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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### National Assembly

#### The Speaker

#### 1. Membership of Committees

- (1) The following committee membership changes have been made by the Other Parties:

(a) **Patriotic Alliance**

**Portfolio Committee on Forestry, Fisheries and Environment**

Appointed:           Peters, Ms S [Alternate]

### National Council of Provinces

#### The Chairperson

#### 1. Bills passed by Assembly and transmitted to Council for concurrence

- (1) Bill passed by National Assembly and transmitted for concurrence on 11 September 2025:

(a) **Immigration Amendment Bill** [B8B–2024] (National Assembly – sec 75)

The Bill has been referred to the **Select Committee on Security and Justice** of the National Council of Provinces.

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## **TABLINGS**

### **National Assembly and National Council of Provinces**

#### **1. The Minister of Transport**

- (a) Annual Financial Statements of South African Airways SOC Limited (SAA) and its subsidiaries (the group) for 2023-24, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2023-24.
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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **1. First Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Cooperative Governance dated 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Cooperative Governance (the Department) in relation to previous years and reports as follows:

### **1. Background:**

The Committee notes the unauthorised expenditure totalling R1.123 million which consists of: R430 000 in Programme 1 and R693 000 in Programme 7 incurred in 2006/07 financial year, higher than the budget expenditure on travel and subsistence in respect of the Commission on Traditional Leadership Disputes and Claims and legal fees associated with disputes.

### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure**

- No budget provided by the Department for the operations of the Commission.
- The Department did not request any virement as the only underspending in the budget was on the Municipal Infrastructure Grant, which is specifically earmarked.
- No indication of remedial action provided for by the Department.

### **3. Recommendation**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that an amount of R430 000 under Programme 1 and R693 000 under Programme 7 be financed as a reduction of the Department's future allocation, in terms of Section 34(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999.

### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

## **2. Second report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Telecommunications and Digital Technologies dated 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Telecommunications and Digital Technologies in relation to the 2013/14 financial year, and reports as follows:

### **1. Background**

The Department of Telecommunication and Digital Technology has an unauthorised expenditure amount of R4.741 million for the 2013/2014 financial year.

### **2. Unauthorised expenditure incurred in 2013/14: R4. 741 million**

The unauthorised expenditure in 2013/14 comprises the following items per economic classification:

- a. Between December 2012 (at the time of preparing the 2013 Appropriation Bill) and March 2014, the rand depreciated by 21 percent against the US Dollar. Membership fees to international organisations are charged in US Dollars.
- b. As a result, the department incurred unauthorised expenditure of R4.741 million in Programme 2: International Affairs in 2013/14 for membership fees to the Universal Postal Union (UPU), African Telecommunications Union (ATU), Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation (CTO).

### **3. Recommendation**

In line with the provisions of Section 34 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999, the Committee recommends that the unauthorised expenditure be financed as a reduction of the Department's future allocation, in terms of Section 34(2) of the PFMA.

### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

### **3. Third report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities; dated 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of the former Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (the DWYPD) in relation to the 2011/2012 financial year and reports as follows:

#### **1. Background**

The DWYPD incurred unauthorised expenditure amounting to R27.338 million at the end of the 2011/12 financial year.

#### **2. Unauthorised expenditure incurred in 2011/12: R27.338. million**

The unauthorised expenditure in 2011/12 comprises the following items per economic classification:

- a. The DWYPD overspent on the main division of the vote (Programme 1: R25.5 million) and (Programme 3: R1.8 million). On the further breakdown of the unauthorised expenditure, it reflects that it was mainly on Compensation of Employees (CoE), amounting to R11.4 million, and Goods & Services amounting to R12.4 million. During the 2010/11 financial year, the DWYPD was still part of the Presidency and as of the 2011/12 financial year, the DWYPD became a fully-fledged stand-alone department.
- b. The main contributing factors for the overspending on the Compensation of Employees were due to the appointment of officials to capacitate the support functions in the Administration programme, as well as the capacity in the Administration and Children's Rights and Responsibilities programme within the approved post establishment, but outside of the Compensation of Employees allocation, appointments of officials on higher notches and appointment of officials additional or outside of the post establishment.
- c. Due to the appointments made, the related Goods & Services expenditure in the respective programmes also increased due to but not limited to telecommunication

cost, computer services, municipal services as well as the rental of office accommodation and audit fees.

To prevent the re-occurrence of unauthorised expenditure, a turn-around strategy was developed and implemented during the 2012/13 financial year which led to the non-incurring of unauthorised expenditure linked to the inadequate internal controls as identified in the investigation report.

### **3. Unauthorised expenditure incurred in the 2015/16 financial year – R2.2 million.**

The Department of Women (DoW) incurred unauthorised expenditure in the 2015/16 financial year amounting to R2.2 million.

The overspending occurred on two (2) main divisions, namely Programme 1: Administration and Programme 3, Policy Stakeholder Coordination and Knowledge Management (PSCKM), and not on the main vote.

### **4. Unauthorised expenditure incurred in the 2019/20 financial year – R3.2 million.**

The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD) incurred unauthorised expenditure in the 2019/20 financial year amounting to R3.2 million.

