Vote 5

Education

| | | 2023/24 | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Main appropriation | Adjusted appropriation | Decrease | Increase |
| R thousand | | | | |
| Operational budget | 60 635 249 | 62 849 849 | | 2 214 600 |
| MEC remuneration | 2 037 | 2 098 | | 61 |
| Total amount to be appropriated | 60 637 286 | 62 851 947 | | 2 214 661 |
| of which: | | | | |
| Current payments | 55 416 055 | 58 324 664 | | 2 908 609 |
| Transfers and subsidies | 2 744 834 | 2 372 122 | (372 712) | |
| Payments for capital assets | 2 476 397 | 2 155 161 | (321 236) | |
| Payments for financial assets | - | - | | |
| Responsible MEC | MEC for Education | | | |
| Administering department | Education | | | |
| Accounting Officer | Head: Education | | | |

1. Vision and mission

Vision

The vision of the Department of Education (DOE) is: An innovative hub for quality teaching and learning that produces learners developed to exploit opportunities for lifelong success.

Mission

The department's mission is: To facilitate quality teaching and learning in a conducive classroom environment every day.

2. Strategic outcomes

Strategic policy directions: The outcomes of the department are as follows:

- Youth better prepared for further learning and world of work.
- A competent cohort of educators with the requisite skills for curriculum delivery and assessment in a changing world.
- Improved reading for meaning, numeracy and digital skills.
- A safe, secure school environment for teaching and learning.
- Decolonised curriculum in language and history studies.
- Collaborative and responsive infrastructure planning and implementation.

3. Summary of the adjustments estimate for 2023/24

The main appropriation of the Department of Education was R60.637 billion in 2023/24. During the year, the department received an additional net allocation totalling R2.215 billion, resulting in an adjusted appropriation of R62.852 billion.

It should be noted that the department was allocated partial funding by National Treasury in respect of the costs of the 2023 wage agreement which was implemented on 1 April 2023, as the national and provincial fiscus is unable to assist with the full funding. The department is not able to absorb the balance of the costs from within *Compensation of employees* in each programme. As such, the department has reprioritised some funding to offset this pressure, as detailed below.

The main reasons for this increase, as well as other adjustments, are summarised below, and explained in detail in Section 4.

- *Roll-overs:* An amount of R141.195 million was approved as a roll-over by National Treasury in respect of the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) grant and was allocated to Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education against *Goods and services*. This relates to committed funds for payment of feeding that was undertaken in March 2023, as invoices are only paid in April after the services for the month were certified.
- *Virements between programmes:* The department undertook various virements across programmes. This also affected various economic classifications and sub-programmes, as detailed in Section 4:
 - Programme 1: Administration shows a net decrease of R71.538 million resulting from virements, as follows:
 - R78.888 million was moved from *Goods and services* (R40 million) and *Buildings and other fixed structures* (R38.888 million) to Programme 6: Infrastructure Development against *Goods and services* to assist with budget pressures resulting from the reductions in conditional grant funding effected by National Treasury due to lower than expected revenue to be collected *via* SARS. These funds will now be used for school maintenance projects. These savings were realised from enforced savings against property payments in respect of the maintenance of various administrative buildings and against the repair and renovation of various administrative buildings.
 - R8.650 million was moved from *Transfers and subsidies to: Households* as a result of lower than budgeted staff exit costs to Programme 2 to offset pressures against the same category in respect of higher than anticipated staff exit costs.
 - Offsetting these decreases in the programme were savings of R16 million moved from Programme 5: Early Childhood Development (ECD) against *Compensation of employees*. These savings relate to qualified ECD Practitioners who could not be upgraded to Grade R Educator posts due to budget pressures on the Vote as a result of the carry-through effects of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts. These savings were moved to Programme 1 within *Compensation of employees* to offset pressures resulting from the carry-through effects of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts implemented by National Treasury.
 - Programme 2 shows an increase of R8.650 million against *Transfers and subsidies to: Households* to offset pressures against the same category in respect of higher than anticipated staff exit costs. These savings were realised from Programme 1 under the same category, as mentioned.
 - o Programme 3: Independent School Subsidies shows a decrease of R10.516 million against *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* in respect of non-gazetted schools that were not compliant with departmental requirements during the transfer period, and thus did not receive their transfer payments. These savings were moved to Programme 5 to offset pressures against the same category emanating from the ECD grant budget cuts after the shift of the ECD function from DSD in 2022/23, as well as the fiscal consolidation budget cuts effected in-year by National Treasury against the ECD grant due to lower-than-expected revenue to be collected *via* SARS.
 - Programme 4: Public Special School Education shows an increase of R28 million against *Compensation of employees* to offset budget pressures resulting from the carry-through effects of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts implemented by National Treasury which resulted in the unaffordability of filled and vacant Learners with Special Education Needs (LSEN) Educator/ Specialist posts in this programme. These funds will be utilised to offset pressures resulting from the decisions taken by the department to fill 353 critical posts within the LSEN sector. These savings were moved from Programme 5 against the same category from qualified ECD Practitioners who could not be upgraded to Grade R Educator posts, as mentioned.
 - Programme 5 shows a net decrease of R33.484 million resulting from virements to and from other programmes as follows:

- R44 million was moved from *Compensation of employees* to address budget pressures against Programmes 1 and 4 in the same category, resulting from the carry-through effects of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts implemented by National Treasury, as well as to offset budget pressures resulting from the decisions taken by the department to fill 353 critical posts within the LSEN sector. The savings resulted from the non-translation of ECD Practitioners, as mentioned.
- Offsetting the decrease was R10.516 million moved from Programme 3 to Programme 5 against *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* (non-gazetted funds) for pressures arising from the fact that the ECD grant was cut when it was moved from DSD to DOE in 2022/23, with this cut effected by National Treasury.
- o Programme 6 shows an increase of R78.888 million against *Goods and services*, with these funds moved from Programme 1 to assist with budget pressures resulting from the in-year fiscal consolidation reductions in the conditional grant funding made by National Treasury due to lower than expected revenue to be collected *via* SARS. These funds will now be used for school maintenance projects. The savings under Programme 1 were realised from enforced savings against property payments and against the capital repair and renovation of administrative buildings under *Goods and services* (R40 million) and *Buildings and other fixed structures* (R38.888 million), respectively, as mentioned.

It is noted that the reduction in *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* relating to funds that were not gazetted for transfer to any specific school, as well as the reduction in *Transfers and subsidies to: Departmental agencies and accounts* from the training budget for the Education Training Development Practice (ETDP) SETA, do not require Legislature approval as these transfers were not gazetted.

In addition to the above virements, the department undertook virements across sub-programmes and economic categories within programmes and these are discussed in more detail in Section 4.

These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations. The increase in *Compensation of employees* for the Vote as a whole received Provincial Treasury approval. Some of the virements undertaken at programme level require Legislature approval, and this is highlighted in grey shading under the relevant programmes.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction in *Machinery and equipment* and *Buildings and other fixed structures* in terms of Section 43(4)(c) of the PFMA, as the capital allocation for the Vote as a whole decreased by R54.783 million. The virement from Programme 3 requires Legislature approval as it exceeds the 8 per cent threshold in respect of the surrendering programme in terms of Section 43(2) of the PFMA.

- *Shifts:* The department undertook no shifts across programmes, however, funds were shifted across economic categories and sub-programmes within Programmes 1 and 2, as detailed in Section 4.
- *Other adjustments:* The department's budget allocation was increased by a net amount of R2.073 billion, as explained below:
 - R97 million was allocated from provincial cash resources for property payments for domestic accounts owed by schools to municipalities. These payments will be made to reconnect several buildings that were disconnected as a result of non-payment by defaulting Section 21 schools. These funds were allocated to Programme 2, against *Goods and services (Property payments)*.
 - An additional R2.305 billion was allocated for the costs of the 2023 wage agreement, with these funds received from National Treasury. It is important to note that this allocation does not fully cover the department's costs in this regard, with the amount allocated providing approximately 78 per cent of the costs of the 2023 wage agreement. The funds were allocated to Programme 2 (R2.295 billion) and Programme 4 (R10 million) under *Compensation of employees*.

Offsetting these increases, were the following in-year fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury to the conditional grant funding due to lower than expected revenue to be collected *via* SARS:

- o R8.349 million was cut from the maintenance component of the ECD grant. This cut was implemented under Programme 5, against *Goods and services (Property payments)*.
- R296.371 million was cut from the Education Infrastructure grant (EIG). This cut was implemented under Programme 6, against *Buildings and other fixed structures (Upgrades and additions: Capital –* R27.778 million, and *Refurbishment and rehabilitation: Capital –* R268.593 million).
- R3.088 million was cut from the HIV and AIDS (Life Skills Education) grant. This cut was implemented under Programme 7: Examination and Education Related Services, against *Goods and services (Travel and subsistence)*.
- o R8.070 million was cut from the Maths, Science and Technology (MST) grant. This cut was implemented under Programme 2, against *Goods and services (Inventory: other supplies)*.
- o R2.279 million was cut from the Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces. This cut was implemented under Programme 2, against *Compensation of employees*.

Furthermore, an amount of R10 million was reduced against the equitable share allocation. This reduction is in respect of funds surrendered towards the provincial Crime Fighting Initiative, as announced by the Honourable Premier in SOPA. This reduction was undertaken under Programme 2, against *Goods and services (Training and development)*.

Tables 5.1 and 5.2 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of the department, summarised according to programme and economic classification.

Note that further details of adjustments at economic classification level are provided in Annexure – Vote 5: Education.

