

PROVINCIAL BUDGET FRAMEWORK

The Eastern Cape Provincial government is fostering inclusive growth through targeted resource allocation and strategic support to key sectors whilst emphasizing the need to address inefficiencies. As the province anticipates a slow but steady recovery, focused efforts on enhancing revenue generation and optimizing budget allocation will be essential in mitigating economic strains and promoting sustainable development. The collaborative approach and ongoing consultations with various stakeholders will play a crucial role in navigating fiscal challenges and achieving the growth objectives outlined in this framework

In prepaation for the 7th administration, the provincial department were arranged into clusters, which has informed the 2025 MTEF budgeting process. This was to promote an integrated governance approach with the goal of enhancing government planning, decision making and improve effeciency in service delivery.

Finance, Budget Council, Ministers' Committee on Budget, Provincial Cabinet Budget Committees, Executives Councils, Provincial Departments and Public Entities which culminates in the allocation of resources to departments that in turn compile the budget to be tabled and passed by Legislature before expenditure could take place in departments, subject to PFMA and its Regulations.

Following its brief recovery in 2022, the domestic economic activity slowed down to 0.7 % in 2023 due to major disruptions in rail and ports operations. The slowing pace in growth spilled over to 2024, driven by lower private sector investments, and the subsequent droughts and animal disease outbreaks that affected the agricultural sector in the latter half of the year. Owing to persistent low quarterly growth in 2024, National Treasury has since revised down the short-term growth projections for 2025 to 1.4 per cent for the country.

The budget process is a consultative process between National Treasury, However, for the 2026 and beyond current consensus points to a gradual Provincial Treasuries, Sector Budget Meetings, Technical Committee on domestic recovery, averaging at 1.6 per cent per year. This anticipated near-

term recovery will be supported by steady improvements in electricity supply and ports operations, ramping up of public investments for infrastructure, maturing political institutions to deal with policy uncertainties. All these factors will combine to improve business confidence and propel private investment.

From 2019 to date, the EC provincial government has pledged R200 billion worth of investments as announced in the SA Investment Conference led by the ECDC. A total of R43 million has been invested in film development to date in the Province and in turn, the film industry has attracted more than R523.4 million and created 9 052 jobs and work opportunities and benefited 669 SMMEs. The ECPTA has on an annual basis held successful game auctions to improve its revenue generation. ECPTA is also improving tourism sector by refurbishing and improving infrastructure in the reserves for improved tourist attraction and revenue generation. The ECPG is receiving support from ISA to package the provincial priority infrastructure projects for BFI funding application and key projects such as the irrigation schemes and the Magwa-Majola Tea Estate will benefit from the support.

THE PROVINCIAL FISCAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE 2025/26 **FINANCIAL YEAR AT A GLANCE**

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The Eastern Cape Provincial Government finances its budget through National Transfers by means of Provincial Equitable Share and Conditional Grants and Provincial Own Receipts. The 2025/26 financial year total provincial fiscal framework amount to R100 billion and consist of:

12.5 per cent over the same period due to once-off revenue collections not included in 2025/26

In total, the province received an additional amount of R3.284 billion over the 2025 MTEF of which R902.367 million is in 2025/26, an amount of R1.170 billion in 2026/27 and

increasing for most departments over the same period and in particular the key revenue generating departments namely Health, Public Works and Infrastructure, and Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism and are representative of the revenue tariffs increase at departments. The exception of a key revenue-generating department is Transport which has a decrease from the once-off auction of government fleet in the 2024/25 revised estimates.

In terms of the revenue enhancement strategies, the province continues to support departments with revenue collection, which involves an inter-governmental workgroup with a focused approach to support which includes the review of department's organograms for revenue collection, the implementation of electronic systems and broadband connectivity to collect revenue more efficiently

The revenue plans are implemented in a project management approach with full implementation by 2030.

- Equitable Share of R82.452 billion which accounts for 82 per cent of provincial receipts.
- Conditional Grants of R15.236 billion which accounts for 15 per cent: and
- The Provincial Own Receipts of R1.804 billion which accounts for 2 per cent.
- Provincial Revenue Funds of R506.869 million which accounts for 1 per cent.

The total provincial receipts are increasing by 4.9 per cent from the 2024/25 revised estimate to the 2025/26 financial year and further over the 2025 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) period. The provincial equitable share increases by 5.6 per cent and conditional grants increases by 3.8 per cent, while the provincial own receipts decrease by R1.212 billion in the 2027/28 financial year. These funds are allocated from the impact of data updates in the provincial equitable share formula, for the continued support provided to the province to respond to the compensation of employees' pressures emanating from the wage agreement and for the presidential youth employment initiative.

