



**KWAZULU-NATAL**

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# **VOTE 6 BUDGET SPEECH 2025/26**



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# **PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL**

## **Budget Address by Mr Francois Rodgers (MPL) MEC for Finance**

### **On tabling of the Vote Six Budget at the Legislature 25 July 2025**

Honourable Speaker, Ms. Nontembeko Boyce;  
Honourable Deputy Speaker, Ms. Mmabatho Tembe;  
Honourable Premier, Mr. Thami Ntuli;  
Members of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Executive Council;  
Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature;  
Members of the diplomatic corps;  
Chairperson of the KZN Provincial House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders,  
Inkosi Shinga;  
All traditional leaders;  
Acting Director General, Dr. Nkosenye Zulu;  
Head of Department, Ms. Carol Coetzee;  
All Heads of Departments and Senior Management:  
CEOs of Public Entities;  
People of KwaZulu-Natal;  
Members of the media;  
Business leaders;  
Distinguished guests;

Today, I re table the 2025/26 Vote 6 Budget for the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Treasury. As the Democratic Alliance, we are committed to building an ethical, capable state focused on financial stability and service delivery. Every rand must be used wisely wasteful expenditure is no longer an option.

Since June last year, Treasury saved R20 million by cutting back on non-essentials—funds that are now redirected to core service delivery. Our motto, *“Inspiring and enabling financial stability,”* is not just a statement—it’s a promise.

We have developed a strong **Provincial Financial Recovery Plan approved by the Provincial Executive Committee** that targets key departments—Health, Education, Transport, Social Development and Public Works and Infrastructure—as well as distressed municipalities. We’ve set up six workstreams focused on revenue, expenditure optimisation, governance, and communication, with full participation from line departments.

Despite fiscal constraints, we spent 96.3% of our budget in 2024/25 and achieved 95% of our targets—even while absorbing a R25 million budget cut and freezing 36 posts. For 2025/26, we are tabling a total budget of **R710 million**, an increase of R29 million from last year, yet still below inflation.

Honourable Speaker, the table below indicates the allocation of the budget for the 2025/26 financial year per programme:

No.	Programme	Line Function	Budgeted Amount
1.	Programme 1	Administration	R228, 693 million
2.	Programme 2	Sustainable Resource Management	R53,270 million
3.	Programme 3	Financial Governance	R241,176 million
4.	Programme 4	Internal Audit	R112,715 million
5.	Programme 5	Municipal Financial Management	R74,336 million
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>R710,190 million</b>

Our focus areas this year include:

- Driving the implementation of the Provincial Financial Recovery Plan and reporting progress but more importantly quantifying the impact of the various interventions.

- Enabling departments to realign budgets to resources through an extensive budget reform process and stringent monitoring in year financial performance.
- Driving cost-efficiency through introducing a new Supply Chain Management system coupled with business process mapping and capacity building.
- Supporting municipalities in enhancing financial management practices and thereby enhancing service delivery.
- Forging relations with potential investors through Public Private Partnerships.

We're intensifying internal audit, risk management, digital transformation (including launching the Financial Dashboard on 1 August 2025, and rolling out e-learning and AI tools for our workforce. We also remain committed to gender-based violence awareness in our workplace. These are all crucial for achieving transparency and long-term stability.

I have just concluded the appointment of our provincial audit and risk committee members and they have been given a clear directive of what Treasury expects from their provincial engagements, with regular report backs to my office.

As Provincial Treasury we have to set the standard and lead by example and I am extremely pleased to report that the Department received a clean audit for the 2024/25 financial year – bringing the record to more than 16 consecutive years.

**In conclusion**, I thank HoD Ms. Carol Coetzee, the Treasury team, my office, and all colleagues who support our mission. This is a budget that confronts our fiscal reality, while laying foundations for recovery, growth, and transformation. It is now my privilege to table Vote 6 for your consideration.

**I thank you.**