The overspending on Programme 1: Administration was linked to CoE, amounting to R1.2 million; and G&S amounting to R2.0 million. These two (2) amounts total to R3.2 million but are decreased by the underspending on Transfers and Subsidies of R1 thousand, Payments for Capital Assets of R3 thousand, and Payment of Financial Assets of R19 thousand. The final total is therefore R3.2 million.

### **5. Recommendation**

The unauthorised expenditure should be financed as a reduction of the Department's future allocation in terms of section 34(2) of the PFMA, 1999.

### **6. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

#### **4. Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Correctional Services dated 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Correctional Services (the Department) in relation to previous years and reports as follows:

##### **1. Background:**

The Committee notes that the Department incurred unauthorised expenditure of R121 000 in the 2015/16 financial year due to overspending the vote. This unauthorised expenditure arose from the adjustment of housing allowances for employees below salary level 12, in line with the DPSA directive issued in December 2015, adjustments to medical aid contributions, and budget reductions. The Committee further observes that, with proper financial management, this overspending could have been avoided, especially considering that the Compensation of Employees (CoE) budget was underspent.

##### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure.**

- Presentation of Interim Year Monitoring (IYM) reports to the Budget Committee, National Management Committee (NatManco), and the Audit Committee.
- Conducting monthly financial meetings to discuss financial issues, including those that may lead to irregular, wasteful, fruitless, and unauthorised expenditure.
- Quarterly analysis of financial variables to detect unusual expenditure movements.

##### **3, Recommendation**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that an amount of R121 000 be financed as a reduction of the Department's future allocation, in terms of Section 34(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999.

##### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

## **5. Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Social Development, 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Social Development (the Department) in relation to the previous year and reports as follows:

### **1. Background:**

The Committee notes that the Department incurred unauthorised expenditure in the 2019/20 financial year by overspending the vote by R15.134 billion.

- Unauthorised expenditure of R15.134 billion was incurred in the 2019/20 financial year due to the President's declaration of a National State of Disaster in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. The declaration included a 21-day national lockdown from 26 March to 16 April 2020, alongside an announcement to pay social grants early—on 26 March instead of 1 April 2020.
- The amount of R15.134 billion was paid towards the April 2020 social grants (2020/21 financial year), but the payments were made in March 2020 (2019/20 financial year), leading to overspending in the 2019/20 budget.
- This early payment resulted in overspending on the main division of the vote (Programme 2: Social Assistance) and consequently the overall vote.

### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure.**

- This was not due to negligence or poor planning, but was an emergency response.
- Funding for grants was allocated in 2020/21. These social grant payments were accounted for in the 2019/20 financial year and reflected accordingly in the financial statements.

### **3. Recommendation**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that an amount of R15.134 billion be financed as a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund, in terms of Section 34(1)(b) of the Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999).

### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

## **6. Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) dated 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of Stats SA in relation to previous years and reports as follows:

### **1. Background**

The Committee notes that Stats SA incurred unauthorised expenditures totalling R142.198 million in the following financial years:

- 2017/18: R37.842 million ;
- 2018/19: R56.739 million ;
- 2019/20: R47.617 million;

The unauthorised expenditure was due to significant budget reductions on Compensation of Employees (CoE) due to budget reductions implemented by the National Treasury, overspending at the economic classification level, particularly in instances where such overspending did not cause overspending in programmes to be reclassified as irregular expenditure.

### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure**

- a. The Department placed a moratorium on the filling of positions as they became vacant between October 2016 and 2019/20.
- b. The Department also implemented virements across programmes and economic classification, but not enough.
  - 2017/18 – Only shifted R9.385 million of R20.673 million (8 per cent virement threshold) from P5 – a further R11.378 million virement could have been implemented.
  - Only shifted R5.558 million of R13.397 million underspending (7.1 percent of main appropriation) from P7 – a further R7.839 million virement could have been implemented.
- c. Additional funding to cover filled positions provided from 2020/21.

- d. Organisational restructuring was also implemented – 98 vacant positions were identified as redundant and abolished.

### **3. Recommendations**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that:

#### **2017/18**

- R11.378 million is to be funded as a charge against funds allocated to the department for future years, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999.
- R26.464 million is to be financed as a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund, in accordance with Section 34(1)(a) of the PFMA, 1999.

#### **2018/19**

- R7.839 million is to be funded as a charge against funds allocated to the department for future years, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999.
- R48.900 million is to be financed as a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund, in accordance with Section 34(1)(a) of the PFMA, 1999.

#### **2019/20**

- The unauthorised expenditure of R47.617 million is to be financed as a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund, in terms of Section 34(1)(b) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999.

### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa follow up on all matters raised above and report in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

## **7. Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Public Service and Administration dated 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Public Service and Administration (the Department) in relation to the previous year and reports as follows:

### **1. Background:**

The Committee notes that the unauthorised expenditure of R8.812 million incurred during the 2013/14 financial year emanates from overspending in the Administration programme, under the Ministry subprogramme. The overspending arose from expenditure related to additional members appointed to the then Minister's advisory body, and increased personnel in the Minister's office, outside what the Government Gazette and the budget in the office of the Minister provided for.

### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure**

- Although money was reprioritised from other spending areas, these virements were restricted by the 8 percent virement threshold set by section 43(2) of the PFMA. In the end, the virements applied were not sufficient to cover all the operational costs, particularly costs related to travel and subsistence for the advisory body.
- The objectives associated with the ministry should have been addressed using what is laid down by the Government Gazette of 31 July 2012 and the outcome of normal budget processes. As such, the unauthorised expenditure incurred by the department budget was avoidable.

### **3. Recommendation**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that an amount of R8.812 million be financed as a reduction of the Department's future allocation in terms of Section 34(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999).

### **4.. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

## **8. Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) dated 10 September 2025.**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure incurred in 2005/06 and 2008/09 by the then Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD), now the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) in relation to previous years and reports as follows:

### **1. Background:**

The Committee notes that unauthorised expenditure incurred:

- In 2005/06, the department overspent its Programme 3 Budget allocation by R91 000, which was incurred under goods and services as a result of the printing of hard copies of the ICD Strategic Plan for the period 2006-2009, as well as its Annual Report for the 2004/05 financial year.
- Copies of both the Strategic Plan and Annual Reports were distributed to Internal and External Stakeholders, including the Parliament and National Treasury.
- The quotations/invoices were received from the service provider, which were higher than the allocated budget provided, and no funds could be shifted to the programme to offset the excess expenditure as the 8 percent virement limit, in terms of section 43(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) (1999), would have been exceeded.
- In 2008/09, the Department incurred higher than planned at the Vote level by R800 000 as a result of an unanticipated interface on the PERSAL system, which occurred on 30 March 2009, a day before the end of the financial year. On 31 March 2009, the Department discovered that there was an unavoidable PERSAL interface transaction that took place on 30 March 2009 for employees' salaries and allowances. The interface affected the Compensation of Employees (CoE) as the amount involved was more than the available budget on CoE at that point in the financial year, which resulted in overspending at the Vote level.

### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure.**

- The Department implemented internal controls and cost containment measures. There has been no unauthorised expenditure recorded subsequent to 2008/09.

### **3. Recommendation**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that an amount of R891 000 be financed as a reduction of the department's future allocation in terms of section 34(2) of the PFMA.

#### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

## **9. Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Basic Education dated 10 September 2025**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure incurred in 2014/15 by the Department of Basic Education and reports as follows:

### **1. Background:**

The Committee notes that unauthorised expenditure of R6.488 million was incurred in the 2014/15 financial year related to the National Teacher Awards ceremony, an annual event where the Department recognises and celebrates outstanding public schools and teachers.

- The Department planned to spend beyond its allocated budget for these awards and intended to offset the overspending by shifting savings from other areas within the vote.
- However, the Department only realised after 31 March 2015 that National Treasury approval was required to transfer funds from areas with underspending.
- Such approval from the National Treasury cannot be granted retrospectively.

### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure.**

The Department did not take disciplinary action against any official regarding the unauthorised expenditure, as no individual unduly benefited from the funds. The expenditure was utilised for various goods and services related to the National Teacher Awards. However, the resultant overspending on a main division constitutes unauthorised expenditure and could have been avoided with better financial management by the Department.

### **3. Recommendation**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that the amount be financed as a reduction of the department's future allocation, in terms of Section 34(2)(b) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999.

### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.

## **10. Tenth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the unauthorised expenditure of the Mineral and Energy dated 10 September 2025**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) considered and heard evidence on the unauthorised expenditure of the Department of Minerals and Energy (the Department) in relation to the previous year and reports as follows:

### **1. Background:**

The Committee notes that the Department incurred unauthorised expenditure in the 2010/11 financial year by overspending the vote by R14.86 million.

- The Department was unable to make the final transfer of the Integrated National Electrification Programme to Mthonjaneni Local Municipality in 2009/10.
- Payment was rejected on 24 March 2010 due to the banking details of the municipality not being verified.
- Rejected again in April 2010, due to a spelling error in the name of the municipality.
- The Department transferred funds to the municipality that were initially allocated in 2009/10 in 2010/11.

### **2. Mitigating actions and steps taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure.**

- After the rejection of payment, the Office of the Accountant General confirmed that the then Department of Minerals and Energy successfully verified the transaction on 31 March 2010.
- Split in the Department of Minerals and Energy meant the newly created Department of Energy's financial system and financial management structure was in a transitional state.
- The newly created DoE only began verifying banking details on 26 April 2010.
- The Department could have asked for a rollover in terms of Treasury Regulation 6.4.1.
- Internal audit mandated to investigate and verify whether proper processes were followed and found that there was non-compliance with the 2009 Division of Revenue Act and the MoA.
- Since April 2011, the banking details have been verified by the National Treasury and the controls have since tightened. The Department has put corrective measures in place.

### **3. Recommendation**

Having considered the above matter, the Committee recommends that an amount of R14.86 million be financed as a reduction of the department's future allocation, in terms of Section 34(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999.

#### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee further recommends that the Auditor-General of South Africa should follow up on all matters raised above and report thereon in its audit outcome on unauthorised expenditure after the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Report to be considered.