Vote 31

Science and Technology

		2005/06		2006/07	2007/08	
		To be appropriated		2007/08 R2 440 560 000 –		
MTEF allocations		R1 986 639 000		R2 183 392 000	R2 440 560 000	
of which:	Current payments	Transfers	Capital payments			
	R156 607 000	R1 829 227 000	R805 000			
Statutory amounts		-		-	-	
Responsible minister	Minister of Science	e and Technology				
Administering department	Department of Sc	ience and Technology				
Accounting officer	Director-General	of Department of Scien	ce and Technology			

Aim

The Department of Science and Technology seeks to realise the full potential of science and technology in social and economic development, through the development of human resources, research and innovation.

Programme purpose and measurable objective

Programme 1: Administration

Purpose: Provide core support services, including finance, human resources, legal services and IT, and manage the governance and reporting system for government-funded science and technology in general and the department's institutions and programmes in particular.

Programme 2: Science and Technology Expert Services

Purpose: Provide expert content-based services to the line programmes, the executive committee and the national system of innovation (NSI), across a range of relevant science and technology domains. Provide research and innovation management practice and policy.

Measurable objective: Deliver required outcomes within the strategic themes and portfolio of the department to give effect to the strategy and mandate of the NSI.

Programme 3: International Co-operation and Resources

Purpose: Take responsibility for developing bilateral and multilateral co-operation in science and technology to strengthen the NSI, and establish a technological intelligence capacity to monitor and evaluate international science and technology trends.

Measurable objective: Increase flows of scientific knowledge and resources to South Africa by participating in joint programmes.

Programme 4: Frontier Science and Technology

Purpose: Provide leadership in relevant, long-term and cross-cutting research, development, innovation and human capital development across the NSI.

Measurable objective: Build research, innovation and human capital programmes within the NSI, effectively using the resources of the department. Develop public research institutions to make sure that South Africa has an evolving world class science and technology portfolio.

Programme 5: Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination

Purpose: Give leadership and provide support to other government departments in sector specific research, development and technology, and directed human capital programmes.

Measurable objectives: Build partnerships, programmes and institutional capacity to ensure the appropriate contribution of science and technology within different sectors and synergistically within clusters.

Strategic overview and key policy developments: 2001/02 – 2007/08

Scientific discoveries, which frequently lead to new, marketable technologies, are key long-term drivers of economic development. The concomitant positive socio-economic effects should be an incentive for public and private investment in science and technology.

The new, separate department

In its first 10 years, the previous Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology set up key enabling policies, informed by the national system of innovation (NSI). These form the basis for the current sector-specific strategies in biotechnology, advanced manufacturing technology and IT road-mapping, adopted by Cabinet. Because of its distinct mandate, the Department of Science and Technology was moved from the social services cluster to the economic services and infrastructure cluster (reflected in the change from vote 18 to 31). This is the first ENE submission made by the Department of Science and Technology under a dedicated, separate ministry.

The department continues to develop strategies in new areas of knowledge and technology. During the past six months, strategies for indigenous knowledge, nanotechnology, astronomy and intellectual property derived from publicly funded research, have been developed.

A new strategic management framework

The department and the innovation environment face many challenges. These include the large drop in spending on research and development in both the public and private sectors, inadequate intellectual property legislation and infrastructure, and fragmented governance structures for research institutions. To address these issues, the department developed a new strategic management framework, which was approved by Cabinet in October 2004. The new framework classifies the technology-related services and research and development activities supported by government into three basic types:

- early stage or highly cross-sectoral generic technology and associated human resources, for which the department takes responsibility
- focused, sectoral and relatively mature technology domains, which are primarily the responsibility of sector-specific departments, with the department's assistance
- standard technology-based services, for which sector-specific departments take responsibility.

The new strategic framework and the change in approach to the publicly funded portion of South Africa's science and technology system have led to a number of concrete organisational and operational changes. These are discussed under the relevant programmes, which have been restructured in line with the new strategic framework.

New programmes

The successes of the department over the past year, including the rollout of technology missions, increased robustness of the national system of innovation, and the biotechnology strategy, are reported on in the relevant sections. Building on the successful rollout of the technology missions specified in the national research and development strategy, new programmes are being set up in nanotechnology, space science, and nuclear technology and science to support South Africa's engagement with hydrogen research.

Human resources development

Human resources development is the main challenge for the progress of South Africa's NSI. To deal with this, centres of excellence in research are being set up, and young researchers are being developed professionally in post-doctoral programmes for South African researchers. Research chairs in strategic areas are to be set up in South African universities, and scientific infrastructure such as scientific laboratories and information technology equipment is to be renewed and extended.

Funding and international partnerships

It is necessary for South Africa to keep abreast of other developing countries' levels of investment in science and technology. The intermediate goal of 1 per cent of GDP dedicated to research and development remains an important indicator. The current level is 0,3 per cent of GDP. A sharper focus on macroeconomic targets, through practical programmes which also develop and retain much needed human resources, is required for long-term success and sustainability.

In 2001/02, foreign funding in South African research had grown to 6 per cent, from negligible levels before 1994. The department and its associated institutions (like the National Research Foundation) are involved in internationally funded global projects, such as the Southern African large telescope and the European Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership. The political alliances being forged with the EU, within NEPAD, and in the India-Brazil-South Africa partnership will give global partnerships more momentum.

As part of the Ten Years of Freedom celebrations, the department hosted an international innovation science and technology fair, in November 2004. The fair was an opportunity to showcase innovation and scientific expertise and to encourage research co-operation, business opportunities and science and technology interaction between South Africa, its international partners and scientific institutions.

South Africa hosted and chaired the inaugural NEPAD ministerial conference on science and technology, which adopted a plan of action outlining flagship programmes. As chair of the NEPAD steering committee, South Africa is leading a process to develop the 12 priority areas in the NEPAD science and technology plan of action. Some of the priority areas are: biotechnology and sustainable development; energy technologies; and ICT. For each area, African countries will pool their resources through PPPs to set up networks of centres of excellence. South African research institutions are central in the networks that will drive the programme.

Expert service

Pooling the department's core content and research management expertise will result in a flexible and responsive science and technology expert service. The *Science and Technology Expert Services* programme will provide the expertise and resource base to deliver on NSI initiatives, as well as support leadership and governance functions. The aim is to improve the department's strategic capacity to place science and technology human resources and direct innovation potential in new areas of science and technology and across existing sectors, in partnership with other

government departments and the private sector. The underlying principle is the global nature of science and technology, which gets appropriately applied locally.