Own revenue

Provincial own revenue is projected to decrease from R2.061 billion in the 2024/25 revised estimate to R1.804 billion in 2025/26 due to once-off revenue collections that are not included in the 2025/26 budget. Once-off revenue collections comprise interest earned on positive bank balances from exchequer investments or other commercial bank accounts, the sale of capital assets of obsolete equipment or property sale, expenditure recoveries for staff debts and surrenders of surpluses by public entities. The revenue estimates are



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2025 MTEF BUDGET ALLOCATION - AREAS OF FUNDING

THE FOLLOWING KEY PRINCIPLES **GUIDE THE 2025 MTEF**

- · Allocating resources in line with 14 National Outcomes, Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) and Provincial Development Plan (PDP) national with a particular emphasis on education, health, provincial economic stimulus, fight against crime and corruption, creation of job opportunities and containment of the wage bill;
- · Enhancing provincial economic growth, focusing on key socioeconomic infrastructure, and programmes aligned to the national and provincial priorities;
- Reprioritisation, shifting expenditure away from consumption to service delivery items, improvement of efficiency and effectiveness of public spending to enhance service delivery; and
- · Protection of the key service delivery items to ensure that the provincial government continues to deliver on its mandate.

The total payments for the province in 2025 amount to R100.000 billion reflecting an increase of 4.3 per cent compared with the revised estimate of R95.912 billion in 2024/25 and R307.800 billion over the 2025 MTEF. The financing of the provincial expenditure has been supplemented by additional funding from the depleted Provincial Revenue Fund.

Provincial summary of payment and estimates by vote

R 'thousand		2025 MTEF estimates		
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Office of the Premier	42 452 279	1 519 072	1 439 493	1 505 681
Provincial Legislature	30 306 843	750 510	704 459	726 511
Health	2 972 172	31 652 682	32 026 965	33 399 167
Social Development	1 242 390	3 115 648	3 228 107	3 340 096
Public Works and Infrastructure	764 715	2 654 227	2 722 744	2 815 181
Education	2 682 736	44 636 479	46 160 403	48 190 228
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	1 100 962	1 165 720	1 191 563	1 239 816
Agriculture	2 451 774	2 577 809	2 669 651	2 752 622
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	1 728 452	1 815 756	2 051 387	2 321 561
Transport	6 149 578	5 989 575	5 532 082	5 670 810
Human Settlements	2 397 857	2 369 842	2 184 593	2 283 288
Provincial Treasury	460 293	519 185	524 219	543 267
Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	1 060 655	1 079 768	1 120 552	1 171 420
Community Safety	141 354	153 975	139 541	144 779
Total payments and estimates	95 912 059	100 000 248	101 695 759	106 104 427

Provincial summary of payment and estimates by cluster

	2025 MTEF Estimates			% share of
R Thousand	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	the 2025/26 total budget
Social Protection, Community and Human Development	79 404 809	81 415 475	84 929 491	79%
Education	44 636 479	46 160 403	48 190 228	45%
Health	31 652 682	32 026 965	33 399 167	32%
Social Development	3 115 648	3 228 107	3 340 096	3%
Economic Sectors, Investment, Employment and Infrastructure Development	16 486 977	16 281 009	17 014 882	16%
Public Works and Infrastructure	2 654 227	2 722 744	2 815 181	3%
Agriculture	2 577 809	2 669 651	2 752 622	3%
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism	1 815 756	2 051 387	2 321 561	2%
Transport	5 989 575	5 532 082	5 670 810	6%
Human Settlements	2 369 842	2 184 593	2 283 288	2%
Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture	1 079 768	1 120 552	1 171 420	1%
Governance, State Capacity and Institutional Development	3 203 977	3 155 275	3 288 764	3%
Office of the Premier	1 519 072	1 439 493	1 505 681	2%
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	1 165 720	1 191 563	1 239 816	1%
Provincial Treasury	519 185	524 219	543 267	1%
Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster	153 975	139 541	144 779	0,2%
Community Safety	153 975	139 541	144 779	0,2%
Provincial Legislature	750 510	704 459	726 511	1%
TOTAL	100 000 248	101 695 759	106 104 427	100%

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Provincial Budget 2025/26			
R' thousand	Budget 2025/26	% Share 2025/26	
Office of the Premier	1 519 072	1,5%	
Provincial Legislature	750 510	0,8%	
Health	31 652 682	31,7%	
Social Development	3 115 648	3,1%	
Public Works and Infrastructure	2 654 227	2,7%	
Education	44 636 479	44,6%	
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	1 165 720	1,2%	
Agriculture	2 577 809	2,6%	
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	1 815 756	1,8%	
Transport	5 989 575	6,0%	
Human Settlements	2 369 842	2,4%	
Provincial Treasury	519 185	0,5%	
Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	1 079 768	1,1%	
Community Safety	153 975	0,2%	
Total payments and estimates	100 000 248	100,0%	