Table 5.1 : Summary by programmes

| | Main | | Adjus | tments appropriati | on | | Total | ام مغني مغم ما |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Administration | 2 282 276 | - | - | (71 538) | - | - | (71 538) | 2 210 738 |
| 2. Public Ordinary School Education | 48 194 444 | 141 195 | - | 8 650 | - | 2 371 274 | 2 521 119 | 50 715 563 |
| 3. Independent School Subsidies | 95 799 | - | - | (10 516) | - | - | (10 516) | 85 283 |
| 4. Public Special School Education | 1 602 166 | - | - | 28 000 | - | 10 000 | 38 000 | 1 640 166 |
| 5. Early Childhood Development | 2 005 078 | - | - | (33 484) | - | (8 349) | (41 833) | 1 963 245 |
| 6. Infrastructure Development | 3 205 584 | - | - | 78 888 | - | (296 371) | (217 483) | 2 988 101 |
| 7. Examination and Education Related Services | 3 251 939 | - | - | - | - | (3 088) | (3 088) | 3 248 851 |
| Total | 60 637 286 | 141 195 | - | - | • | 2 073 466 | 2 214 661 | 62 851 947 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | 2 214 661 |

Table 5.2 : Summary by economic classification

| | Main | | Adjus | tments appropriat | ion | | Total | Adjusted |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 55 416 055 | 141 195 | - | 250 662 | 146 915 | 2 369 837 | 2 908 609 | 58 324 664 |
| Compensation of employees | 49 372 422 | - | - | 26 624 | - | 2 302 344 | 2 328 968 | 51 701 390 |
| Goods and services | 6 043 633 | 141 195 | - | 224 038 | 146 915 | 67 493 | 579 641 | 6 623 274 |
| Interest and rent on land | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 2 744 834 | - | - | (195 879) | (176 833) | | (372 712) | 2 372 122 |
| Provinces and municipalities | 5 827 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 827 |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | 111 650 | - | - | (78 155) | - | - | (78 155) | 33 495 |
| Higher education institutions | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Non-profit institutions | 2 490 910 | - | - | (117 724) | (176 833) | - | (294 557) | 2 196 353 |
| Households | 136 447 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 136 447 |
| Payments for capital assets | 2 476 397 | - | - | (54 783) | 29 918 | (296 371) | (321 236) | 2 155 16 ⁻ |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 2 446 577 | - | - | (38 888) | - | (296 371) | (335 259) | 2 111 318 |
| Machinery and equipment | 29 820 | - | - | (15 895) | 29 918 | - | 14 023 | 43 843 |
| Heritage assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Specialised military assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Biological assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Land and subsoil assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Software and other intangible assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Payments for financial assets | - | - | - | - | • | • | | |
| Total | 60 637 286 | 141 195 | - | - | - | 2 073 466 | 2 214 661 | 62 851 947 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | 2 214 661 |

4. Changes to programme purposes and service delivery measures

The department has not changed the purpose of any of its programmes, which conform to the sector specific programme and budget structure for the Education sector for 2023/24.

The non-financial information currently reflected in the 2023/24 *EPRE* largely corresponds to the department's 2023/24 APP, with a few discrepancies between the *EPRE* and the APP. According to the department, when the *EPRE* was finalised, it was still in the process of finalising the APP. As such, a few of the targets were amended and these changes were not brought into the *EPRE*. The department is now aligning the non-financial information in the 2023/24 *EPRE* to the information in the APP, as detailed later.

4.1 Programme 1: Administration

The main objective of Programme 1 is to provide overall management of the education system in accordance with the National Education Policy Act, the PFMA, and other policies.

Tables 5.3 and 5.4 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of Programme 1, summarised according to sub-programme and economic classification. Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R71.538 million, are given in the paragraphs after the tables.

Table 5.3 : Programme 1: Administration

| | Main | | Adju | | Total | Adjusted | | |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|----------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Office of the MEC | 27 521 | | | (4 000) | | | (4 000) | 23 521 |
| 2. Corporate Services | 1 389 962 | | | (54 411) | | | (54 411) | 1 335 551 |
| 3. Education Management | 802 358 | | | (4 691) | | | (4 691) | 797 667 |
| 4. Human Resource Development | 14 491 | | | (1 520) | | | (1 520) | 12 971 |
| 5. Education Management Information System (EMIS) | 47 944 | | | (6 916) | | | (6 916) | 41 028 |
| Total | 2 282 276 | • | - | (71 538) | - | - | (71 538) | 2 210 738 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (71 538) |

Table 5.4 : Summary by economic classification

| | Main | | Adjus | tments appropriati | on | | Total | Adjusted |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | • |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 2 194 104 | - | - | (25 496) | (29 918) | - | (55 414) | 2 138 690 |
| Compensation of employees | 1 354 258 | | | 16 124 | | | 16 124 | 1 370 382 |
| Goods and services | 839 846 | | | (41 620) | (29 918) | | (71 538) | 768 308 |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 35 955 | | - | (8 650) | | | (8 650) | 27 305 |
| Provinces and municipalities | 5 827 | | | | | | - | 5 82 |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | | | | | | | - | |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | |
| Non-profit institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Households | 30 128 | | | (8 650) | | | (8 650) | 21 478 |
| Payments for capital assets | 52 217 | - | - | (37 392) | 29 918 | | (7 474) | 44 743 |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 40 000 | | | (38 888) | | | (38 888) | 1 112 |
| Machinery and equipment | 12 217 | | | 1 496 | 29 918 | | 31 414 | 43 63 ⁻ |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Total | 2 282 276 | - | - | (71 538) | • | | (71 538) | 2 210 738 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (71 538 |

Virement - Programme 1: Administration: (R71.538 million)

The main appropriation of Programme 1 was decreased by a net amount of R71.538 million resulting from virements from and to other programmes, as well as between economic categories and across the sub-programmes, as explained below:

- R16 million was moved from Programme 5 against *Compensation of employees* in respect of enforced savings resulting from the non-implementation of upgrades for qualified ECD Practitioners as a result of the unaffordability of the carry-through costs. The funds were allocated to the sub-programme: Corporate Services under Programme 1 against the same category to offset budget pressures from the carry-through of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts implemented by National Treasury, as mentioned.
- R40 million was moved from the sub-programme: Corporate Services against *Goods and services* as a result of enforced savings against property payments in respect of the maintenance of various administrative buildings. These funds were moved to Programme 6 under the sub-programme: Public Ordinary Schools against the same category to assist with budget pressures resulting from the in-year fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury with respect to conditional grant funding, as mentioned.
- R38.888 million was moved from the sub-programme: Corporate Services against *Buildings and* other fixed structures as a result of enforced savings against the capital repair and renovation of various administrative buildings under the category *Upgrades and additions: Capital*. These funds were moved to Programme 6 under the sub-programme: Public Ordinary Schools against *Goods and* services to assist with budget pressures resulting from the in-year fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury with respect to conditional grant funding, as mentioned.
- R8.650 million was moved from the sub-programme: Corporate Services against *Transfers and subsidies to: Households* as a result of lower than budgeted staff exit costs. These funds were moved to Programme 2 to offset pressures against the same category in respect of higher than anticipated staff exit costs, as mentioned.

In addition to the above virements, the following virements were undertaken between sub-programmes and economic categories within the programme:

- R1.620 million was moved from the sub-programme: Corporate Services against *Goods and services* as a result of enforced savings against venues and facilities, as well as minor assets. These savings were moved within the programme against the following categories:
 - R124 000 was moved to the sub-programme: Office of the MEC against *Compensation of employees* to offset budget pressures resulting from the carry-through of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts implemented by National Treasury.
 - R1.496 million was moved within the sub-programme: Corporate Services against *Machinery and equipment* to cater for the purchase of tools of trade, which was under-budgeted for.

The department undertook other virements between sub-programmes but within the same economic categories. All virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations. The increase in *Compensation of employees* for the Vote as a whole was approved by Provincial Treasury.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction against *Buildings and other fixed structures* in terms of Section 43(4)(c) of the PFMA, as the capital allocation for the Vote as a whole decreased by R54.783 million.

Shifts – Programme 1: Administration

An amount of R29.918 million was shifted within the sub-programme: Corporate Services from *Goods* and services to *Machinery and equipment*. This was to correct the budget allocation for the purchase of replacement computer equipment relating to the modernisation of ICT project, which was erroneously allocated to assets less than R5 000 under *Goods and services* during the 2023/24 MTEF process. The purpose of the funds remains unchanged.

Service delivery measures – Programme 1: Administration

Table 5.5 shows the service delivery information for Programme 1 as per the tabled 2023/24 APP of Education, as well as the actual achievement for the first six months of the year.

It is noted that two of the targets are annual. A number of changes were made to the service delivery information originally published in the 2023/24 *EPRE* in order to align with the department's 2023/24 APP, which was tabled after the *EPRE*. Four changes to the performance targets were effected, and these are shown in the Revised target column, as well as a minor change in the wording of an indicator, shown in bold italics.

| Outputs | Performance indicators | Per | Performance targets | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | 2023/24 Original target | 2023/24 Mid-year actual | 2023/24 Revised target | | | |
| To bring effective management to all levels of the system | No. of public schools that use SA-SAMS to electronically provide data No. of public schools that can be contacted electronically (e-mail) | 5 882 5 870 | 5 873 5 873 | 5 873 5 873 | | | |
| | % of education expenditure going towards non-personnel items % of women in Senior Management Service % of women <i>school</i> principals | 12.19% 50% 40% | 10.29% Annual Annual | 11.42% 50% | | | |

Table 5.5 : Service delivery measures – Programme 1: Administration

4.2 Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education

This programme houses the core functions of the department, and its aim is the provision of public ordinary schools from Grades 1 to 12, in accordance with the South African Schools Act and White Paper 6 on Inclusive Education, including e-learning. Tables 5.6 and 5.7 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of Programme 2, summarised according to sub-programme and economic classification. Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall increase of R2.521 billion, are given in the paragraphs following the tables.