Expenditure estimates

Table 31.1: Science and Technology

Programme	Expe	nditure outo	ome			Medium-ter	m expenditur	e estimate
-	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted	Revised			
			outcome	appropriation	estimate			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/0	05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1. Administration	25 904	45 359	55 839	60 272	60 272	68 836	72 973	76 656
Science and Technology Expert Services	9 068	41 579	33 487	41 458	41 458	41 026	44 464	47 663
International Co-operation and Resources	15 235	30 512	40 508	46 186	46 186	82 711	89 492	93 467
Frontier Science and Technology	781 690	875 148	1 064 822	1 170 218	1 170 218	1 362 077	1 500 826	1 726 746
5. Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination	172 475	107 054	194 892	312 604	312 604	431 989	475 637	496 028
Total	1 004 372	1 099 652	1 389 548	1 630 738	1 630 738	1 986 639	2 183 392	2 440 560
Change to 2004 Budget estimate				354 526	354 526	471 146	532 265	706 877
Economic classification Current payments	42 124	77 873	103 539	134 270	134 270	156 607	164 155	169 582
Compensation of employees	25 507	31 756	45 710	70 661	70 661	80 196	85 007	89 293
Goods and services	16 617	46 110	57 829	63 609	63 609	76 411	79 148	80 289
of which:	10 017	40 110	37 029	00 009	03 003	70411	73 140	00 203
Communication	1 163	3 229	4 048	3 559	3 559	5 216	5 548	5 627
Consultants and contractors	3 490	9 684	12 144	10 580	10 580	16 146	15 142	15 382
Travel and subsistence	4 487	12 450	15 613	13 626	13 626	20 116	21 397	21 706
Training and staff development	665	1 845	2 313	2 064	2 064	4 479	4 670	4 715
Financial transactions in assets and liabilities	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers and subsidies to:	958 421	1 017 478	1 282 827	1 495 453	1 495 453	1 829 227	2 018 383	2 270 080
Provinces and municipalities	85	106	139	220	220	229	243	255
Departmental agencies and accounts	792 346	780 580	921 873	1 050 675	1 050 675	1 270 794	1 378 670	1 444 837
Non-profit institutions	125 846	161 963	181 066	184 677	184 677	201 554	214 601	232 001
Households	40 144	74 829	179 749	259 881	259 881	356 650	424 869	592 987
Payments for capital assets	3 827	4 301	3 182	1 015	1 015	805	854	898
Machinery and equipment	3 827	4 301	3 182	1 015	1 015	805	854	898
Total	1 004 372	1 099 652	1 389 548	1 630 738	1 630 738	1 986 639	2 183 392	2 440 560

Expenditure trends

Expenditure is expected to continue to increase rapidly, rising from R1,0 billion in 2001/02 to an expected R2,4 billion in 2007/08, an annual average increase of 15,9 per cent. Most of this expenditure is made up of transfers, and these are driving the increase in allocations.

The expenditure increases over the next three years will go towards increasing capacity, and in particular for frontier programmes, the reprioritisation of the Innovation Fund to focus it on near-market industry programmes, and the strengthening of human capital programmes.

The 2005 Budget set out additional allocations of R97 million in 2005/06, R130 million in 2006/07 and R286,6 million in 2007/08 for human resource development, research and development infrastructure, the ICR leveraging fund and for VAT amendments to several public entities.

The science vote

The science vote is a virtual vote, aggregated from a range of governmental science and technology institutions and programmes, based on the governance dispensation that prevailed until the recent Cabinet endorsement of a new multi-year national science and technology expenditure plan. The plan will be constructed by the department in consultation with National Treasury.

The indicative science vote is presented for the last time in table 31.8. The major changes are influenced by the third year of the national research and development strategy public finance improvements, a significant portion of which were deployed in core budgets of science vote institutions. The adjustments have given these institutions the capacity to transform established staff complements and their level of innovation in a period where contract income has become more and more important to ensure ongoing linkage to stakeholders. This reinvestment by the department is complemented by ring-fenced items in these budgets to ensure that specific programmes (now often called centres of excellence and frontier programmes) receive priority in the national system of innovation.

Departmental receipts

Departmental receipts are mainly miscellaneous items such as debt repayments and private telephone calls. All receipts are deposited into the National Revenue Fund.

Table 31.2: Departmental receipts

	Rec	eipts outco	me		Medium-te	rm receipts e	stimate
	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Sales of goods and services produced by department	-	6	1	13	15	17	19
Interest, dividends and rent on land	_	-	1	6	6	6	7
Financial transactions in assets and liabilities	-	4	1	2	2	2	3
Total	-	10	3	21	23	25	29

Programme 1: Administration

Administration provides support and governance functions across the department and the broader science and technology system, and services to political principals focused on the implementation of the national research and development strategy. The programme provides for the minister, the deputy minister and top management. It is responsible for finance, communications, human resources management, legal services, IT systems and support, and internal auditing. It also ensures that funded organisations comply with good corporate governance practices and their alignment with the strategic focus of the national system of innovation. It is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the performance of science councils.

Expenditure estimates

Table 31.3: Administration

Subprogramme	Expe	nditure outo	ome		Medium-tern	n expenditure	estimate
	Audited	Audited Audited Preliminary Adjusted					
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	03/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/	2006/07	2007/08	
Minister ¹	753	685	746	791	843	898	943
Deputy Minister ²	622	1 024	607	643	685	730	766
Management	4 875	5 757	3 808	3 690	3 912	4 147	4 354
Corporate Services	18 428	36 593	49 300	53 687	60 874	64 525	67 786
Governance	1 226	1 300	1 378	1 461	2 522	2 673	2 807
Total	25 904	45 359	55 839	60 272	68 836	72 973	76 656
Change to 2004 Budget estimate				(649)	3 314	1 761	1 883

¹ Payable as from 1 April 2004. Salary: R633 061. Car allowance: R158 265.

Economic classification

Current payments	23 903	42 526	53 578	59 686	68 454	72 569	76 232
Compensation of employees	16 630	21 125	26 295	35 394	35 726	37 869	39 797
Goods and services	7 273	21 394	27 283	24 292	32 728	34 700	36 435
of which:							
Communication	509	1 498	1 910	2 246	2 291	2 429	2 550
Consultants and contractors	1 527	4 493	5 729	6 739	6 873	7 287	7 651
Travel and subsistence	1 964	5 776	7 366	8 665	8 837	9 369	9 837
Training and staff development	291	856	1 091	1 284	1 309	1 388	1 457
Financial transactions in assets and liabilities	-	7	-	_	-	-	-
Transfers and subsidies to:	56	70	88	102	82	86	90
Provinces and municipalities	56	70	88	102	82	86	90
Payments for capital assets	1 945	2 763	2 173	484	300	318	334
Machinery and equipment	1 945	2 763	2 173	484	300	318	334
Total	25 904	45 359	55 839	60 272	68 836	72 973	76 656

Expenditure trends

Administration expenditure in the four-year period from 2001/02 to 2004/05 increased rapidly at an annual average rate of 32,5 per cent, rising from R25,9 million in 2001/02 to R60,3 million in 2004/05. The increase mainly reflects an expansion of administrative capacity. Expenditure over the next three years increases steadily at an annual average rate of 8,3 per cent, to reach R76,7 million in 2007/08.

Programme 2: Science and Technology Expert Services

The role of *Science and Technology Expert Services* is to support the department by providing expert services in science and technology policy, implementation, monitoring and reviewing initiatives.

There are two subprogrammes:

• Expert Services provides content-based services to the line programmes in support of the department's strategic priorities, carries out initiatives as commissioned by the executive committee, and deals with ad hoc requests. The subprogramme maintains a strategic set of core

² Payable as from 1 April 2004. Salary: R514 537. Car allowance: R128 634.

- skills in the department while using a network of specialists and service providers to complement and enhance its core competences.
- National Advisory Council on Innovation provides policy advice to the Minister of Science and Technology on the role and contribution of innovation in promoting and achieving national objectives. These national objectives include improving the quality of life of South Africans and promoting sustainable economic growth and international competitiveness.

