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2023/24 Annual Report and First Quarter 2024/25 Presentation to Portfolio Committee

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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
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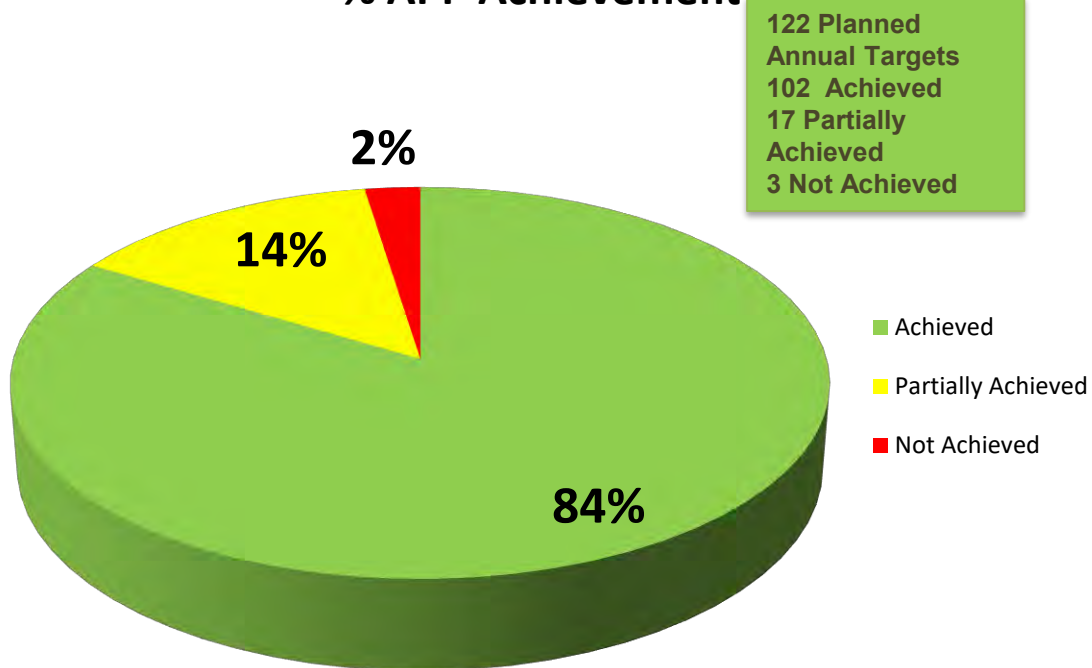
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DTIC HIGHLIGHTS

Annual dtic Departmental Performance % APP Achievement

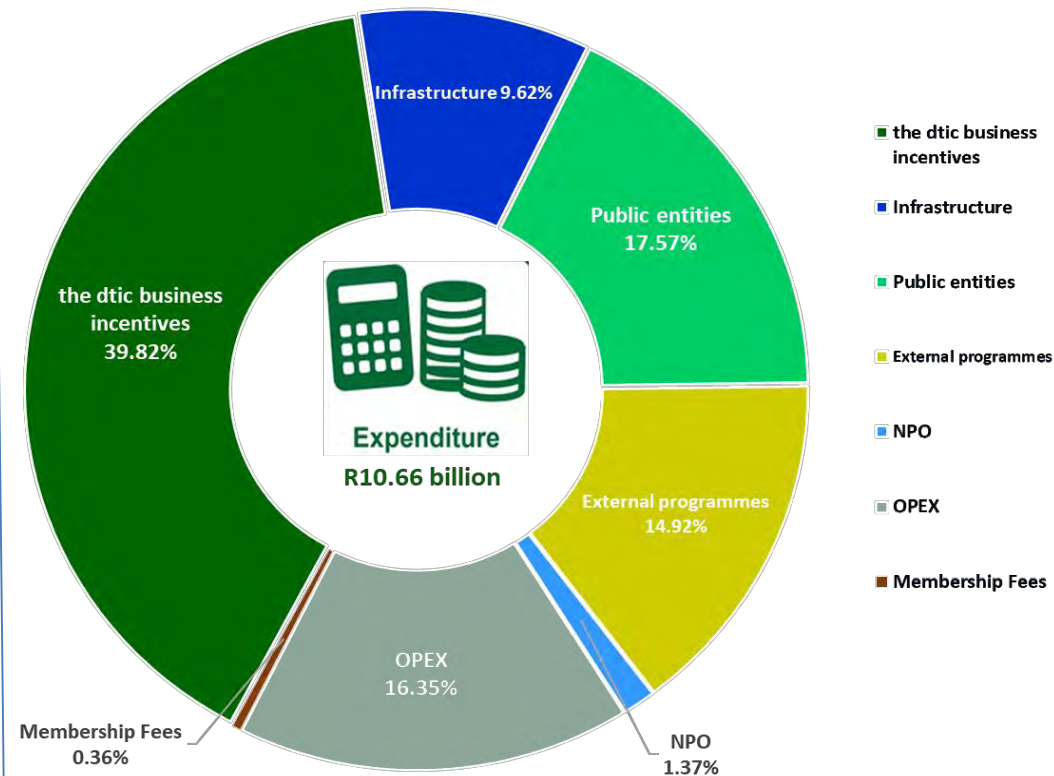


84% Targets Achieved

Two Programmes Audited (Incentives & Sectors)

- Performance information for programmes 1,2,3,5,7,8,9 concluded in accordance with Internal Audit verifications.
- Sign off by Audit Committee and Auditor General received
- Annual Report Tabled

Annual dtic Financial Performance



99.5% Spent as % of budget

Total Budget: R10.7bn
Total Spent: R10.66bn

HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS THE DTIC FAMILY

17 Unqualified Audits

the dtic achieved an unqualified audit outcome with No Findings (Clean Audit)

16 unqualified audits across dtic entities.

ECIC and NLC audits not yet concluded due to changes in the accounting standard for insurance contracts and changes in the accounting treatment of grants respectively.



DTIC KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OVERVIEW

1. R 207 billion investments secured through SAIC in 2023
2. AGOA Forum Hosting: Successfully hosted the largest AGOA Forum in Johannesburg (Nov 24, 2023), fostering support for extending AGOA beyond 2025 among US and African stakeholders.
3. AfCFTA Implementation: SACU submitted a tariff offer covering 90% of its tariff book; South Africa launched preferential trade under AfCFTA on Jan 31, 2024, with 13 State Parties implementing trade.
4. Bilateral Engagements with China: Signed six MOUs during the SACHina State visit (Aug 22, 2023), resulting in reduced tariffs on Rooibos tea (from 15 – 30%, reduced to 6%).
5. Trade Measures: Extended Price Preference System for scrap metals, supporting competitive input pricing and local value addition;
6. Energy One Stop Shop: Launched to streamline energy-related services.
7. Green Hydrogen Project: Phelan Green Energy announced a R47 billion Saldanha Green Hydrogen Project, boosting South Africa's position in green energy.
8. Export Growth: Generated R241.4 billion from Export Council supported sectors and Approved R201.6 million for exporter participation in promotion initiatives, anticipating R7 billion in export services.
9. Achieved R117.6 billion in exports to Africa.