Table 5.6 : Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education

| | Main | | Adjus | tments appropriati | on | | Total | Adhered |
|--|-----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Main appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Public Primary Level | 25 908 902 | | | 26 184 | 45 409 | 1 470 946 | 1 542 539 | 27 451 441 |
| 2. Public Secondary Level | 19 809 570 | | | (17 534) | (45 409) | 920 677 | 857 734 | 20 667 304 |
| 3. Human Resource Development | 231 056 | | | | | (10 000) | (10 000) | 221 056 |
| 4. School Sport, Culture and Media Services | 52 183 | | | | | | - | 52 183 |
| 5. Conditional grants | 2 192 733 | 141 195 | - | - | - | (10 349) | 130 846 | 2 323 579 |
| National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) grant | 2 088 759 | 141 195 | | | | | 141 195 | 2 229 954 |
| EPWP Integrated Grant for Provinces | 1 985 | | | | | | - | 1 985 |
| Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces | 31 796 | | | | | (2 279) | (2 279) | 29 517 |
| Maths, Science and Technology (MST) grant | 70 193 | | | | | (8 070) | (8 070) | 62 123 |
| Total | 48 194 444 | 141 195 | • | 8 650 | • | 2 371 274 | 2 521 119 | 50 715 563 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | 2 521 119 |

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Table 5.7 : Summary by economic classification

| | Main | | Adjus | tments appropriati | ion | | Total | Adhered |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 46 426 771 | 141 195 | - | 120 100 | 176 833 | 2 371 274 | 2 809 402 | 49 236 173 |
| Compensation of employees | 42 702 484 | | | | | 2 292 344 | 2 292 344 | 44 994 828 |
| Goods and services | 3 724 287 | 141 195 | | 120 100 | 176 833 | 78 930 | 517 058 | 4 241 345 |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | - |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 1 765 297 | - | | (109 074) | (176 833) | | (285 907) | 1 479 390 |
| Provinces and municipalities | | | | | | | - | - |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | | | | | | | - | - |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | - |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | - |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | - |
| Non-profit institutions | 1 671 018 | | | (117 724) | (176 833) | | (294 557) | 1 376 461 |
| Households | 94 279 | | | 8 650 | | | 8 650 | 102 929 |
| Payments for capital assets | 2 376 | - | - | (2 376) | - | | (2 376) | - |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | | | | | | | - | - |
| Machinery and equipment | 2 376 | | | (2 376) | | | (2 376) | - |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Total | 48 194 444 | 141 195 | - | 8 650 | - | 2 371 274 | 2 521 119 | 50 715 563 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | 2 521 119 |

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Roll-overs – Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education: R141.195 million

A roll-over of R141.195 million was approved by National Treasury in respect of the NSNP grant and was allocated to *Goods and services*. This relates to March 2023 feeding invoices which were paid in April after the services for the month were certified.

Virement – Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education: R8.650 million

The main appropriation of Programme 2 was increased by an amount of R8.650 million resulting from a virement from another programme, as explained below:

• R8.650 million was moved from Programme 1 against *Transfers and subsidies to: Households* to this programme under the sub-programme: Public Primary Level to offset pressures against the same category in respect of higher than anticipated staff exit costs, as mentioned.

In addition to the above, the following virement was undertaken between sub-programmes and between economic categories:

• R17.534 million was moved from *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* under the subprogramme: Public Secondary Level in respect of funds that were not gazetted for transfer to any specific school. These funds were moved to *Goods and services* under the sub-programme: Public Primary Level to address pressures against property payments for domestic accounts.

Further to the above, the following virements were undertaken within the sub-programmes but between economic categories:

- R2.376 million was moved from *Machinery and equipment* under the sub-programme: NSNP grant in respect of the non-purchase of vehicles which are not required in 2023/24 under the NSNP grant. These funds were moved within the sub-programme: NSNP grant to *Goods and services* to cater for a shortfall in respect of school feeding costs which were higher than anticipated.
- R26.301 million was moved from *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* under the subprogramme: Public Secondary Level in respect of funds that were not gazetted for transfer to any particular school. These funds were moved within the sub-programme: Public Secondary Level to *Goods and services* to address pressures against property payments for domestic accounts.
- R64.822 million was moved from the sub-programmes: Public Secondary Level (R37.033 million) and Public Primary Level (R27.789 million) against *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* in respect of funds that were not gazetted for transfer to any particular school. These funds were moved to *Goods and services* under these respective sub-programmes against *Consultants and professional services* to cater for higher than budgeted management fees for the procurement of LTSM centrally.
- R9.067 million was moved from the sub-programmes: Public Secondary Level (R3.627 million) and Public Primary Level (R5.440 million) against *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* in respect of funds that were not gazetted for transfer to any particular school. These funds were moved to *Goods and services* under these respective sub-programmes against *Inventory: Other supplies* to cater for the shortfall on learner and teacher materials. This was in respect of stationery top-up costs for schools with limited funding, and these are difficult to budget for.

These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations. The reduction in *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* relating to funds that were not gazetted for transfer to any particular school does not require Legislature approval as these transfers were not gazetted.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction in *Machinery and equipment* in terms of Section 43(4)(c) of the PFMA, as the capital allocation for the Vote as a whole decreased by R54.783 million.

Shifts – Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education

The following shifts were undertaken within Programme 2:

- R176.833 million was shifted from *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* to *Goods and services* within the sub-programmes: Public Primary Level and Public Secondary Level in respect of Section 21 schools with function (c) who opted to purchase inventory: LTSM through a management agent instead of procuring this on their own (R142.389 million), and deductions made against schools that defaulted on the payment of domestic accounts (R34.444 million) and the department thus made the payments on behalf of the various schools. The purpose of these funds remains unchanged and therefore this decrease in transfer does not require Legislature approval.
- R45.409 million was moved within *Goods and services* from the sub-programme: Public Secondary Level against the item *Inventory: Other supplies* to the sub-programme: Public Primary Level against the item *Computer services* for the procurement of software licences. This shift was undertaken to align the budget to the correct item, and the purpose of these funds remains unchanged.

Other adjustments – Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education: R2.371 billion

The main appropriation of Programme 2 was increased by R2.371 billion, as follows:

- R97 million was allocated from provincial cash resources toward property payments for domestic accounts owed by schools to municipalities. These payments are to reconnect several buildings that were disconnected as a result of non-payment by defaulting Section 21 schools. These funds were allocated to this programme, under the sub-programme: Public Primary Level against *Goods and services (Property payments)*, as mentioned.
- Additional funding of R2.295 billion was allocated for the costs of the 2023 wage agreement, with these funds received from National Treasury. As explained, the amount allocated by National Treasury is not sufficient to cover the costs of the 2023 wage agreement fully. The funds were allocated to the sub-programmes: Public Primary Level (R1.374 billion) and Public Secondary Level (R920.677 million) against *Compensation of employees*.

Offsetting these increases, were the following in-year fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury with respect to the conditional grant funding:

- R8.070 million was cut from the MST grant. This cut was implemented under *Goods and services* (*Inventory: Other supplies*).
- R2.279 million was cut from the Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces. This cut was implemented against *Compensation of employees*.

Furthermore, an amount of R10 million was reduced against the equitable share allocation. This reduction is in respect of funds surrendered towards the provincial Crime Fighting Initiative, as announced by the Honourable Premier in SOPA. This reduction was effected against *Goods and services (Training and development)* under the Human Resource Development sub-programme.

Service delivery measures – Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education

Table 5.8 shows the revised service delivery information for Programme 2, as per the tabled 2023/24 APP of Education, as well as the actual achievement for the first six months of the year. It is noted that all of the performance targets under this programme are annual.

It is further noted that a number of changes were made to the service delivery measures and targets originally published in the 2023/24 *EPRE* in order to align with the department's 2023/24 APP, which was tabled after the *EPRE*. The department removed one measure, and this is indicated by a strike-through. In addition, the department added two "New" measures which were initially not included in the *EPRE*. Also, there are three changes made to the performance targets, and these are shown in the Revised target column.

Table 5.8 : Service delivery measures – Programme 2: Public Ordinary School Education

| Outputs | Performance indicators | Р | erformance targe | ets |
|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | - | 2023/24 Original target | 2023/24 Mid-year actual | 2023/24 Revised target |
| To provide access in the public | % of learners benefitting from school nutrition programme | 83% | Annual | |
| ordinary schooling system in accordance with policy | No. of Funza Lushaka bursary holders placed in schools within six months upon completion of studies or upon confirmation that the bursar has completed studies | 51 | Annual | 36 |
| | No. of schools provided with multi-media resources | 120 | Annual | |
| | % of learners in schools that are funded at a minimum level | 100% | Annual | |
| | %- No. of learners in public ordinary schools benefitting from the "No Fee Schools" policy | 50% | Annual | 2 118 690 |
| | % of core LTSM delivered to public ordinary schools by day one of the school year, as ordered | 100% | Annual | |
| | No. of learners benefitting from learner transport | 61 000 | Annual | 59 000 |
| | No. of learners benefitting from Psycho-social support programmes | 32 000 | Annual | |
| | No. of schools provided with dedicated learner transport | New | Annual | 402 |
| | No. of Learner Support Agents (LSAs) appointed to implement care and support interventions for learners | New | Annual | 750 |

4.3 **Programme 3: Independent School Subsidies**

The purpose of this programme is to support independent schools, in accordance with the South African Schools Act as enshrined in the Norms and Standards for School Funding Regulations. One of the main aims of this programme is to ensure timeous and orderly registration of independent schools in terms of the South African Schools Act, as well as other legislative frameworks. These schools are evaluated and monitored by the department, and their capacity is developed to ensure the effective functioning of these schools and their governing bodies.

Tables 5.9 and 5.10 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of Programme 3, summarised according to sub-programme and economic classification. Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R10.516 million, are given in the paragraphs after the tables.

Table 5.9 : Programme 3: Independent School Subsidies

| | Main | | Adjus | Total | Adiusted | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Primary Level | 59 980 | | | (5 943) | | | (5 943) | 54 037 |
| 2. Secondary Level | 35 819 | | | (4 573) | | | (4 573) | 31 246 |
| Total | 95 799 | - | - | (10 516) | | - | (10 516) | 85 283 |
| Amount to be voted | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | | | | (10 516) |

Table 5.10 : Summary by economic classification

| | Mate | | Adjus | tments appropriat | ion | | Total | Additional |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Main | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | - | - | | - | - | - | - | |
| Compensation of employees | | | | | | | - | |
| Goods and services | | | | | | | - | |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 95 799 | | - | (10 516) | - | - | (10 516) | 85 28 |
| Provinces and municipalities | | | | | | | - | |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | | | | | | | - | |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | |
| Non-profit institutions | 95 799 | | | (10 516) | | | (10 516) | 85 283 |
| Households | | | | | | | - | |
| Payments for capital assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | | | | | | | - | |
| Machinery and equipment | | | | | | | - | |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Fotal | 95 799 | | - | (10 516) | | - | (10 516) | 85 283 |

Virement – Programme 3: Independent School Subsidies: (R10.516 million)

The main appropriation of Programme 3 was decreased by an amount of R10.516 million resulting from a virement to another programme, as explained below:

• Savings of R10.516 million were identified under this programme from the sub-programmes: Primary Level (R5.943 million) and Secondary Level (R4.573 million), against *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* in respect of non-gazetted schools that were not compliant with departmental requirements during the transfer period, and thus did not receive their transfer payments. These savings were moved to Programme 5 to offset pressures against the same category emanating from the ECD grant budget cut after the shift of the ECD function from DSD, as well as the in-year budget cuts made against this grant by National Treasury.

