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## Key findings

 Table A – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 according to type of expenditure

	Total capita		
Type of expenditure	2006*	2007	% Change
	R mil		
New construction works	47 925	58 066	21,2
Furniture, machinery and equipment	12 963	25 351	95,6
Transport equipment	4 223	5 018	18,8
Land and existing buildings	4 299	4 319	0,5
Other fixed assets	2 408	3 342	38,7
Total capital expenditure by the public sector	71 817	96 096	33,8

\*The figures have been revised

The total actual capital expenditure by the public sector increased by 33,8%, from R71 817 million in 2006 to R96 096 million in 2007.

Actual capital expenditure increased between the period 2006 and 2007 (see Table A above) on construction works (21,2%); on furniture, machinery and equipment (95,6%); on transport equipment (18,8%); on land and existing buildings (0,5%); and on other fixed assets (38,7%).

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## Table B – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 according to type of capital expenditure and type of public-sector institution

Sector/ institution	Expenditu constr wor	uction	Expendi furniture, r and equ	machinery	Expend transport e		Expenditu and ex build		Expend other ass		Total c expen	
	2006	2007	2006*	2007	2006*	2007	2006	2007	2006*	2007	2006*	2007
			·			R mi	llion					
Financial year ending 31 March National government	2 850	2 398	2 405	1 719	1 409	1 556	61	414	474	433	7 199	6 519
Provincial government	10 113	11 806	2 592	2 321	488	547	875	740	69	194	14 137	15 608
Extra-budgetary accounts and funds	1 624	1 311	749	1 049	459	369	231	266	38	193	3 101	3 188
Public corporations	19 746	24 327	5 270	18 157	1 098	1 557	1 595	697	1 634	2 058	29 344	46 796
Financial year ending 30 June Municipalities	13 398	17 715	1 228	1 180	733	935	1 168	1 502	111	308	16 639	21 641
Financial year ending 31 December Higher education	193	510	718	926	35	53	369	701	82	155	1 398	2 344
Total expenditure by the public sector	47 925	58 066	12 963	25 351	4 223	5 018	4 299	4 319	2 408	3 342	71 817	96 096

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Table B shows that public corporations had the largest capital spending on new construction works for both 2006 (R19 746 million) and 2007 (R24 327 million), followed by municipalities and provincial government. These increases were due to additional spending on roads, streets, bridges, non-residential buildings and other construction works by public corporations, municipalities and provincial government.

The public corporations also contributed to the increase in capital spending on furniture, machinery and equipment for both 2006 and 2007. Capital spending on plant and equipment contributed to the overall increase in furniture, machinery and equipment by the public corporations. Spending on furniture, machinery and equipment by the national government decreased from R2 405 million in 2006 to R1 719 million in 2007.

The national government, provincial government, public corporations, municipalities and higher education institutions recorded increases in expenditure on transport equipment from 2006 to 2007. Expenditure on transport equipment by the extra-budgetary accounts and funds decreased from R459 million in 2006 to R369 million in 2007.



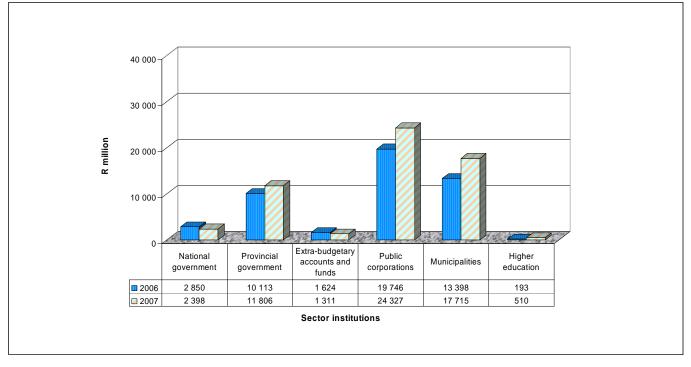
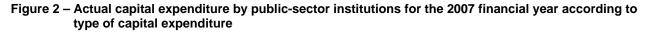
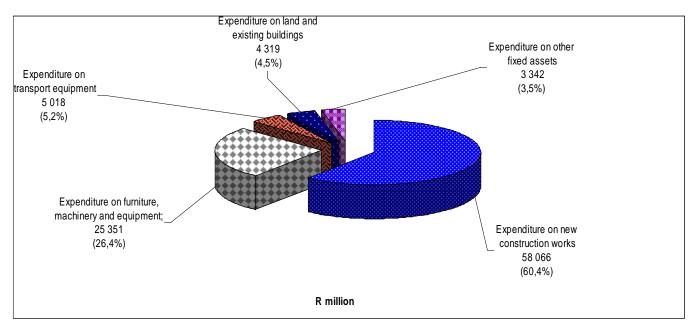


