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Companies and Intellectual
Property Commission

a member of **the dtic** group

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Acronym	Description
4IR	Fourth Industrial Revolution
AGSA	Auditor-General of South Africa
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AML	Anti-Money Laundering
API	Application Programming Interface
B-BBEE	Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment
BO	Beneficial Ownership
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
CFT	Counter Funding of Terrorism
CRF	Corporate Registers Forum
DHA	Department of Home Affairs
ELP	Experiential Learning Programme
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance
FATF	Financial Action Task Force
GI	Geographical Indicators
IAP	Inventor Assistance Programme

Acronym	Description
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards
IoT	Internet of Things
IP	Intellectual Property
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISSB	International Sustainability Standards Board
LEA	Law Enforcement Agencies
MUT	Mangosuthu University of Technology
NIPMO	National Intellectual Property Management Office
NPO	Non-Profit Organisations
NYDA	National Youth Development Agency
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SMME	Small, medium, and micro enterprises
SSE	Substantive Search and Examination
TISC	Technology and Innovation Support Centre
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

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THE CIPC OPERATES IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE ADOPTION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGIES, ADHERENCE TO GLOBAL NORMS, AND THE ENACTMENT OF PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORKS IS CRUCIAL...

External Environment	<h3>National Digitalisation Agenda</h3> <p>The integration of new technologies into daily life, necessitating a shift in business models</p> <p>As digital-savvy customers expect superior user experience, organizations like the CIPC must adapt by upskilling employees to stay competitive</p> <p>Global digitalization has increased connectivity and introduced blockchain-driven competitors, posing business continuity risks that require an integrated response</p>	<h3>Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Requirements</h3> <p>Increasing global concern around Climate Change and environmental degradation, particularly with regards to industry and corporate contributions to Climate Change have fueled the rapid emergence of mandatory ESG reporting due to climate change concerns</p>	<h3>SA Grey Listing</h3> <p>In 2019, South African Regulatory and Law Enforcement Agencies collaborated to prepare for a Financial Action Task Force (FATF) assessment, evaluating the effectiveness of Anti Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terror measures.</p> <p>This assessment pinpointed significant challenges in accessing accurate beneficial ownership (BO) information, underscoring vulnerabilities in combating money laundering and terror financing.</p>	<h3>Patent and Design Legislative Reform</h3> <p>South Africa's Intellectual Property (IP) Policy in 2018 initiated critical Patent and Designs Legislative Reforms.</p> <p>By 2021, the Patent and Designs Amendment Bills advanced to Cabinet, addressing the outdated Patent Act.</p> <p>Key reforms include Substantive Search and Examination (SSE) to ensure patents comply with Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Flexibilities (TRIPS), enhancing access to medicines and preventing unwarranted monopolies</p>
	<h3>Modernisation Strategy</h3> <p>CIPC continues to implement its modernisation strategy that also focuses on strengthening online service channels</p> <p>This entails migration of CIPC processes to new modern platforms, as well as automation of all its processes, in order to minimise transacting times</p> <p>The strategy aims to bridge the digital divide by offering Self-Service Centres, Partner Sites with staffed terminals</p>	<h3>CIPC Taxonomy</h3> <p>The CIPC has incorporated ESG into its existing Base Taxonomy, addressing the growing global and national demand for comprehensive ESG reporting</p> <p>This integration, aligned with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) standards, will enhance transparency and accountability.</p> <p>Currently, the CIPC under the auspices of the dtic, has undertaken steps toward national adoption of Sustainability reporting toward mandatory disclosures</p>	<h3>Beneficial Ownership</h3> <p>The CIPC has established a comprehensive BO Register, supported by review team to ensure accuracy and compliance of BO filings</p> <p>The introduction of an Application Programming Interface (API) Gateway enabled real-time data queries by law enforcement agencies</p> <p>Enforcement initiatives including site inspections and imposing sanctions where necessary</p>	<h3>SSE Experiential Learning Programme</h3> <p>The CIPC has integrated the Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) with patent and design registrations, aligning with the IP Policy's Phase I</p> <p>The Substantive Search and Examination (SSE) of patent applications, strengthening the patent system.</p> <p>The SSE ELP trained 11 Patent Examiners and 20 interns, enhancing the CIPC's capacity to enforce IP laws</p>

...NECESSITATING A RESPONSE THAT CONSIDERS THE ENVIRONMENTAL SHIFTS IN THE DRIVE TOWARDS VISION 2030

Emerging Themes



Technology

Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain & Internet of Things (IoT) will be most relevant to the CIPC, enhancing service delivery and process automation. The CIPC is focus on building a digitally skilled workforce and investing in robust cybersecurity measures.



Organisational Agility

Technology and market shifts are rapidly shifting, due in part to rapid innovation cycles. Organisations must adopt flexible processes swiftly adapt. Enhanced anticipatory skills and exponential foresight are key to navigating current realities and gaining a competitive edge



Data-driven

The shift toward being data-driven is an emerging trend that empowers organizations to make informed decisions. By leveraging advanced analytics and real-time data, businesses can uncover insights, optimize operations, and enhance strategic planning.



Innovation

Organisations are leveraging varied perspectives to fuel innovation, ensuring all voices are heard and valued. This approach not only enhances problem-solving but also strengthens organizational resilience and adaptability.

A world-class modern regulator, making a strategic contribution towards improving competitiveness and driving economic growth in South Africa

THE CIPC'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION IS GUIDED BY ITS VISION OF BECOMING A WORLD-CLASS MODERN REGULATOR...

VISION

A world-class modern regulator of the business and intellectual property landscape, making a strategic contribution towards improving competitiveness, driving inclusive economic growth and job creation in South Africa

MISSION

Regulate business environment, fostering good corporate governance and protection of juristic persons' rights, transparency and accountability

Enable the protection and commercialisation of innovation, fostering a dynamic environment for business growth and technological advancement

In collaboration with our partners, **make it easier to do business in South Africa,** to encourage entrepreneurship and enterprise efficiency

Education and awareness, to inform the public about corporate governance - promoting voluntary compliance

Leverage technology, knowledge assets, and networks to support informed decision-making and drive trade, investment, and economic development

IMPACT

A well-regulated business and intellectual property landscape, attracting investment, fostering innovation, and driving inclusive economic growth, entrepreneurship and job creation

VALUES



Passion for Service



Integrity



Empowerment



Accountability

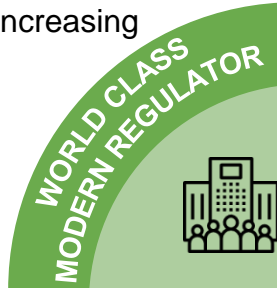


Collaboration

...POSITIONING THE CIPC AS A RELEVANT, MODERN AND CREDIBLE REGULATOR CONTRIBUTING TO SA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH & COMPETITIVENESS

Focus Area 1 Outcomes

- Sustainable job creation towards improved Organisational Competencies and Capabilities
- Enhanced workplace readiness and skills for the economy
- Enhanced accessibility and ease of use of CIPC platforms increasing stakeholder satisfaction and collaboration with the CIPC
- Improved transparency of the CIPC service delivery processes and timeframes



Focus Area 2 Outcomes

- Reduced administrative compliance burden for companies and IP owners
- Increased and equitable access to CIPC services through a digitalized platforms for all business stakeholders
- Businesses (and potential business owners) and innovators supported