The virement is permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations. It is noted that the reduction in *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* does not require Legislature approval as these transfers were not gazetted for transfer to any particular school.

Legislature approval is required for the virement from this programme as it exceed the 8 per cent threshold in respect of the surrendering programme in terms of Section 43(2) of the PFMA.

Service delivery measures – Programme 3: Independent School Subsidies

Table 5.11 shows the service delivery information for Programme 3, as per the tabled 2023/24 APP of Education, as well as the actual achievement for the first six months of the year.

A change was effected to the performance target for this programme and this is shown in the Revised target column, and the department removed one measure, and this is indicated by a strike-through.

| Outputs | Performance indicators | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | - | 2023/24 Original target | 2023/24 Mid-year actual | 2023/24 Revised target |
| To ensure that quality education occurs in independent schools | No. of funded independent schools visited for monitoring purposes | 128 | 118 | 127 |
| Registered independent schools receive subsidies | % of registered independent schools receiving subsidies | 48% | | |

Table 5.11 : Service delivery measures - Programme 3: Independent School Subsidies

4.4 Programme 4: Public Special School Education

The purpose of this programme is to provide compulsory public education in special schools in accordance with the South African Schools Act and White Paper 6 on Inclusive Education.

Tables 5.12 and 5.13 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of Programme 4, summarised according to sub-programme and economic classification.

Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall increase of R38 million, are provided in the paragraphs following the tables.

| Table 5.12 : Programme 4: Public Special School Educ | ation |
|--|-------|
|--|-------|

| | Main | Adjustments appropriation | | | | | Total | Adjusted |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | | adjustments | appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Schools | 1 560 448 | | | 28 000 | | 10 000 | 38 000 | 1 598 448 |
| 2. Human Resource Development | 7 184 | | | | | | - | 7 184 |
| 3. Conditional grant | 34 534 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34 534 |
| Learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities grant | 34 534 | | | | | | - | 34 534 |
| Total | 1 602 166 | - | - | 28 000 | - | 10 000 | 38 000 | 1 640 166 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | 38 000 |

Vote 5: Education

Table 5.13 : Summary by economic classification

| | Main | Adjustments appropriation | | | | | | Adjusted |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 1 430 909 | - | - | 43 000 | | - 10 000 | 53 000 | 1 483 909 |
| Compensation of employees | 1 403 196 | | | 30 000 | | 10 000 | 40 000 | 1 443 196 |
| Goods and services | 27 713 | | | 13 000 | | | 13 000 | 40 713 |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | - |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 156 257 | - | - | - | | | - | 156 257 |
| Provinces and municipalities | | | | | | | - | - |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | | | | | | | - | - |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | - |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | - |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | - |
| Non-profit institutions | 150 523 | | | | | | - | 150 523 |
| Households | 5 734 | | | | | | - | 5 734 |
| Payments for capital assets | 15 000 | - | - | (15 000) | | | (15 000) | - |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | | | | | | | - | - |
| Machinery and equipment | 15 000 | | | (15 000) | | | (15 000) | - |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Total | 1 602 166 | | - | 28 000 | | - 10 000 | 38 000 | 1 640 166 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | 38 000 |

Virement – Programme 4: Public Special School Education: R28 million

The main appropriation of Programme 4 was increased by an amount of R28 million, as follows:

Savings of R28 million were moved from Programme 5 against *Compensation of employees* due to
the non-implementation of upgrades for ECD Practitioners as a result of the unaffordability of the
carry-through costs. These savings were utilised to offset budget pressures under *Compensation of
employees* in the sub-programme: Schools. The department indicated that this relates to budget
pressures resulting from the carry-through effects of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts implemented by
National Treasury which resulted in the unaffordability of filled and vacant LSEN Educator/
Specialist posts in this programme.

In addition to the above virement, the following virements were undertaken within the programme within sub-programmes and between economic categories:

- Savings of R15 million were realised from the sub-programme: Schools against *Machinery and equipment* resulting from reduced spending on the procurement of buses for special schools due to budget pressures elsewhere. These funds were moved within the sub-programme, as follows:
 - R2 million was moved to *Compensation of employees* to offset budget pressures under this category resulting from the carry-through of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts.
 - R13 million was moved to *Goods and services* to cater for fleet maintenance which was underbudgeted for.

These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations. The increase in *Compensation of employees* for the Vote as a whole received Provincial Treasury approval.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction in *Machinery and equipment* in terms of Section 43(4)(c) of the PFMA, as the capital allocation for the Vote as a whole decreased by R54.783 million.

Other adjustments – Programme 4: Public Special School Education: R10 million

The main appropriation of Programme 4 was increased by R10 million, allocated toward the costs of the 2023 wage agreement, with these funds received from National Treasury. These funds were allocated to the sub-programme: Schools against *Compensation of employees*.

Service delivery measures – Programme 4: Public Special School Education

Table 5.14 shows the service delivery information for Programme 4, as per the tabled 2023/24 APP of Education, as well as the actual achievement for the first six months of the year. It is noted that three targets are annual targets. A change was effected to one performance target for this programme and this is shown in the Revised target column.

| Outputs | Performance indicators | Performance targets | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| | | 2023/24 Original target | 2023/24 Mid-year actual | 2023/24 Revised target | | |
| To provide access to mainstream schools, | No. of learners in public special schools | 20 800 | Annual | | | |
| full service schools and special schools in accordance with policy and the principles of | No. therapists/ specialist staff in public special schools | 212 | 212 | | | |
| inclusive education | No. of teachers trained on School Improvement Advisor policy | 2 500 | Annual | | | |
| | No. of educators employed in public special schools | 1 916 | Annual | 1 967 | | |

Programme 5: Early Childhood Development 4.5

The purpose of this programme is to provide for ECD at the Grade R and Pre-Grade R levels in accordance with White Paper 5 on ECD. The services remain unchanged from the EPRE. Tables 5.15 and 5.16 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of Programme 5, summarised according to sub-programme and economic classification.

Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R41.833 million, are provided in the paragraphs following the tables.

| | Main | Adjustments appropriation | | | | | | Adjusted |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Grade R in Public Schools | 1 309 685 | | | (41 490) | | | (41 490) | 1 268 195 |
| 2. Grade R in Early Childhood Development Centres | 73 162 | | | 15 000 | | | 15 000 | 88 162 |
| 3. Pre-Grade R in Early Childhood Development Centres | 417 599 | | | 6 | | | 6 | 417 605 |
| 4. Human Resource Development | 7 757 | | | (7 000) | | | (7 000) | 757 |
| 5. Conditional grant | 196 875 | - | - | - | - | (8 349) | (8 349) | 188 526 |
| Early Childhood Development (ECD) grant | 196 875 | | | | | (8 349) | (8 349) | 188 526 |
| Total | 2 005 078 | | - | (33 484) | • | (8 349) | (41 833) | 1 963 245 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (41 833) |

Table 5.16 : Summary by economic classification

| | Main | | Adjus | stments appropriati | on | | Total | Adheritad |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Main appropriation | Unforeseeable/ Other | | | | | adjustments | Adjusted |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 1 430 018 | - | - | (44 000) | - | (8 349) | (52 349) | 1 377 669 |
| Compensation of employees | 1 278 072 | | | (44 000) | | | (44 000) | 1 234 072 |
| Goods and services | 151 946 | | | | | (8 349) | (8 349) | 143 597 |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | - |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 575 060 | - | - | 10 516 | - | - | 10 516 | 585 576 |
| Provinces and municipalities | | | | | | | - | |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | | | | | | | - | |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | |
| Non-profit institutions | 573 570 | | | 10 516 | | | 10 516 | 584 086 |
| Households | 1 490 | | | | | | - | 1 490 |
| Payments for capital assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | | | | | | | - | |
| Machinery and equipment | | | | | | | - | |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Total | 2 005 078 | - | - | (33 484) | | (8 349) | (41 833) | 1 963 245 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (41 833 |

Virement – Programme 5: Early Childhood Development: (R33.484 million)

The main appropriation of Programme 5 was decreased by a net amount of R33.484 million as a result of virements to and from other programmes, as explained below:

- R44 million was moved from this programme under the sub-programmes: Grade R in Public Schools (R35 million) and Pre-Grade R in Early Childhood Development Centres (R9 million) against *Compensation of employees* in respect of enforced savings resulting from the non-implementation of upgrades for qualified ECD Practitioners as a result of the unaffordability of the carry-through costs. These funds were allocated to Programme 1 (R16 million) and Programme 4 (R28 million) against the same category to offset budget pressures resulting from the carry-through costs of the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts.
- Savings of R10.516 million were identified under Programme 3 against *Transfers and subsidies to: Non-profit institutions* in respect of non-gazetted schools that were not compliant with departmental requirements during the transfer period, and thus did not receive their transfer payments. These savings were moved to this programme under the sub-programmes: Grade R in Public Schools (R8.510 million) and Pre-Grade R in Early Childhood Development Centres (R2.006 million) to offset pressures against the same category in respect of the ECD grant. The budget pressures against this grant emanate from the ECD grant budget cut after the shift of the ECD function from DSD, as well as the in-year fiscal consolidation conditional grant budget cuts made by National Treasury.

The department undertook various other virements between sub-programmes and within economic categories. These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations.

Other adjustments – Programme 5: Early Childhood Development: (R8.349 million)

The main appropriation of Programme 5 was decreased by R8.349 million from the maintenance component of the ECD grant as a result of in-year budget cuts effected by National Treasury due to lower than expected revenue to be collected *via* SARS. This cut was implemented against *Goods and services (Property payments)*.