Figure 1 shows that public corporations had the largest capital spending on new construction works for both 2006 and 2007, followed by municipalities and provincial government. These increases were due to additional spending on roads, streets, bridges, non-residential buildings and other construction works by public corporations, municipalities and provincial government.





Expenditure on new construction works contributed 60,4% of the overall capital spending by the public sector followed by expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment (26,4%), expenditure on transport equipment (5,2%), land and existing buildings (4,5%), and other fixed assets (3,5%).

#### **Response rate**

Table C – Scope of the survey: 2007

Public-sector institution	Total number of sector institutions 2006	Total number of sector institutions 2007
National government	34	34
Provincial government	118	120
Municipalities	283	283
Public corporations	25	26
Extra-budgetary accounts and funds	204	208
Higher education	23	23
Total	687	694

- 1. All 694 reporting units in 2007 furnished the required information (100% response rate).
- 2. New institutions included in 2007:
  - 2.1 For provincial government: Gauteng Treasury and Mpumalanga Health services.
  - 2.2 For extra-budgetary account and funds: Small Enterprise Development Agency, South African Social Security Agency, Property Management Trading Entity and Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors.
  - 2.3 For public corporation: Denel.
- 3. The reference year for the survey refers to public-sector institutions which had their financial year ending at any date during the 2007 calendar year. The financial year of the national government, provincial government, public corporations and extra-budgetary accounts and funds starts on 1 April of a year and ends on 31 March of the following year, while the financial year of local government institutions starts on 1 July of a year and ends on 30 June of the following year. The financial year of higher education institutions starts on 1 January of a year and ends on 31 December of the same year. No adjustments or reconciliations are made to the different year-end dates of the different public-sector institutions.

 Table 1 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010

	Actual capital	expenditure	Expected capital expenditure						
Type of expenditure	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010				
		R million							
New construction works									
Residential buildings	1 582	1 242	4 198	4 839	3 801				
Non-residential buildings	6 387	8 444	11 134	13 158	10 311				
Roads, streets and bridges	6 996	8 353	13 908	23 160	22 265				
Sewerage and sanitation	2 191	2 539	3 696	3 268	3 038				
Electricity	1 717	2 006	4 386	4 248	4 159				
Community and social works	787	2 121	5 887	5 147	2 320				
Sport facilities	6	3	15	17	8				
Refuse sites	153	242	339	533	481				
Water	4 041	2 644	7 783	8 567	10 861				
Other construction works	24 066	30 471	21 050	27 050	25 213				
Total capital expenditure on new construction works	47 925	58 066	72 397	89 988	82 458				
Furniture, machinery and equipment									
Furniture and fittings	999	925	381	350	276				
Office equipment	0	358	341	283	340				
Computer equipment	5 378	2 747	1 980	2 943	1 603				
Network equipment	0	5 201	59	121	75				
Emergency equipment	0	158	244	432	12				
Plant and equipment	3 427	12 888	5 224	5 169	5 131				
Rolling stock and containers	0	1 030	1 134	1 293	2 054				
Telecommunications equipment	2 909	476	2	0	0				
Laboratory equipment	249	264	227	220	220				
Councillors' regalia	0	2	0	0	0				
Bins and containers	0	37	16	13	15				
Other furniture, machinery and equipment	0	1 266	6 162	5 533	3 511				
Total capital expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment	12 963	25 351	15 771	16 357	13 238				