Expenditure estimates

Table 31.4: Science and Technology Expert Services

Subprogramme	Expe	nditure outo	ome		Medium-terr	n expenditur	e estimate
	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Expert Services	6 458	41 579	28 029	34 958	32 798	35 742	38 505
National Advisory Council on Innovation	2 610	_	5 458	6 500	8 228	8 722	9 158
Total	9 068	41 579	33 487	41 458	41 026	44 464	47 663
Change to 2004 Budget estimate				(222 839)	(257 660)	(276 444)	(289 290)
Economic classification							
Current payments	8 431	17 015	21 385	32 768	33 922	36 013	37 739
Compensation of employees	3 455	4 872	7 966	16 443	21 120	22 387	23 507
Goods and services	4 976	12 143	13 419	16 325	12 802	13 626	14 232
of which:							
Consultants and contractors	1 045	2 550	2 818	2 378	1 205	1 379	1 507
Travel and subsistence	1 344	3 279	3 623	3 058	3 477	3 701	3 866
Transfers and subsidies to:	11	23 868	11 741	8 458	6 904	8 239	9 701
Provinces and municipalities	11	17	26	59	77	82	86
Departmental agencies and accounts	_	10 000	_	_	_	_	_
Non-profit institutions	_	13 851	11 715	8 399	6 827	8 157	9 615
Payments for capital assets	626	696	361	232	200	212	223
Machinery and equipment	626	696	361	232	200	212	223
Total	9 068	41 579	33 487	41 458	41 026	44 464	47 663
Details of transfers and subsidies: Departmental agencies and accounts							
Capital	_	10 000	_	_	_	_	_
Grant-In-Aid to Various Institutions	_	10 000	_	_	_	_	_
Total description and accounts	_	10 000			_	_	
Total departmental agencies and accounts		10 000		-			
Non-profit institutions							
Current	_	13 851	11 715	8 399	6 827	8 157	9 615
Academy of Science of South Africa	_	1 350	2 290	2 500	2 500	3 000	3 150
Grant-In-Aid to Various Institutions	_	12 501	9 425	5 899	4 327	5 157	6 465
Total non-profit institutions		13 851	11 715	8 399	6 827	8 157	9 615

Expenditure trends

Expenditure more than quadrupled in 2002/03, increasing from R9,1 million to R41,6 million. This was used to expand capacity, and to implement a grants programme. Expenditure then fell in

2003/04, before rising again in 2004/05. The increase is expected to continue, with expenditure rising from R41,5 million to R47,7 million in 2007/08.

Service delivery objectives and indicators

Recent outputs

The programme has provided management services and content deliverables to a large number of departmental initiatives, including: developing frameworks and strategies, setting up institutions and networks, international collaborations and research. These initiatives are elaborated on under *Programme 4: Frontier Science and Technology* and *Programme 5: Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination*.

Cabinet approved the pebble bed modular reactor (PBMR) human capital, research and innovation frontier programme to build the science base needed to ensure that the PBMR is sustainable in the long term, as a uniquely South African innovation in nuclear technology.

The *National Advisory Council of Innovation* subprogramme houses the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) and maintains the Department of Science and Technology's relationship with the Academy of Science of South Africa and the Academy of Engineering. Its functions are reliable policy development and the provision of specialised advice on the national system of innovation. NACI develops science and technology indicators and houses the Reference Group for South African Women in Science and the Biotechnology Advisory Committee.

Over the past three years, NACI has: made critical inputs into the allocation of resources in the national system for innovation and the shape and form of the national research and development strategy; co-ordinated the process that led to the advanced manufacturing technology strategy; and developed South Africa's policy on open source information technologies. Within NACI, key studies have been completed on: science and technology resources in the higher education system; the mobility of science and technology workers internationally and across science areas; and research and development indicators, including the research and development survey of the Department of Science and Technology (which Statistics South Africa has accepted as part of the national statistical system). NACI, the Reference Group for South African Women in Science and the department jointly published a major baseline study on the gender profile and policies of the NSI.

The Academy of Science of South Africa has taken over the publication of the South African Journal of Science, whose impact as a national journal has improved. The academy also launched Quest, a general science periodical aimed at scientifically literate readers.

The legislation being drafted for setting up the Academy of Engineering will strengthen the quality of advice on engineering issues and innovation, and support the development of a modern academy system in South Africa.

Selected medium-term output targets

Science and Technology Expert Services

Measurable objective: Deliver required outcomes within the strategic themes and portfolio of the department to give effect to the strategy and
mandate of the NSI.

Subprogramme	Output	Measure/Indicator	Target
Expert Services	Provide analytical support and services to political principals and department's executive	Policy responses, speeches, and briefing notes provided timeously and effectively	Timeous response that meets the brief
	System of strategic intelligence knowledge and information (capacity, expertise, foresight, technology roadmaps, indicators, scenarios, best practice and benchmarking)	Number of reports and knowledge transfer events delivered with stakeholder support	Two reports by 2007 and rated by the users of the programme

Programme 3: International Co-operation and Resources

Through its three subprogrammes, *International Co-operation and Resources* develops bilateral, and multilateral co-operation agreements in science and technology to strengthen the national system of innovation and to make sure there is a net flow of knowledge, capacity and resources into South Africa and Africa.

- Multilaterals and Africa co-ordinates and manages South Africa's participation in international science and technology platforms at sub-regional (SADC), continental (Africa) and global levels. The subprogramme is responsible for funding the Africa Institute of South Africa and for giving financial support to various institutions in support of international science programmes, referred to as global science
- International Resources gives assistance, both nationally and for Africa, in accessing international resources for science and technology through both official development assistance and strategic partnerships
- Bilateral Co-operation is responsible for all South Africa's country-to-country engagements on science and technology outside Africa.

Expenditure estimates

Table 31.5: International Co-operation and Resources

Subprogramme	Expe	nditure outo	ome		Medium-tern	n expenditure	estimate
	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Multilaterals and Africa	12 192	24 418	27 554	40 031	40 398	42 309	43 924
International Resources	_	_	4 864	6 155	26 305	29 791	31 281
Bilateral Co-operation	3 043	6 094	8 090	_	16 008	17 392	18 262
Total	15 235	30 512	40 508	46 186	82 711	89 492	93 467
Change to 2004 Budget estimate				-	7 588	7 499	7 374

	Exper	nditure outo	ome		Medium-tern	n expenditure	estimate
	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Economic classification							
Current payments	6 172	9 371	20 474	24 711	35 901	38 264	37 435
Compensation of employees	3 781	3 001	7 899	10 361	13 500	14 310	15 026
Goods and services	2 391	6 370	12 575	14 350	22 401	23 954	22 409
of which:							
Communication	167	446	880	162	1 568	1 677	1 569
Consultants and contractors	502	1 338	2 641	486	4 704	5 030	4 700
Travel and subsistence	646	1 720	3 395	625	6 048	6 468	6 05
Transfers and subsidies to:	8 191	20 678	19 625	21 325	46 680	51 090	55 880
Provinces and municipalities	13	10	11	35	36	39	42
Departmental agencies and accounts	8 178	8 981	11 713	16 325	18 514	21 500	22 57
Non-profit institutions	_	11 687	7 901	4 965	28 130	29 551	33 26
Payments for capital assets	872	463	409	150	130	138	14
Machinery and equipment	872	463	409	150	130	138	140
Total	15 235	30 512	40 508	46 186	82 711	89 492	93 46
Details of transfers and subsidies:							
Departmental agencies and accounts							
Current	8 178	8 981	11 713	16 325	18 514	21 500	22 57
Africa Institute of South Africa	8 178	8 981	11 713	16 325	18 514	21 500	22 57
Total departmental agencies and accounts	8 178	8 981	11 713	16 325	18 514	21 500	22 57
Non-profit institutions							
Current	_	11 687	7 901	4 965	28 130	29 551	33 26
Global Science	_	11 687	7 901	4 965	28 130	29 551	33 26
Total non-profit institutions		11 687	7 901	4 965	28 130	29 551	33 26

Expenditure trends

Expenditure is expected to continue to increase rapidly, rising from R15,2 million in 2001/02 to an expected R93,5 million in 2007/08, an annual average increase of 35,3 per cent. These increases go towards transfer payments for various institutions in support of international science programmes, as well as for the leveraging of international resources through matched payments.

Service delivery objectives and indicators

Recent outputs

The department manages 36 signed international bilateral agreements, which have resulted in over 300 research and development projects. In the trilateral consortium between India, Brazil and South Africa, formed in 2003, a science and technology chapter was created in March 2004.

The department has promoted South African participation in strategic multilateral organisations such as the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), where a number of South Africans have been nominated for key positions, including as the ICGEB's external auditor.