Service delivery measures - Programme 5: Early Childhood Development

Table 5.17 shows the service delivery information for Programme 5 as per the tabled 2023/24 APP of Education, as well as the actual achievement for the first six months of the year. It is noted that the three targets are annual targets. It is noted that a number of changes were made to the performance targets originally published in the 2023/24 *EPRE* in order to align with the department's 2023/24 APP, which was tabled after the *EPRE*. Three changes to the performance targets were effected for this programme, and these are shown in the Revised target column.

| Outputs | Performance indicators | Per | Performance targets | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | 2023/24 Original target | 2023/24 Mid-year actual | 2023/24 Revised target | | | |
| To provide publicly funded Grade R in accordance with policy | No. of subsidised community-based centres offering Grade R No. of public schools that offer Grade R | 27 3 892 | Annual Annual | 14 3 923 | | | |
| | No. of Grade R practitioners employed in public ordinary schools | 5 217 | Annual | 5 174 | | | |

Table 5.17 : Service delivery measures - Programme 5: Early Childhood Development

4.6 **Programme 6: Infrastructure Development**

The aim of this programme is to provide and maintain school infrastructure facilities through infrastructure programmes in support of teaching and learning at schools. It thus reflects the implementation of infrastructure across all affected programmes. Tables 5.18 and 5.19 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of Programme 6, summarised according to sub-programme and economic classification. Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R217.483 million, are given in the paragraphs after the tables.

Table 5.18 : Programme 6: Infrastructure Development

| | Main | | Adju | Total | Adiustad | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | | Main Unforeseeable/ | | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Administration | 43 469 | | | (8 350) | | | (8 350) | 35 119 |
| 2. Public Ordinary Schools | 2 916 344 | | | 87 238 | | (296 371) | (209 133) | 2 707 211 |
| 3. Special Schools | 205 462 | | | | | | - | 205 462 |
| 4. Early Childhood Development | 40 309 | | | | | | - | 40 309 |
| Total | 3 205 584 | | - | 78 888 | | (296 371) | (217 483) | 2 988 101 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (217 483) |

Table 5.19 : Summary by economic classification

| | | Adjus | Total | Addressed | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Main | | Unforeseeable/ | Other | adjustments | Adjusted | | |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 799 007 | - | - | 78 888 | | | 78 888 | 877 89 |
| Compensation of employees | 38 469 | | | (3 500) | | | (3 500) | 34 969 |
| Goods and services | 760 538 | | | 82 388 | | | 82 388 | 842 92 |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | - | - | - | - | | | - | |
| Provinces and municipalities | | | | | | | - | |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | | | | | | | - | |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | |
| Non-profit institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Households | | | | | | | - | |
| Payments for capital assets | 2 406 577 | - | - | - | | - (296 371) | (296 371) | 2 110 20 |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 2 406 577 | | | | | (296 371) | (296 371) | 2 110 20 |
| Machinery and equipment | | | | | | | - | |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Total | 3 205 584 | - | - | 78 888 | | - (296 371) | (217 483) | 2 988 10 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (217 48 |

Virement – Programme 6: Infrastructure Development: R78.888 million

The main appropriation of Programme 6 was increased by an amount of R78.888 million as a result of virements from Programme 1, as explained below:

- R40 million was moved from Programme 1 against *Goods and services* as a result of enforced savings against property payments in respect of the maintenance of various administrative buildings. These funds were moved to this programme under the sub-programme: Public Ordinary Schools against the same category to assist with budget pressures resulting from the in-year fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury to the EIG. These funds will be used for school maintenance projects, including de-sludging and chemical toilets projects.
- R38.888 million was moved from Programme 1 against *Buildings and other fixed structures* as a result of enforced savings against the capital repair and renovation of various administrative buildings. These funds were moved to this programme under the sub-programme: Public Ordinary Schools against *Goods and services* to assist with budget pressures resulting from the in-year fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury against the EIG. These funds will be used for school maintenance projects, including de-sludging and chemical toilets projects.

In addition, the following virement was undertaken between sub-programmes and economic categories:

• R3.500 million was identified under the sub-programme: Administration against *Compensation of employees* due to vacant posts. These funds were moved to the sub-programme: Public Ordinary Schools against *Goods and services* for travel and subsistence costs relating to the EIG which were not adequately budgeted for. This movement was undertaken within the grant.

Further to the above, the following virement was undertaken between sub-programmes and within the economic category:

• R4.850 million was moved from the sub-programme: Administration against *Goods and services* due to enforced savings on travel and subsistence, to the sub-programme: Public Ordinary Schools within *Goods and services* for property payments that were higher than budgeted for.

Other adjustments - Programme 6: Infrastructure Development: (R296.371 million)

The main appropriation of Programme 6 was decreased by R296.371 million in respect of the EIG due to in-year fiscal consolidation budget cuts made by National Treasury. This cut was implemented against *Buildings and other fixed structures* under the sub-programme: Public Ordinary Schools.

Service delivery measures – Programme 6: Infrastructure Development

Table 5.20 shows the service delivery information for Programme 6 as per the tabled 2023/24 APP of Education, as well as the actual achievements for the first six months of the year.

It is noted that all of the targets for this programme are annual.

It is also noted that a number of changes were made to the service delivery measures and targets originally published in the 2023/24 *EPRE* in order to align with the department's 2023/24 APP, which was tabled after the *EPRE*. Five changes to the performance targets were effected for this programme, and these are shown in the Revised target column.

| Table 5.20 : Service delivery measures – Programme 6: Infrastructure Development |
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| Outputs | Performance indicators | Pei | erformance target 2023/24 Mid-year actual Annual Annual Annual Annual Annual Annual | s |
|--|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | | 2023/24 Original target | Mid-year | 2023/24 Revised target |
| To put in place basic infrastructure | No. of public ordinary schools provided with water infrastructure | 200 | Annual | 150 |
| for schooling in accordance with policy | No. of public ordinary schools provided with electricity infrastructure | 70 | Annual | 220 |
| policy | No. of public ordinary schools supplied with sanitation facilities | 300 | Annual | |
| | No. of schools provided with new or additional boarding facilities | 1 | Annual | |
| | No. of schools where scheduled maintenance projects were completed | 500 | Annual | 600 |
| | No. of women benefitting from EPWP programmes | 100 | Annual | 120 |
| | No. of youth benefitting from infrastructure projects | 60 | Annual | 80 |
| | No. of disabled people benefitting from EPWP programmes | 2 | Annual | |

4.7 Programme 7: Examination and Education Related Services

The purpose of this programme is to provide the education institutions as a whole with examination and education related services.

Tables 5.21 and 5.22 reflect a summary of the 2023/24 adjusted appropriation of Programme 7, summarised according to sub-programme and economic classification.

Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R3.088 million, are given in the paragraphs following the tables.

| | Main | Adjustments appropriation | | | | | | Adimated |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Payments to SETA | 111 650 | | | (78 155) | | | (78 155) | 33 495 |
| 2. Professional Services | 624 144 | | | 34 788 | | | 34 788 | 658 932 |
| 3. External Examinations | 969 304 | | | 43 367 | | | 43 367 | 1 012 671 |
| 4. Conditional grant | 62 910 | - | - | - | - | (3 088) | (3 088) | 59 822 |
| HIV and AIDS (Life-Skills Education) grant | 62 910 | | | | | (3 088) | (3 088) | 59 822 |
| 5. Special Projects (Pres. Youth Employment Initiative) | 1 483 931 | | | | | | - | 1 483 931 |
| Total | 3 251 939 | - | - | - | | (3 088) | (3 088) | 3 248 851 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (3 088) |

Table 5.22 : Summary by economic classification

| | Main | | Adjus | stments appropriat | ion | | Total | Adjusted |
|---|---------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 3 135 246 | - | | 78 170 | | - (3 088) | 75 082 | 3 210 328 |
| Compensation of employees | 2 595 943 | | | 28 000 | | | 28 000 | 2 623 943 |
| Goods and services | 539 303 | | | 50 170 | | (3 088) | 47 082 | 586 385 |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 116 466 | | - | (78 155) | | | (78 155) | 38 311 |
| Provinces and municipalities | | | | | | | - | |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | 111 650 | | | (78 155) | | | (78 155) | 33 495 |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | |
| Non-profit institutions | | | | | | | - | |
| Households | 4 816 | | | | | | - | 4 816 |
| Payments for capital assets | 227 | - | - | (15) | | | (15) | 212 |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | | | | | | | - | |
| Machinery and equipment | 227 | | | (15) | | | (15) | 212 |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Total | 3 251 939 | - | - | | | - (3 088) | (3 088) | 3 248 851 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (3 088 |

Virement – Programme 7: Examination and Education Related Services

Virements were undertaken within the programme across sub-programmes, resulting in no change to the main appropriation. In this regard, the movements were as follows:

- An amount of R28 million was moved from *Goods and services* under the sub-programme: Special Projects (Presidential Youth Empowerment Initiative) due to enforced savings on training and minor assets. These savings were moved to *Compensation of employees* within the sub-programme to offset spending pressures against this category as a result of the payment of accruals in respect of Phase 4 of the PYEI which were requested for equitable share roll-over.
- Savings of R78.155 million were moved against *Transfers and subsidies to: Departmental agencies and accounts* and the sub-programme: Payments to SETA from internal reprioritisation that was undertaken to offset pressures within the Vote. These funds were moved to the sub-programmes: Professional Services (R35 million) and External Examinations (R43.155 million) against *Goods and services* to offset pressure against property payments, the monitoring of curriculum in schools, end-of-year National Senior Certificate exams, as well as for markers and monitoring for the end-of-year National Senior Certificate exams.
- R15 000 was moved from the HIV and AIDS (Life skills) grant against *Machinery and equipment* as a result of savings realised on IT equipment procured centrally to *Goods and services*, within the same sub-programme, to offset budget pressures due to the reductions that were implemented in-year on the conditional grant funding against travel and subsistence costs.
- R212 000 was moved from the sub-programme: Professional Services to the sub-programme: External Examinations, within *Machinery and equipment*, in respect of the purchase of tools of trade which was under-budgeted for.

It is noted that the reduction in *Transfers and subsidies to: Departmental agencies and accounts* from the training budget for ETDP SETA does not require Legislature approval as this transfer is not gazetted.

These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations. The increase in *Compensation of employees* for the Vote as a whole received Provincial Treasury approval.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction against *Machinery and equipment* in terms of Section 43(4)(c) of the PFMA, as the capital allocation for the Vote as a whole decreased by R54.783 million.

