements	1 022 793	925 716	966 219
Total transfers and subsidies:	5 566 775	5 633 852	5 904 984

Transfers and Subsidies

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. PURPOSE

The Appropriation Bill, 2025 regulates the appropriation of money for the needs of the Province in respect of the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The memorandum highlights estimates of revenue expected to be received and raised for each year of the 2025 Medium Term Expenditure Framework ("MTEF") period as well as the expenditures to be incurred by the Province.

2. SUMMARY

The 2025 MTEF budget appropriation includes the amounts that are already in the baseline of the Departments, as well as new allocations and reprioritization of funds. These allocations include national allocations relating to conditional grants, policy adjustments, funding of nationally agreed priorities and funding from the provincially own sourced revenue.

The total estimate of expenditure for the Province for the 2025/26 financial year amounts to **R45.856 billion**. This provides for funding of priorities identified in The National Development Plan, the 2019-2024 Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF), Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) and the 2025 MTEF.

The Free State Provincial Government's projected revenue for the 2025/26 financial year is **R45.857 billion**, which consists of equitable share transfers of **R34.836 billion**, conditional grants of **R9.800 billion** and the Province's projected own revenue amounting to **R1.220 billion**.

TABLE 1: NET PROVINCIAL POSITION

R'000	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Equitable Share	34 836 292	36 304 798	37 876 423
Conditional Grants	9 800 698	9 249 585	9 666 454
Total Transfers from National	44 636 990	45 554 383	47 542 877
Own Revenue	1 220 259	1 244 456	1 269 379
Total Revenue	45 857 249	46 798 839	48 812 256

3. PURPOSE OF ALLOCATIONS

The total provincial budget amounts to **R45.857 billion** for the 2025/26 financial year as indicated in Table 2 below.

The purpose of the allocations is to provide for and enable the implementation of the provincial government's programme of action, with specific emphasis on the following:

- *Enhancement of the quality of education* through improvement of access to educational opportunities;

*Figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R'000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

- *Improving the provision of health care*, particularly for the poor, to reduce infant, child and maternal mortality rates;
- *Reducing the levels of crime and enhancing citizen safety* is one of provincial government priorities through which it intends to increase the number of policing personnel specializing in various key areas of crime prevention;
- *Creating sustainable growth through maintaining high levels of public investment in infrastructure to intensify and improve various infrastructure delivery and imperatives of the provincial government*, is also one of the priorities. Among the infrastructure related investment initiatives are School Hostels, Roads Construction programme and many others;
- *Intensifying the Province's public sector employment programmes* by increasing employment in areas where there is a clear need to do so especially in the police, education and health sectors;
- *Implementing of the Expanded Public Works Programme ("EPWP")* in areas such as health services, construction, maintenance and environmental protection projects;
- *Scaling up social interventions* to address the job challenges and ensuring social protection.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ALLOCATION TO DEPARTMENTS

R'000	2025/26 Budget Allocation
Office of the Premier	633 571
Free State Legislature	317 306
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	705 641
Free State Provincial Treasury	384 032
Health	14 187 504
Education	18 889 391
Social Development	1 373 855
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	447 914
Public Works and Infrastructure	2 301 684
Community Safety, Roads and Transport	3 787 093
Agriculture and Rural Development	883 720
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	666 075
Human Settlements	1 278 766
Total	45 856 552

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Provincial Fiscal Envelope

A summary of the total provincial revenue envelope is contained in Table 3 below and reflects the total revenue of **R45.857 billion**, **R46.798 billion** and **R48.812 billion** for the financial years 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28, respectively.

*figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R' 000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

TABLE 3: PROVINCIAL REVENUE ENVELOPE

R' 000	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Total Revenue	45 857 249	46 798 839	48 812 256
Total Allocated Expenditure	45 856 552	46 786 846	48 789 673
Net Surplus (Incentive funding)	697	11 993	22 583

4.2.1 Social Sector allocations

(a) Health

Department of Health is allocated an amount of **R14.187 billion** in 2025/26, **R14.767 billion** in 2026/27 and **R15.403 billion** in 2027/28. The allocation of the Department covers, amongst others, the following health care priorities over the 2025 MTEF:

- Medicine and Medical Supplies
- Laboratory Services (NHLS) and Blood Supply and Services
- Food Services and Relevant Supplies
- Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Maintenance
- Revenue Enhancement
- Medical Depot