Summary of provincial payments by economic classification

		2025 MTEF estimates		
R' thousand	% Share of 2025/26	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Current payments	85,2%	85 165 492	86 833 176	90 457 630
Compensation of employees	66,2%	66 158 192	67 834 984	70 515 099
Goods and services	19,0%	19 007 300	18 998 192	19 942 531
Transfers and subsidies	10,6%	10 580 507	11 054 522	11 677 908
Payments for capital assets	4,3%	4 254 250	3 808 061	3 968 889
Total economic classification: Eastern Cape Province	100,0%	100 000 249	101 695 759	106 104 427





Infrastructure Allocations in 2025/26

Intrastructure Anocations III 2023/20			
Infrastructure Allocations2025 MTEF	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Office of the Premier	604 149	570 431	596 101
Health	1 621 871	1 635 438	1 671 494
Social Development	41 065	42 284	44 187
Public Works and Infrastructure	230 745	148 131	86 302
Education	1 977 053	1 957 630	2 046 988
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	11 204	3 557	3 728
Agriculture	135 514	134 439	139 266
Transport	2 492 065	1 915 607	1 986 920
Human Settlements	1 884 352	1 696 694	1 773 421
Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	25 775	23 690	25 442
Economic Development , Environmental Affairs and Tourism	362 217	617 238	868 169
Total Infrastructure Budget	9 386 010	8 745 139	9 242 018

Infrastructure Allocations	2025/26	% share of 2025/26 infrastructure budget	
Office of the Premier	604 149	6	
Health	1 621 871	17	
Social Development	41 065	-	
Public Works and Infrastructure	230 745	2	
Education	1 977 053	21	
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	11 204	-	
Agriculture	135 514	1	
Transport	2 492 065	27	
Human Settlements	1 884 352	20	
Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	25 775	-	
Economic Development , Environmental Affairs and Tourism	362 217	4	
Infrastructure Budget	9 386 010	100	

EPWP: Integrated Grant for Provinces

	2025/26 Budget Intergrated'000	Number of Jobs
Health	12 111	173
Public Works and Infrasrtucture	9 768	1 300
Education	29 800	690
Social Development	7 658	3 558
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	2 492	170
Agriculture	1 467	546
Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	3 432	500
Transport	42 395	34 000
Human Settlements	3 447	62
Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	2 500	57
Community Safety	3 307	102
Total EPWP payments and estimates	118 377	41 158

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Education

A total amount of R138.987 billion is allocated towards the department over the 2025 MTEF period. Of the total 2025 MTEF allocation, **R44.636 billion** is provided for 2025/26 fiscal year, representing a percent growth from the 2024/25 revised estimates of **R42.452 billion**. This allocation will fund, amongst other things, the following key sector priorities.

- National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP): The NSNP is a poverty alleviation strategy introduced by the South African government, in 1994, as part of the reconstruction and development Programme (RDP), which was based on a conceptual framework for understanding how health and nutrition factors influence school achievement. The NSNP is funded through a conditional grant that is appropriated in terms of Division of Revenue Act (DORA). The total allocation for the 2025 MTEF amounts to R5.682 billion. An amount of R1.828 billion (of which transfers for school feeding accounts for R1.785 billion) is for 2025/26 financial year and is intended to have a participation of 1 594 531 learners that expected to benefit from the school feeding Programme for both public ordinary and qualifying special schools.
- Early Childhood Development (ECD) is allocated funding of R3.903 billion over the 2025 MTEF period Of this allocated funding, R1.229 billion is for 2025/26 financial year, of which R557.619 million (combined equitable share and grant funding) is for transfers, mainly to qualifying Public Ordinary Schools to resource Grade R teaching and learning, and Pre-Grade R training.
- Educator Post Provisioning Norm (PPN): Due to resource constraints, the department has maintained the status quo for the headcount declaration of 52 817 posts in respect of the PPN in 2025 academic period, for both at Public Ordinary and Special Schools. The PPN makes provision for posts at qualifying schools for the appointment of school-based educators for critical subjects, posts for substitutes, special intervention, curriculum and growth, mother-tongue languages etc. It should be noted that the current educator post provisioning will be maintained and implemented at same levels for the next three years, starting from 2025 - 2027, as part of a multi-year agreement, to ensure stability in learning and teaching environment, whilst also allowing the department an ample of time to address other human resource inefficiencies identified. Therefore, an aggregate amount of **R98.709 billion** is set aside over the 2025 MTEF, mainly to fund the PPN, of which R31.769 billion is allocated for the 2025/26 financial year.
- School furniture: As part of and creating a conducing learning and teaching environment at schools, the purchasing of basic resources such as furniture for schools has been prioritized. Therefore, a total allocation of **R813.266 million** over the 2025 MTEF has been set aside, mainly for the procurement of new furniture and revamping of broken material at identified schools, of which R282.106 million is allocated for 2025/26.
- Infrastructure Development: The Education Infrastructure Grant (EIG) provides funding for ongoing infrastructure projects in the province, including the maintenance of existing infrastructure and the building of

new structures. Thus, a total allocation of R5.859 billion, of which R1.926 billion is provided for 2025/26 to assist the department in addressing infrastructural requirements at schools and hostels.

