



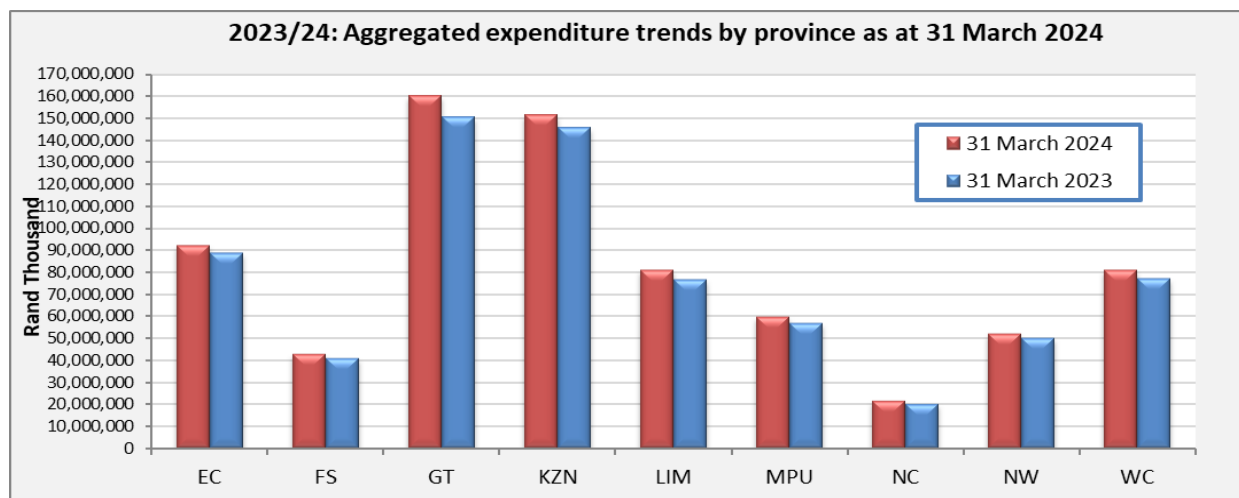
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Provincial Budgets: 2023/24 Financial Year Fourth Quarter Provincial Budgets and Expenditure Report

SUMMARY

Overall Expenditure Trends – Fourth Quarter: 2023/24 Financial Year

1. Provinces have spent 99.2 per cent or R741.7 billion of the R747.4 billion provincial adjusted budgets as at the end of March 2024. Preliminary spending has increased by 5 per cent (R35.6 billion) compared to the 2022/23 financial year. All provinces except one have underspent their 2023/24 adjusted budgets by R5.7 billion, in terms of the preliminary expenditure numbers. The preliminary underspending mainly emanates from payments for capital assets and transfers and subsidies, which are underspending by R3.1 billion and R2.2 billion respectively, however all other economic classifications are also reported under expenditure, albeit minimally.



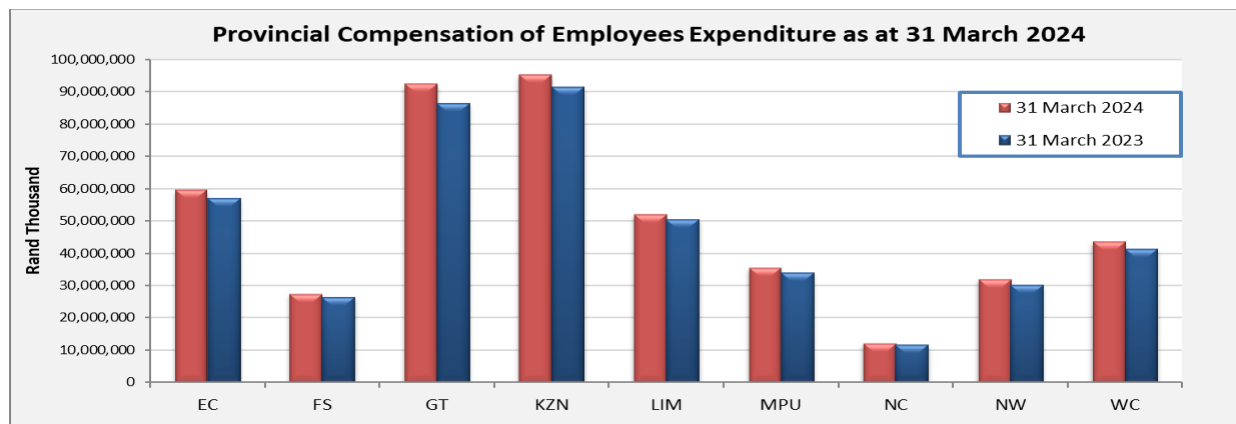
2. Preliminary spending on **education** amounts to R309.5 billion or 99.7 per cent of the provincial education adjusted budget of R310.5 billion. This spending is R15.7 billion (5.4 per cent) higher compared to the same period of the previous financial year. At the end of March 2024, the sector reported a preliminary underspending of R941.6 million. This preliminary under expenditure mainly emanates from seven provinces.
3. Provinces spent R251.1 billion or 100.1 per cent against the adjusted budget of R250.8 billion providing **health** services during 2023/24. The current preliminary spending is R8.5 billion (3.5 per cent) higher than the spending recorded over the same period in 2022/23. Provincial health



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departments have overspent their adjusted budgets by R207.1 million, as per the preliminary expenditure numbers.