1. GBS: Supported 33,000 jobs in the GBS sector, with 89% held by youth and 67% by women; saved 3,000 jobs in long steel production
2. Localisation Initiatives: Awarded R200 million rail contracts to local suppliers and improved rail transport through a partnership between Sasol and Transnet.
3. Skills Development: Graduated 48 students in toolmaking and machining;
4. Secured R220 million investment in Rainbow Chicken, creating 750 jobs.
5. Sector Specific Investments: Approved R356 million for an abattoir and R237 million for a breeder farm; R221 million allocated for the Sugar Master Plan.
6. Automotive Sector Investments: R3 billion investment by Stellantis for a new Peugeot facility (1,000 jobs); Ford expanding to include PHEVs. NACAAM R4.86 billion investment in automotive components (10,000 jobs)
7. Ford Expansion: FMCSA expanding production to include PHEVs, supporting decarbonization efforts.
8. Government Incentives: Investment allowance for electric vehicles set for March 2026; R964 million reallocated for the transition.
9. Innovative Products: Defy launched solarpowered fridges; Rolls Royce supported local tooling expansion with R18.6 million.

DTIC HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Staffing Status (as of March 31, 2024)

- Total Funded Posts: 1,183; Filled Posts: 1,056; Vacancy Challenges: Impact of vacancy filling directive & Critical vacancies only (per National Treasury & DPSA requirements)

Diversity and Inclusion

- Senior Management Representation: Women: 55%
- People with Disabilities: 4.7%
- Youth: 8.9%
- In line with the Cabinet directed target that internship and learnership programmes should reach 5% of the establishment, **the dtic** employed 31 youth on the Internship programme for the period 2024-2026.

Fit for Purpose Structure Objectives:

- Address siloed working, Streamline business processes, Reduce administrative burdens, Reprioritize resources
- Review of Department Size & Shape, Shift personnel to reflect new priorities, New approach to delivery
- Identification of Skills Gaps: High-level skills in: Financial evaluation, Monitoring and evaluation & Project management
- Initial Phase Results led to Program Structure Changes: Reduced number of Programmes from 10 to 9, New output-based approach to determine final number of posts required & Skill levels for new posts

FILLING OF KEY MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Director-General and Deputy Directors-General Positions

Consulted with the MPSA for the filling of the following positions:

- Director-General – concurred
- Deputy Director-General: Spatial Industrial Development and Economic Transformation – concurred
- Deputy Director-General: Competition Policy and Economic Planning – concurred
- Deputy Director-General: Industrial Competitiveness and Growth – concurred
- Deputy Director-General: Departmental Operations – not supported by the MPSA

Posts where concurrence was obtained were advertised on 20 September 2024 in the Public Service Vacancy Circular and departmental website as well as on 22 September 2024 in the media and close on 7 October 2024

Boards and CEOs of Entities

Vacancies on the following Boards and Tribunals were advertised in the print media, websites of **the dtic** and entities and Government Gazette where applicable:

- Full-Time Members on the Competition Tribunal (**CompTrib**)
- Board of Directors of the Export Credit Insurance Corporation of South Africa SOC Limited (**ECIC**)
- Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Corporation (**IDC**)
- Board of Trustees of the National Empowerment Fund (**NEF**)
- Members of the National Gambling Board (**NGB**)
- Members of the National Lotteries Commission Distributing Agency (**NLC DA**)
- Members of the South African Bureau of Standards (**SABS**)
- Members of the South African National Accreditation System (**SANAS**)
- Members of the South African Council for Space Affairs (**SACSA**)
- Members of the Special Economic Zones (**SEZ**) Advisory Board
- Members of the Takeover Regulation Panel (**TRP**)

The following vacancies of CEOs and Commissioners were also advertised:

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO): National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (**NRCS**)
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO): National Credit Regulator (**NCR**)
- Deputy Commissioners (2X) Competition Commission (**CompCom**)

DTIC GOVERNANCE

The dtic remained committed to the highest standard of risk management, governance, ethics and integrity, essential in the delivery of the department's mandate.

- The governance structures in the department include the Audit Committee, Risk Management Committee, ICT Steering committee, all of which held meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Ensured proper ethics governance focussed on minimising conflict of interest and fraud. The dtic remains committed to zero tolerance on fraud and corruption.
- Facilitated the disclosure of financial interests by SMS members, and **achieved 100%** compliance for the financial year, as reported by the Public Service Commission
- Internal Audit continued to increase its audit coverage in line with identified risks, and performed more specialist audits and investigations in areas such as Performance, IT and Forensic Audit
- In addition to oversight structures, the department **EXBO** meetings and Operations Committee to monitor progress towards meeting the departments Outcome.

ENTITIES' AUDIT OUTCOMES

The following are the audit outcomes of **the dtic** entities for the past 2 financial years: 2022/23 and 2023/24

Audit outcomes

Unqualified with no findings	
Unqualified with findings	
Qualified	

No	Entity	Audit outcomes	
		2023/24	2022/23
1	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)	Clean Audit	Clean Audit
2	Companies Tribunal	Clean Audit	Clean Audit
3	Competition Commission	Clean Audit	Clean Audit
4	Competition Tribunal	Clean Audit	Clean Audit
5	Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC)	Not Concluded	Clean Audit
6	Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)	Unqualified with material findings	Unqualified with material findings
7	International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC)	Clean Audit	Unqualified with material findings
8	National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA)	Unqualified with material findings	Clean Audit
9	National Consumer Commission (NCC)	Clean Audit	Clean Audit

No	Entity	Audit outcomes	
		2023/24	2022/23
10	National Consumer Tribunal (NCT)	Clean Audit	Clean Audit
11	National Credit Regulator (NCR)	Clean Audit	Clean Audit
12	National Empowerment Fund (NEF)	Unqualified with material findings	Unqualified with material findings
13	National Gambling Board (NGB)	Clean Audit	Clean Audit
14	National Lotteries Commission (NLC)	Not concluded	Qualified
15	National Regulator for Compulsory Specification (NRCS)	Unqualified with material findings	Clean Audit
16	South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)	Unqualified with material findings	Unqualified with material findings
17	South African National Accreditation System (SANAS)	Unqualified with material findings	Clean Audit
18	Takeover Regulation Panel (TRP)	Unqualified with material findings	Clean Audit