South Africa's participation in international research funding programmes such as the EU's framework programme, has been improved through the network of national contact points. The network has positioned the South African research community well for securing a substantial share of the EU's commitment to allocate at least €285 million of FP6 funding to third country participants (FP6 is the European Community Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration).

A major achievement was the department's successful support of the Medical Research Council's bid to host the African secretariat office of the European Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), a €700 million funding programme that will run over four years. The partnership aims to speed up the development of new interventions for fighting poverty-related communicable diseases, such as HIV and Aids, malaria and tuberculosis.

The department is setting up a technology intelligence capacity to improve South Africa's ability to monitor and evaluate new international technology and trends, and to leverage South Africa's competitive advantage in new and innovative technologies internationally.

Selected medium-term output targets

International Co-operation and Resources

Measurable objective: Increa	se flows of scientific knowledge and resour	ces to South Africa by participating in	joint programmes.
Subprogramme	Output	Measure/Indicator	Target
Multilaterals and Africa	African and multilateral co- operation on science and technology	Level of participation and, where appropriate, leadership by South Africa in African and global science	Signing and implementation of strategic African bilaterals with outreach in all African regions: 6 new agreements by 2007 Operationalise the NEPAD flagship programmes both in SADC and the continent by 2006
			Launch a global science and technology for sustainable development programme by World Summit on Sustainable Development +5 (2007)
International Resources	Official development assistance (ODA) and other resource flows (such as international research funding) for science and technology in South Africa and	Level of ODA and other resource flows for science and technology	Double the amount of funds won through leveraging and competitive funds like the EU framework programme within 3 years
	Africa		Operationalise a functional interactive international technology information platform by 2006
Bilateral Co-operation	Country-to-country co-operation in science and technology outside Africa	Extent of flow of knowledge, people and skills at a country-to- country level	Enhance implementation of existing agreements and conclude new strategic relationships particular among the 'new 10' in Europe, Latin America and Asia, by 2006

Programme 4: Frontier Science and Technology

The *Frontier Science and Technology* programme provides leadership in long-term and crosscutting research, and human capital development in the national system of innovation.

There are two subprogrammes:

• Frontier Programmes focuses on cross-cutting research, development and innovation that will help to make the NSI a world class science and technology resource. The programme focuses on harmonising activities in research, development and innovation in industry, academia and research institutions.

• *Human Capital* focuses on formulating, developing and implementing national programmes aimed at providing knowledge and human capital. Focus areas include astronomy, human palaeontology and indigenous knowledge. Future developments will include establishing research chairs in South African universities in strategic areas, as well as renewing and extending South Africa's scientific infrastructure base.

Expenditure estimates

Table 31.6: Frontier Science and Technology

Subprogramme	Expe	nditure outc	ome		Medium-ter	m expenditur	e estimate
	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Frontier Programmes	429 021	482 895	652 440	677 438	785 134	832 794	916 312
Human Capital	352 669	392 253	412 382	492 780	576 943	668 032	810 434
Total	781 690	875 148	1 064 822	1 170 218	1 362 077	1 500 826	1 726 746
Change to 2004 Budget estimate				1 154 021	1 345 617	1 483 369	1 708 416
Economic classification							
Current payments	1 050	4 640	3 602	9 012	8 693	7 094	7 450
Compensation of employees	455	1 489	1 462	4 584	4 050	4 293	4 508
Goods and services	595	3 151	2 140	4 428	4 643	2 801	2 942
of which:							
Consultants and contractors	125	662	449	930	2 558	592	621
Travel and subsistence	161	851	578	1 196	718	761	799
Transfers and subsidies to:	780 525	870 318	1 061 138	1 161 119	1 353 384	1 493 732	1 719 296
Provinces and municipalities	1	4	5	11	15	16	16
Departmental agencies and accounts	644 534	677 060	756 704	818 114	957 022	1 027 654	1 078 535
Non-profit institutions	125 846	136 425	161 450	171 313	166 597	176 893	189 118
Households	10 144	56 829	142 979	171 681	229 750	289 169	451 627
Payments for capital assets	115	190	82	87	-	-	_
Machinery and equipment	115	190	82	87	-	-	_
Total	781 690	875 148	1 064 822	1 170 218	1 362 077	1 500 826	1 726 746
Details of transfers and subsidies: Departmental agencies and accounts							
Current	642 211	660 672	749 863	814 114	952 782	1 023 154	1 073 810
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	302 877	297 751	323 014	348 326	431 649	464 114	487 318
National Laser Centre	_	5 000	11 540	18 000	18 000	19 080	20 034
National Research Foundation	330 770	357 921	404 239	446 288	488 133	523 760	549 948
	8 564	_	-	_	-	-	_
Foundation for Education, Science and Technology	0 004						
Technology Centers of Excellence	_	-	11 070	1 500	15 000	16 200	
Technology Centers of Excellence Capital	2 323	16 388	11 070 6 841	1 500 4 000	15 000 4 240	16 200 4 500	
Technology Centers of Excellence Capital Centres of Excellence	2 323	16 388 6 700	6 841	4 000	4 240 –	4 500 –	4 725 -
Technology Centers of Excellence Capital	2 323	16 388					16 510 4 725 - 4 725

	Expe	nditure outo	ome		Medium-term expenditure estimate		
-	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Non-profit institutions							
Current	125 846	136 425	161 450	171 313	166 597	176 893	189 118
Innovation Fund	125 846	136 425	161 450	171 313	121 597	128 193	132 818
Square Kilometer Array	_	_	-	_	8 000	8 000	12 000
Frontier Science and Technology	_	-	_	_	37 000	40 700	44 300
Total non-profit institutions	125 846	136 425	161 450	171 313	166 597	176 893	189 118
Households							
Other transfers							
Current	10 144	56 829	142 979	171 681	219 750	279 169	401 627
Science and Youth	6 644	10 829	7 294	11 000	20 000	20 000	22 000
Science Themes	3 500	3 500	13 983	25 681	24 750	50 583	53 112
Biotechnology Strategy	_	41 850	116 001	125 000	155 000	158 586	166 515
Indigenous Knowledge System	_	650	5 701	10 000	10 000	10 000	10 000
Human Resource Development	_	_	_	_	10 000	40 000	150 000
Capital	-	-	-	_	10 000	10 000	50 000
Research and Development Infrastructure	_	_	-	_	-	-	39 000
Equipment Placement	_	_	_	_	10 000	10 000	11 000
Total households	10 144	56 829	142 979	171 681	229 750	289 169	451 627

Expenditure trends

Expenditure is expected to continue to grow rapidly, rising from R781,7 million in 2001/02 to an expected R1,7 billion in 2007/08, an annual average increase of 14,1 per cent. This growth has mainly gone towards the science themes, the biotechnology strategy and new funding for equipment, human resources development and research and development infrastructure.

Future funding increases will allow for the continued growth of science programmes for the establishment of six centres of excellence in universities. Funding has also been provided for the bid for the Square Kilometre Array telescope.

Service delivery objectives and indicators

Recent outputs

Space science and technology

The department has taken the lead in an international process to establish a Global Earth Observation System of Systems, GEOSS, through participation as co-chair of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO). The GEO is a direct response to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and is one of the foremost international partnerships seeking to implement the WSSD's Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. The department also participated in the development of a 10-year implementation plan for GEOSS. The GEO process aims to enable globally co-ordinated earth observations across a number of domains to provide better data, models and decision support for disasters, agriculture, climate, weather, water, health, energy, biodiversity and ecosystems. Next steps for South Africa are the identification of earth observation

elements that will become part of GEOSS and the development of a South African earth observation strategy.