- Building a capable state by to facilitate effective enforcement capacity
- Collaboration with businesses (industrial parks) based on mutual commitments
- Improved business integrity and compliance culture through public disclosure
- Reputable, Proactive Regulation
- Improved State capacity for patent regulation and integrity



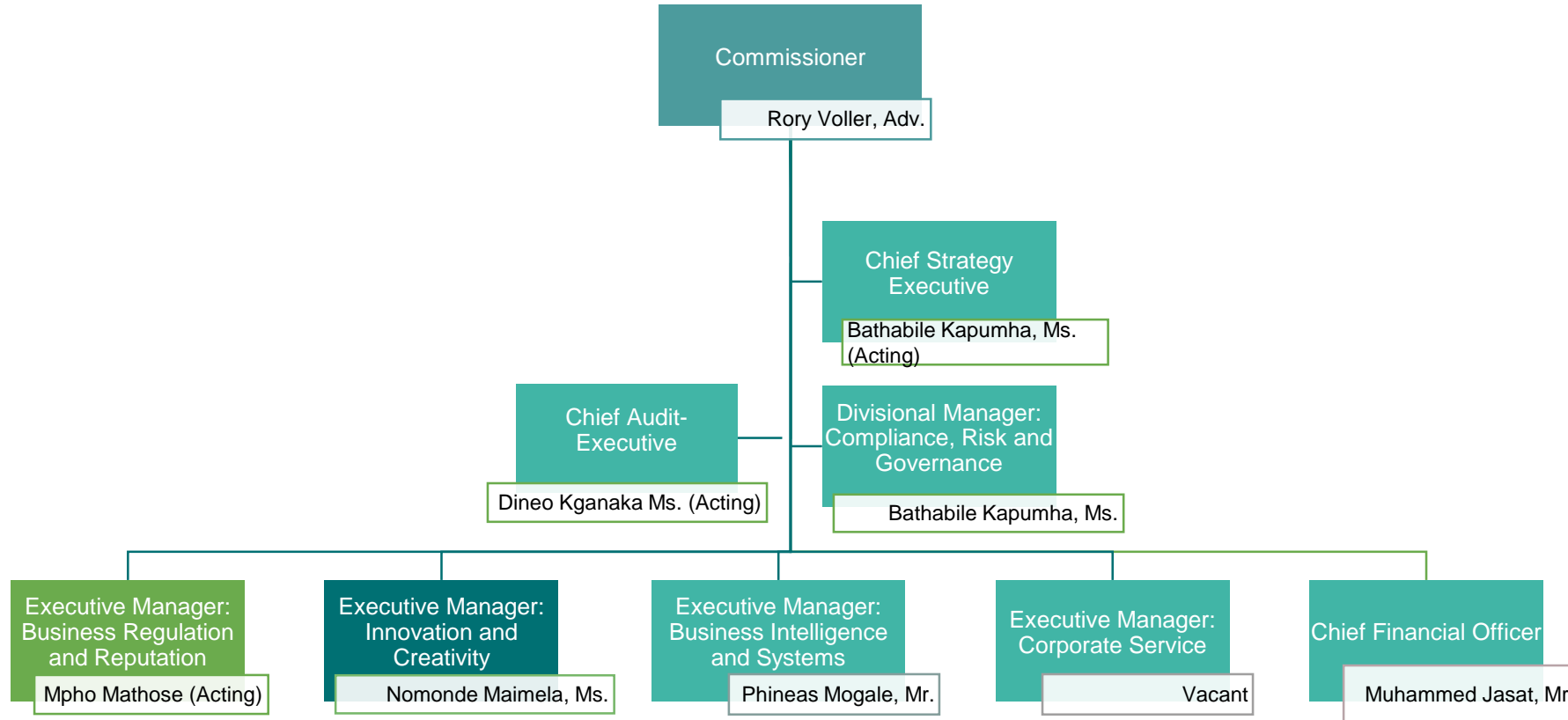
Focus Area 3 Outcomes



- Secure CIPC Data and Applications
- A controlled environment for information, with improved access control to CIPC systems by third parties
- Enhanced decision-making capabilities through access to comprehensive and timely shared data

Focus Area 4 Outcomes

THE CIPC'S STRATEGIC INTENT IS EXECUTED THROUGH ITS THREE STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES



PROGRAMME 1: SERVICE DELIVERY AND ACCESS

Programme 1 aims to bolster institutional capacity and responsiveness toward establishing the CIPC as a world-class modern regulator

PROGRAMME 2: INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

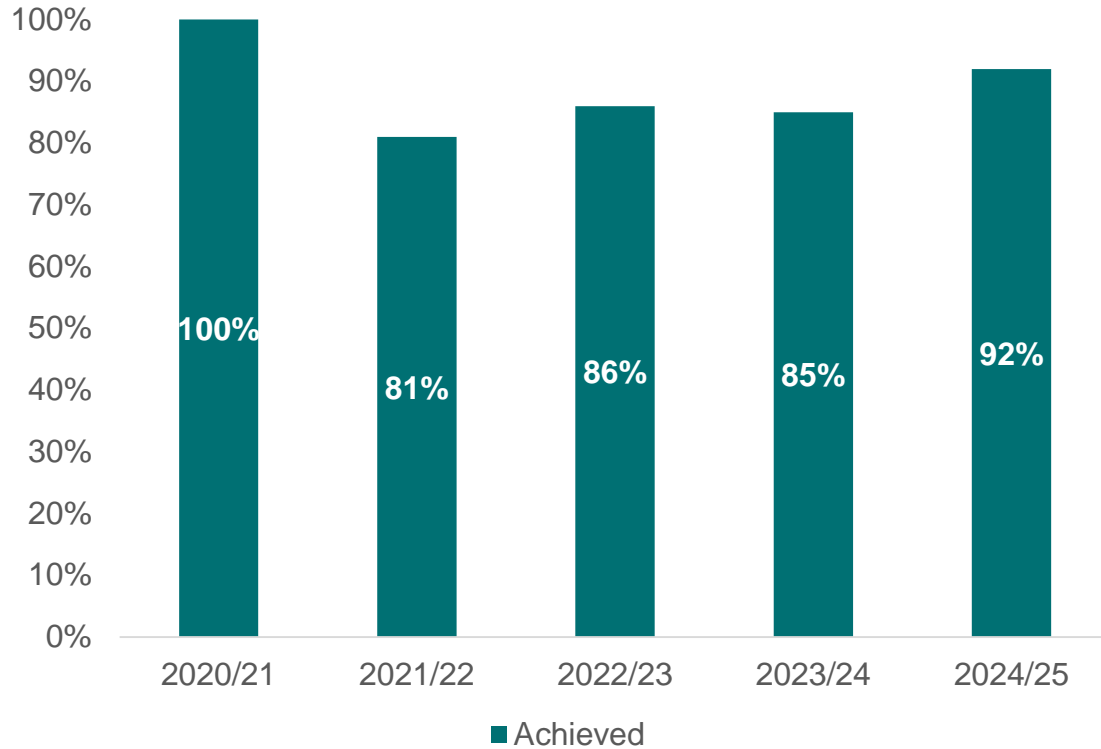
Programme 2 aims to boost innovation and IP management by promoting patent creation, ensuring legal compliance and fostering a collaborative IP protection environment to enhance trade, industrial growth, and state efficacy

PROGRAMME 3: BUSINESS REGULATION AND REPUTATION

Programme 3 aims to refine corporate governance through active engagement in legislative processes, educational initiatives enforcing compliance with the Companies Act, enhancing transparency and ensuring capital utilisation aligns with its intended purposes