The total number of entities under the control of **the dtic** remained at 18 in the 2023-24 financial year, when compared with the 2022-23 financial year.
 ECIC Preliminary information subject to finalisation of Audit Report. NLC Audit Outcome outstanding
 Competition Commission Audit was finalized in September 2024

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Audit for the ECIC and NLC not concluded

Audit Outcomes	2023/24	2022/23
Unqualified without findings - Clean Audits	9 (50%)	13 (72%)
Unqualified with findings	7 (39%)	4 (23)
Qualified	0	1 (5%)

PERFORMANCE OF ENTITIES 2023/24 SUMMARY

Entity	NRCS	COMPTRIB	NEF	TRP	NGB
Non-Financial Performance	64% (9 out of 14 targets achieved)	79% (19 out of 24 targets achieved)	86% (12 out of 14 targets achieved)	The Panel was listed as an entity under the schedules of the PFMA on 28 March 2023	100% (10 out of 10 annual targets achieved)
Financial Performance	Compensation of Employees (71%) Good & Services (29%) Capital Expenditure (2%)	Compensation of Employees (65.5%) Good & Services (37%) Capital Expenditure (3%)	Compensation of Employees (63%) Good & Services (31%) Capital Expenditure (0%)	Compensation of Employees (68.32%) Good & Services (31.68%) Capital Expenditure (0%)	Compensation of Employees (18%) Good & Services (83.4%) Capital Expenditure (16%)
Key Achievements	Facilitated exportation of 8.254 consignments of fish and fishery products valued at R8.6 billion to various international markets.	Efficiently managed merger cases, with 94% of matters set down within the stipulated time periods and 100% of mergers decided within legislated timeframes. Achieved 8 th consecutive clean audit	Disbursed R839 million into businesses that are majority-owned and managed by black SMEs and industrialists against an annual target of R810 million	The Panel increased its Net Assets by 3.74%. Surplus of R3.8 million as compared to a deficit of (R563 000) for 2022/2023.	The Gross Gambling Revenue (GGR) generated amounted to R59.3 billion during FY2023/24, a 25.7% increase from the previous year's GGR of R47.1 billion.

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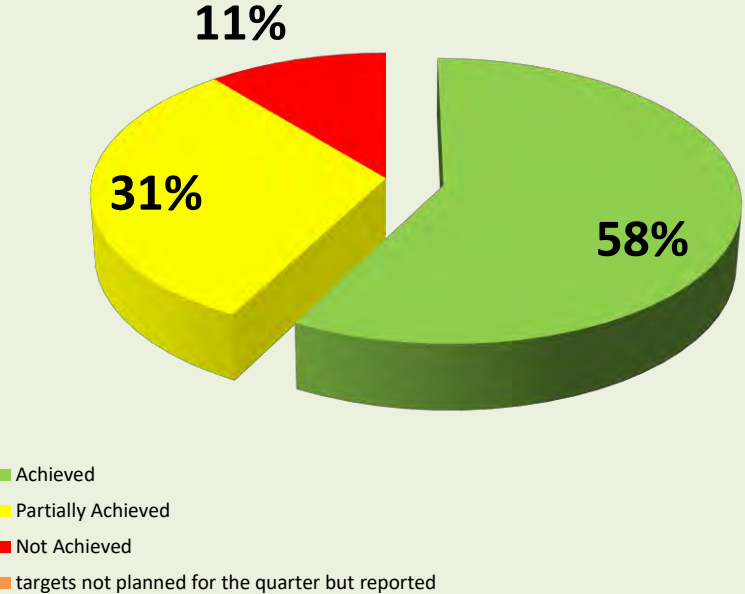
Entity	SABS	CIPC	NCT	NCR	NCC
Non-Financial Performance	69% (9 out of 13 targets achieved)	85% (22 out of 26 targets achieved)	76% (10 out of 13 targets achieved)	95% (18 out of 19 targets achieved)	100% (11 out of 11 targets achieved)
Financial Performance	Compensation of Employees (44.3%) Good & Services (35.7%) Capital Expenditure (20%)	Compensation of Employees (60%) Good & Services (28%) Capital Expenditure (12%)	Compensation of Employees (59%) Good & Services (33%) Capital Expenditure (2%)	Compensation of Employees (59.56%) Good & Services (35.07%) Capital Expenditure (5.37%)	Compensation of Employees (58%) Good & Services (33%) Capital Expenditure (4%)
Key Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •450 Technical standards published of which 180 publications are homegrown •7600 Technical standards maintained supporting industrialization and sustainability objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of automated Beneficial Ownership register, contributing to addressing FATF greylisting • Automation of additional key processes 	Received 41 490 DRA applications. Of these, 38 710 were finalised, with 38 474 resolved through orders, 234 withdrawn by debt counsellors, and 2 lapsing due to inactivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •17 Judgements handed down in favour of the NCR •In excess of R98 million paid consumers in refunds and credit balance adjustments • Clean audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Redress to consumers – R5 138 236.26; Administrative fines – R1 807 000.00; and Compliance •Notices (CTFL) – R12 269, 379.70; NCC v Edwin Letopa – Preservation order amounting to R176 million secured

PERFORMANCE OF ENTITIES 2023/24 SUMMARY

Entity	IDC	NMISA	CT	ITAC	SANAS
Non-Financial Performance	44% (12 out of 27 targets achieved)	84% (16 out of 19 targets achieved)	83% (15 out of 18 targets achieved)	71% (27 out of 38 targets achieved)	87% (13 out of 15 targets achieved)
Financial Performance	Compensation of Employees (41%) Good & Services (56%) Capital Expenditure (0%)	Compensation of Employees (59%) Good & Services (41%) Capital Expenditure (0%)	Compensation of Employees (52 %) Good & Services (41%) Capital Expenditure (0.3%)	Compensation of Employees (75%) Good & Services (21%) Capital Expenditure (3%)	Compensation of Employees (49%) Good & Services (45%) Capital Expenditure (0.5%)
Key Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated R51.7bn in investments for FY24 an increase from R43.1bn in FY23 – representing 2% of South Africa's gross fixed capital formation. Approved funding was R17.3bn while the actual funding that was disbursed was R15.9bn. To address energy availability challenges, R2.0bn in projects that will generate 1 521 MW of new capacity was approved and R3bn towards SMEs and Township economy support IDC remains the largest funder of transformation facilitating increase for our transformation and economic inclusion agenda to R22.3 bn. (black industrialist, black empowered and owned, women entrepreneurs and youth entrepreneurs). Additionally R2.9bn approved for highly impactful interventions, 47 projects in project development stage, R69bn potential project value, projects on battery minerals, automotive, manufacturing ,pharmaceutical and green steels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New testing capabilities for essential oils NMISA Training Centre launched (33 courses) Measurement services to local automotive manufacturing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of opposed cases finalised within the planned 40 working days 100% of ADR cases finalised within 25 working days 65% of cases were lodged without legal representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued nearly 40 000 import and export permits for goods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SANAS' customer base grew from 2059 to 2152 Conformity Assessment Bodies (CAB)