Other adjustments – Programme 7: Examination and Education Related Services: (R3.088 million)

The main appropriation of Programme 7 was decreased by R3.088 million from the HIV and AIDS (Life skills) grant due to in-year fiscal consolidation budget cuts made by National Treasury against conditional grants. This cut was implemented against *Goods and services*.

Service delivery measures - Programme 7: Examination and Education Related Services

Table 5.23 shows the revised service delivery information for Programme 7 as per the tabled 2023/24 APP of Education. It is noted that these are all annual targets. Five changes to the performance targets were effected for this programme and these are shown in the Revised target column.

| Outputs | Performance indicators | Performance targets | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| | | 2023/24 Original target | 2023/24 Mid-year actual | 2023/24 Revised target | | |
| To attain the highest possible | % of learners who passed NSC examination | 80% | Annual | 88% | | |
| educational outcomes among | % of Grade 12 learners passing at Bachelor pass level | 48% | Annual | 45% | | |
| learners in public ordinary schools | % of Grade 12 learners achieving 60% and above in Mathematics | 17% | Annual | 14% | | |
| | % of Grade 12 learners achieving 60% or more in Physical Sciences | 25% | Annual | 20% | | |
| | No. of secondary schools with NSC pass rate of 60% and above | 1 540 | Annual | 1 650 | | |
| | No. of schools with an NSC pass rate of 60% and above | 126 | Annual | | | |

Table 5.23 : Service delivery measures – Programme 7: Examination and Education Related Services

5. Specifically and exclusively appropriated allocations

Table 5.24 shows the amounts that are specifically and exclusively appropriated for specific purposes in terms of the KZN Adjustments Appropriation Act, 2023. Note that conditional grants, as well as transfers to local government (which are also specifically and exclusively appropriated funds) are not included here, as they are discussed in Sections 8, 9 and 10 below. Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall increase of R89.622 million in respect of the department's specifically and exclusively appropriated funding, are provided in the paragraphs following the tables.

| | M | | Adju | | Total | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|----------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Main | | Unforeseeable | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Prog 1: Improving Infrastructure support | 15 378 | | | (7 378) | | | (7 378) | 8 000 |
| Prog 1: District Champion of OSS/DDM responsibilities | 2 000 | | | | | | - | 2 000 |
| Prog 2: Sanitary Dignitary Project | 55 116 | | | | | | - | 55 116 |
| Prog 2: Electricity disconnections | | | | | | 97 000 | 97 000 | 97 000 |
| Prog 7: Presidential Youth Employment Initiative Fund | 1 483 931 | | | | | | - | 1 483 931 |
| Total | 1 556 425 | - | - | (7 378) | | 97 000 | 89 622 | 1 646 047 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | 89 622 |

• *Virement:* The specifically and exclusively appropriated allocation for Improving Infrastructure Support was decreased by R7.378 million. This funding relates to payments for assistant programme managers in the twelve districts responsible for updating the Infrastructure Reporting Model (IRM) that was specifically and exclusively appropriated in the 2012/13 MTEF. It should be noted that, although additional funding was allocated in the 2012/13 MTEF for improving infrastructure support and has since then been ring-fenced within the baseline, the department requested that consideration be given to the fact that, due to the budget pressures emanating from the 2021/22 MTEF budget cuts, a portion of these funds be used to offset these budget pressures. A number of posts funded by this allocation were not filled as a result of the budget pressures against *Compensation of employees* overall, and these funds of R7.378 million were moved within *Compensation of employees* to offset some of the budget pressures.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction in specifically and exclusively appropriated funding for Improving Infrastructure Support, in terms of Section 43(4)(a) of the PFMA.

Other adjustments: The specifically and exclusively appropriated allocation was increased by R97 million, allocated from provincial cash resources towards property payments for domestic accounts owed by schools to municipalities. These payments will be made to reconnect several buildings that were disconnected as a result of non-payment by defaulting Section 21 schools. These funds were allocated under Programme 2, against Goods and services (Property Payments).

6. Gifts, donations and sponsorships

The department is not envisaging granting any gifts, donation and sponsorships in excess of R100 000 during the current financial year.

7. Infrastructure

Table 5.25 shows the summary of infrastructure payments per main category. Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R297.720 million, are provided in the paragraphs following the tables.

| Table 5.25 : | Summary of infrastructure payments by | category |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|

| | | | Adjus | tments appropria | tion | | Total | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Main appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | |
| Existing infrastructure assets | 3 022 592 | | - | (3 150) | 9 849 | (304 720) | (298 021) | 2 724 571 |
| Maintenance and repair: Current | 712 774 | | | 35 738 | | (8 349) | 27 389 | 740 163 |
| Upgrades and additions: Capital | 931 697 | | | (38 888) | | (27 778) | (66 666) | 865 031 |
| Refurbishment and rehabilitation: Capital | 1 378 121 | | | | 9 849 | (268 593) | (258 744) | 1 119 377 |
| New infrastructure assets: Capital | 136 759 | - | - | - | (9 849) | - | (9 849) | 126 910 |
| Infrastructure transfers | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - |
| Infrastructure transfers: Capital | | | | | | | - | - |
| Infrastructure transfers: Current | | | | | | | - | - |
| Infrastructure: Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Infrastructure: Leases | 147 600 | | | | | | - | 147 600 |
| Non infrastructure | 161 523 | - | - | 10 150 | - | - | 10 150 | 171 673 |
| Capital infrastructure | 2 446 577 | - | - | (38 888) | - | (296 371) | (335 259) | 2 111 318 |
| Current infrastructure | 860 374 | - | - | 35 738 | - | (8 349) | 27 389 | 887 763 |
| Total | 3 468 474 | | - | 7 000 | - | (304 720) | (297 720) | 3 170 754 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (297 720) |

- *Virement:* The department undertook the following virements affecting the infrastructure allocation:
 - A net amount of R35.738 million was moved to Maintenance and repair: Current to assist with budget pressures resulting from the in-year fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury with respect to conditional grant funding. These funds will be used for school maintenance projects, such as de-sludging and chemical toilets projects. These savings were as a result of enforced savings against the capital repair and renovation of various administrative buildings under the category Upgrades and additions: Capital. This increase was offset by various smaller movements of R3.150 million from this category to other areas.
 - R38.888 million was moved from Upgrades and additions: Capital due to enforced savings 0 under Programme 1 against the capital repair and renovation of various administrative buildings. These funds were moved to Goods and services to assist with pressures resulting from the inyear fiscal consolidation reductions made by National Treasury against the EIG. These funds will be used for school maintenance projects, such as de-sludging and chemical toilets projects.
 - A net amount of R10.150 million was moved to *Non-infrastructure* in respect of *Consultants* and professional services (R15 million) in Programme 2 to cater for management fees that were higher than budgeted for, and this movement was partly offset by savings of R4.850 million in Programme 6 due to enforced savings on travel and subsistence within Goods and services.

These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction in *Capital infrastructure*, in terms of Section 43(4)(c) of the PFMA, as the capital budget for the Vote as a whole decreased by R54.783 million.

- Shifts: The department shifted R9.849 million to Refurbishment and rehabilitation: Capital from New infrastructure assets: Capital to correct the allocation of funds relating to the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ECD centres that were incorrectly allocated in the 2023/24 main budget against New infrastructure assets: Capital. This shift is within Buildings and other fixed structures, hence is only visible in the infrastructure table. The purpose of the funds remains unchanged.
- Other adjustments: The infrastructure budget was decreased by R304.720 million against the EIG (R296.371 million) and the maintenance component of the ECD grant (R8.349 million) due to inyear fiscal consolidation budget cuts made by National Treasury against these two grants. The EIG budget cut was implemented against Upgrades and additions: Capital (R27.778 million) and Refurbishment and rehabilitation: Capital (R268.593 million), and the ECD grant cut was implemented against Maintenance and repair: Current.

8. **Conditional grants**

Tables 5.26 and 5.27 provide a summary of changes to conditional grants. Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R176.962 million in the conditional grant allocation, are given in the paragraphs following the tables.

| | Main | | Adjust | Total | Adjusted | | | |
|--|----------------|------------|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | appropriation |
| R thousand | app:op:idition | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Administration | | - | - | | | | | - |
| 2. Public Ordinary School Education | 2 192 733 | 141 195 | - | - | | (10 349) | 130 846 | 2 323 579 |
| National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) grant | 2 088 759 | 141 195 | | | | | 141 195 | 2 229 954 |
| EPWP Integrated Grant for Provinces | 1 985 | | | | | | - | 1 985 |
| Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces | 31 796 | | | | | (2 279) | (2 279) | 29 517 |
| Maths, Science and Technology (MST) grant | 70 193 | | | | | (8 070) | (8 070) | 62 123 |
| 3. Independent School Subsidies | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - |
| 4. Public Special School Education | 34 534 | - | - | - | - | | - | 34 534 |
| Learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities grant | 34 534 | | | | | | - | 34 534 |
| 5. Early Childhood Development | 196 875 | - | - | - | | (8 349) | (8 349) | 188 526 |
| Early Childhood Development (ECD) grant | 196 875 | | | | | (8 349) | (8 349) | 188 526 |
| 6. Infrastructure Development | 2 934 750 | - | - | - | | (296 371) | (296 371) | 2 638 379 |
| Education Infrastructure grant | 2 934 750 | | | | | (296 371) | (296 371) | 2 638 379 |
| 7. Examination and Education Related Services | 62 910 | | | - | | (3 088) | (3 088) | 59 822 |
| HIV and AIDS (Life-Skills Education) grant | 62 910 | | | | | (3 088) | (3 088) | 59 822 |
| Total | 5 421 802 | 141 195 | - | - | | (318 157) | (176 962) | 5 244 840 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (176 962 |