THE CIPC HAS MAINTAINED RELATIVELY HIGH PERFORMANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING A MARGINAL DECLINE IN PERFORMANCE IN FY2023/24

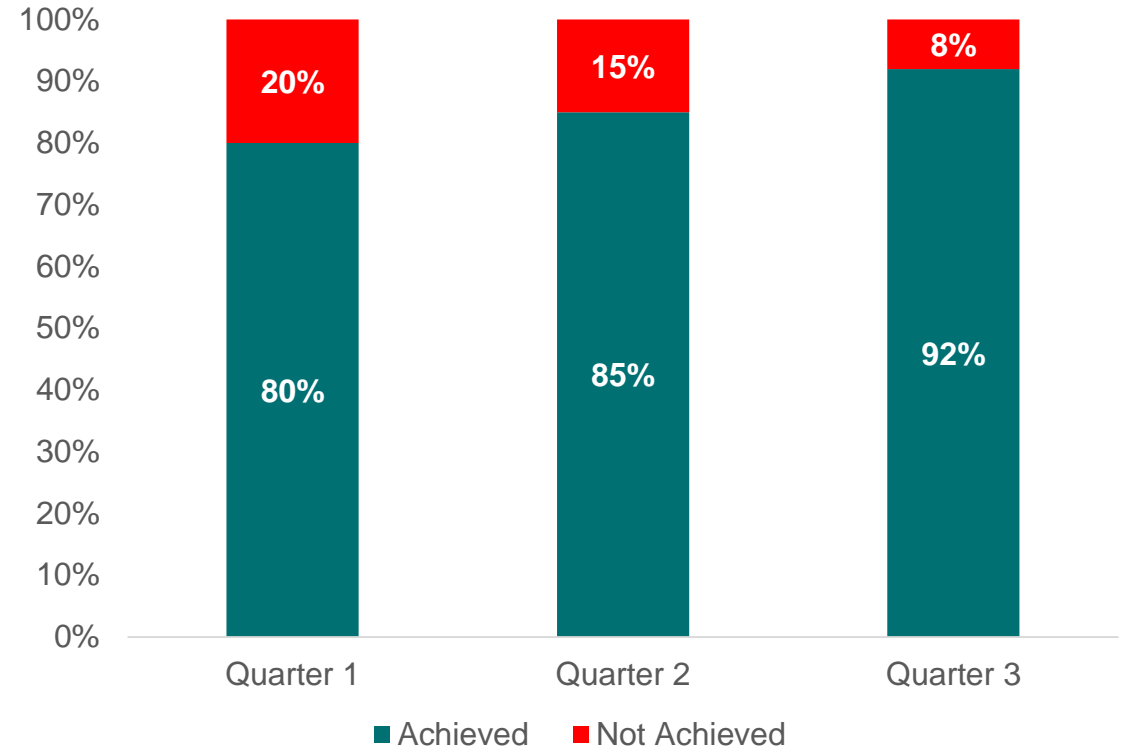
Annual Overall Performance Comparison, 2020/21 – 2024/25



The CIPC has seen continuous improvement in the past 4 financial years in effort to improve its performance, the CIPC has implemented:

- Monthly monitoring of progress to the Commissioner on progress on planned initiatives towards achieving the set targets
- Implementation of integrated planning (budget, human resources, risk & information technology)
- Emphasis on aligning performance agreements to Annual Operational and Performance plans (AOP and APP)

2025/26 Overall Performance per Quarter



For the first 3 quarters of the 2025/26 financial year, the CIPC has strived for continuous performance.

- In Quarter 3, 11 out of 12 targets were achieved.
- The target not achieved was as a result of reports not being published.

THE CIPC'S PERFORMANCE AGAINST STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES – PROGRAMME 1: SERVICE DELIVERY AND ACCESS

Output	Performance Indicator/Measure	Baseline	Annual Target 2025/2026	3rd Quarter Milestone	Actual Performance	Reason for Variance	Planned Action
Workplace readiness and skills development for the interns employed by the CIPC	Number of interns employed in the CIPC	50	50	50	53	Recruitment efforts accelerated	N/A
Funding ringfenced for the internships	Rand value of funding ringfenced for internships	New Indicator	R 7 200 000	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enhanced customer/user experience (Implementation of user/customer enhancement programme)	Percentage customer and stakeholder score	8 (equivalent to 80%)	85%	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enhance public trust in the CIPC	Number of publications of service delivery turnaround time/SLA	New Indicator	1	1	1	N/A	N/A
	Number of publications of the CIPC performance on meeting the publicised service delivery turnaround time (SLA)	New Indicator	4	1	0	The service delivery standard (SDS) reports for Q1 and Q2 have been completed. It was agreed the reports will not publish these due to training	Reports are in the process of finalization and approval
Clean audit achieved	Number of AGSA Audit outcome reports	1 (Clean Audit)	1 (Clean audit)	1 (AGSA audit report issued with no findings)	0	Reported in Q2 as achieved	N/A
Implement automation and digitisation of CIPC's processes to improve service delivery and reduce bureaucratic delays	Number of CIPC Processes Automated	34 out of 91	10	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Timely payment of suppliers	Percentage of invoices paid within 20 days	New Indicator	80%	80%	84%	N/A	N/A
Procurement from SA-based, B-BBEE compliant suppliers	Percentage of B-BBEE compliant suppliers (procurement above R 30000 and SA based companies)	New Indicator	100%	100%	100%	N/A	N/A
Expansion of services offered on the business services one-stop-shop	Number of partners onboarded to the on-stop-shop (BizPortal platform) to provide a digitised service for various business applications such as registering a Company, applying for a back	New Indicator	1	-	N/A	N/A	N/A

THE CIPC'S PERFORMANCE AGAINST STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

PROGRAMME 2: INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY PROMOTION

Output	Performance Indicator /Measure	Baseline	Annual Target 2025/2026	3rd Quarter Milestone	Actual Performance	Reason for Variance	Planned Action
Implementation of Experiential Learning Project (ELP) with the Substantive Search and Examination (SSE) team	Number of Substantive Search and Examination (SSE) training initiatives	4	4	1	8	Training initiatives availed by European Patent Office (EPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), and the Internal Chatties Programme were leveraged	N/A
Sustainable job creation via the SSE programme	Number of new jobs	0	20	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Compliance with Regulations by Accredited Collecting Societies	Number of audits conducted on the distribution of royalties reports on	1	1	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enhance capacity within Law Enforcement	Number of capacity building initiatives of the law enforcement agencies dealing with counterfeit goods and illicit trade	New Indicator	6	2	2	N/A	N/A
	Number of IP Enforcement Operations on counterfeit goods and illicit trade	1	1	-	N/A	N/A	N/A

THE CIPC'S PERFORMANCE AGAINST STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