\*The figures have been revised

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 Table 1 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010 (concluded)

Type of expenditure	Actual expen		Expected capital expenditure			
	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010	
			R million			
Transport equipment						
Motor vehicles	3 808	3 721	2 684	1 950	1 947	
Specialised vehicles	380	1 184	5 693	6 731	5 512	
Water craft	0	20	7	8	1	
Other transport equipment	35	93	8	20	0	
Total capital expenditure on transport equipment	4 223	5 018	8 391	8 708	7 459	
Land and existing buildings						
Acquisition of land	991	1 239	1 141	1 168	1 310	
Cost of developing land	389	136	2 370	1 718	966	
Acquisition of existing buildings	757	1 034	920	744	1 601	
Major renovations and alterations	2 162	1 911	1 488	1 412	1 363	
Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings	4 299	4 319	5 918	5 041	5 241	
Other fixed assets						
Intangible assets	2 141	3 012	1 585	1 054	1 076	
Heritage assets	263	323	160	178	159	
Cultivated assets	4	7	2	1	1	
Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets	2 408	3 342	1 746	1 233	1 236	
Total capital expenditure by the public sector	71 817	96 096	104 224	121 328	109 632	

# Table 2 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010 on new construction works

	Actual capital	expenditure	Expected capital expenditure					
New construction works	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010			
			R million					
National government								
Residential buildings	161	223	84	74	3			
Non-residential buildings	1 264	1 031	2 460	2 942	3 670			
Roads, streets and bridges	0	0	0	0	0			
Water	117	18	2	369	2 422			
Sewerage and sanitation	96	0	0	0	0			
Other construction works	1 211	1 126	301	120	133			
Total capital expenditure on new construction works	2 850	2 398	2 848	3 505	6 229			
Provincial government								
Residential buildings	943	140	85	113	0			
Non-residential buildings	4 568	6 332	7 188	7 924	4 938			
Roads, streets and bridges	3 551	4 769	5 985	6 629	4 009			
Water	34	1	0	0	0			
Sewerage and sanitation	530	0	0	0	0			
Other construction works	486	564	362	478	305			
Total capital expenditure on new construction works	10 113	11 806	13 620	15 143	9 251			
Extra-budgetary accounts and funds								
Residential buildings	7	28	60	13	3			
Non-residential buildings	109	194	76	270	27			
Roads, streets and bridges	486	1 071	2 250	9 845	12 743			
Water	976	0	1 338	1 617	2 503			
Sewerage and sanitation	0	0	0	0	0			
Other construction works	46	16	1	7	8			
Total capital expenditure on new construction works	1 624	1 311	3 726	11 753	15 284			

# Table 2 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010 on new construction works (concluded)

	Actual c expend		Expected capital expenditure			
New construction works	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010	
			R million			
Municipalities						
Residential buildings	380	718	3 931	4 611	3 763	
Non-residential buildings	271	430	470	649	505	
Roads, streets and bridges	2 953	2 511	5 672	6 686	5 513	
Community and social works	787	2 121	5 887	5 147	2 320	
Electricity	1 717	2 006	4 386	4 248	4 159	
Water	2 915	2 625	6 443	6 581	5 935	
Sewerage and sanitation	1 564	2 539	3 696	3 268	3 038	
Refuse sites	153	242	339	533	481	
Other construction works	2 659	4 523	3 313	4 083	2 108	
Total capital expenditure on new construction works	13 398	17 715	34 137	35 807	27 822	
Public corporations						
Residential buildings	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-residential buildings	84	161	381	664	847	
Roads, streets and bridges	5	2	1	0	0	
Other construction works	19 657	24 164	16 977	22 302	22 572	
Total capital expenditure on new construction works	19 746	24 327	17 360	22 965	23 420	
Higher education						
Residential buildings	91	133	38	28	32	
Non-residential buildings	90	296	558	710	325	
Sport facilities	6	3	15	17	8	
Other construction works	7	78	96	61	87	
Total capital expenditure on new construction works	193	510	707	816	452	

Table 3 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010 on furniture, machinery and equipment