Square Kilometre Array telescope

As part of its strategy to encourage investment, the department is promoting South Africa as a preferred destination for global science facilities such as the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) radio telescope. In 2003 and 2004, South Africa's bid for this was intensified, and included Southern African partner countries hosting remote stations. The final bid will be submitted in July 2005. A final site has been chosen and an initial description and simulation of the SKA configuration completed. The process for choosing remote sites has been initiated and completed. The political and technical engagement of neighbouring countries about the location of remote sites is under way.

As part of the international collaboration effort, a research and innovation programme to build a new world class radio telescope in South Africa, in support of the core SKA design, has been initiated. This new telescope has a science programme design that is at the cutting edge of modern radio astronomy and is intended to retain our position as a leading country in the bid process.

Deep space array network station

Cabinet approved that discussions be held with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to explore placing a deep space array network (DSAN) station on one of several possible sites in the Northern Cape. The NASA delegation has visited the sites and is of the opinion that the South African sites are technically better than those of other possible locations. The two contending countries are South Africa and Spain. A Cabinet memorandum is currently being prepared to obtain Cabinet approval that South Africa agrees to host NASA's DSAN at a site in the Northern Cape. A decision on the location of the site will be taken by NASA in late March 2005.

Open source software

The open source software initiative is driven by the Meraka open source centre at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), which has been advocating and shaping the potential for South Africa to use and apply open source software. Other projects include: the CSIR's systems migrating to open source software; supporting the Mogalakwena open source centre initiative, a PPP between the Limpopo government and Hewlett Packard; and the mobile technology platforms for rural clinics.

The translate.org.za project has enjoyed much media focus because of the successful launch of OpenOffice in Zulu, Sesotho and Afrikaans. OpenOffice.org is a multiplatform office suite. The project team recently made a presentation at an OpenOffice conference in Germany, sharing experiences in translating OpenOffice.

South African National Research Network

South African National Research Network (SANReN) is a proposed high speed research network that connects all South African research institutions to others in the world. Part of the development process includes ongoing efforts to reduce the cost of bandwidth. Over 3 000 research and educational institutions in member countries of the EU are connected through an internet network called GÉANT, and South Africa is hoping to connect SANReN to this.

Biotechnology strategy

All the biotechnology regional innovation centres have been established, the national bioinformatics networks are working and the public understanding of biotechnology programme is continuing. Allocations have been made to innovation consortia for high-potential bio-technology projects.

Innovation Fund

The recommendations from the Innovation Fund reviews have been implemented, including making financing available to secure intellectual property rights, open calls for innovation projects and new funding for student innovation initiatives.

Indigenous knowledge systems

The indigenous knowledge systems policy was recently approved by Cabinet, providing an enabling framework to stimulate and strengthen the contribution of indigenous knowledge to social and economic development in South Africa. A trust fund has been set up and funded, and a workshop with SADC countries held on how to protect indigenous knowledge.

Centres of excellence

The department's centres of excellence programme was launched in June 2003, with the setting up of six new centres in the South African science system. The centres recognise and reward excellent scientific capacity and productivity, and are good vehicles for developing young science and technology professionals and academics.

Science and youth programmes

National Science Week was held simultaneously in all nine provinces in May 2004. A publicly consulted policy on the funding of a network of science centres in South Africa was adopted at a national conference in August 2004. Final approval of norms and standards for the network will be sought from Cabinet so that the policy can start being implemented in 2005.

Selected medium-term output targets

Frontier Science and Technology

Measurable objective: Build research, innovation and human capital programmes within the NSI, effectively using the resources of the department. Develop public research institutions to make sure that South Africa has an evolving world class science and technology portfolio.

Subprogramme	Output	Measure/Indicator	Target
Frontier Programmes	Progress on current frontier programmes	Short, medium and long-term outputs and outcomes articulated and measurement indicators identified.	Measurement indicators, biotechnology integration plans and 3 biotechnology regional innovation centres established by March 2006
		Finalise nanotechnology strategy	Rollout of the implementation plan of the nanotechnology strategy by March 2006
Human Capital	Knowledge and human capital resources in support of wealth creation and improved quality of life	Integrated research funding model developed	Definition of research funding framework for bioscience platform completed and ready for funding by January 2006
		Expansion of centres of excellence programme	3 more centres of excellence established by June 2005
		Number of research chairs established at universities	20 research chairs established at universities by September 2005
		Establish professional development and research post-doctoral fellows programmes	By June 2005
	Coherent approach to science and technology human capital	Integrated science and technology human capital strategy for the NSI	Draft for approval by January 2006
	development		Implementation from March 2006

Programme 5: Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination

Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination aims to lead and give support to other government departments in sector-specific research and development, technology and directed human capital programmes.

There are three subprogrammes:

- Science and Technology for Economic Impact leads and supports a number of strategic science and technology interventions requiring interdepartmental and government and industry cooperation to achieve government's strategic economic growth and development objectives.
- Science and Technology for Social Impact leads and supports a number of strategic science and technology interventions requiring interdepartmental co-operation for extending scientific research and technology to address identified priorities in different sectors and those expressed in the context of the millennium development goals.
- Sector Research and Development Planning/Co-ordination supports sector-based departments and institutions to develop five-year research and development plans. It also prepares an annual national science and technology expenditure plan aimed at providing a holistic view of government's total science and technology spending. The annual national science and technology expenditure plan will also improve decision-making on the deployment of all government funds allocated to research and development.

Expenditure estimates

Table 31.7: Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination

Subprogramme	Expe	nditure outo	ome		Medium-term expenditure estimate		
-	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	THE TENT			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Science and Technology for Economic Impact	74 180	19 530	84 516	140 292	228 789	257 324	270 376
Science and Technology for Social Impact	95 919	83 957	102 230	168 066	199 503	213 804	220 918
Sector Research and Development Planning / Co-ordination	2 376	3 567	8 146	4 246	3 697	4 509	4 734
Total	172 475	107 054	194 892	312 604	431 989	475 637	496 028
Change to 2004 Budget estimate				(576 007)	(627 713)	(683 920)	(721 507)
Current payments	2 568	4 321	4 500	8 093	9 637	10 215	10 726
Economic classification							
Compensation of employees	1 186	1 269	2 088	3 879	5 800	6 148	6 455
Goods and services	1 382	3 052	2 412	4 214	3 837	4 067	4 271
of which:							
Consultants and contractors	290	641	507	47	806	854	897
Travel and subsistence	373	824	651	82	1 036	1 098	1 153
Transfers and subsidies to:	169 638	102 544	190 235	304 449	422 177	465 236	485 107
Provinces and municipalities	4	5	9	13	19	20	21
Departmental agencies and accounts	139 634	84 539	153 456	216 236	295 258	329 516	343 726
Households	30 000	18 000	36 770	88 200	126 900	135 700	141 360
Payments for capital assets	269	189	157	62	175	186	195
Machinery and equipment	269	189	157	62	175	186	195
Total	172 475	107 054	194 892	312 604	431 989	475 637	496 028

	Expe	nditure outo	ome		Medium-tern	n expenditure	estimate
-	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
			outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Details of transfers and subsidies:							
Departmental agencies and accounts							
Current	139 634	84 539	153 456	216 236	295 258	329 516	343 726
Technology Planning and Diffusion	74 142	19 452	46 176	47 900	83 300	88 058	95 486
CSIR: Learnership	_	_	-	4 000	5 000	6 000	6 300
CSIR: Advanced Manufacturing	-	-	2 750	21 000	31 500	31 800	33 400
Technology Strategy National Energy Research Institution	_	_	_	10 000	20 000	40 000	42 000
Agricultural Research Council: Public	_	_	30 000	35 000	43 000	43 000	43 000
Assets			00 000				
Medical Research Council: South African Aids Vaccine Initiative	-	-	-	15 000	20 000	15 000	15 750
Human Science Research Council	65 492	65 087	70 030	83 336	91 958	104 538	106 614
Indicators	_	-	4 500	_	500	1 120	1 176
Total departmental agencies and accounts	139 634	84 539	153 456	216 236	295 258	329 516	343 726
Households							
Other transfers							
Current	30 000	18 000	36 770	88 200	126 900	135 700	141 360
Information Communication Technology	_	-	4 856	9 000	14 000	14 200	14 210
Natural Resources	_	_	650	10 000	28 000	30 000	31 500
Technology for Poverty Alleviation	_	_	9 263	24 200	37 900	38 500	40 000
Technology for Sustainable Livelihoods	30 000	18 000	22 001	45 000	47 000	53 000	55 650
Total households	30 000	18 000	36 770	88 200	126 900	135 700	141 360

Expenditure trends

Expenditure increased rapidly over the last four years, rising from R172,5 million in 2001/02 to R312,6 million in 2004/05, an annual average increase of 21,9 per cent. This rapid growth is expected to continue, with expenditure reaching R496 million in 2007/08.