Q1 - PLANNED TARGETS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Quarterly Departmental Performance



64 Planned Q1 Targets
37 Achieved
19 Partially Achieved
7 Not Achieved

Programme	Output Indicator s	Q1 Target	Achieved
Programme 1: Administration	4	3	1
Programme 2: Trade	15	6	2
Programme 3: Investment Spatial Industrial Development	14	7	1
Programme 4: Sectors	17	14	9
Programme 5: Regulation	6	5	4
Programme 6: Incentives	15	2	1
Programme 7: Exports	12	5	1
Programme 8: Transformation and Competition	23	17	15
Programme 9: Research	12	5	3
Total	118	64	37

INVESTMENT & SPATIAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

R21,5 billion -

Investments facilitated in Q1 through investment support and SEZs against a quarterly target of **R20 billion**. This achievement contributes to the annual target of R 200 Billion.

Quarter 1 target: R 20 billion

Annual target: R 200 billion

Chung Fung Metals Pty Ltd will be manufacturing 250 000 tons of steel products annually while creating 2500 new jobs opportunities for the Nigel and surrounding townships, specifically targeting women and young people.

Ogihara Thailand Corporation Ltd, an automotive components manufacturing facility at the Dube TradePort (DTP) Special Economic Zone. The 32 000 sqm facility at DTP'S TradeZone 2 will include a manufacturing and assembly plant relocated from Thailand that will produce pressed steel components for supply to Toyota South Africa Manufacturing.

The Mabele Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility (WEF) is a developing wind farm project in the Lejweleputswa District, Free State Province, South Africa developed by Seriti Green for Seriti Resources. 600MW Seriti Green is a 100% black South African-owned renewable energy company

INVESTOR UNBLOCKINGS

Visas, Work Visas, Investor Facilitation

1 Regulatory assistance

- **11 companies** were assisted in fast-tracking regulatory issues

2 Investor facilitation

- **12 Site Visits** conducted in relation to facilitation of recommendation of Business Visas

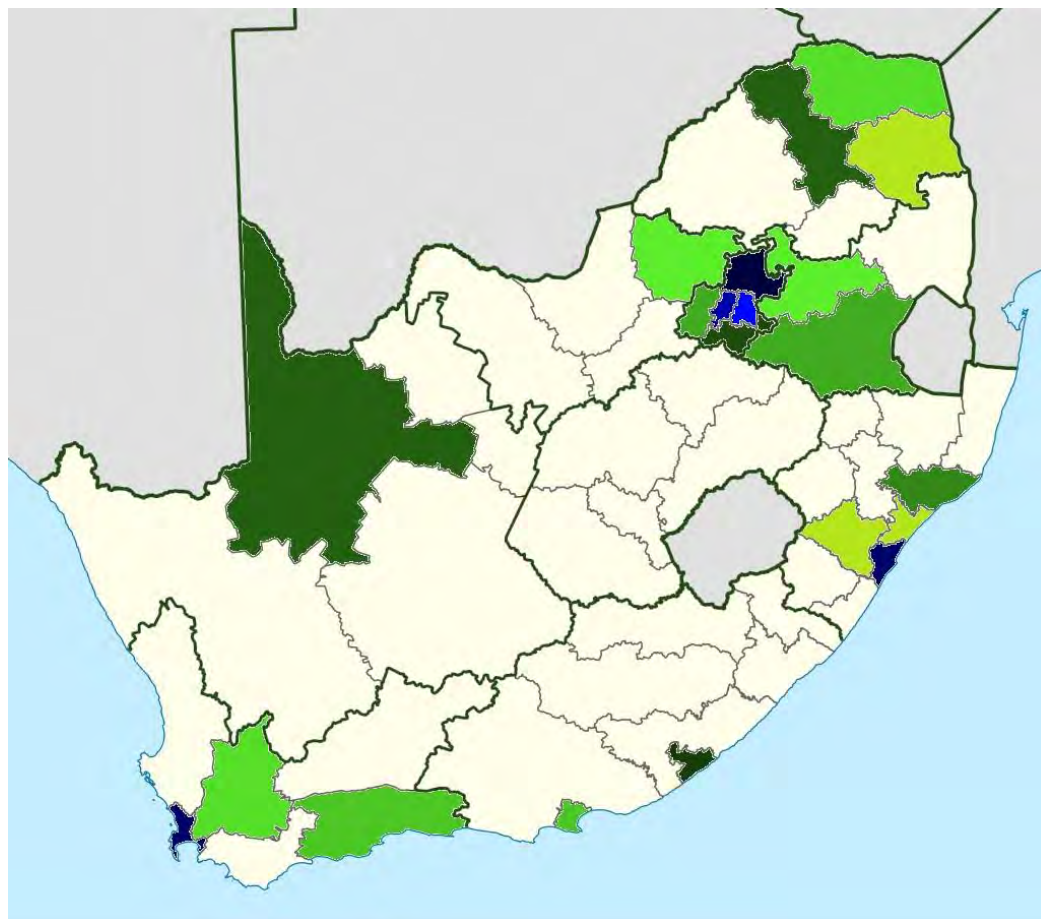
3 Visas

- **48 Visas** for **16 companies** from India, China, Romania, India, Oman, Japan and Africa were unblocked

No	Visa type	Number
1	Visas	29
2	E-Visa	05
3	Intra company Transfer	04
4	Short Term Work Visa	09
5	Permanent Residence	01
6	General Work Visa	
7	Critical Skills Visa	



INDUSTRIAL FUNDING (INCENTIVES)



GREEN: Municipalities outside of the 5 main metros
BLUE: 5 main metros

Expanding Incentive Spread

- **R1.4 billion disbursed** to incentive beneficiaries during Q1 towards the **annual target of R 4 billion**. R118 million was injected into SMMEs, women and youth-owned projects and R193 million supported Black Industrialists and black-owned projects.
- Over R520 million was disbursed to projects operating in districts outside of the 5 main metros.
- Industrial financing reach was far and wide and included districts such as iLembe District Municipality and uMgungundlovu District Municipality (KwaZulu-Natal), Mopani District Municipality and Vhembe District Municipality (Limpopo), Nkangala District Municipality (Mpumalanga) and ZF Mgcawu District Municipality (North West).