Table 5.26 : Summary of changes to conditional grants

Table 5.27 : Summary of conditional grants by economic classification

| | | | Adjus | tments appropriat | tion | | Total | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Main appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| Current payments | 2 843 860 | 141 195 | - | 2 391 | | . (21 786) | 121 800 | 2 965 660 |
| Compensation of employees | 460 334 | | | (3 500) | | (2 279) | (5 779) | 454 555 |
| Goods and services | 2 383 526 | 141 195 | | 5 891 | | (19 507) | 127 579 | 2 511 105 |
| Interest and rent on land | | | | | | | - | - |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 178 823 | - | - | - | | | - | 178 823 |
| Provinces and municipalities | | | | | | | - | - |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | | | | | | | - | - |
| Higher education institutions | | | | | | | - | - |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | | | | | | - | - |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | - | - |
| Non-profit institutions | 178 823 | | | | | | - | 178 823 |
| Households | | | | | | | - | - |
| Payments for capital assets | 2 399 119 | - | - | (2 391) | | (296 371) | (298 762) | 2 100 357 |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 2 396 728 | | | | | (296 371) | (296 371) | 2 100 357 |
| Machinery and equipment | 2 391 | | | (2 391) | | | (2 391) | - |
| Heritage assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Specialised military assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Biological assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Land and subsoil assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Software and other intangible assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Payments for financial assets | | | | | | | - | - |
| Total | 5 421 802 | 141 195 | | (0) | | (318 157) | (176 962) | 5 244 840 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | | | | | (176 962) |

- *Roll-overs:* An amount of R141.195 million was rolled over from 2022/23 in respect of the NSNP grant relating to March 2023 feeding invoices that were paid in April after the services for the month were certified. This roll-over was allocated to Programme 2 against *Goods and services*.
- *Virement:* The department undertook the following virements across economic classification within the conditional grant budgets:
 - R3.500 million was moved from *Compensation of employees* due to vacant posts. These funds were moved to *Goods and services* for travel and subsistence costs within the EIG which were not adequately budgeted for.
 - R2.376 million was moved from *Machinery and equipment* under the sub-programme: NSNP grant in respect of the non-purchase of vehicles which are not required in 2023/24 under the NSNP grant. These funds were moved within the sub-programme: NSNP grant to *Goods and services* and redirected towards a shortfall in respect of school feeding costs which were higher than anticipated.
 - o R15 000 was moved from the HIV and AIDS (Life skills) grant against *Machinery and equipment* to *Goods and services* within the same sub-programme, to offset the budget pressure emanating from the fiscal consolidation budget cuts made against this grant.

These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations.

Legislature approval is required for the reduction against *Machinery and equipment* in terms of Section 43(4)(c) of the PFMA, as the capital allocation for the Vote as a whole decreased by R54.783 million.

- *Other adjustments:* The department's conditional grant allocation was reduced by R318.157 million, as follows:
 - o R8.349 million was cut from the maintenance component of the ECD grant. This cut was implemented against *Goods and services*.
 - o R296.371 million was cut from the EIG, implemented against *Buildings and other fixed* structures.
 - o R3.088 million was cut from the HIV and AIDS (Life Skills Education) grant. This cut was implemented against *Goods and services*.
 - o R8.070 million was cut from the MST grant, implemented against Goods and services.
 - R2.279 million was cut from the Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces. This cut was implemented against *Compensation of employees*.

9. Transfers and subsidies

Table 5.28 shows the summary of transfers and subsidies by programme and main category.

Details of the main adjustments, which resulted in an overall decrease of R372.712 million in the transfers and subsidies allocation, are provided in the paragraphs following the table.

Vote 5: Education

| | | | Adjus | stments appropriat | on | | Total | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Main appropriation | | Unforeseeable/ | | | Other | adjustments | Adjusted appropriation |
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation |
| 1. Administration | 35 955 | | - | (8 650) | • | | (8 650) | 27 305 |
| Provinces and municipalities | 5 827 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 827 |
| Motor vehiicle licences | 5 827 | | | | | | - | 5 827 |
| Households | 30 128 | - | - | (8 650) | - | - | (8 650) | 21 478 |
| Staff exit costs | 24 207 | | | (8 650) | | | (8 650) | 15 557 |
| External bursaries/claims against the state | 5 921 | | | | | | - | 5 921 |
| 2. Public Ordinary School Education | 1 765 297 | | | (109 074) | (176 833) | - | (285 907) | 1 479 390 |
| Non-profit institutions | 1 671 018 | - | - | (117 724) | (176 833) | - | (294 557) | 1 376 461 |
| Section 21 schools | 1 661 688 | | | (115 724) | (176 833) | | (292 557) | 1 369 131 |
| Section 20 schools | 9 330 | | | (2 000) | | | (2 000) | 7 330 |
| Households | 94 279 | - | - | 8 650 | - | - | 8 650 | 102 929 |
| Staff exit costs | 94 279 | | | 8 650 | | | 8 650 | 102 929 |
| 3. Independent School Subsidies | 95 799 | | | (10 516) | - | - | (10 516) | 85 283 |
| Non-profit institutions | 95 799 | - | - | (10 516) | - | - | (10 516) | 85 283 |
| Independent schools | 95 799 | | | (10 516) | | | (10 516) | 85 283 |
| 4. Public Special School Education | 156 257 | - | - | • | - | - | - | 156 257 |
| Non-profit institutions | 150 523 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 150 523 |
| Schools | 150 523 | | | | | | - | 150 523 |
| Households | 5 734 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 734 |
| Staff exit costs | 5 734 | | | | | | - | 5 734 |
| 5. Early Childhood Development | 575 060 | | - | 10 516 | - | | 10 516 | 585 576 |
| Non-profit institutions | 573 570 | - | - | 10 516 | - | - | 10 516 | 584 086 |
| ECD centres/Grade R in Pub. Sch. | 573 570 | | | 10 516 | | | 10 516 | 584 086 |
| Households | 1 490 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 490 |
| Staff exit costs | 1 490 | | | | | | - | 1 490 |
| 6. Infrastructure Development | - | - | - | • | - | - | - | - |
| 7. Examination and Education Related Services | 116 466 | - | - | (78 155) | - | - | (78 155) | 38 311 |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | 111 650 | - | - | (78 155) | - | - | (78 155) | 33 495 |
| ETDP SETA | 111 650 | | | (78 155) | | | (78 155) | 33 495 |
| Households | 4 816 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 816 |
| Staff exit costs | 4 816 | | | | | | - | 4 816 |
| Total | 2 744 834 | | - | (195 879) | (176 833) | - | (372 712) | 2 372 122 |
| Amount to be voted | | | | . , | . , | | , | (372 712 |

Table 5.28 : Summary of transfers and subsidies by programme and main category

• Virement: The department undertook the following virements affecting Transfers and subsidies:

- R8.650 million was moved within *Households* from Programme 1 from projected savings in respect of staff exit costs to alleviate spending pressures relating to staff exit costs under Programme 2, which were under-budgeted for.
- A net amount of R117.724 million was moved within Programme 2 from *Non-profit institutions* to *Goods and services* to cater for the spending pressures in relation to the payment of domestic accounts for public ordinary schools that defaulted their payments to municipalities. It should be noted that these funds were unallocated and not gazetted for transfer to any specific school in terms of the Norms and Standards for school funding.
- R10.516 million was moved within *Non-profit institutions* from Programme 3 in respect of non-gazetted schools that were not compliant with departmental requirements during the transfer period, and thus did not receive their transfer payments. These savings were moved to Programme 5 to offset pressures against the ECD grant emanating from the ECD grant budget cut after the shift of the ECD function from DSD, as well as the in-year fiscal consolidation budget cuts made by National Treasury against the ECD grant.
- Savings of R78.155 million were realised against *Departmental agencies and accounts* in Programme 7 in respect of the transfer to ETDP SETA, and were moved to *Goods and services* within the programme to offset pressure against property payments, the monitoring of curriculum in schools, end-of-year National Senior Certificate exams, as well as for markers and monitoring for the end-of-year National Senior Certificate exams, as mentioned.

These virements are permissible in terms of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations. It is noted that the reduction in *Non-profit institutions* relating to transfers to schools that were not gazetted, as well as the reduction in *Departmental agencies and accounts* from the training budget for ETDP SETA, do not require Legislature approval as these transfers are not gazetted.

• *Shifts:* R176.833 million was shifted from *Non-profit institutions* to *Goods and services* within Programme 2 in respect of S21 schools with function (c) who opted to purchase inventory: LTSM through the management agent instead of procuring this on their own, and deductions made against schools that defaulted on the payment of domestic accounts, with the department making these payments on behalf of the schools, as mentioned. The purpose of the funds remains unchanged and therefore this decrease in a transfer payment does not require Legislature approval.

10. Transfers to local government

The amounts against *Provinces and municipalities* in Table 5.28 above cater for motor vehicle licences. These funds will not be transferred to any municipality, and therefore the table for transfers to local government has not been included.

11. Actual payments and revised spending projections for the rest of 2023/24

Tables 5.29 and 5.30 reflect actual payments as at the end of September 2023, projected payments for the rest of the financial year and the total revised spending in Rand value and as a percentage of the Adjusted Appropriation per programme and economic classification. The tables also show the 2022/23 Audited outcome.

The department spent 50.6 per cent of the adjusted appropriation in the first half of the year and projects to spend 49.4 per cent in the remaining six months.

It is noted that, despite showing a balanced budget, the department is still experiencing spending pressures relating to the significant reduction of the department's budget from 2021/22 onward, ascribed to the carry-through impact of the budget cuts implemented by National Treasury, as well as the 2023 wage agreement which was not fully funded as the department was allocated approximately 78 per cent of the 2023 wage agreement cost implications.