The future growth in expenditure reflects an increased commitment to the research programmes of the Human Sciences Research Council and investments in technology applications that have the potential to address the millennium development goals for poverty reduction and access to basic services.

Service delivery objectives and indicators

Recent outputs

Bio fuels

The bio fuels initiative is being driven by the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Minerals and Energy. (Organic matter can be converted directly into liquid fuels called bio fuels. The two most common bio fuels are ethanol and bio diesel.) Joint projects on bio fuels, for example the biodiesel/bioethanol initiative to provide opportunities to enhance the value chain at farming level for economic empowerment, are undertaken by both departments.

Co-operative relationships

The department established the Godisa Trust, which funds technology centres that support newly created SMMEs. The trust gets funding from the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Science and Technology. To date Godisa has supported 1 280 SMMEs.

The Tshumisano Trust, a joint venture between government, the German Agency for Technical Co-operation and the Committee of Technikon Principals, is already generating stronger working relationships between the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Labour. The Tshumisano technology stations offer support to South African enterprises for technology transfer and innovation. There are strong indicators that students involved in work programmes at the Tshumisano stations get successfully placed, because their studies generally require some period of experiential training. During 2003/04, 67 students gained practical exposure to real industry challenges.

The department also has a co-operative development agreement with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism on biodiversity research and information management, flowing directly from the department's successful establishment of the South African Biodiversity Information Facility.

Poverty reduction

Poverty reduction development initiatives are concentrated in the nodes of the integrated sustainable rural development strategy and provided over 5 000 permanent and more temporary job opportunities by the end of 2003/04. ICT and investment in the form of social infrastructure capital were provided to the multipurpose community centres and municipalities in the Eastern Cape, Gauteng and the Free State. Other interventions involved using labour-intensive technologies in construction as part of the expanded public works programme.

Integrated planning

With the implementation of the new strategic management model for government's science and technology system, one of the major recommendations is to fundamentally re-engineer the science vote and develop an annual science and technology expenditure plan as envisaged in the White Paper on Science and Technology. The integrated expenditure plan will be aligned to the regrouping of public research and development entities, as recommended in the recent governance review of public entities by the National Treasury. A first step towards a holistic view on science and technology was Cabinet's approval of the national research and development strategy and the science and technology strategic management model which mandated the Department of Science and Technology to help other departments with the development of research and development plans (or research and technology plans).

Selected medium-term output targets

Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination

Measurable objective: Build partnerships, programmes and institutional capacity to ensure the appropriate contribution of science and technology within different sectors and synergistically within clusters.

Subprogramme	Output	Measure/Indicator	Target
Science and Technology for Economic Impact	Strategic government partnerships and directed science, engineering and technology programmes demonstrating	Strategy agreements established	5 sector technology briefs by end 2005 Launch first round of energy research projects in 2005
	potential for positive economic results		Working agreements between departments by March 2006
	Science, engineering and technology human capital development	Structured plans and programmes of action for science, engineering and technology contributions to provincial growth and development plans Extent of learning, training and internship opportunities created (levels 2–8)	Analysis and support on science and technology planning to 4 low GDP provinces in preparation for budget plans by August 2005 Thereafter remaining provinces 50% growth in NISL and the SMME internship and training programmes
			Establishment of 2 sector-specific, work-integrated training institutions
Science and Technology for Social Impact	Strategic government partnerships and directed science, engineering and technology	Strategy agreements established	Working agreements with half the social cluster departments by March 2006
	programmes demonstrating potential for positive service delivery results within the social and justice, crime prevention and security sectors		Working agreements with half the JCPS cluster departments by March 2006
	Research on social cohesion and integration as a service to all government departments and science councils	Ongoing applied social research and policy research initiatives	Reports of the work conducted on behalf of the department and co- ordination of at least 1 research project on science and technology best practice
	Identification and dissemination of poverty reduction technologies designed to improve sustainable	Established initiatives that address the impact of HIV and Aids and related health issues	One community-based factory that produces immune-modulators by end of 2005
	livelihoods		Participate in the activities of the South African Aids Vaccine Initiative
		Transferred technologies to community-based projects to reduce poverty and create jobs as well as increased impact of technologies used in poverty reduction	Joint projects with government departments and municipalities on poverty reduction
			Consolidation of current poverty reduction projects to create sustainability and establish exit strategies by March 2007
			Completion of draft poverty reduction policy guidelines by end of 2005.
			Establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system for poverty reduction projects by end of 2005

Subprogramme	Output	Measure/Indicator	Target
Sector Research and Development Planning/Co- ordination	Science and technology expenditure plan	Publish government science and technology expenditure plan	2006 budgeting cycle
		Science and technology investment management system accessible to all public research and development institutions and users	2007 budgeting cycle
	Effective planning and efficient investment on research and development by government departments	Research and development plans and strategies approved by Cabinet	Selected government departments between 2005 and 2007
	Effective partnerships with sector specific institutions to expand their research and development and innovation programmes	Funded customised research and technology development programmes that are funded	Research and development institutions across the system

Entities and instruments represented in the science vote

While each of the science councils in the science vote reports to different ministries, the Department of Science and Technology and the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) consider the individual budget submissions and subsequent allocations in an integrated manner. Below is a table indicating all the transfer payments to the science councils.

Table 31.8: Summary of allocations to the science councils

		Medium-terr	Medium-term expenditure estimate			
Science Council	Department					
R thousand		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08		
South African Bureau of Standards	Trade and Industry	102 484	111 445	117 018		
Council for Minerals Technology	Minerals and Energy	108 879	118 664	124 569		
Council for Geoscience	Minerals and Energy	86 078	93 099	97 754		
Agricultural Research Council	Agriculture	333 317	361 943	380 039		
Medical Research Council	Health	164 304	180 222	189 233		
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	Science and Technology	431 649	464 114	487 318		
Human Science Research Council	Science and Technology	84 458	97 038	101 889		
National Research Foundation	Science and Technology	477 373	513 260	538 923		
Africa Institute of South Africa	Science and Technology	18 514	21 500	22 576		
Innovation Fund	Science and Technology	186 597	198 493	208 418		
		1 993 653	2 159 778	2 267 737		
National Research and Development Strategy Impler	nentation	393 951	446 508	619 433		
National Energy Research Institute		20 000	40 000	42 000		
Total		2 407 604	2 646 286	2 929 170		

Public entities reporting to the Minister

Human Sciences Research Council

The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) supports development in South Africa and Africa by conducting applied social science research projects and co-ordinating research in terms of the Human Sciences Research Act (1968).