GLOBAL BUSINESS SERVICES

- R3.6 billion of exports was reported by Global Business Services. The Q1 target of R1 billion was exceeded due to the high value of exports reported by projects that received disbursements in Q1.
- The United Kingdom retained its status as South Africa's largest importer of global business services followed by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) country of Mauritius. Collectively, both these countries accounted for more than half of the imports.
- Through working in this industry, youth employees gain experience in skills such as communication, problem solving, resilience and data utilisation.



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MANUFACTURING EXPORTS

Manufacturing exports (Global)

Annual Target

R900 billion in
manufacturing exports
to the world

Year-to-date achievement

R 254 billion

% of app target achieved

28.2%

- **R 254 billion** manufacturing exports to the World during Q1 2024/25.
- **R62.8 billion** manufacturing exports to the world during Q1 2024/25 generated in sectors supported by Export Councils.

- The total manufacturing exports to the world during Q1 was valued at **R254 bn.**
- Of the R256Bn, **R62.8 bn** was generated in Q1 in sectors supported by Export Councils.

MANUFACTURING EXPORTS

Manufacturing exports (Rest of Africa)

Annual Target

R400 billion in
manufacturing exports
to Rest of Africa

Year-to-date achievement

R 111 billion

% of app target achieved

27.8%

- **R 111 billion** manufacturing exports to other African countries during Q1 2024/25.
- **R 31.6 billion** manufacturing exports to other African countries during Q1 2024/25 generated in sectors supported by Export Councils.

- The total manufacturing exports to other African countries during Q1 was valued at **R111 bn**.
- Of the R111bn, **R31.6 bn** was generated in Q1 in sectors supported by Export Councils.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS, EEIP & ESOPS

Protecting Public Interest

- **10** Mergers & Acquisitions where public interest considerations were considered
- **100%** Percentage of mergers notified were assessed for public interest
- **12%** Percentage of mergers with interventions to advance the public interest
- **3,064** Additional workers with shares in their companies as a result of competition initiatives (ESOP)
- **R1.3 billion** in Equity Equivalent Investment Programme (EEIP) agreement with Microsoft

One Framework Agreement concluded with acquiring Vitol Emerald BidCo (Pty) Ltd c/o Vivo Energy Investments B.V. / Engen Limited. The Department successfully negotiated commitments related to i) capital investment and production, ii) enterprise and supplier development, localisation and growth, iii) transformation and ownership (including ESOP), and iv) employment.

ADDRESSING MARKET CONCENTRATION & PRICE MONITORING

Market Enquiries:

- **Implementation of Public Passenger Transport Market Inquiry (PPTMI):** Gautrain indicated that there was a reduction of about ninety-five percent (95%) in passengers using the service. The Report also includes updates received from the Gauteng Transport Authority, Gauteng Provincial Government, National Treasury and the National Department of Transport (DoT) from August 2023 to April 2024.

Successful actions completed on price monitoring

- The Competition Tribunal imposed an **administrative penalty to Hard Hat Equipment (Pty) Ltd to the amount of R480 000** (Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand Rands only). The fine is for the fixed minimum hourly, daily, weekly and monthly rental rates as well as rental rates when renting out plant hire equipment.
- On the **Essential Food Price Monitoring Report March 2024**, the latest inflation figures show that food inflation reached 5.1% in March 2024, which is the lowest rate in food inflation since September 2020.



The products includes: sunflower oil, chicken, eggs, maize meal, bread etc. The report looked at the role of mark-ups by larger companies in food markets and in the current inflationary period. Numerous actors and costs throughout food value chains have an impact on prices including amongst others existing pressures stemming from load-shedding, logistics disruptions, Avian flu

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT FUND (SEF)

- **60 654** – Number of participants enrolled in SEF during Q1
- **R 362 980,98** – Value of disbursements
- **61%** - Percentage of youth employed. With an average age of 34 years old.

The job creation took place in the following sectors:

Thematic Area	Jobs	%
Education	14 557	24%
Greenery & the Environment	7 278	12%
Township Development	6 672	11%
Health	5 459	9%
Food Security	11 524	19%
Gender-based Violence	9 705	16%
Creative and Cultural	3 033	5%
Other (mixed development)	2 426	4%
Total	60 654	100%

The gender split is as follows:

Gender	Number	%
Male	18 803	31%
Female	41 851	69%
Total	60 654	100%

The provincial spread is below:

Province	Jobs	%
Eastern Cape	11 520	19%
Free state	3 600	6%
Gauteng	11 260	19%
KwaZulu Natal	9 349	15%
Limpopo	4 852	8%
Mpumalanga	3 033	5%
National	5 338	9%
Northern Cape	4 549	8%
Northwest	3 639	6%
Western Cape	3 514	6%
Grand Total	60 654	100%

MEASURES TO REDUCE RED TAPE

Block Exemption Regulations for SMMEs

The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant impact especially on SMMEs resulting in severe disruptions in the value chain and a shift in consumer behaviour towards online shopping.

The Regulations seeks to exempt a category of agreement or practices among SMMEs from the application of sections 4(1) and 5(1) of the Competition Act, relating to the prohibition of horizontal and vertical agreement between SMMEs that could impact on competition.

The aim of the exemption is to allow for limited corporation between SMMEs that will allow for example in the sharing of logistical services to reduce cost, thus enhancing SMMEs competitiveness.

SAPIA granted conditional exemption

Minister extended the designation of the South African Petroleum Industry Association (SAPIA) under the Competition Act, 1998 until 30 June 2026 (Gazette no 50680 of 21 May 2024).

The designation enables the petroleum industry to coordinate activities via SAPIA on demand and supply information in order to ensure security of liquid fuels supply to South Africans.

The SAPIA exemption enables the maintenance of the economic stability of the petroleum and refinery industries, thus mitigating the risk of South Africa running out of fuel.