Teacher Development (training and bursaries): The department continues to provide training of educators at public schools, as part of its transformation plan. These efforts are aimed at improving the functionality of schools as cited in the department's school transformation plan. As such, a total amount of R411.323 million has been allocated over the 2025 MTEF, of which R86.297 million and R46.317 million is provided in 2025/26 alone, thus making up to R132.614 million for both the training of educators and bursaries respectively

Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM): The department has the responsibility to provide quality teaching through the procurement and provision of adequate Learner Teacher Support Material at schools. The procurement of quintiles 1 to 5 textbooks and stationery for Q1 -3 is centralized, whilst most quintiles 4 and 5 receive their learning material (stationery) budget through transfers (Norms and standards). For centralized procurement of material, a total amount of R3.098 billion is made available over the MTEF, of which R819.118 million in 2025/26 for the annual procurement of textbooks and stationery for all learners in Grades R to 12.

External Examination: The department makes provision for exam marking costs, which necessitates operational requirements for marking and other personnel related expenditure. Therefore, an amount of R457.871 million is provided in the departmental baseline for this purpose, in 2025/26 and a total of R1.469 billion over the 2025 MTEF period.

The Norms and Standards allocation provides school funding to all qualifying public schools in the province, in Rand Value per learner for each quintile category. This allocation enables the provision of critical goods and services that are required for the proper functioning of the schools. This policy area is supported sufficiently for both Public Ordinary Schools and Early Childhood Development, after the carry through costs were provided in the baseline over medium term period. This will thus, ensure a total of 4 962 schools, which account for 1 601 758 learners in Public Ordinary Schools will now be funded on par to the national prescribed threshold for no fee schools across quintile categories. The gazette "per learner funding" rates to public schools ranked in quintiles 1-3, amounts to R1.754 per learner, whilst the fee-paying schools in guintiles 4 and 5 are funded at R879 and R301 per learner, respectively. This is congruent to the actual funding provided in the departmental baseline. As such, a total of R2.662 billion is provided for 2025/26, and the total of R8.352 billion over the 2025 MTEF.

Learner Attainment Improvement Strategy (LAIS) is a programme that was developed, particularly to improve matric results at the end of academic year. The programme targets various underperforming districts in the province (through the provision of extra classes during holidays and weekends). To implement the programme a total allocated funding of **R267.331 million** is provided in 2025/26 and R838.623 million over the 2025 MTEF.

Health

A total amount of R31.652 billion has been allocated in the 2025/26 and R97.078 billion over the 2025 MTEF.

- The allocation is to fund amongst other things the following:
- Health Infrastructure: An amount of R1.621 **billion** is allocated for Health infrastructure within the province and a total of R4.928 billion over the 2025 MTEF period for maintenance and repairs, upgrades and additions and rehabilitation and refurbishment for health facilities, including new infrastructure assets. Of the **R1.621 billion**, an amount of R775.953 million relates to the Health Facilities Revitalization Grant in 2025/26 financial year and R2.272 billion over 2025 MTEF.
- District Health Programmes Grant: an amount of R3.110 billion in 2025/26 and R9.763 billion over the 2025 MTEF is allocated for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) test kits, Anti-retroviral Virus (ARV), Tuberculosis (TB) related medication, National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) tests, Condoms, Compensation of Employees for health professions, Human Papilloma Vaccine (HPV) and salaries for Nurses who administers the vaccination, Salaries for Community Health Workers in the Community Outreach Services component, as well as vaccines for prevention of mother to child transmission on the HIV component.
- Human Resources and Training Grant: An amount of R596.426 million in 2025/26 and

Human Settlements · Financial interventions: An amount of

etc.)

implants.

paramedics in the province.

A total budget of **R6.837 billion** is allocated to the Department of Human Settlements over the 2025 MTEF. of which an allocation for the 2025/26 financial year is R2.369 billion.