It primarily conducts large, policy-relevant research projects for public sector users, NGOs and international development agencies. The HSRC has aligned its research structures and activities to major development priorities, with focal areas covering: technology and education; democracy and governance; integrated rural and regional development; and the social aspects of HIV and Aids and health. The HSRC has made significant contributions to the debate on these topics by:

- playing a leading role in research for The Presidency's review of the last 10 years to help assess the impact of public sector programmes on poverty
- conducting research on the five-year donor funded project, Strategy for the Care of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), in Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe, which will receive additional funding to extend the project to Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland
- completing a two-year study on the determinants of the demand and supply of educators in public schools and further education training colleges, which is expected to contribute towards improved planning at the district level
- completing detailed research, undertaken for National Treasury, on the impact of the land reform programme in rural economies.

Future research work for the HSRC includes understanding the extent of poverty in rural areas, the impact of HIV and Aids, and how to leverage the service sector for better economic growth.

Growth in sales of goods and services outstripped transfers received between 2001/02 and 2004/05, averaging an annual 54,7 per cent and 10,3 per cent respectively. This growth in revenue is an indication of the HSRC's increasing involvement in the private research environment.

Table 31.9: Financial summary for the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

		Outcome			Mediu	m-term estimat	te
-	Audited	Audited	Audited	Estimated			
			2003/04	outcome			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03		2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY							
Revenue							
Non-tax revenue	39 432	73 312	116 233	136 602	131 331	137 897	144 792
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	36 616	69 231	113 490	135 643	130 911	137 456	144 329
Interest	2 816	4 081	2 743	959	420	441	463
Transfers received	61 713	63 505	70 562	82 836	91 958	104 538	106 614
Sale of capital assets	58	20	358	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	101 203	136 837	187 153	219 438	223 289	242 435	251 406
Expenses							
Current expense	92 125	147 314	187 363	219 438	223 289	242 435	251 406
Compensation of employees	37 929	64 731	83 370	92 440	94 330	99 046	103 998
Goods and services	52 159	78 318	98 297	121 557	123 246	137 391	141 110
Depreciation	2 037	4 265	5 696	5 441	5 713	5 998	6 298
Total expenses	92 125	147 314	187 363	219 438	223 289	242 435	251 406
Surplus / (Deficit)	9 078	(10 477)	(210)	-	-	-	-

Data provided by the Human Sciences Research Council

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is governed by the Scientific Research Council Act (1988), as amended. A Cabinet decision was taken during 2004 to transfer responsibility for the CSIR from the Department of Trade and Industry to the Department of Science and Technology with effect from April 2005. The CSIR will then report to the Minister of Science and Technology.

The CSIR's mandate is to foster industrial and scientific development – either by itself or in partnership with public and private sector institutions – in the national interest, through multidisciplinary research and technological innovation.

In the past year, the CSIR, through its 8 business units, has conducted several research projects. Highlights of the recent outputs include:

- the rolling out of a web-based state of the environment reporting programme, known as Publikit, allowing all provinces and local authorities to compile and maintain their own state of the environment reports
- the development of a manual entitled Knowledge, Attitude and Practices Study for Hygiene Awareness in the Rural Areas of South Africa, for health professionals working in rural areas
- the development of an innovative device, by the mining technology division, to detect the collapse of coalmine roofs and thus contribute to reducing fatalities in coalmines.

The CSIR intends to intensify its efforts in developing biotechnology, particularly plant biotechnology, going forward. The products of this work could yield, for example, new plant varieties and high value chemicals pharmaceuticals, including enzymes.

The main sources of funding for the CSIR are from government transfers and sales revenue. Sales revenue grows at an annual average rate of 5,7 per cent from 2001/02 to 2007/08, compared to 10,7 per cent growth in government transfers over the same period.

Table 31.10: Financial summary for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

		Outcome			Mediu	ım-term estima	ite
-	Audited	Audited	Audited	Estimated			
				outcome			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY							
Revenue							
Non-tax revenue	641 363	701 439	667 383	789 886	793 511	832 242	881 755
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	627 532	686 757	662 755	784 825	788 511	827 242	876 755
Interest	14 850	14 787	14 858	9 259	9 000	9 100	9 150
Transfers received	296 883	295 429	321 996	366 326	484 482	520 114	546 112
Sale of capital assets	837	(599)	(3 961)	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	939 083	996 269	985 418	1 156 212	1 277 993	1 352 356	1 427 867
Expenses							
Current expense	930 782	1 155 900	947 474	1 135 900	1 198 617	1 264 827	1 334 724
Compensation of employees	465 194	669 634	517 318	592 319	627 858	665 529	705 461
Goods and services	425 528	449 250	391 996	501 815	586 403	617 125	647 980
Depreciation	38 688	34 411	37 788	41 766	43 854	46 047	48 349
Tax and Outside shareholders Interest	1 344	1 885	155				
Interest, dividends and rent on land	28	720	217	-		_	_
Total expenses	930 782	1 155 900	947 474	1 135 900	1 258 115	1 328 701	1 401 790
Surplus / (Deficit)	8 301	(159 631)	37 944	20 312	19 878	23 655	26 077

Data provided by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

National Research Foundation

As the government's national agency responsible for promoting and supporting research, the National Research Foundation (NRF), established in terms of the National Research Foundation Act (1998), aims to uphold excellence in its investments in knowledge, people, and infrastructure. The foundation's task is to advance research in all fields of the humanities, the social and natural sciences, engineering, and technology.

The NRF has successfully addressed many of its research and development strategy imperatives since its establishment, which include science awareness and outreach, student support, scarce skills development and the creation of centres of excellence.

A countrywide survey to provide the first comprehensive fish faunal inventory and distribution has recently been completed. This new knowledge will improve the management of South African beaches and estuaries.

The construction phase of the telescope surface upgrade project was completed in Hartebeesthoek.

Going forward, the NRF intends to:

- establish a space geodetic observatory, which will provide higher quality satellite, lunar and quasar observations in the southern hemisphere
- together with its partner, the Medical Research Council, develop primary healthcare telemedicine workstations, which will transmit medical expertise to rural clinics.

The NRF's main sources of income are government transfers and tendered contract research (other non-tax revenue). Growth in transfers averaged an annual 14,7 per cent between 2001/02 and 2004/05, and is projected at 9,5 per cent over the medium term.

Included under goods and services are items such as operating expenses for grants, the Innovation Fund and the Technology and Human Resource for Industry Programme (THRIP). The significant increases in goods and services are directly attributable to increases in the allocations for the Innovation Fund. The transfer to the Innovation Fund increased from R125,8 million in 2001/02 to R132.8 million in 2007/08.

Table 31.11: Financial summary for the National Research Foundation (NRF)

		Outcome			Mediu	m-term estima	ite
-	Audited	Audited	Audited	Estimated			
				outcome			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY							
Revenue							
Non-tax revenue	208 020	289 551	353 850	475 488	464 488	422 149	468 445
Sale of goods and services other than capital assets	188 575	266 274	330 770	455 501	444 988	402 649	448 945
Interest	11 980	15 143	14 560	10 987	10 000	10 000	10 000
Other non-tax revenue	7 465	8 134	8 520	9 000	9 500	9 500	9 500
Transfers received	290 733	336 431	378 966	439 126	502 784	545 124	576 210
Sale of capital assets	68	(167)	(453)	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	498 821	625 815	732 363	914 614	967 272	967 273	1 044 655
Expenses							
Current expense	474 981	606 060	736 202	974 064	967 272	967 273	1 044 655
Compensation of employees	89 585	106 942	126 330	171 630	181 928	192 843	204 414
Goods and services	376 255	484 471	592 387	783 287	764 244	752 330	818 141
Depreciation	9 047	14 535	17 380	19 037	21 000	22 000	22 000
Interest	94	112	105	110	100	100	100
Transfers and subsidies							
Total expenses	474 981	606 060	736 202	974 064	967 272	967 273	1 044 655
Surplus / (Deficit)	23 840	19 755	(3 839)	(59 450)	-	-	_

Data provided by the National Research Foundation

Africa Institute of South Africa

The Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA) is a statutory body that carries out in-depth analysis of Africa's current affairs and gathers intelligence on the future of Africa, the AU and NEPAD. It focuses primarily on political, socio-economic, international and development issues in contemporary Africa, and contributes to the goals of the national system of innovation because its research programmes have an impact on knowledge generation and human resource development.