	Actual capita	l expenditure	Expecte	ed capital exp	enditure		
Furniture, machinery and equipment	2006*	2007	2008*	2009*	2010		
			R million				
National government							
Furniture and fittings	209	181	11	8	10		
Office equipment	0	10	9	8	10		
Computer equipment	661	763	545	383	419		
Emergency equipment	0	2	2	2	2		
Plant and equipment	1 535	425	461	447	517		
Other	0	337	15	5	6		
Total capital expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment	2 405	1 719	1 043	853	963		
Provincial government							
Furniture and fittings	302	202	109	110	53		
Office equipment	0	70	46	49	36		
Computer equipment	709	509	695	1 720	578		
Emergency equipment	0	17	216	408	4		
Plant and equipment	1 581	964	1 696	1 663	1 837		
Other	0	560	477	646	528		
Total capital expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment	2 592	2 321	3 238	4 595	3 036		
Extra-budgetary accounts and funds							
Furniture and fittings	126	150	73	58	59		
Office equipment	0	43	31	33	36		
Computer equipment	312	262	280	329	254		
Emergency equipment	0	0	0	0	0		
Plant and equipment	311	489	552	916	788		
Other	0	105	330	266	266		
Total capital expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment	749	1 049	1 266	1 602	1 404		

Table 3 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010 on furniture, machinery and equipment (concluded)

Euroiture, machinery and equipment	Actual expen	capital diture	Expecte	d capital expe	nditure
Furniture, machinery and equipment	2006*	2007	2008*	2009*	2010
			R million		
Municipalities					
Furniture and fittings	179	175	65	29	26
Office equipment	0	112	204	145	148
Computer equipment	1 049	253	171	163	76
Councillors' regalia	0	2	0	0	0
Bins and containers	0	37	16	13	15
Plant and equipment	0	463	1 836	1 700	1 613
Emergency equipment	0	139	26	22	6
Total capital expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment	1 228	1 180	2 318	2 073	1 884
Public corporations					
Furniture and fittings	35	23	45	66	53
Office equipment	0	74	30	28	30
Computer equipment	2 326	679	71	144	69
Network equipment	0	5 201	59	121	75
Plant and equipment	0	10 548	679	443	377
Rolling stock and containers	0	1 030	1 134	1 293	2 054
Telecommunications equipment	2 909	476	2	0	0
Other	0	126	5 257	4 546	2 646
Total capital expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment	5 270	18 157	7 277	6 641	5 303
Higher education					
Furniture and fittings	148	194	80	79	76
Office equipment	0	47	21	20	81
Computer equipment	322	282	219	205	205
Laboratory equipment	249	264	227	220	220
Other	0	138	84	70	66
Total capital expenditure on furniture, machinery and equipment	718	926	630	594	648

Table 4 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010 on transport equipment

	Actual expen	capital diture	Expected capital expenditure		
Transport equipment	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010
			R million		
National government					
Motor vehicles	1 409	1 507	1 287	1 391	1 459
Specialised vehicles	0	49	0	1	0
Water craft	0	0	0	0	0
Total capital expenditure on transport equipment	1 409	1 556	1 287	1 392	1 459
Provincial government					
Motor vehicles	488	370	131	145	104
Specialised vehicles	0	177	188	187	247
Water craft	0	0	0	0	0
Total capital expenditure on transport equipment	488	547	319	332	351
Extra-budgetary accounts and funds					
Motor vehicles	365	338	120	172	172
Specialised vehicles	94	11	20	12	12
Water craft	0	20	1	1	1
Total capital expenditure on transport equipment	459	369	140	185	185
Municipalities					
Motor vehicles	645	584	266	167	128
Specialised vehicles	88	351	324	265	219
Water craft	0	0	6	8	0
Total capital expenditure on transport equipment	733	935	597	439	347
Public corporations					
Motor vehicles	900	868	844	41	57
Specialised vehicles	198	596	5 162	6 266	5 033
Other	0	93	8	20	0
Total capital expenditure on transport equipment	1 098	1 557	6 013	6 326	5 090
Higher education					
Motor vehicles	0	53	36	34	27
Other	35	0	0	0	0
Total capital expenditure on transport equipment	35	53	36	34	27