PROGRAMME 3: BUSINESS REGULATION AND REPUTATION

Output	Performance Indicator /Measure	Baseline	Annual Target 2025/2026	3rd Quarter Milestone	Actual Performance	Reason for Variance	Planned Action
Collaborate with Small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs), professional bodies or business chambers to empower professionals and businesses with Company law knowledge and encourage compliance	Number of corporate education and awareness initiatives hosted or participated in	40	40	6	25	Due to influx of invitation to webinars and events, as well as request from CIPC business units to host webinars on specific subjects	N/A
Participation in consultation processes with the dtic as well as Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform pertaining to protection of geographical indicators (GIs) in SA	Percentage of consultation processes on protection of geographical indicators (GIs), participated in, where CIPC participation was requested	New Indicator	100%	100%	100%	N/A	N/A
Pro-active Investigations in response to contraventions of Companies Act No 71 of 2008 on Companies identified on State Capture Commission Report	Number of directors investigated for delinquency	6	6	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Targeted proactive pre-investigations	Number of targeted proactive pre-investigations	4	12	4	4	N/A	N/A
Transparency and reporting on governance matters	Number of compliance checklist reports published tracking trends in compliance	New Indicator	1	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of public notices issue	New Indicator	1	-	1	N/A	N/A
Reports on Tracked Capital Raised through initial public offerings (IPOs) to promote regular tracking of reports	Number of Prospectus Reports	4	4	1	1	N/A	N/A
	Number of Annual Prospectus reports	1	1	-	N/A	N/A	N/A

BUSINESS REGULATION STATISTICS

CIPC Service	Stats – 1 April 2025 to 31 January 2026
New company registrations (Profit & Non-Profit)	421 996
Co-operatives registrations	4 305
Business Rescue Cases Registered	263
Business Rescue Practitioners Licenses issued	60
Business Rescue Practitioners Registered	269
Director Amendments	187 796
Names approved	544 522
Trademark applications received	27 382
Trademarks registered	20 608

INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY STATISTICS

Number of Application **01 April 2025 to 31 January 2026**

Total Patent Applications	9186
Local Patent Applications	1838
Foreign Patent Applications	7348
Total Design Applications	1276
Foreign Design Applications	702
Local Design Applications	574

THE CIPC HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES TOWARD ADVANCING THE DIGITALIZATION AGENDA AS EXPRESSED IN THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PLAN

Automation of Re-Instatements

- The new service enables is a fully automated service with no need to upload supporting documents unless it is a court order.
- Preliminary observations indicate a positive effect on regulatory compliance, particularly in the filing of Annual Returns

Automation of External Companies

The new automated service enables users to electronically capture the required form information, upload supporting documentation, and receive a reference number upon submission..

Optimisation of Beneficial Ownership Filings

The improved functionality allows entities to comply with the legislative requirement to submit a securities or members register as quickly and easily as possible, thereby significantly reducing red tape

Red Flag Capability

The system enables investigators to flag and restrict entities under investigation. It enhances data integrity, curbs fraudulent de-registrations, and ensures the business register remains credible.

Automation

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Process Optimisation

Capacity

Automation of Voluntary De-registration

- The voluntary deregistration will be done electronically via BizPortal, e-services, Self-Service Terminals.
- The services offers electronic submission with integrated assets and liability checks, with quicker turnaround and increase notifications to directors/members

API Automation

- The CIPC developed an APIVerse Hub which is a collection of Application Programming Interface (APIs) that are useful for developers for access to CIPC data services. CIPC implemented Microsoft Azure API gateway architecture to sit between.
- The mechanism provides business-to-business data services, via an online portal to customers including Government agencies and Private organisations

Implementation of AI Search Tool

The CIPC launched artificial intelligence (AI) Image Search functionality for Trade Marks. Since its implementation it has received positive feedback from lawyers and stakeholders, now being integrated into research processes.

Records Digitalisation: Hosting and lookup capabilities

System developed to enable CIPC to store and extract all digitized records. The systems allows to search documents, view the documents, to search or view search history, download and transfer digitized information within the CIPC's own environment.

HIGHLIGHTS – INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY PROMOTION

Patents and Design Amendment Bill Workshop



- The workshops aimed to update stakeholders on recent developments in the bill. These include, among others:
- The shift from a deposit-based system to a phased substantive search and examination model
 - Introduction of a novelty grace period and utility models
 - The establishment of post-grant opposition procedures

- Conducted the challenge in collaboration with the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
- Aimed at stimulating creativity and building a strong South African innovation culture that is fair and transparent
- The six winners were honoured



G20 SA Tech Challenge

Anti-Piracy Coalition and Creative Energy Session



- The event focused on:
- Innovative solutions such as blockchain tracking, digital watermarking, and enhanced online enforcement.
 - The role of multi-stakeholder collaboration in combating piracy
 - Aligning South Africa's copyright enforcement priorities with broader G20 objectives and international best practices.

- The aim of the guide is to democratise access to intellectual property knowledge and practical legal tools for South African small law firms and small medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), especially those led by women and youth
- The guide provides and templates step-by-step procedures on intellectual property registration, enforcement, and commercialisation



Launch of IP Reference Guide for SMMEs

HIGHLIGHTS - INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY PROMOTION

Inaugural CIPC Youth IP Awards



- Celebrates young innovators and entrepreneurs shaping the future
- Recognises ideas that can grow into successful businesses
- Encourages innovation and highlights the importance of IP protection
- Supports youth in commercialising their ideas and gaining national recognition

- Held in Rio de Janeiro, the CIPC delegation was led by commissioner Voller, with the meeting chaired by Brazil's National Institute of Industrial Property
- Engaging on topical and emerging issues within the global IP landscape
- Concluding key decisions and preparing announcements for the transition to the incoming presidency.



BRICS 17th Heads of IP Offices

Grassroots Intervention – Vhembe District



- Identified and supported innovation potential in rural and township areas
- Promoted intellectual property awareness and protection
- Equip innovators with financial and non-financial support resources
- Facilitate direct engagement and networking among local, regional, and national stakeholders

- The event was celebrated under the theme “*IP and Music: Feel The Beat of IP*”.
- Special focus was on the music industry and the transformative power of intellectual property in the creative economy and importance of creators protecting their work against exploitation and piracy.
- The celebrations took place at Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) in collaboration with other stakeholders



World Intellectual Property Day

HIGHLIGHTS – COPYRIGHT AND IP ENFORCEMENT

Illicit Alcohol Task Team Training



- Multi-day training conducted for inspectors and enforcement stakeholders on counterfeit and illicit alcohol trends.
- The event aimed at strengthening multi-agency collaboration, improve enforcement capacity against organised crime and enhance understanding of IP enforcement value chain.

- Industry engagement focusing on counterfeit medicines and supply chain integrity.
- Significance of the event to raise awareness of pharmaceutical IP crime, strengthen collaboration between regulators and industry and promote patient safety

NOVARTIS



Pharma Crime Awareness with NOVARTIS

TRIPS Council Presentation – WTO (GENEVA)



- Presentation delivered on IP governance and Women in IP participation.
- Objective of the event was to showcase South Africa's IP governance progress and gender inclusivity in innovation and enforcement.
- The event promoted inclusive economic participation, supports transformation within innovation sectors and enhances South Africa's global competitiveness

- Research collaboration analysing geographical indicators (GI) protection across BRICS countries.
- The objective was to promote international policy collaboration, strengthen protection of region-specific products and support trade competitiveness
- Benefits of the initiative include protection of local agricultural and cultural products, enhancement of export competitiveness and supports rural economic development.



BRICS Geographical Indications (GI) Project

HIGHLIGHTS – IP OUTREACH

The Platinum Incubator (TPI)



- TPI was officially launched as the CIPC's first Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC), marking a strategic partnership to expand innovation and IP support services within disadvantaged communities
- The objective was to capacitate grassroots innovators and SMMEs on navigating the innovation ecosystem and largely to promote uptake of the Inventor Assistance Programme (IAP)

- These workshops were convened as part of **the dtic's** ongoing efforts to promote innovation, IP awareness, and access to funding and support mechanisms for SMMEs.
- The goal was to educate entrepreneurs and emerging inventors on intellectual property and how to protect it.