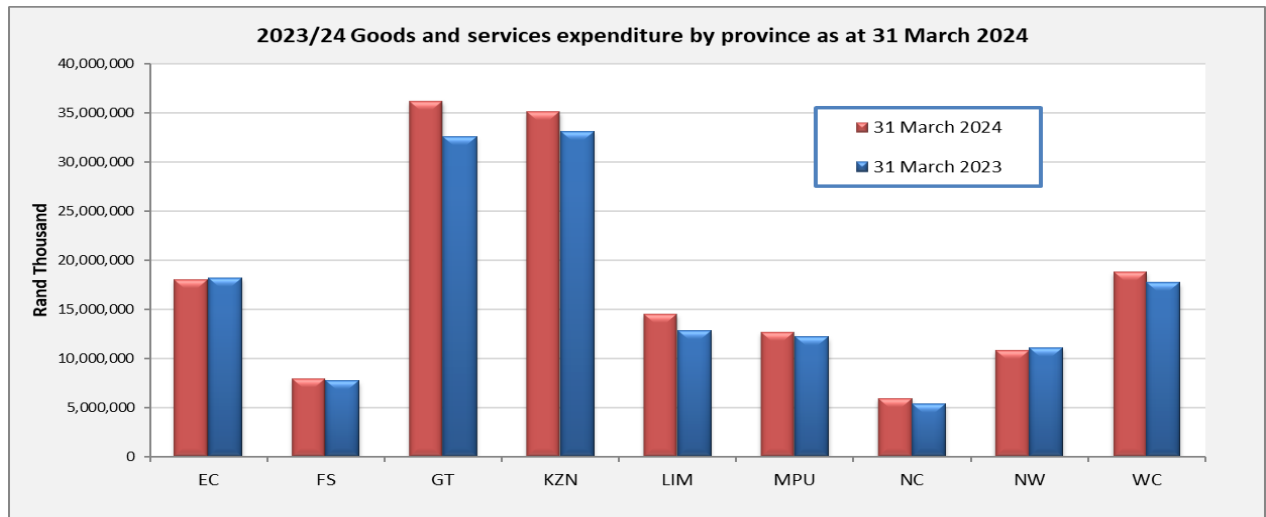
- Provinces preliminary spending rate is recorded at 96.9 per cent or R21.2 billion of the **social development** adjusted budget of R21.9 billion. This represents an increase of 0.6 per cent or R121.6 million compared to 2022/23.
- The provincial preliminary spending on compensation of employees in 2023/24 amounts to R450.4 billion or 100 per cent of the R450.6 billion adjusted budget. This represents an increase of 5 per cent or R21.6 billion compared to 2022/23. Six provinces reported preliminary underspending totaling to R2.1 billion on compensation of employees. This is offset by three provinces that overspent by R2 billion, with the net effect resulting in an underspending of R172 million.



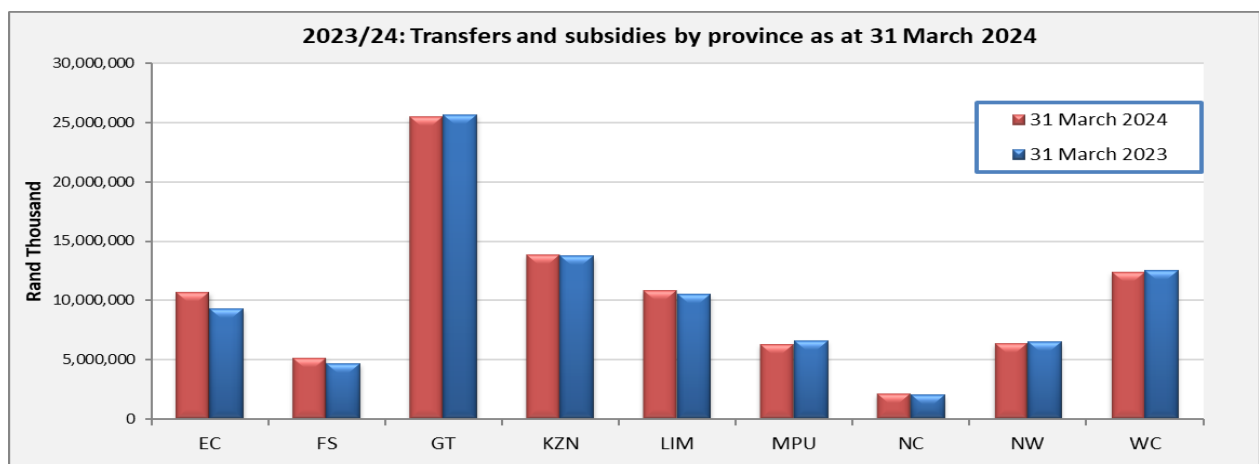
- Preliminary spending on goods and services amounts to R160.6 billion or 99.8 per cent of the R161 billion adjusted budget. This translates to a 6.4 per cent or R9.7 billion increase compared to the R150.9 billion spent over the same period in 2022/23. Six provinces underspent their goods and services budgets by R2.1 billion while three have overspent by R1.7 billion.