AISA is mandated to: do research and support policy development; embark on training programmes; and establish, participate in and maintain networks for peace, development and prosperity in Africa. Much of this work has been done through the publication of research reports.

Transfers received from government totalled R8,2 million in 2001/02 and increase to R22,6 million in 2007/08.

Godisa Trust

Godisa is a Tswana word meaning growth through nurturing. The trust's development programme supports new (0 to 3 years old) SMME in achieving a competitive market position. Enhancing the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of SMMEs, Godisa aims to promote long-term employment, economic growth and sustainable development.

Godisa runs an incubator programme and innovation and technology demonstration activities cofinanced with funding streams from the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Science and Technology and the European Union.

During March 2004, the Godisa board of trustees agreed that Godisa's highest priority would be enterprise creation, to be achieved primarily through technology transfer and diffusion, and the promotion of broader processes for supporting and strengthening of small enterprises. This will be followed by the development of Godisa's capacity to become a centre of competence in business incubation, and facilitating access to appropriate resources for the Godisa centres.

Tshumisano Trust

The department has identified technological innovation and related skills upgrading as being of vital importance to the competitiveness of South African SMMEs. Tshumisano operates the technology stations programme with funding from the department and GTZ (Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit). Technology stations are developed at technikons, and service SMMEs, and also aim to improve market responsiveness in technikon programmes.

Academy of Science of South Africa

The Academy of Science of South Africa Act (2001) provides for the establishment of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf). Its objectives are: to promote common ground for scientific thinking across all disciplines; to encourage and promote innovative and independent scientific thinking; to promote the optimum development of the intellectual capacity of all people; and to link South Africa with scientific communities at the highest levels, in particular in Africa. The academy publishes scientific reports, investigates matters of public interest concerning science, and manages South African research journals.

National Energy Research Institute

The establishment of the National Energy Research Institute (NERI) is a joint mandate with the Department of Minerals and Energy. NERI's main focus is to build research capacity through funding research at universities and in science councils.

In 2004/05, 40 per cent of the R10 million transfer was used for the establishment of NERI and the formulation of the national energy research and development strategy, and 60 per cent was spent on flagship research programmes. In June 2004, Cabinet approved the governance model for NERI as a subsidiary of CEF (Pty) Ltd.

Annexure

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Table 31.A: Summary of expenditure trends and estimates per programme and economic classification

Programme	Approp	riation	Preliminary		Appropriation		Revised
	Main	Adjusted	outcome	Main	Additional	Adjusted	estimate
R thousand		2003/04			2004	05	
1. Administration	30 803	53 278	55 839	56 072	4 200	60 272	60 272
Science and Technology Expert Services	196 937	200 547	33 487	41 458	-	41 458	41 458
International Co-operation and Resources	42 714	40 535	40 508	46 186	-	46 186	46 186
Frontier Science and Technology	45 424	44 543	1 064 822	1 168 718	1 500	1 170 218	1 170 218
5. Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination	745 123	729 368	194 892	312 104	500	312 604	312 604
Total	1 061 001	1 068 271	1 389 548	1 624 538	6 200	1 630 738	1 630 738
Current payments	75 884	78 784	103 539	109 235	25 035	134 270	134 270
Economic classification	75 004	70 704	102 520	400 005	25.025	124 270	424 270
Compensation of employees	62 162	52 162	45 710	66 461	4 200	70 661	70 661
Goods and services	13 722	26 622	57 829	42 774	20 835	63 609	63 609
Transfers and subsidies	984 253	987 523	1 282 827	1 514 288	(18 835)	1 495 453	1 495 453
Municipalities	205	205	139	220	(10 000)	220	220
Departmental agencies and accounts	984 048	987 318	921 873	1 053 675	(3 000)	1 050 675	1 050 675
Non-profit institutions	_	_	181 066	196 712	(12 035)	184 677	184 677
Households	_	_	179 749	263 681	(3 800)	259 881	259 881
Payments for capital assets	864	1 964	3 182	1 015	-	1 015	1 015
Machinery and equipment	864	1 964	3 182	1 015		1 015	1 015
Other machinery and equipment	864	1 964	3 182	1 015	-	1 015	1 015
Total	1 061 001	1 068 271	1 389 548	1 624 538	6 200	1 630 738	1 630 738

Table 31.B: Summary of personnel numbers and compensation of employees per programme¹

Programme	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
1. Administration	106	147	113	164	132
2. Science and Technology Expert Services	6	14	49	70	73
3. International Co-operation and Resources	11	28	38	57	49
4. Frontier Science and Technology	36	52	12	17	15
5. Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination	5	13	18	26	21
Total	164	254	230	334	290
Total personnel cost (R thousand)	25 507	31 756	45 710	70 661	80 196
Unit cost (R thousand)	156	125	199	212	277

¹ Budgeted full-time equivalent

Table 31.C: Summary of expenditure on training per programme

	Exper	nditure outcor	ne		Medium-tern	n expenditure e	stimate
_	Audited	Audited	Preliminary outcome	Adjusted appropriation			
R thousand	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1. Administration	56	92	1 091	1 284	1 309	1 388	1 457
Science and Technology Expert Services	39	53	537	453	2 015	2 048	2 073
International Co-operation and Resources	19	28	503	93	896	958	896
Frontier Science and Technology	5	14	86	177	106	113	118
5. Government Sectoral Programmes and Co-ordination	11	13	96	57	153	163	171
Total	130	200	2 313	2 064	4 479	4 670	4 715

Table 31.D: Summary of information and communications technology expenditure per programme

		Exper	nditure outcor	ne		Medium-tern	n expenditure e	stimate
	-	Audited	Audited	Preliminary outcome	Adjusted appropriation			
R thousand		2001/02	2002/03	2003/04		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1.	Administration	748	634	784		1 670	1 475	1 549
	Technology	658	634	684	738	738	500	525
	IT services	90	_	100	900	932	975	1 024
2.	Science and Technology Expert Services	254	393	524	457	457	450	473
	Technology	254	393	424	457	457	450	473
	IT services	_	-	100	_	_	-	_
3.	International Co-operation and Resources	402	623	772	705	705	700	735
	Technology	402	623	672	705	705	700	735
	IT services	-	-	100	_	_	-	-
4.	Frontier Science and Technology	438	682	836	772	772	400	420
	Technology	438	682	736	772	772	400	420
	IT services	-	-	100	_	_	-	-
5.	Government Sectoral Programmes and Co- ordination	161	248	367	280	280	350	368
	Technology	161	248	267	280	280	350	368
	IT services	_	-	100	_	_	_	
То	tal	2 003	2 580	3 283	3 852	3 884	3 375	3 545

Table 31.E: Summary of official development assistance expenditure

Donor	Project	Cash/	Outcome			Medium-term expenditure estim		estimate	
R thousand		kind	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Foreign European Union	GODISA Programme to support SMMEs		4 044	16 091	18 580	_	-	_	_
Total			4 044	16 091	18 580	-	-	-	_

Table 31.F: Summary of expenditure on infrastructure

Projects	Description	Ехр	enditure ou	tcome		Medium-term expenditure estimate		
	_	Audited	Audited	Preliminary	Adjusted			
				outcome	appropriation			
R thousand	=	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Infrastructure tran	sfers							
Research and development infrastructure	Research and development infrastructure	-	-	-	_	-	-	39 000
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	39 000