Post expiry of the exemption in June 2026, **the dtic** in corporation with the Department of Mineral Resources and Petroleum may have to review further exemptions in light of new infrastructure for fuel storage and added fuel refining capacity

TRADE CORPORATION, TRADE BARRIERS, REMEDIES & AFCFTA

- **International Cooperation:** Concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DTIC and the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China to promote New Energy Vehicle Cooperation, with the MOU expected to be signed during the State Visit to China in September 2024.
- **Green Trade Barriers:** Developed and submitted South Africa's submission into the UK consultation process on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) following consultations with affected industries and government departments.
- **WTO Dispute Resolution:** Held formal consultations with the EU under the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding regarding EU **citrus black spot (CBS) regulations** impacting South Africa's citrus exports, and submitted requests for the establishment of WTO dispute panels concerning CBS and False Codling Moth (FCM) regulations after an amicable solution could not be reached.
- **ITAC and Trade Remedies:** Successfully approved and implemented multiple ITAC reports on recommendations for tariff amendments and trade remedy measures.
- **Regional Dispute Resolution:** Resolved the Hisense dispute with Tanzania regarding Rules of Origin for white goods (TVs and fridges) under the SADC Protocol.
- **Engagements with SARS on package importation** Initiated discussions with SARS to address stakeholder concerns regarding the importation of small packages, leading to an agreement to impose full duties on small packages to protect South African industries.
- **Market Access Initiatives:** Collaboratively facilitated market access for horses to the EU for South Africa, effective from May 2024.
- **Regulatory Updates:** Approved updated regulations for the trade in chemical, biological, nuclear, and missile-related dual-use goods and technologies, published in the Government Gazette on June 14, 2024.
- **AGOA Review:** Concluded a mid-term review on the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), resulting in an agreed position by the Africa Group to be advanced in the AGOA Forum.

AFCFTA Committee Establishments and Engagements

- Established the National AfCFTA Implementation Committee, inaugural meeting scheduled for July 2, 2024.
- Conducted 13 engagements with the private sector to raise awareness of AfCFTA opportunities and provide support to exporters.
- Approved the AfCFTA NTB Online Reporting Application and established the AfCFTA Implementation Review Mechanism (AFIRM) during the 14th Council of Ministers meeting.

MASTER PLANS & GREEN ECONOMY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION:

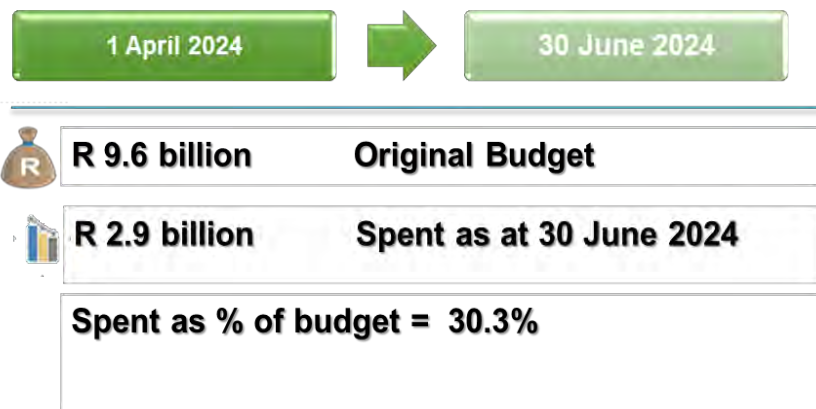
Master Plans:

- Approved, launched, and signed the **Medical Devices Master Plan** by Minister Patel and various stakeholders on May 13, 2024, at the IDC.
- Monitored and evaluated the implementation of 8 approved Master Plans resulting in:
 - Creation of **562,009 jobs** from these plans against a target of 600 000 jobs.
 - An **additional 346 jobs** from non-Master Plan sectors (e.g.AISI).

Green Economy

- Produced a report on the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the EV White Paper and the Green Hydrogen commercialization framework.

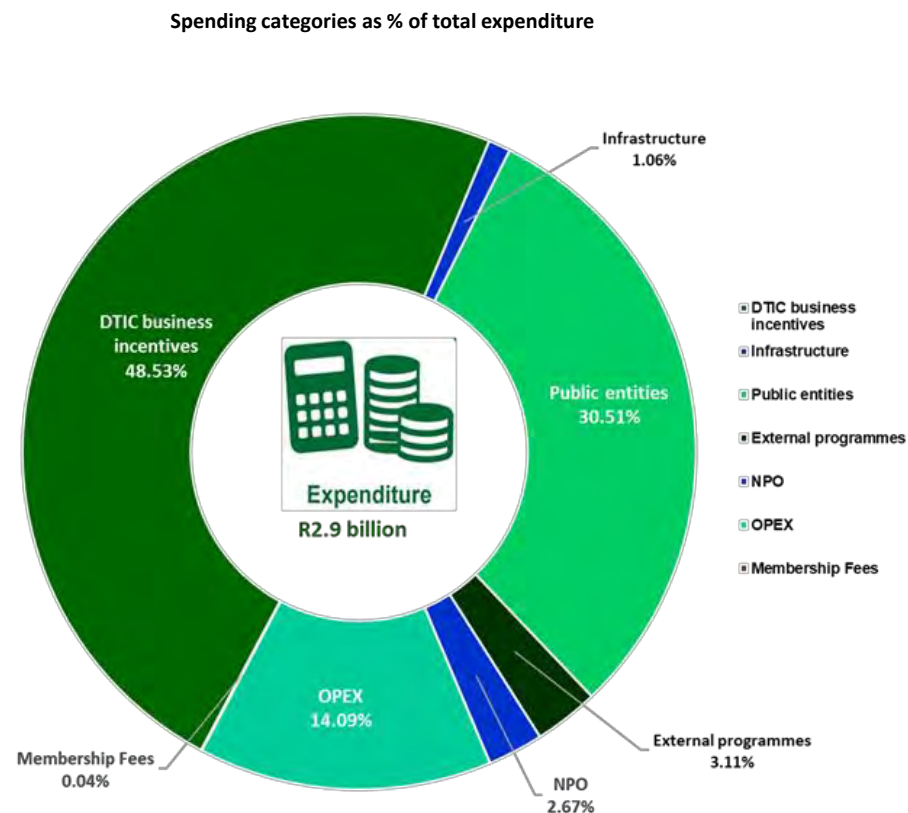
Overview of the financial performance – 30 June 2024



Three months into the financial year, the department recorded spending of R2.9 billion or 30.3% of its allocated budget of R9.6 billion.

The R2.9 billion spent comprises of:

- R1.4 billion or 49.59% - disbursed to the beneficiaries across the various incentive programmes (i.e. business incentives and infrastructure)
- R887 million or 30.51% - transferred to the public entities
- R90 million or 3.11% - disbursed to the various external programmes at the IDC and CSIR
- R78.8 million or 2.71% - disbursed to non-profit organisations as well as international organisations, which South Africa is a member.
- Spending on operational costs of R409.6 million or 14.09%.