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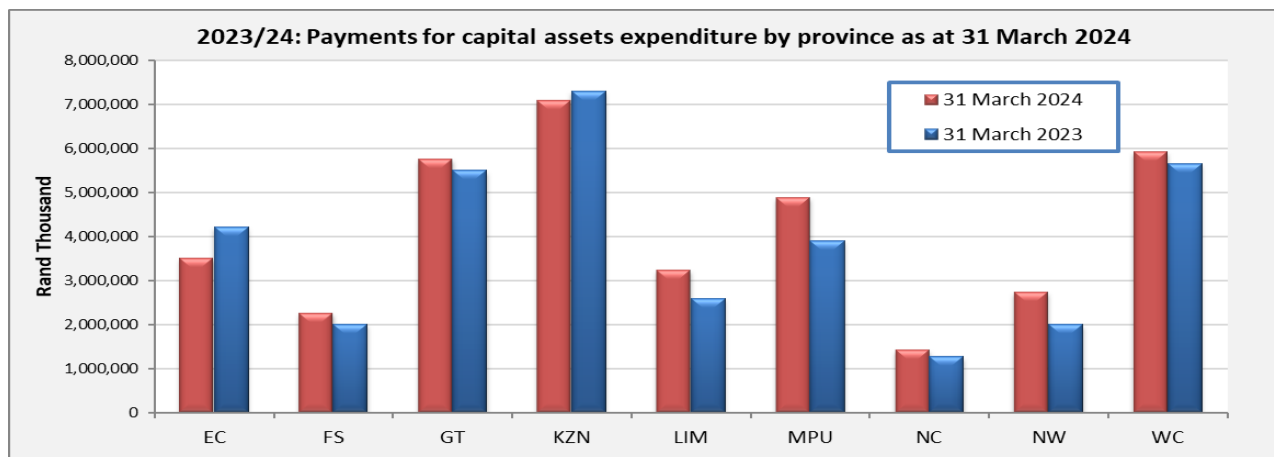
7. Provinces had an adjusted budget of R95.8 billion for transfers and subsidies, of this budget R93.5 billion was spent resulting in preliminary underspending of R2.2 billion as at 31 March 2024. All provinces underspent their transfers budget except for two provinces which recorded preliminary overspending of R440.6 million combined.



8. Payments for capital assets preliminary spending amounts to R36.9 billion or 92.3 per cent of the R40 billion adjusted budget for 2023/24. This also reflects an increase of 7.1 per cent in spending compared to 2022/23.



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9. Provincial own revenue collected R26.6 billion or 115.3 per cent of the R23 billion adjusted budget for the fourth quarter of the current financial year. Provinces over-collected by a total of R3.5 billion. This collection trend shows an improvement of 8.7 per cent when compared to the previous year's collections.
10. The budgeted figures as at the end of fourth quarter of 2023/24 are based on the 2023 Adjusted *Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure* documents, which were presented to the provincial legislatures in November 2023 and March 2024.

Notes to editors

- Published by the National Treasury in terms of Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). This statement of provincial receipts and payments covers the fourth quarter (April 2023 to March 2024) of the 2023/24 financial year. The statement is also available on the Treasury website at www.treasury.gov.za.
- The information in the statement comes from Section 40(4) PFMA reports submitted by heads of provincial departments to provincial treasuries, who in turn, submitted the information to the National Treasury. These figures are unaudited first estimates and will be revised after all provincial departments and entities audited annual reports are tabled in their legislatures. Queries on spending or budget numbers should in the first instance be referred to the heads of the relevant provincial departments, and in the second instance to the head of the relevant provincial treasury. Queries on conditional grants should be referred to the head of the national department that administers the grant.
- The budget figures in this publication takes into account the *2023 Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure* documents of provinces, which were presented to their respective provincial legislatures during November 2023 and March 2024. It includes the amounts allocated through the *Adjusted Appropriation Act, 2023 and the Division of Revenue Amendment Act, 2023*.

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