Table 5.29 : Actual payments and revised spending projections by programme

| | 2022/23 Audited | Adjusted | Actual payments April 2023 - September 2023 | | Projected payments October 2023 - March 2024 | | Projected actual |
|---|-----------------|---------------|--|-------------|---|-------------|------------------|
| R thousand | outcome | appropriation | | | | | |
| | | | | % of budget | | % of budget | |
| 1. Administration | 2 088 047 | 2 210 738 | 1 115 704 | 50.5 | 1 095 034 | 49.5 | 2 210 738 |
| 2. Public Ordinary School Education | 48 923 595 | 50 715 563 | 25 188 149 | 49.7 | 25 527 414 | 50.3 | 50 715 563 |
| 3. Independent School Subsidies | 91 829 | 85 283 | 20 7 36 | 24.3 | 64 547 | 75.7 | 85 283 |
| 4. Public Special School Education | 1 528 832 | 1 640 166 | 877 453 | 53.5 | 762 713 | 46.5 | 1 640 166 |
| 5. Early Childhood Development | 1 911 703 | 1 963 245 | 896 223 | 45.7 | 1 067 022 | 54.3 | 1 963 245 |
| 6. Infrastructure Development | 2 807 115 | 2 988 101 | 1 605 194 | 53.7 | 1 382 907 | 46.3 | 2 988 101 |
| 7. Examination and Education Related Services | 2 990 432 | 3 248 851 | 2 118 831 | 65.2 | 1 130 020 | 34.8 | 3 248 851 |
| Total | 60 341 553 | 62 851 947 | 31 822 290 | 50.6 | 31 029 657 | 49.4 | 62 851 947 |

Table 5.30 : Actual payments and revised spending projections by economic classification

| | 2022/23 Audited | Adjusted appropriation | Actual pay | ments | Projected payments October 2023 - March 2024 | | Projected actual |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---|-------|------------------|
| | outcome | | April 2023 - Sept | tember 2023 | | | |
| R thousand | | | % of budget | | % of budget | | 1 |
| Current payments | 55 649 346 | 58 324 664 | 29 219 099 | 50.1 | 29 105 565 | 49.9 | 58 324 664 |
| Compensation of employees | 50 477 531 | 51 701 390 | 26 618 952 | 51.5 | 25 082 438 | 48.5 | 51 701 390 |
| Goods and services | 5 165 100 | 6 623 274 | 2 600 051 | 39.3 | 4 023 223 | 60.7 | 6 623 274 |
| Interest and rent on land | 6 715 | - | 96 | - | (96) | - | - |
| Transfers and subsidies to: | 2 403 636 | 2 372 122 | 1 398 872 | 59.0 | 973 250 | 41.0 | 2 372 122 |
| Provinces and municipalities | 1 838 | 5 827 | 1 696 | 29.1 | 4 131 | 70.9 | 5 827 |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | 55 000 | 33 495 | | - | 33 495 | 100.0 | 33 495 |
| Higher education institutions | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Non-profit institutions | 2 120 518 | 2 196 353 | 1 285 162 | 58.5 | 911 191 | 41.5 | 2 196 353 |
| Households | 226 280 | 136 447 | 112 014 | 82.1 | 24 433 | 17.9 | 136 447 |
| Payments for capital assets | 2 288 537 | 2 155 161 | 1 204 277 | 55.9 | 950 884 | 44.1 | 2 155 161 |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 2 222 596 | 2 111 318 | 1 160 156 | 54.9 | 951 162 | 45.1 | 2 111 318 |
| Machinery and equipment | 65 941 | 43 843 | 44 121 | 100.6 | (278) | (0.6) | 43 843 |
| Heritage assets | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Specialised military assets | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Biological assets | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Land and subsoil assets | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Software and other intangible assets | | - | | - | - | - | - |
| Payments for financial assets | 34 | - | 42 | - | (42) | - | - |
| Total | 60 341 553 | 62 851 947 | 31 822 290 | 50.6 | 31 029 657 | 49.4 | 62 851 947 |

Table 5.A : Summary by economic classification : Education

| | Main | Adjustments appropriation Unforeseeable/ | | | | Other | Total adjustments | Adjusted | |
|--|---------------|--|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| R thousand | appropriation | Roll-overs | unavoidable | Virement | Shifts | adjustments | appropriation | appropriation | |
| Current payments | 55 416 055 | 141 195 | - | 250 662 | 146 915 | 2 369 837 | 2 908 609 | 58 324 664 | |
| Compensation of employees | 49 372 422 | - | - | 26 624 | | 2 302 344 | 2 328 968 | 51 701 390 | |
| Salaries and wages | 42 255 376 | - | - | 2 113 | - | 1 777 080 | 1 779 193 | 44 034 569 | |
| Social contributions | 7 117 046 | - | - | 24 511 | - | 525 264 | 549 775 | 7 666 821 | |
| Goods and services | 6 043 633 | 141 195 | | 224 038 | 146 915 | 67 493 | 579 641 | 6 623 274 | |
| Administrative fees | 10 451 | - | - | 378 | - | - | 378 | 10 829 | |
| Advertising | 2 318 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 318 | |
| Minor assets | 87 328 | - | - | (9 737) | (29 918) | - | (39 655) | 47 673 | |
| Audit cost: External | 16 141 | - | - | 4 268 | (| - | 4 268 | 20 409 | |
| Bursaries: Employees | 1 000 | - | - | (800) | - | - | (800) | 200 | |
| Catering: Departmental activities | 104 318 | - | - | 141 | - | - | 141 | 104 459 | |
| Communication (G&S) | 56 882 | - | - | (10 056) | - | - | (10 056) | 46 826 | |
| Computer services | 88 726 | - | - | (410) | 45 409 | - | 44 999 | 133 725 | |
| Cons. & prof serv: Business and advisory services | 254 761 | - | - | 79 822 | - | - | 79 822 | 334 583 | |
| Infrastructure and planning | | - | - | | - | - | | - | |
| Laboratory services | _ | - | | | | - | | - | |
| Scientific and technological services | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Legal costs | 19 186 | - | - | 800 | - | - | 800 | 19 986 | |
| Contractors | 40 256 | | | (12) | 30 000 | | 29 988 | 70 244 | |
| Agency and support / outsourced services | 1 748 459 | 141 195 | | 2 376 | | | 143 571 | 1 892 030 | |
| Entertainment | 1110100 | - | | 2010 | | | | 1 002 000 | |
| Elleet services (incl govt motor transport) | 60 845 | | | 17 000 | | | 17 000 | 77 845 | |
| , | 00 040 | - | - | 11 000 | - | - | 11 000 | 11 040 | |
| Housing | 1 643 | - | - | | - | - | | 1 643 | |
| Inventory: Clothing material and accessories | 1 043 | - | - | - | | - | - | 1 043 | |
| Inventory: Farming supplies | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | |
| Inventory: Food and food supplies | 1.050 | - | - | - | | - | - | 4.050 | |
| Inventory: Chemicals, fuel, oil, gas, wood and coal | 1 650 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 40 000 | 1 650 | |
| Inventory: Learner and teacher support material | 647 660 | - | - | - | 142 389 | - | 142 389 | 790 049 | |
| Inventory: Materials and supplies | 245 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 245 | |
| Inventory: Medical supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Inventory: Medicine | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Medsas inventory interface | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Inventory: Other supplies | 763 039 | - | - | 9 067 | (45 409) | (8 070) | (44 412) | 718 627 | |
| Consumable supplies | 64 014 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 64 014 | |
| Consumable: Stationery, printing and office supplies | 26 445 | - | - | (18) | - | - | (18) | 26 427 | |
| Operating leases | 165 323 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 165 323 | |
| Property payments | 1 130 903 | - | - | 103 573 | 4 444 | 88 651 | 196 668 | 1 327 571 | |
| Transport provided: Departmental activity | 17 677 | - | - | 660 | - | - | 660 | 18 337 | |
| Travel and subsistence | 317 020 | - | - | 32 272 | - | (3 088) | 29 184 | 346 204 | |
| Training and development | 95 164 | - | - | (24 400) | - | (10 000) | (34 400) | 60 764 | |
| Operating payments | 304 771 | - | - | (1 700) | - | - | (1 700) | 303 071 | |
| Venues and facilities | 12 418 | - | - | 14 988 | - | - | 14 988 | 27 406 | |
| Rental and hiring | 4 990 | - | - | 5 825 | - | - | 5 825 | 10 815 | |
| Interest and rent on land | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Rent on land | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| ransfers and subsidies to | 2 744 834 | - | - | (195 879) | (176 833) | - | (372 712) | 2 372 122 | |
| Provinces and municipalities | 5 827 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 827 | |
| Provinces | 5 827 | - | - | - | - | - | | 5 827 | |
| Provincial Revenue Funds | - | - | | - | - | - | | | |
| Provincial agencies and funds | 5 827 | | | | | | | 5 827 | |
| Municipalities | | - | | - | - | - | | | |
| Municipalities | - | - | | | - | | | | |
| Municipal agencies and funds | _ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Municipal agencies and funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Departmental agencies and accounts | 111 650 | - | - | (78 155) | - | - | (78 155) | 33 495 | |
| Social security funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Entities receiving funds | 111 650 | - | - | (78 155) | - | - | (78 155) | 33 495 | |
| Higher education institutions | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Foreign governments and international organisations | _ | - | - | - | | - | - | | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | _ | - | - | - | _ | _ | | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | - | | | | | | | | |
| Subsidies on production | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Other transfers | | - | - | - | | _ | . | | |
| Private enterprises | | | | | | | | | |
| Subsidies on production | [_] | | | - | - | | | | |
| Other transfers | 111 - 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Non-profit institutions | 2 490 910 | - | - | (117 724) | (176 833) | - | (294 557) | 2 196 353 | |
| Households | 136 447 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 136 447 | |
| Social benefits | 130 526 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 130 526 | |
| Other transfers to households | 5 921 | - | - | - | | - | - | 5 921 | |
| | L | - | | - | - | | - | | |
| ayments for capital assets | 2 476 397 | - | - | (54 783) | 29 918 | (296 371) | (321 236) | 2 155 161 | |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 2 446 577 | - | - | (38 888) | - | (296 371) | (335 259) | 2 111 318 | |
| Buildings | 2 446 577 | - | - | (38 888) | - | (296 371) | (335 259) | 2 111 318 | |
| Other fixed structures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Machinery and equipment | 29 820 | - | - | (15 895) | 29 918 | | 14 023 | 43 843 | |
| Transport equipment | 17 422 | - | - | (14 926) | - | - | (14 926) | 2 496 | |
| Other machinery and equipment | 12 398 | - | - | (969) | 29 918 | - | 28 949 | 41 347 | |
| Heritage assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Specialised military assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Biological assets | _ | - | - | - | - | - | - | . | |
| Land and sub-soil assets | _ | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Software and other intangible assets | _ | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | - | | | | - | | | | |
| avments for financial assets | | | | | - | - | - | | |
| Payments for financial assets | 60 637 286 | 141 195 | | | | 2 073 466 | 2 214 661 | 62 851 947 | |