# Table 5 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending 2008, 2009 and 2010 on land andexisting buildings

		capital diture	Expec	penditure		
Land and existing buildings	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010	
	R million					
National government						
Acquisition of land	0	340	839	853	991	
Cost of developing land	0	0	0	0	0	
Acquisition of existing buildings	1	49	75	112	252	
Major renovations and alterations	60	25	36	23	21	
Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings	61	414	950	988	1 264	
Provincial government						
Acquisition of land	183	38	4	4	4	
Cost of developing land	43	34	115	129	140	
Acquisition of existing buildings	10	355	265	263	1 173	
Major renovations and alterations	640	313	343	540	607	
Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings	875	740	727	936	1 925	
Extra-budgetary accounts and funds						
Acquisition of land	38	37	23	0	0	
Cost of developing land	10	25		0	0	
Acquisition of existing buildings	101	123	88	132	89	
Major renovations and alterations	82	82	30	94	182	
Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings	231	266	141	225	271	

# Table 5 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending 2008, 2009 and 2010 on land and existing buildings (concluded)

	Actual expen		Expected capital expenditure		
Land and existing buildings	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010
	R million				
Municipalities					
Acquisition of land	214	558	256	154	155
Cost of developing land	168	21	35	61	14
Acquisition of existing buildings	234	420	297	216	45
Major renovations and alterations	552	504	764	531	392
Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings	1 168	1 502	1 352	961	607
Public corporations					
Acquisition of land	544	267	19	157	160
Cost of developing land	164	56	2 220	1 528	812
Acquisition of existing buildings	382	3	1	1	1
Major renovations and alterations	506	371	17	16	17
Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings	1 595	697	2 256	1 702	989
Higher education					
Acquisition of land	13	0	0	0	0
Cost of developing land 4 0 0		0	0		
Acquisition of existing buildings	30	84	194 21		41
Major renovations and alterations	ajor renovations and alterations 321 617 298 208			144	
Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings	369	701	493	229	185

# Table 6 - Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2006 and 2007 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2008, 2009 and 2010 on other fixed assets

		Actual capital expenditure		Expected capital expenditure		
Other fixed assets	2006	2007	2008*	2009*	2010	
	R million					
National government						
Intangible assets	287	232	152	171	403	
Heritage assets	186	201	0	0	0	
Cultivated assets	0	1	1	1	1	
Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets	474	433	153	171	403	
Provincial government						
Intangible assets	66	186	44	48	41	
Heritage assets	2	4	0	0	0	
Cultivated assets	1	4	1	0	0	
Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets	69	194	45	48	41	
Extra-budgetary accounts and funds						
Intangible assets	36	192	140	225	139	
Heritage assets	2	2	4	1	1	
Cultivated assets	0	0	0	0	0	
Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets	38	193	143	226	140	
Municipalities						
Intangible assets	83	243	156	125	101	
Heritage assets	25	64	78	92	66	
Cultivated assets	3	2	0	0	0	
Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets	111	308	233	217	168	
Public corporations						
Intangible assets	1 633	2 058	1 002	382	303	
Heritage assets	2	0	0	0	0	
Cultivated assets	0	0	0	0	0	
Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets	1 634	2 058	1 002	382	303	
Higher education						
Intangible assets	37	102	91	104	89	
Heritage assets	46	53	78	85	92	
Cultivated assets	0	0	0	0	0	
Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets	82	155	169	189	182	