2024/25 - Financial performance per programme and economic classification

Description	Budget 2024/25	Expenditure as % of budget	Available budget	% budget available	Year-to-date (YTD) 1 April to 30 June 2024			
					Projected expenditure	Actual expenditure 30 June 2024	Variance from projected expenditure	% variance from projected expenditure
	R'000		R'000		R'000	R'000	R'000	
Programme 1: Administration	880 966	22,5%	682 962	77,5%	196 394	198 004	(1 610)	-0,8%
Programme 2: Trade	241 644	47,8%	126 119	52,2%	112 812	115 525	(2 713)	-2,4%
Programme 3: Investment and Spatial Industrial Development	167 077	17,8%	137 280	82,2%	81 601	29 797	51 804	63,5%
Programme 4: Sectors	1 431 536	37,8%	890 914	62,2%	536 677	540 622	(3 945)	-0,7%
Programme 5: Regulation	346 122	51,1%	169 412	48,9%	173 618	176 710	(3 092)	-1,8%
Programme 6: Incentives	4 034 466	36,8%	2 551 554	63,2%	1 473 918	1 482 912	(8 994)	-0,6%
Programme 7: Export	387 960	52,5%	184 260	47,5%	218 747	203 700	15 047	6,9%
Programme 8: Transformation and Competition	2 047 132	7,4%	1 895 378	92,6%	217 577	151 754	65 823	30,3%
Programme 9: Research	63 326	14,6%	54 061	85,4%	13 035	9 265	3 770	28,9%
Total	9 600 229	30,3%	6 691 941	69,7%	3 024 379	2 908 288	116 091	3,8%
Economic classification								
Current payments	1 790 425	22,8%	1 382 430	77,2%	404 482	407 991	(3 513)	-0,9%
Compensation of employees	1 081 180	23,4%	828 516	76,6%	256 626	252 664	3 962	1,5%
Goods and services	709 245	21,9%	553 918	78,1%	147 856	155 327	(7 471)	-5,1%
Interest and rent on land	-	0,0%	-4	0,0%	-	4	(4)	0,0%
Transfers and subsidies	7 791 864	32,1%	5 292 258	67,9%	2 618 078	2 499 606	118 472	4,5%
Incentive payments	3 872 060	37,2%	2 429 769	62,8%	1 435 632	1 442 291	(6 659)	-0,5%
Department entities	1 987 162	44,6%	1 099 970	55,4%	955 127	887 192	67 935	7,1%
External Programmes	1 732 470	5,2%	1 642 154	94,8%	146 764	90 316	56 448	38,5%
Non profit organisations (Partnerships with business associations, NEDLAC)	153 321	50,7%	75 660	49,3%	78 061	77 661	400	0,5%
Membership fees (International organisations)	45 799	2,6%	44 606	97,4%	2 342	1 193	1 149	49,0%
Households	1 052	90,6%	99	9,4%	152	953	(801)	-527,0%
Payments for capital assets	17 940	3,8%	17 259	96,2%	1 819	681	1 138	62,6%
Payments for financial assets	-	0,0%	(6)	0,0%	-	6	(6)	0,0%
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DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

**FILLING OF KEY VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS
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Director-General (DG)	Post vacant since 1 May 2021	Yes	No recommendation was submitted	N/A
DDG: Spatial Industrial Development and Economic Transformation	Post vacant since 24 April 2021	Yes	A recommendation was submitted. The DDG posts were previously advertised and selection processes were based on proposed amendments to the organisational structure of the Department. Following the appointment of the 7 th Administration, the Minister has taken a decision to revert to the approved structure and to re-advertise the posts	The previous recommendations were set aside on the basis that the Minister took the decision to revert to the approved structure and that, as a result, the posts needed to be re-advertised and the selection processes needed to be informed by the approved structure

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DDG: Competition Policy and Economic Planning	Post vacant since 1 April 2020	Yes	A recommendation was submitted. The DDG posts were previously advertised and selection processes were based on proposed amendments to the organisational structure of the Department. Following the appointment of the 7 th Administration, the Minister has taken a decision to revert to the approved structure and to re-advertise the posts	The previous recommendations were set aside on the basis that the Minister took the decision to revert to the approved structure and that, as a result, the posts needed to be re- advertised and the selection processes needed to be informed by the approved structure

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DDG: Industrial Competitiveness and Growth	Post vacant since 1 August 2023	Yes	No recommendation was submitted.	N/A
DDG: Departmental Operations	Post not supported by MPSA	Yes	No recommendation was submitted	
Competition Commissioners	<p>2 Part-Time Commissioners were appointed since July 2019.</p> <p>Several re- appointments</p> <p>Current re-appointment is from 1 Jan 2024 until 31 December 2024.</p> <p>For stability, there is an urgent need to fill posts on a permanent basis.</p>	<p>Yes, posts were advertised in August 2023.</p> <p>Process did not proceed beyond shortlisting</p>	No recommendation was submitted	There is no existing recommendation

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Competition Tribunal Members	2 resignations received on 05 August 2024 and 20 September 2024. The resignations are w.e.f 1 October and 1 November 2024 respectively.	No	The Chairperson submitted a letter recommending candidates to be appointed but it was agreed that posts should be advertised.	N/A
ECIC CEO	<p>Position vacant since 1 August 2023 following the passing of the previous CEO.</p> <p>Following recruitment process by the Board, 2 candidates recommended and submitted to the previous Minister for consideration and approval.</p>	Yes, position was advertised by the ECIC Board and a recommendation was submitted to the Executive Authority.	Former Minister submitted recommended candidate to Cabinet but given the timing, Cabinet deferred consideration of the Memo until after the elections.	Board recommendation from 6 th Administration is being considered.

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ECIC BOARD	The term of office of all Board members was extended by the previous Minister until 31 May 2025.	Yes, position was advertised by the ECIC Board and a recommendation was submitted to the Executive Authority.	Former Minister submitted recommended candidate to Cabinet but given the timing, Cabinet deferred consideration of the Memo until after the elections.	Recommendation from 6 th Administration is being considered.
IDC CEO	Position vacant since 1 October 2023 following the resignation of the previous CEO.	Yes, position was advertised by the IDC Board and a recommendation was submitted to the Executive Authority.	Former Minister submitted recommended candidate to Cabinet but given the timing, Cabinet deferred consideration of the Memo until after the elections.	Recommendation from 6 th Administration is being considered.