Grassroot Intervention with EKASI LABS and the dtic

North West MSME Mega Expo



- CIPC participated in the MSME Mega Expo, providing an IP awareness and capacity-building session to approximately 120 local businesses.
- Broader impact on society involved advancing CIPC's mandate to capacitate small and emerging businesses, empowering MSMEs to protect and leverage their innovations, supporting entrepreneurship, job creation, and economic resilience and contributing to a self-sustaining and compliant business ecosystem

- Engagement focusing on empowering women participation in IP systems.
- The objective was to promote gender equality in innovation, address barriers faced by women innovators and encourage participation in IP enforcement and commercialization
- This will promote inclusive economic growth and strengthen empowerment of women entrepreneurs



WIPO Women And IP Awareness Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS - CORPORATE EDUCATION

Rand Easter Show



- The CIPC participated in the 5-day Rand Easter Show, aimed at educating participants on the CIPC's programs and services
- The CIPC highlighted key services for entrepreneurs and co-operatives, including recent developments such as the automation of co-operative annual return filings, followed by an interactive question-and-answer session.

- Participated in The Business Show on 3 and 4 September 2025.
- Through the exhibition, the Commission effectively promoted compliance and transparency, while reaffirming its commitment to supporting entrepreneurs and SMMEs.
- The positive response underscored the value of accessible regulatory services and helped strengthen relationships that are key to fostering a more transparent and business



National Small Business Chamber (NSBC) Africa Exhibition

National Youth Service Incubator Learning Forum



CIPC participated in the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) Compliance Conference in Boksburg on 22 October 2025.

- The session emphasized the importance of Beneficial Ownership declarations and Annual Return filings for transparency, accountability, and sector credibility.
- The collaboration highlighted both entities' commitment to supporting youth-led and community-based organizations through compliance guidance and capacity building

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS – EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

The summer school was held at Umhlanga Durban hosted by Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) in collaboration with CIPC and National Intellectual Property Management Office (NIPMO). Summer school is a key educational initiative designed to build expertise in IP management, commercialization and technology transfer. The event drew participants from more than 30 countries around the world representing different sectors.

In 2025 the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) summer school had 34 countries represented physically and online. Through its comprehensive program the initiative is aimed at equipping attendees with deeper knowledge of intellectual property rights (IPR) and tools to navigate the intricacies of Intellectual property in this rapidly evolving world to align with global standards. Five high schools were identified and selected to participate



HIGHLIGHTS – BUSINESS REGULATION AND REPUTATION

Removal from FATF Greylist



- South Africa was removed from the FATF grey list after meeting all requirements related to anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financial standards.
- The CIPC participated in the Assessment on the 28th of July to defend the IO5 deliverables
- CIPC improved corporate transparency through a Beneficial Ownership Register and mandatory disclosures.

- The CIPC collaborated with **the dtic** and the World Bank on Business Rescue to support economic growth
- Focused on policy provisions that, despite good intentions, created practical challenges in managing and regulating business rescue
- Provided input from regulatory experience to highlight implementation issues



Business Rescue Policy Dialogue

Sustainability Reporting Readiness



Established an Adoption Readiness Working Group on ESG to facilitate the alignment between existing corporate reporting frameworks and the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) standards. The objectives are:

- Development of the national adoption roadmap
- Provide guidance on materiality and assurance
- Assess reporting capacity and skills readiness across sectors

- Addressed challenges of cross-border enforcement, including jurisdictional conflicts and the need for international cooperation
- Showcased new global developments affecting registries and regulators
- Re-established new connections and confirmed South Africa as the host for next Corporate Registers Forum (CRF) Conference that will be held in 2027, in Cape Town.



Corporate Registers Forum

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

FATF Greylisting

South Africa did poorly in the 2021 mutual evaluation report, especially law-enforcement agencies, the evaluation was conducted in 2019 when many institutions were at their weakest following state capture.

South Africa was deemed to be inadequately compliant with 20 of 40 FATF's recommendations and 11 effectiveness immediate outcomes.

National Response

Eight key strategic deficiencies were identified by the report that SA responded to over a two year period

- National Risk Assessment
- Risk Assessment on Non-Profit organisations (NPOs)
- National Strategy on anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism (AML/CFT)
- Inter-agency/ Inter-departmental co-ordination, co-operation
- BO Registers – Access to law enforcement agencies (LEAs) Competent Authorities
- Data Triangulation Capability (manual to hybrid)
- Consistent Inspections, Fines, Sanctions, High Impact Investigations

CIPC Contribution

The CIPC was instrumental in addressing the immediate outcome (IO) 5 deliverables:

- Demonstrating that competent authorities have timely access to accurate BO information of legal persons
- Application of Remedial actions and/or dissuasive and proportionate sanctions for violations of the transparency obligations

Beneficial Ownership Register

In 2023, the CIPC established a comprehensive BO Register and formed a dedicated review team to ensure accuracy and compliance of BO filings

Interagency Collaboration

The CIPC introduced APIs Gateway enabled real-time data queries by law enforcement agencies

Enforcement on BO Filings

Enforcement action have been undertaken for non-compliant entities including inspections and imposing sanctions where necessary

Education and Awareness

The CIPC regularly conducts education and awareness events in respect to BO filings to ensure voluntary compliance



Removal from the FATF Greylist

South Africa has officially been removed from the FATF grey list after successfully meeting all requirements related to anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing standards.

CIPC BO SYSTEM FEATURES

Customer Facing Portal

- Registration, Amendments, Re-filing
- Complex structures
- DHA verification (real-time via API) of local shareholders
- Foreigner assurance against CIPC FA register
- DDR verification against CIPC delinquent directors register
- STRATE verification (real-time via API) of affected companies
- Targeted sanctions list verification against FIC
- Hard-stop functionality integrated with Annual Returns (ARs)