The allocation for the 2025/26 financial year will fund amongst other things the following:

- Rural Interventions: An amount of R870.250 million in 2025/26 and R3.008 billion over the 2025 MTEE to facilitate **4 970** housing opportunities in rural areas across and service 4 345 sites:
- Incremental Intervention: An amount of ٠ R938.376 million in 2025/25 and R2.199 billion over the 2025 MTEF has been allocated to facilitate housing access to beneficiaries for Emergency Housing and Enhance People Housing Process (EPHP), destitute and vulnerable groups, including disabled, elderly, child-headed families, and military veterans. •
- R326.278 million in 2025/26 and R926.249 million over the 2025 MTEF has been allocated to create an enabling environment and provide the implementation support of housing development, provide access to **260** beneficiaries for the Housing Finance Linked Individual Subsidy (Help Me Buy a Home) programme and a target of 1 928 title deeds will be registered.

B1.851 billion over the 2025 MTFF period is allocated

for training and development of health professionals

(nurses, doctors, registrars and bursary holders etc.),

Tertiary and Specialized Hospital Services:

represent the highest level of healthcare, offering highly

specialized, advanced treatment for complex conditions.

The allocation for these hospitals is **R5.760 billion** in

National Health Laboratory Services: An

amount of R1.348 billion in 2025/26 and R3.837

billion is over the 2025 MTEF period is allocated for

blood testing (HIV, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Cancer,

Medicine: An amount of R1.277 billion in 2025/26

and **R6.579 billion** over the 2025 MTEF period is

Medical Supplies: An amount of R1.191 billion

in 2025/26 and R3.664 billion over the 2025 MTEF

period is allocated for blood products and medical

Emergency Medical Services: An amount of

R1.638 billion in 2025/26 and R5.038 billion

over the 2025 MTEF period is allocated for the

operationalization of the existing ambulances and

allocated for medicine and other related drugs.

2025/26 and R16.554 billion over the 2025 MTEF.

and provision of critical staff at health facilities.

 Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership grant: An amount of R307.920 million in 2025/26 and R519.343 million over the 2025 MTEF has been allocated to upgrade 160 informal settlements to improve living conditions in informal settlements across municipalities in the province.

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

- The department has been allocated an amount of R1.165 billion in 2025/26 and R3.597 billion over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things the following:
- Municipal Support: An amount of R440.253 million in 2025/26 • and R1.357 billion over the 2025 MTEF is allocated for support to municipalities to ensure the transformation of developmental local government by strengthening municipal institutions that will be responsive to the needs of the communities. Included herein is an allocation of R2 million in 2025/26 for the Integrated Municipal Support Intervention.
 - Support on Traditional Leaders: An amount of R418.050 million

Community **Safety**

The department is mandated to promote safer communities through civilian oversight of the police and community participation. In 2025/26 the department is allocated an amount of R153.975 million and R438.295 million over the 2025 MTEF. The allocation to fund amongst other things the followina:

Monitoring and Evaluation: An amount of R5.220 million in 2025/26 and R13.288 million over the 2025 MTEF is allocated for monitoring and evaluating the police performance and

Transport

An amount of R5.989 billion has been allocated in 2025/26 and a total amount of R17.192 billion over the 2025 MTEF. The allocation for 2025/26 is to fund amongst others, the continuation of the following:

Facilitating access to social and economic activities through bridge and roads maintenance, regravelling, upgrading, rehabilitation and resealing of provincial roads with an amount of R2.426 billion allocated in 2025/26 and R6.197 billion over the 2025 MTEF. the department will among others, continue with bridge maintenance, the Welisizwe bridge programme, the phased implementation of the Wild Coast Meander Route, refurbish provincial road network, provide roads leading to health facilities and schools, and improve access to economic amenities such Cofimvaba - Askeaton; R72 Hamburg; Canzibe Hospital Road; Middelburg ITCC; Dr08034 N2 To R61 Via Clarkebury; T125 Phase4 N2 To subsidies with an amount of R778.343 million allocated in 2025/26 and a total of R2.384 billion over the 2025 MTEF. Transport Operations will continue to subsidise 2 399 bus operations Mayibuye Transport Corporation (MTC), Algoa Bus Company (ABC) and AB350 PTY (Ltd) with an effort to provide an affordable and reliable transportation system.

Provision of scholar transport services to deserving learners from grade R to12, who travel a distance of 5 km or more (single trip) to the nearest public school with an amount of R760.711 million allocated in 2025/26 and R2.428 billion over the 2025 MTEE A total of 103 000 learners are planned to benefit from the programme in 2025/26. Traffic Law Enforcement in order to ensure adequate road safety and maximise traffic control and law enforcement on provincial roads with an amount of R472.717 million in 2025/26 and R1.129

billion over the 2025 MTEF to fund the cost of 629

traffic officers providing for the 24/2 traffic officer

shift system, and the department implements a 24/7

shift system and envisages employing 150 traffic

- Siphethu Hospital road are a few of the many upgrade projects that will be under implementation during 2025/26
- Provision of affordable bus passenger services for people mainly in rural areas through passenger fare

Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture

officers

A total amount of **R1.079 billion** is allocated for 2025/26 and R3.371 billion has been allocated to the Department Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture over 2025 MTEF. The allocation for 2025/26 will continue to fund projects to contribute towards the attainment of a Social Cohesion and safer communities emanating from the departments programmes, namely:

- Cultural Affairs: An amount of R259.207 million in 2025/26 and R795.981 million over the 2025 MTEF is allocated among others for the hosting of arts and culture festivals, national significant days and commemoration partnership projects;
- · Library and Archives Services: An amount of R298.538 million in 2025/26 and R953.209 million over the 2025 MTEF for building of library infrastructure and digitisation of archives;
- Sport and Recreation: An amount of R170.795 million in 2025/26 and R540.645 million over the 2025 MTEF is allocated among others for hosting of major sport tourism events and school sport competitions.
- Furthermore, included in the department's allocation, is an additional amount of:
 - 0 R4.881 million in 2025/26 and R15.895 million over the 2025 MTEF, specifically allocated to respond to the compensation of employees' pressures emanating from the wage agreement.
- R1.812 million in 2025/26 and R5.691 million over the 2025 MTEF, specifically allocated for repatriations of remains from foreign countries to South Africa (Eastern Cape)

- in 2025/26 and R1.346 billion over the 2025 MTEF for support and capacitate institutions of Traditional Leadership to effectively perform their statutory and customary obligations. Included herein is an allocation of R11.188 million in 2025/26 and R33.564 million over the 2025 MTEF for salary adjustment implications for traditional leaders in respect of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.
- Disaster Management: An amount of R25.767 million in 2025/26 and **R69.888 million** over the 2025 MTEF to render support services regarding integrated planning and development in municipalities. Included herein is an allocation of R2 million each in 2026/27 and 2027/28 for the capacitation of the Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC), in order to enhance the provincial response in dealing with disasters. Also, funding provided from the provincial reserves for provincial priorities in 2025/26 is the **R6.128 million** for the capacitation of the Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC), in order to enhance the provincial response in dealing with disasters.

conduct. An estimate of 51 policing accountability engagements will be convened in the coming year.

- Safety Promotion: An amount of R43.751 million in 2025/26 and R109.343 million over the 2025 MTEF is allocated for the crime prevention mobilisation in the hotspot areas in the province. Provision is made ensure the implementation of 62 social crime prevention programmes.
- Community Police Relations: An amount of R23.344 million in 2025/26 and R82.664 million over the 2025 MTEF is allocated to promote good relations between police and the community. An additional funding is exclusively appropriated for the creation of Safety Partnerships Directorate within the Programme to ensure collaboration with other stakeholders.

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Public Works & Infrastructure

The department is mandated as the provincial nerve centre for infrastructure planning, coordination and delivery. In 2025/26, **R2.654 billion** and **R8.192 billion** over the 2025 MTEF has been allocated to fund amongst others:

- Payment to municipalities for rates and taxes as well as the municipal services of water and electricity with an amount of R721.126 million in 2025/26 and R3.078 billion over the 2024 MTEF.
- Construction of the one stop office complexes, maintenance of government buildings, investment in alternative energy sources to deal with load shedding as well as providing support to user departments to deliver on their infrastructure programmes with an amount of R230.745 million in 2025/26 and R465.178 million over the 2025 MTEF.
- Optimising the skills development via the NYS and APTCoD programmes with an amount of R49.086 million allocated in 2025/26 and R133.111 million over the 2025 MTEF.
- Providing leasing of properties for office accommodation with an amount of R268.260 million in 2025/26 and R921.223 million over the 2025 MTEF.
- Providing security services to government buildings with an amount of **R277 million** in 2025/26 and **R844.920 million** over the 2025 MTEF.

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Agriculture

The department has allocated an amount of **R2.577 billion** in 2025/26 and **R8 billion** over 2025 MTEF period, to fund amongst other things the following:

- Producer Support Services: An amount of R126.317 million is allocated in 2025/26, and R407.660 million over 2025 MTEF to improve agriculture infrastructure to support commercialisation of all commodities. This sub-program will target prioritized commodities such as livestock, grain, citrus, poultry, vegetables, and piggery.
- Food security (crop and livestock production): an amount of R269.276 million Food is allocated in 2025/26 and R843.717 million allocated over the 2025 MTEF. The budget is allocated to improve crop productivity on 23 000 ha by supporting farmers with production inputs, mechanisation services and livestock enterprises to enhance herd productivity through distribution of improved genetic material to smallholder and communal farmers. Included in this allocation is a once off additional amount of R5.650 million in 2025/26 for the operationalisation of 13 custom feeding centres and R1.500 million in 2025/26 and R2.600 million over the 2025 MTEF for the implementation of Livestock Identification and Traceability System (LITS)
- Veterinary Services: An amount of R374.310 million in 2025/26 and R1.167 million over the 2025 MTEF has been allocated to provide veterinary services to pursue veterinary interventions to clients to ensure healthy productive animals, safe animal products and welfare of animals and the public.
- Agricultural Education and Training: An amount of R217.194 million in and 2025/26 and R674.159 million over the 2025 MTEF is allocated to provide and facilitate structured and vocational agricultural education and training to establish a knowledgeable, prosperous, and competitive sector.