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IDC BOARD	The term of office of all the Board members was extended for 12 months from 1 June 2024.	Yes, Sept 2023 but process did not proceed beyond shortlisting.	Only recommended shortlist was submitted and process did not proceed beyond that.	N/A
NCC Commissioner	Post has been vacant since 1 August 2019 when the previous Commissioner retired.	Yes, July 2018 but process did not proceed beyond shortlisting.	Only recommended shortlist was submitted and process did not proceed beyond that.	<p>The 2018 shortlist is no longer valid.</p> <p>Following a decision taken by the previous Minister to merge NCC and CompCom, he appointed the Deputy Commissioner of the CompCom as Acting Commissioner of the NCC from 1 May 2024 until 30 April 2025.</p> <p>As the 7th Administration, we still have to consider and take a decision on the proposed merger and this will inform the way forward regarding the vacancy.</p>

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NCC Deputy Commissioner	<p>The Deputy Commissioner's 2nd term of five years ended on 31 December 2023.</p> <p>The Deputy Commissioner's request for an additional term was not approved by previous Minister. Given proposed merger and decision taken by previous Minister to have senior officials within NCC and CompComm leading the proposed merger, the Deputy Commissioner's term was extended until 30 April 2025.</p>	No	N/A	N/A
NCR CEO	Position is vacant since 1 May 2024 when the previous CEO's term ended.	Yes, August 2023	No recommendation was submitted	N/A

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NCR Deputy CEO	Position is vacant since 1 January 2023 when the term of the previous Deputy ended.	No, previous Minister was not sure about filling the post given the size of the entity.	N/A	N/A
NEF Board	1 Member's term ended on 4 August 2024. Another member's term will end on 4 January 2025.	No, the vacancies were advertised recently	N/A	N/A
NEF CEO	Position vacant since 1 January 2024 following the end of term of the previous CEO on 31 December 2023. In September 2023, following a recruitment process by the Board, 2 candidates were submitted to the previous Minister for his consideration and approval.	Yes	The previous Minister submitted a Cabinet Memo requesting Cabinet to note the appointment of the approved candidate but given the timing Cabinet deferred consideration of the appointment until after the elections.	Board recommendation from 6 th Administration is being considered.

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NGB Board & CEO	Position is vacant since the end of previous term of CEO in 2014. Entity has been without a Board and CEO since 2014 and was put under Administration.	No	N/A	N/A
NLC Distributing Agency (DA)	<p>There are currently 4 DA members.</p> <p>The term of office of two of the members ended on 31 October 2021.</p> <p>The term of office of one of the members ended on 31 August 2022.</p> <p>The one member was appointed for a period of 12 months from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.</p>	Yes, call for nominations was published in April 2023.	<p>A recommendation was submitted and the Executive Authority raised some concerns regarding some of the recommended candidates.</p> <p>Following decision by Cabinet to defer other appointments until after the elections, the EA appointed 2 of the recommended candidates for a period of 12 months.</p>	Given the concerns raised, recommendation set aside.

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NMISA CEO	Position is vacant since 1 September 2023 when the 2 nd term of the previous CEO ended	Yes, the position was advertised by the previous Board	<p>Towards the end of their term in June 2023, the previous Board submitted a recommendation for a candidate to be considered by the previous Minister. Board was not constituted in accordance with the Act at the time of the submission and the matter was referred to the current board when they took office in October 2023. The Board indicated that they would start the process afresh.</p> <p>In September 2024, the Board submitted a recommendation to the Minister.</p>	The matter is still being processed for Minister's attention.
NRCS CEO	Position is vacant since 1 September 2023.	Yes, August 2023.	No recommendation submitted. The calibre of candidates was not satisfactory.	N/A

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SABS Board	<p>Previous Board removed in 2018 and entity placed under Administration. Board appointed in December 2022 for 5 years.</p> <p>Three (3) resignations to-date: one in 2023; another in 2023; and the 3rd one in 2024.</p>	No	Recommendations previously made to replace candidates but process was not finalised/concluded.	N/A
SABS CEO	Post is vacant since resignation of previous CEO in 2018.	No.	On 12 July 2024, the Board submitted 3 recommended candidates for Minister's consideration and concurrence (on one). Minister recommended that a panel be constituted to consider the nominations proposed to Minister The recommendation of the Board is under consideration	The matter is under consideration.

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SACSA	<p>Council not in existence since end of term of previous members on 30 September 2021.</p> <p>Due to urgent matter that required attention, the Council was renewed for 6 months from 1 October 2022 until April 2023</p>	Yes, August 2023.	Process did not proceed beyond shortlisting.	N/A
SEZ Board	The term of the previous Advisory Board ended on 31 March 2020.	Yes, August 2023.	Process did not proceed beyond shortlisting	N/A
SANAS Board	The term of office of all Board members was extended by the previous Minister until 31 May 2025.	Yes, in August 2023.	Given the timing of the recommendation, the previous Minister opted to extend the term of the members to allow the new Minister time to consider the matter and take his decision on the way forward.	N/A

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SANAS CEO	Position has been vacant since the end of term of the previous CEO in June 2020.	Yes, position was advertised by the Board. in 2020 and again in 2023.	The Minister did not concur with the Board on the recommended candidate from 1 st process. Recommendation submitted in August 2023.	N/A Recommendation from 2 nd process not yet responded to. There was a concern raised on the age of the candidate being close to the entity retirement age.
TRP	The previous members' term ended on 30 September 2023.	Yes, August 2023.	2 members were appointed in May 2024 for a period of 12 months. Appointment of other members is currently being considered by the Minister.	Appointment of other members was submitted for consideration by the Minister. Minister recommended that a panel be constituted to consider the nominations proposed to Minister.

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TRP Executive Director	The term of office of previous Executive Director ended 31 December 2023.	No	<p>No recommendation submitted.</p> <p>On 24 March 2023 the Panel wrote a letter to the Minister advising him of the Panel's resolution to re-appoint the previous Executive Director for another 5 years when his term expires on 31 December 2024. No response was received from the previous Minister.</p>	N/A

Questions cont.

Question 5

The timelines for filling the current advertised positions and whether the Minister can provide a guarantee that these posts will be filled?

Response:

The intention is to finalise the selection processes and fill the posts before the end of the current financial year. Filling of posts is subject to suitable candidates being identified through the selection processes.

The department has committed to have posts filled in the next 3 to 5 months.

Question 6

When will vacant positions not advertised be filled?

Response:

The Department has a total of 23 funded vacant posts and the intention is to fill those before the end of the current financial year subject to concurrence from the Minister of Public Service and Administration being obtained to fill the posts.

There are some vacancies within some entities e.g. Deputy Commissioner of CIPC etc that require engagement given that the entities have been operating optimally without them. Once the discussions have been held with all relevant parties and the posts are budgeted for, they will be advertised.

Question 7

Whether any shareholder governance framework is currently being considered/developed that will prevent the Executive delaying appointments for an extended period despite recommendations being submitted to fill the vacancies?

Response:

The Public Service regulations, 2016, as amended, provide that all funded vacant posts be filled within 8 months from becoming vacant. Approval to advertise and fill posts is however subject to concurrence from the Minister of Public Service and Administration and confirmation of funds by National Treasury

As the Ministry in the 7th Administration, we take leadership stability in the Department and the entities very seriously and we have already given our commitment to prioritising the filling of the vacant posts and will also ensure that positions are not left vacant for extended periods without valid reasons.

THANK YOU