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND FILING CONSIDERATIONS

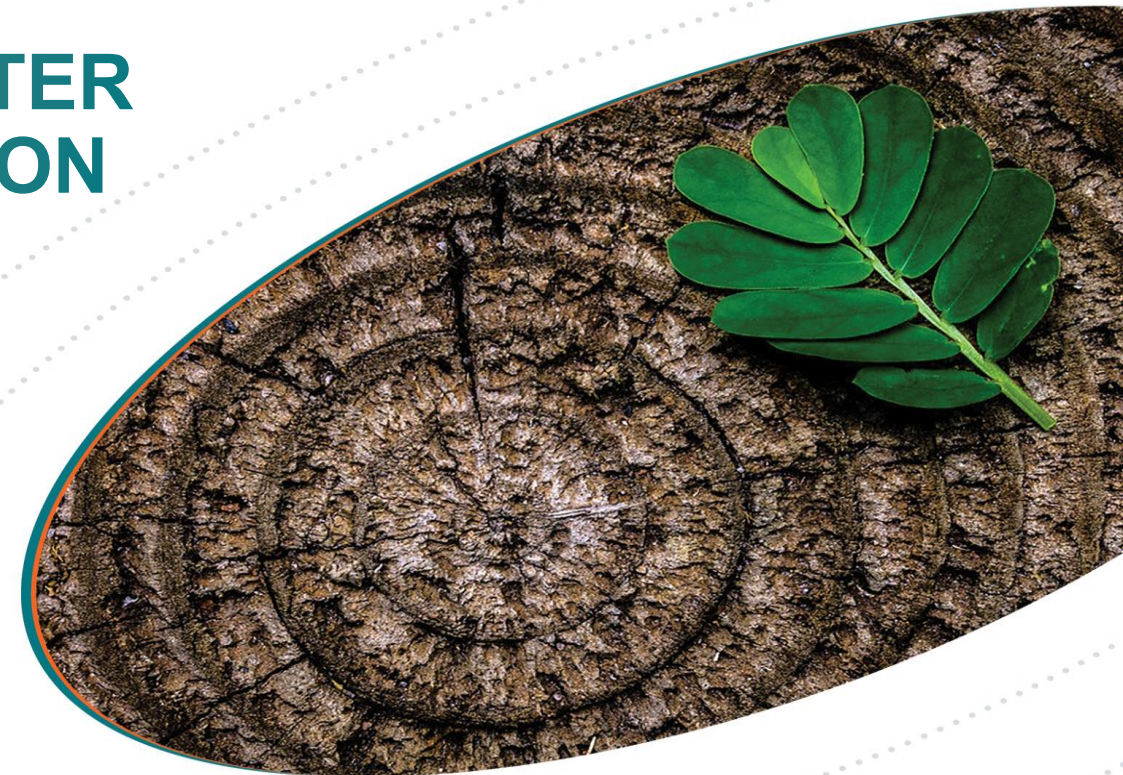
- Conducting of checks against
 - DDHA,
 - Delinquent Directors Register,
 - FIC Sanctions List,
 - Foreigner Assurance Verification (FAV) Register
- Checks against the CIPC Register for “active” status
- Conducting checks of our External Companies repository
- Checks of “affected companies” against STRATE database
- Sharing of data with Law Enforcement Agencies and Banks



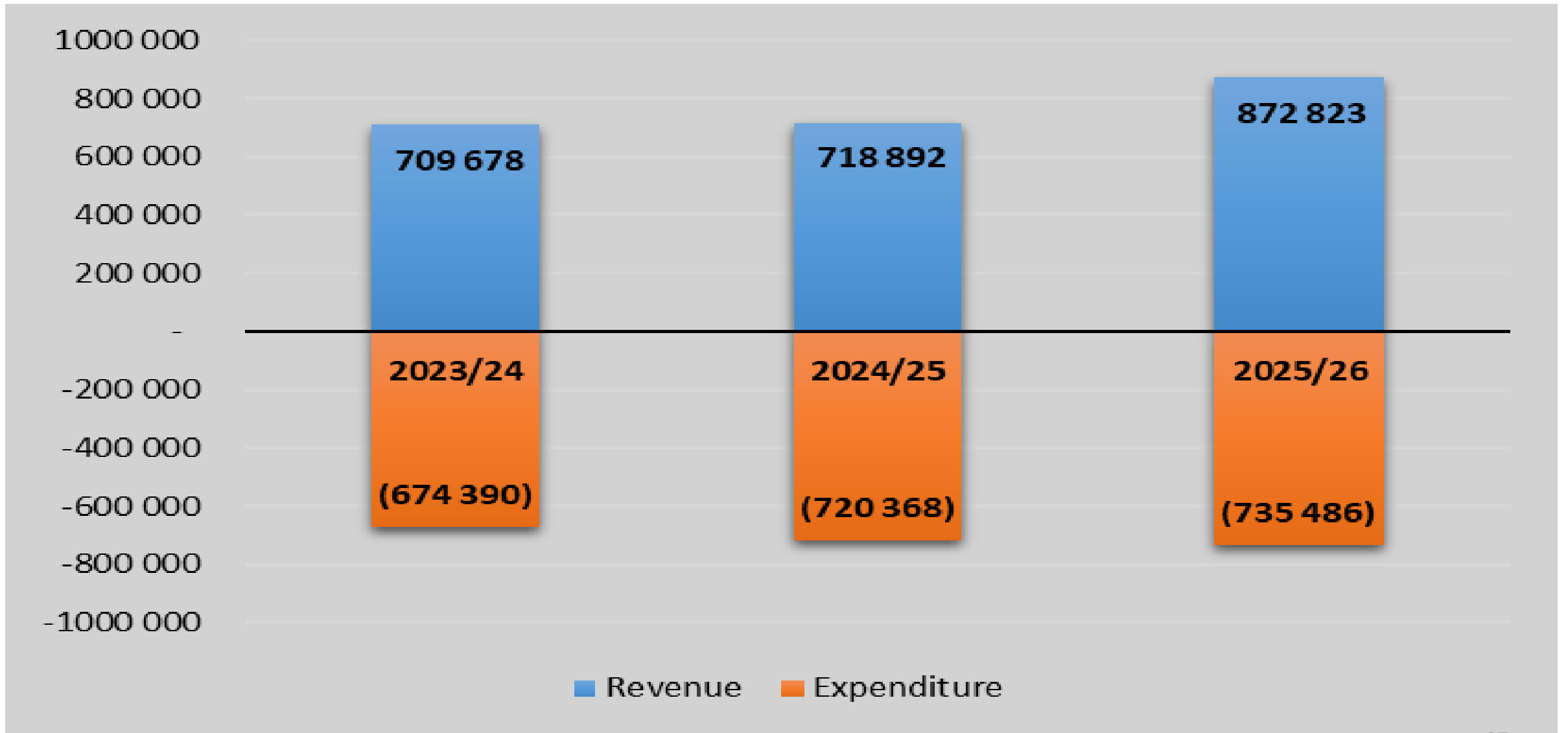
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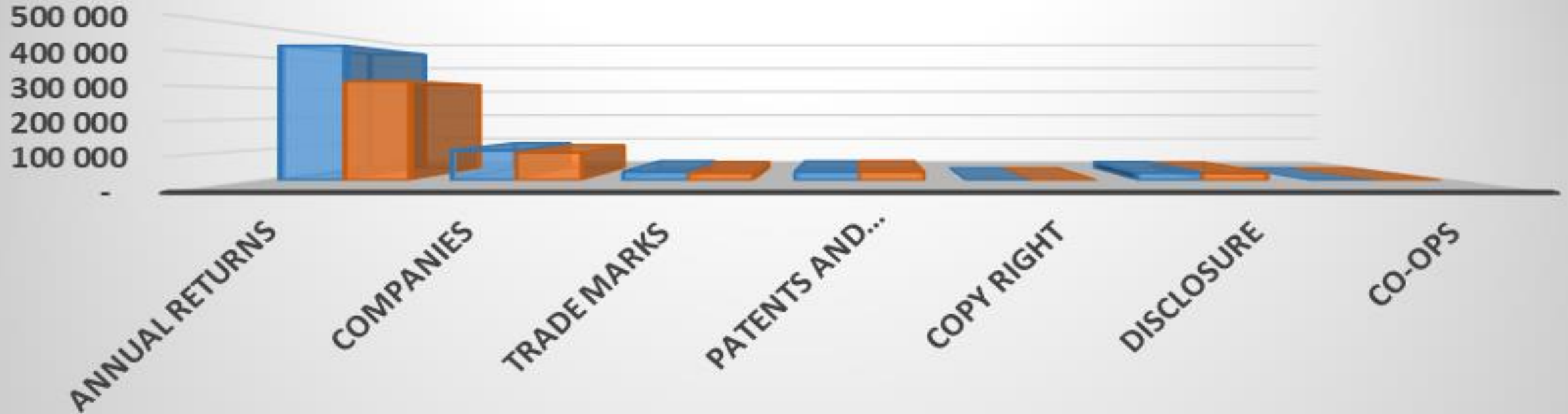
OVERVIEW OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/26 R'000



OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE FOR QUARTER THREE APRIL '25 – DECEMBER '25

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE						
Description	Total Annual Budget	Pro-rated Budget (April - Dec '25)	Actual (April - Dec '25)	Variance	Variance	Forecast (March'26)
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000
Revenue						
Fees	816 560	612 420	614 895	2 475	0,4%	819 035
Other	563	422	789	367	87%	930
Interest	55 700	41 775	42 925	1 150	3%	56 850
Total Income	872 823	654 617	658 609	3 992	1%	876 815
Expenditure						
Employee costs	461 637	346 228	344 009	2 219	1%	459 418
Operating expenditure and administrative expenditure	236 498	177 374	135 698	41 676	23%	194 823
Depreciation	37 351	28 013	27 057	956	3%	36 395
Expenditure	735 486	551 615	506 764	44 851	8%	690 636
Surplus for the period	137 337	103 003	151 845	48 842		186 179

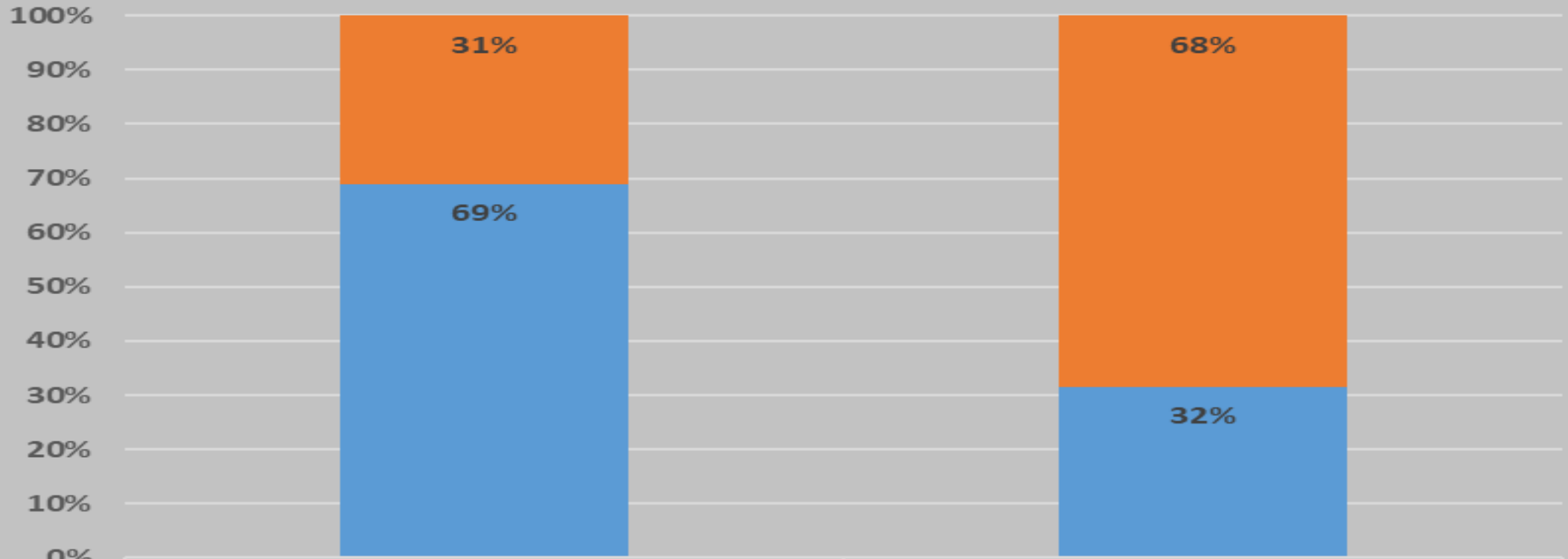
REVENUE ANALYSIS DECEMBER 2025 VS. DECEMBER 2024 (R'000)



	Annual Returns	Companies	Trade Marks	Patents and Design	Copy Right	Disclosure	Co-Ops
■ Apr 25 - Dec 25	437 677	97 880	27 596	27 142	4	24 153	0,5
■ Apr 24 - Dec 24	320 753	90 387	24 386	27 487	5	23 132	0,5

■ Apr 25 - Dec 25 ■ Apr 24 - Dec 24

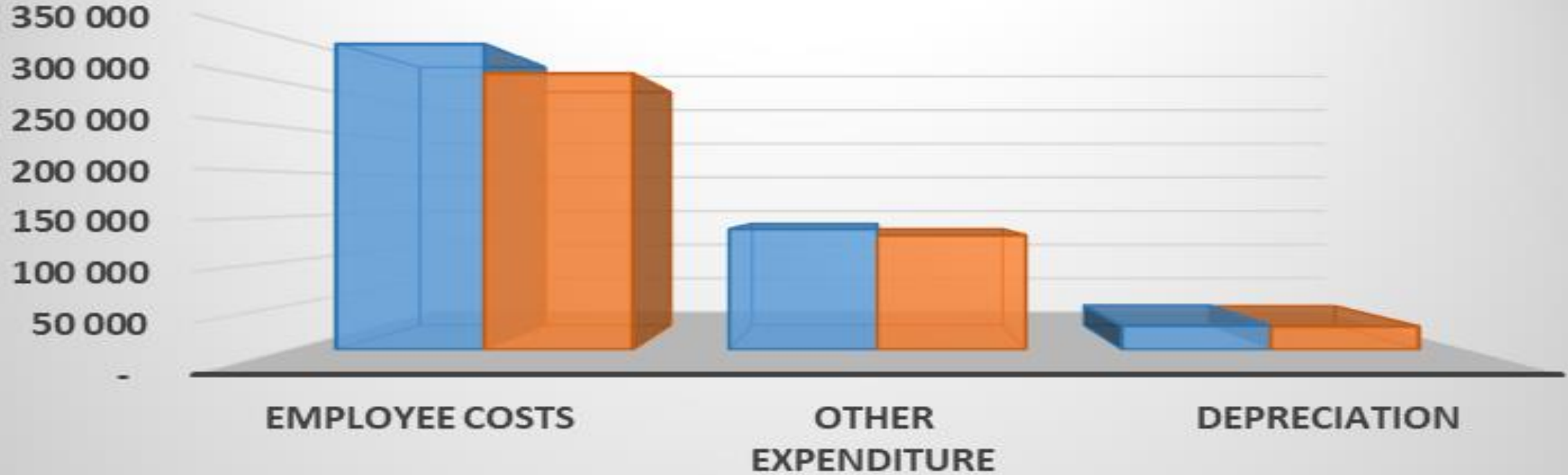
EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET SPENT APRIL 2025 – DECEMBER 2025



	Opex budget	Capex budget
Remaining Jan 26 - Mar 26	228 722	10 878
Spent Apr 25 - Dec 25	506 764	5 014