(b) Education

The Department of Education is allocated an amount of **R18.889 billion** in 2025/26, **R19.632 billion** in 2026/27 and **R20.498 billion** in 2027/28. The funding to this Department addresses, amongst others, the following sector priorities over the 2025 MTEF:

- Early Childhood Development
- Learning and Teaching Support Material
- Grade R programme
- School Hostel Support
- Secondary School Support
- School Connectivity
- Sanitary dignity project
- School infrastructure which includes maintenance
- Learner Transport Programme

(c) Social Development

The Department of Social Development is allocated **R1.373 billion** in 2025/26, **R1.432 billion** in 2026/27 and **R1.494 billion** in 2027/28. The following priorities, amongst others, are funded:

- Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Partial Care
- Victim Empowerment
- Violence Against Women and Children
- Substance Abuse Treatment

*figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R' 000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

- Social Worker employment
- NPO court judgement
- Food Relief
- Gender Based Violence

4.2.2 Non-Social Sector allocations

(a) Office of the Premier

The Office of the Premier receives **R633.571 million** in 2025/26, **R649.875 million** in 2026/27 and **R658.581 million** in 2027/28. The funding mainly provides for,

- Community Development Workers
- Free State Training and Development Institution
- Provincial Communication Strategy
- Gender Based Violence
- Provincial Bursaries and
- Youth affairs

(b) Free State Legislature

The Free State Legislature is allocated **R317.306 million** in 2025/26, **R339.066 million** in 2026/27 and **R375.996 million** in 2027/28. The allocations provide for, amongst others, public participation.

(c) Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs

An amount of **R705.641 million** is allocated for 2025/26, **R719.811 million** for 2026/27 and **R743.235 million** for 2027/28. The allocation caters for, amongst others, the following priorities:

- Enterprise Support
- Revitalisation of resorts
- MAP-SEZ
- Tourism marketing
- Waste Management
- Revenue Enhancement

(d) Free State Provincial Treasury

Provincial Treasury is allocated **R384.032 million** in 2025/26, **R399.043 million** in 2026/27 and **R414.308 million** in 2027/28. The allocation for this Department will cover, amongst others, State Information Technology Agency (SITA), Operation Clean Audit programme, municipal support programme and strengthening of oversight role.

(e) Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

The allocation to this Department amounts to **R447.914 million** in 2025/26, **R463.242 million** in 2026/27 and **R478.816 million** in 2027/28. The proposed budget is expected to address priorities, amongst others, disaster management, municipal support programme and support for water laboratories for municipalities.

(f) Public Works and Infrastructure

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is allocated an amount of **R2.301 billion** in 2025/26, **R2.379 billion** in 2026/27 and **R2.479 billion** in 2027/28. The proposed allocation addresses some of the key pressures of the Department such as property payments, municipal services as well as rates and taxes. The budget also makes provision for infrastructure investment.

(g) Community Safety, Roads and Transport

The allocation to the Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport amounts to **R3.787 billion** in 2025/26, **R3.215 billion** in 2026/27 and **R3.341 billion** in 2027/28. The allocation mainly provides for

- Infrastructure investments
- Support to public transport operators
- Revenue collection (SAPO and Cash-in-Transit)
- Implementation of the Township Revitalization programme
- Revenue Enhancement

(h) Agriculture and Rural Development

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development receives **R883.720 million** in 2025/26, **R911.577 million** in 2026/27 and **R949.933 million** in 2027/28. The budget makes provision for

- Land Care programme
- Support and training of farmers
- Veterinary services
- Mohoma Mobung programme
- Infrastructure investments
- Disaster response
- Agricultural projects
- Revenue Enhancement

*figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R' 000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

(i) Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

The Department receives a total allocation of **R666.075 million** in 2025/26, **R686.002 million** in 2026/27 and **R707.525 million** in 2027/28. The budget provides, amongst others, for infrastructure development, arts and culture, EPWP programme, artists, provincial library and archives services as well as recreation and heritage.

(j) Human Settlements

The Department of Human Settlements receives an allocation of **R1.278 billion** in 2025/26, **R1.192 billion** in 2026/27 and **R1.243 billion** in 2027/28. The allocation mainly emanates from conditional grants and thus provides for human settlements needs, upgrading of informal settlements.