Provincial Treasury

The department is allocated an amount of R519.185 million in 2025/26 and R1.586 billion over the 2025 MTEF to continue to support provincial departments and municipalities in order to ensure sound financial and resource management.

- Sustainable Resources Management: an amount of R86.758 million is allocated in 2025/26 and R275.488 million over the 2025 MTEF to continue with initiatives aimed at ensuring effective and efficient planning, utilization, implementation and monitoring of provincial resources.
- Asset and Liabilities Management: an amount of R34.980 million is allocated in 2025/26, and R115.808 million over the 2025 MTEF to promote and enforce transparency and effectiveness of Supply Chain and Asset Management in the province.
- Financial Governance: an amount of R103.888 million is allocated in 2025/26 and R320.065 million over the 2025 MTEF to promote accountability through accounting practices, financial information systems governance as well as compliance with financial norms and standards.
- Municipal Accounting and Reporting: an amount of R68.765 million is allocated for 2025/26, and R221.052 million over the 2025 MTEF to provide ongoing financial management and governance support to municipalities.

Social Development

A total amount of **R9.683 billion** has been allocated to the department of Social Development over the 2025 MTEF, of which **R3.115 billion** is allocated for 2025/26. The allocation for 2025/26 is to fund amongst other things the following:

- Services to Older Persons: An amount of R101.467 million has been allocated in 2025/26 and a total of R315.192 million over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things 15 160 older
- Victim Empowerment: An amount of R36.109 million has been allocated in 2025/26 and R112.167 million over the 2025 MTEF amongst other things to strengthen and intensify Gender Based Violence programmes and Psycho Social support services to victims of crime and violence.

 Substance Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation: An amount R12.366 million in 2025/26 and R38.413 million over 2025 MTEF

Economic Development, Environmental Affairs, and Tourism

A total amount of **R6.188 billion** has been allocated over the 2025 MTEF to the Department of Economic Development, Environment Affairs and Tourism of which **R1.815 billion** is for 2025/26. The allocation for 2025/26 and over the 2025 MTEF is to fund amongst other, the following:

- For effective business regulation, an amount of R68.952 million is allocated to the Eastern Cape Gambling Board (ECLB in 2025/26 with a total of R208.304 million allocated over the 2025 MTEF to regulate gambling industry within the province. It is also critical to support digital transformation and ICT for responsible and more effective and efficient gambling as well as licencing to improve revenue generating. An amount of R82.467 million has been allocated in 2025/26 to Eastern Cape Liquor Board with a total allocation of R248.053 million over the 2025 MTEF, to regulate liquor industry within the province.
- To promote inclusive sustainable socioeconomic development focused on provision for innovative enterprise development financial services leveraging resources through strategic alliance, investment and partnership by Eastern Cape Development Corporation and ring-fenced funds for catalytic projects to rejuvenate the provincial economic growth. A total amount of R416.715 million is availed in 2025/26 and R1.159 billion over the 2025 MTEF. This is aligned to outcome 4 "Decent employment through inclusive economic growth and sustainable livelihood". Included in the allocation for 2025/26, are amongst others, funds for SMMEs support, for Automotive aftermarket support, for Economic Development fund (ED).
- To provide investor solutions to attract and develop strategic industries that strengthen South Africa's global competitiveness through the development and operation of a thriving, specialised industrial complex through East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ). A total amount of R95.155 million is allocated in 2025/26 with a total amount of R286.060 million over the 2025 MTEF mostly for operational cost. This aligned to outcome 4 "Decent employment through inclusive economic growth and sustainable livelihood".
- Mainly to create employment and other economic and social benefits in the region in which the Coega Development Corporation is located by attracting local and foreign direct investment to improve economic growth. An amount of R397.016 million is allocated in 2025/26 with a total amount of R1.908 billion over the 2025 MTEF mainly for Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI) for the construction of a new bulk sewer connection pipeline, the upgrading of bulk infrastructure to accommodate the expected increase in demand, and construction of critical bulk water (return effluent) infrastructure to support economic growth and enable a human settlement development in Motherwell

Office of the Premier

The department is allocated an amount of **R1.519 billion** in 2025/26 and **R4.464 billion** over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things the following:

- Performance Monitoring and Evaluation: an amount of R106.214 million in 2025/26 and R315.486 million over the 2025 MTEF to coordinate and facilitate integrated development through monitoring and evaluation of government programmes. Included in this amount is an additional amount of R8.285 million allocated for the provincial regional observatory; long-term strategic and integrated planning as well as Eastern Cape Seaboard.
- Human Resource Management: an amount of R29.921 million in 2025/26 and R91.797 million over the 2025 MTEF to provide strategic organisational development, human capital and talent management consultancy support services to the province and coordinate strategic skills development interventions.
- Provincial ICT: an amount of R780.422 million is allocated in 2025/26 and R2.273 billion over the 2025 MTEF to provide and coordinate the provision of an integrated information and communications technology service. Included in this amount is the budget for the Broadband project amounting to R452.547 million in 2025 and R1.294 billion MTEF for servicing connected sites and R806.974 million for Microsoft licenses and Unified Support.
- Integrated Youth Development an amount of R86.305 million in 2025/26 and R168.570 million over the 2025 MTEF to manage and coordinate the provision of youth strategy, strategic skills and entrepreneurship and empowerment programmes. Included in this amount is R48 million over the 2025 MTEF set aside for Isiqalo Youth Fund to provide financial and non-financial support to youth owned enterprises and R68.222 million set aside over the 2025 MTEF for bursaries (awards) for top achievers.
- Rapid Response and Priority Programmes: an amount of R156.389 million is allocated in 2025/26 and R489.713 million allocated over the 2025 MTEF for the department to facilitate the implementation of Premier Priority Projects. Of this amount, the Transfers to municipalities amount to R466.371 million over the 2025 MTEF for the continuation of the Small-Town revitalization programme under the prioritized towns.

Provincial Legislature

The Provincial Legislature is allocated an amount of **R750.510 million** in 2025/26 and **R2.181 billion** over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things the following:

 Political parties: an amount of R169.196 million in 2024/25 financial year and R507.642 million over the 2024 MTEF is set for the funding of political parties, including constituency and caucus funding to enhance democracy. This is to provide and regulate the public and private funding of political parties represented in the Legislature, particularly, the establishment and management of those funds to ensure fair and efficient distribution.

persons who will access community-based care and support services and 1 444 persons accessing residential facilities.

• Services to Persons with Disabilities: An amount of R32.550 million in 2025/26 has been allocated and a total of R101.113 million over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things 23 618 persons with disabilities who will be accessing Community Based Rehabilitation Services and 812 persons with disabilities accessing Residential Facilities.

 Social Relief: An amount of R46.272 million in 2025/26 has been allocated and a total of R145.139 million over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things 138 794 indigent learners from quintile 1 – 3 schools benefitting from the Sanitary Dignity Programme to address Menstrual Health and Hygiene.

- Child Care and Protection: An amount of R36.160 million has been allocated in 2025/26 and a total of R112.326 million over the 2025 MTEF amongst other things 1 681 children will be
- placed in foster care.

in 2025/26 and **R38.413 million** over 2025 MTEF has been allocated amongst other things to reach 124 709 people through prevention programmes and provide substance use disorder treatment services to 1 488 users.

- Youth Development: An amount of **R3.090** million has been allocated in 2025/26 and a total of **R9.599** million over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things 2 527 youth to participate in skills development programmes.
- Women Empowerment: An amount of R3 million in 2025/26 is allocated and a total of R9.319 million over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things 1 997 women participating in women empowerment programmes; and
- **Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods:** An amount of **R14.439 million** has been allocated in 2025/26 and a total of **R44.852 million** over the 2025 MTEF to fund amongst other things 6 648 people accessing food security and nutrition initiatives.

- Local and Regional Economic Development (LRED) Fund is allocated R6.600 million to support co-operatives within the province in 2025/26 and R23.234 million over the 2025 MTEF. It plays a critical role to support the industries in the Agro-processing value chain, Manufacturing, Tourism, Ocean economy, Digital Transformation, and ICT as well as automotive cluster.
- Environmental management EPWP projects such as Waste Management, Waste Greening and Cleaning and Alien plants eradication is allocated an amount of R17.067 million in 2025/26 for job opportunities within the sector. Over the 2025 MTEF, an amount of R47.957 million has been allocated. Included in the allocation an amount of R1 million is for Greenest Municipality Award (GMA) competition.
- Committee services: an amount of R69.911 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R208.321 over the 2025 MTEF to facilitate law-making and enhance oversight function over the departments and public entities.
- Public participation: an amount of R29.145 million in the 2025/26 financial year and R108.878 million over the 2024 MTEF has been allocated for public participation and awareness to serve the people of the Eastern Cape through interactive public participation programmes that market the Legislature and increase public awareness of legislative processes; and
- Member remuneration: an amount of R94.693 million in the 2025/26 financial year and 302.836 million over the 2025 MTEF have been allocated for the member's remuneration.

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