■ Spent
Apr 25 - Dec 25
 ■ Remaining
Jan 26 - Mar 26

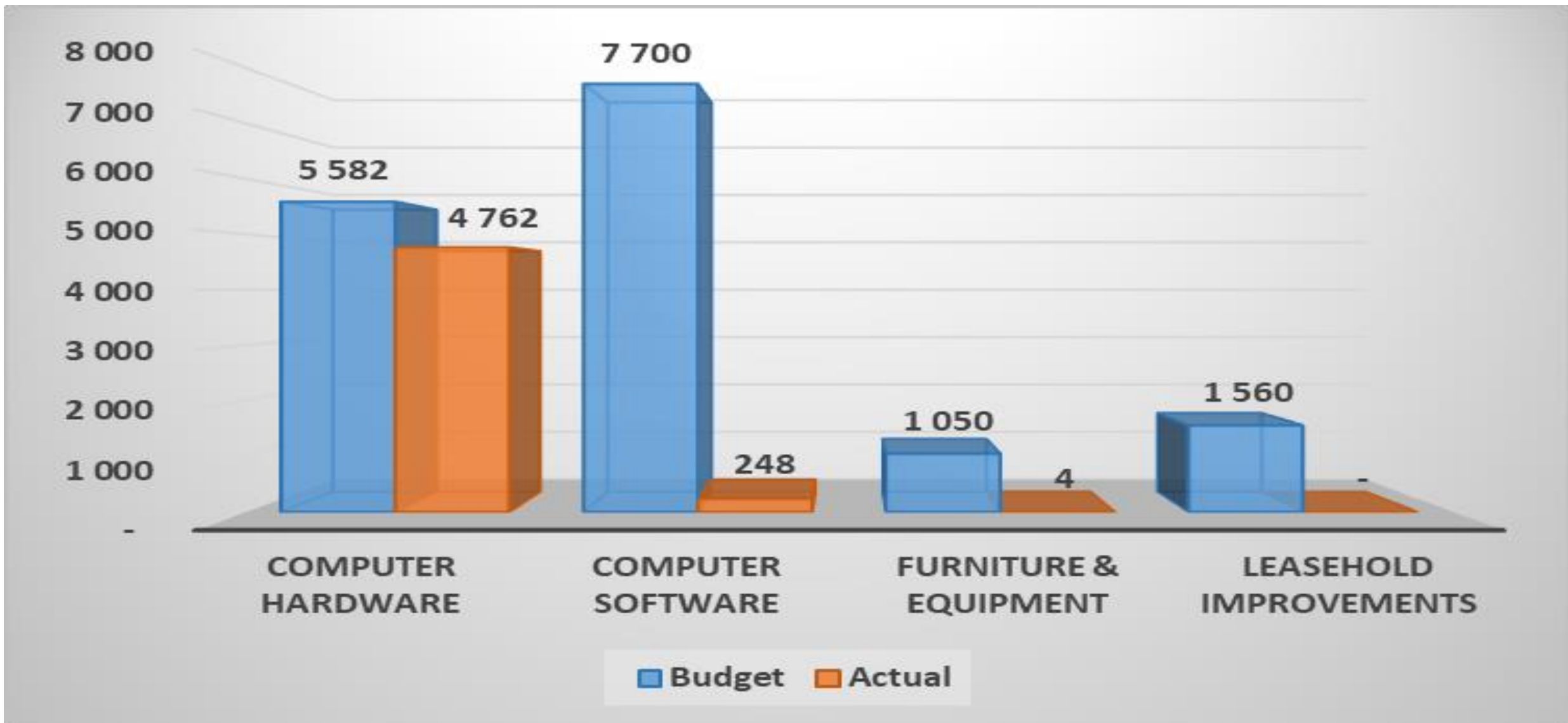
OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS DECEMBER 2025 VS. DECEMBER 2024 (R'000)



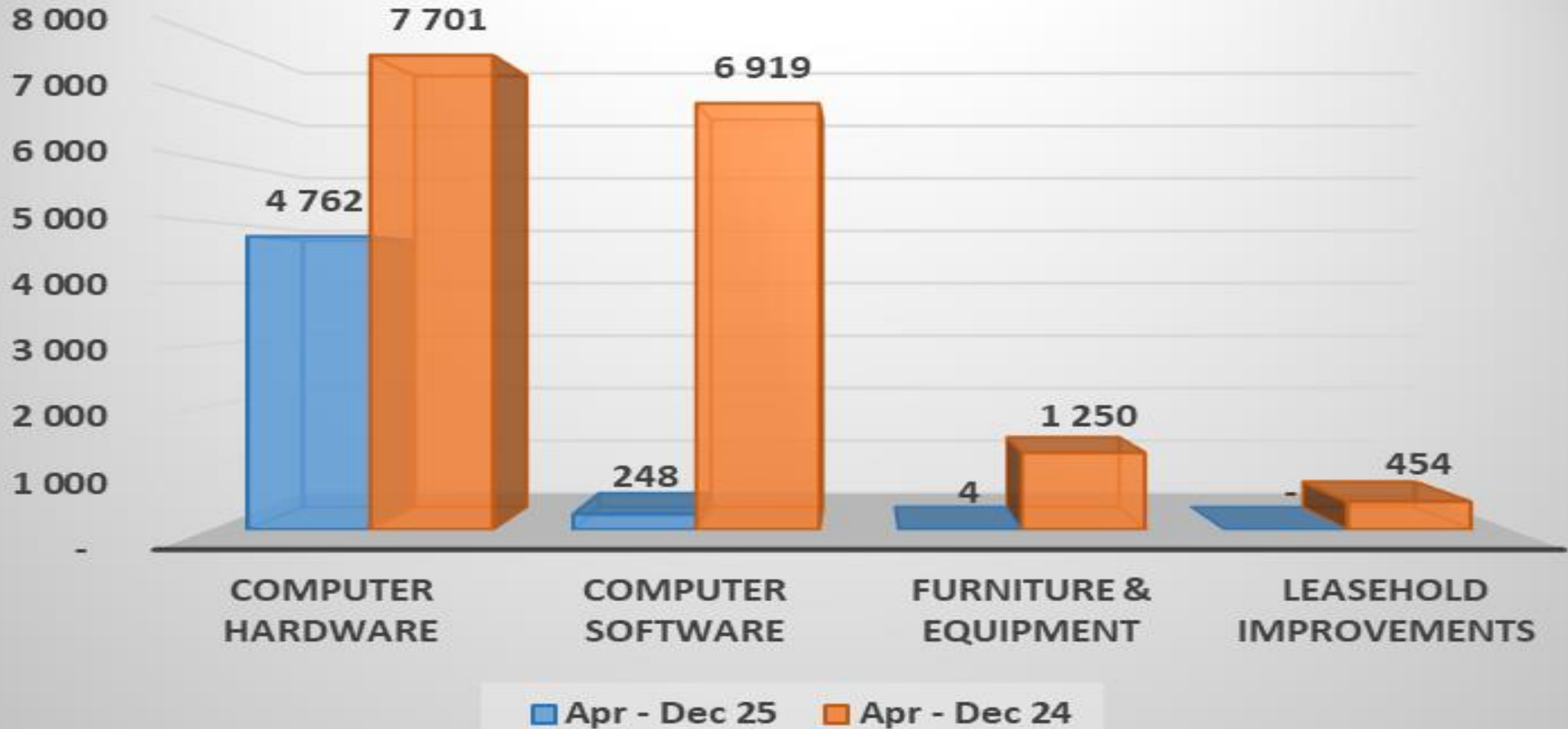
	Employee costs	Other expenditure	Depreciation
■ Apr - Dec 25	344 009	135 698	27 057
■ Apr - Dec 24	311 019	128 674	26 103

■ Apr - Dec 25
 ■ Apr - Dec 24

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS BUDGET SPENT (R'000)



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS DECEMBER 2025 VS. DECEMBER 2024 (R'000)



CONCLUSION

- The CIPC's third quarter performance reflects sustained delivery under challenging operational, and systemic conditions.
- The CIPC continued to execute its core mandate while advancing key reforms and strategic priorities.



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