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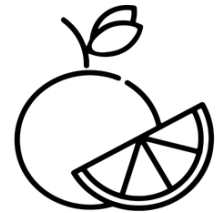
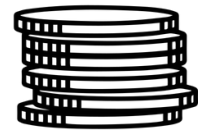
Part 1 of the Bulletin provides an overview of the 2022/23:

- Economic and Fiscal outlook
- Medium Term expenditure priorities
- Revenue allocation among the three spheres of government.

Part 2 of the Bulletin provides high-level information from the Estimates of National Expenditure (ENE) on 2022/23 budget allocations per PRU Cluster and per Vote within each Cluster. It includes a focus on:

- Allocations to personnel (compensation of employees)
- Priority areas for spending
- Alignment of these priorities with the 2022 State of the Nation Address
- Oversight areas for Parliament.

In support of Committee oversight, in-depth analyses of the 2022/23 budget allocations to departments and entities are in progress and will be made available in line with the Parliamentary programme.



PART 1: 2022/23 BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Budget is an important policy, planning and monitoring instrument that can be used by Parliament to check if proposed expenditure is aligned with Government policy priorities, such as the National Development Plan (NDP) and other short-term goals, such as dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. The Budget can also be used as an oversight tool for monitoring the implementation and achievement of priority service delivery outputs towards the realisation of the NDP goals.

The 2022 Budget focuses on fiscal sustainability; economic recovery and reconstruction; social wage; job creation; and a rigorous response to the economic cost of the COVID-19 pandemic. Spending on learning and culture (24.3%), social development (18.1%) and health (13.8%) continue to dominate. Given the high level of unemployment, the special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant is extended for 12 months until March 2023. The 2022 Budget proposes supporting economic growth through a range of reforms, including infrastructure built programmes, financed through innovative funding mechanisms. With regard to ailing SOEs, the 2022 Budget resolves to implement various measures to improve financial and operational performance, as well as measures to minimise risks to the fiscus.

The 2022 Budget reveals a weaker growth rate than anticipated. As a result of the slow vaccination roll-outs, new COVID-19 variants may lead to a new wave of outbreaks. This could mean that the country might have to re-impose stricter mitigation measures, which could result in a prolonged decline in economic activity.

Over the medium term, the higher-than-anticipated tax revenue will allow Government to narrow the deficit large debt burden while increasing non-interest expenditure to support economic growth, job creation and social protection. The increased allocation to the Provincial and Local Government equitable share will alleviate various spending pressures faced by these two spheres.

Please click on the link below to access the full research paper-

2022/23 Economic and Fiscal Outlook, Medium Term expenditure priorities, and Overview of Revenue allocation

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PART 2: 2022/23 CLUSTER ALLOCATIONS

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2022 Cluster allocation for Education & Recreation

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2022 Cluster allocation for Justice & Security

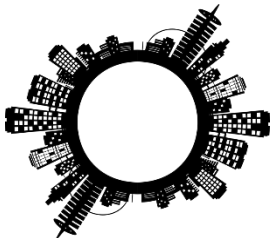
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2022 Cluster allocation for Social Equity

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2022 Cluster allocation for Social Services & Infrastructure

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2022 Cluster allocation for Trade & Economic Affairs

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- ✓ Analysis of the State of the Nation Address (SONA), Budget Votes, Annual Performance Plans, Quarterly Performance and Expenditure Reports, and Annual Reports
- ✓ Briefing papers in support of Committee meetings on topical oversight issues
- ✓ Comparative studies and international best practices
- ✓ Briefing papers to prepare for oversight visits and on-site oversight visit support
- ✓ Papers in support of House debates

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Useful links:

Budget speech, ENE, MTBPS and Bills

- ✓ 2022 Budget Speech, [click here](#)
- ✓ 2022 Budget Review, [click here](#)
- ✓ 2022 Estimates of National Expenditure, [click here](#)
- ✓ Appropriation Bill, 2022 [B7-22], [click here](#)
- ✓ Division of Revenue Bill, 2022 [B6-22], [click here](#)
- ✓ 2021 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) Full Document, [click here](#)
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