Introduction	1	This publication contains results of the survey of actual and expected capital expenditure by the public sector. The information in this publication reflects only the aggregates of the institutions which responded to the survey. Estimates in respect of expected capital expenditure for 2008, 2009 and 2010 should be regarded as preliminary and may be revised. Unit data are available for each institution for 2006 and 2007 on Statistics SA's website except for the public corporations. Estimates for 2006 and 2007 capital expenditure by the public sector are generally comparable.		
Scope of the survey	2	This survey covers the actual capital expenditure for the reporting year and estimates of capital expenditure for the three following years. The survey covers 34 national government departments, 120 provincial government departments, 283 local government institutions, 26 public corporations, 23 higher education institutions and 208 extrabudgetary accounts and funds.		
Purpose of the survey of capital expenditure	3	The Survey of actual and expected capital expenditure is an annual survey covering the public sector in South Africa. The results of this survey are used to furnish the private and public sectors with vital new capital works information. The report contains preliminary results for 2007. Unit data for those institutions referred to in the scope are available on the Stats SA website.		
Statistical unit	4	The statistical unit for the collection of information is the public-sector institution, which includes the 34 national government departments, 120 provincial government departments, 283 municipalities, 26 public corporations, 23 higher education institutions and 208 extrabudgetary accounts and funds.		
Survey methodology and design	5	The survey is collected annually, by mail, from public-sector institutions. The number of institutions varies from year to year due to amalgamations, terminations as well as new units being created.		
Related publications	6	<ul> <li>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA:</li> <li>P0441 - Gross Domestic Product</li> <li>P9102 - Financial statistics of the extra-budgetary accounts and funds</li> <li>P9103 - Financial statistics of higher education institutions</li> <li>P9114 - Financial census of municipalities</li> <li>P9119.4 - Financial statistics of consolidated general government</li> <li>P9119.3 - Financial statistics of provincial government</li> <li>P9121 - Financial statistics of provincial government</li> </ul>		
Revisions	7	Respondents may revise their previously furnished data.		
Classification	8	The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), <i>Fifth edition, Report No. 09-90-02,</i> was used to classify the statistical units in this survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of all <i>Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions. A further source used for the purposes of economic and functional classification of the finances of the general government sector was based on the IMF manual of Government Finance Statistics (GFS), 1986.		
Rounding-off of figures	9	Discrepancies may occur between the sum of the component items and totals where figures have been rounded off.		
Symbols and Abbreviations	10	GFSGovernment Finance StatisticsIMFInternational Monetary FundISICInternational Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic ActivitiesNPINon-Profit InstitutionsSICStandard Industrial ClassificationStats SAStatistics South Africa0Figures not available		

## Explanatory notes

Glossary	
Capital expenditure	Capital expenditure refers to any expenditure incurred in or incidental to the acquisition or improvement of land, buildings, engineering structures and machinery and equipment. The expenditure normally confers a lasting benefit and results in the acquisition of, or extends the life period of, a fixed asset.
	Capital expenditure includes spending on vehicles, office furniture and equipment, but excludes minor items that are generally regarded as being expendable even though in some instances their useful lives may extend beyond one year.
	Military weapons systems (e.g. ships and aircraft) are treated as current expenditure consistent with the UN System of National Accounts 1993 and the 2001 IMF's Government Financial Statistics. Expenditure on these items is therefore excluded in this publication.
Capital expenditure on new construction works	Capital expenditure on new construction is regarded as capital expenditure on new assets as well as capital expenditure on existing assets which leads to improvements of assets. New construction works consist of -
	<ul> <li>fees payable to architects, engineers and other professional firms;</li> <li>renovations of existing constructions;</li> <li>expenditure on works under construction; and</li> <li>expenditure on improvements.</li> </ul>
Community assets	Community assets are the physical, economic and social attributes of a community that make community life healthy, safe and enjoyable. Community assets consist of the following:
	<ul> <li>parks and gardens</li> <li>libraries</li> <li>recreation centres</li> <li>civic buildings</li> <li>clinics and hospitals</li> <li>office buildings</li> <li>cemeteries</li> <li>other</li> </ul>
District municipality	District municipality means a municipality that has the municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (district municipality). (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, (Act No.117 of 1998)).
Local government	A local government is a distinct and constitutionally defined sphere of government, pertaining to government that is not national or provincial in nature and is manifested in the form of municipalities. It is a generic term referring to municipalities and local municipalities of varied nature and type involved in activities of a governmental nature in the local sphere.
Local government institutions	Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Local municipality	Local municipality refers to municipalities that share municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, that is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category B municipality.
Metropolitan municipality	Metropolitan municipality means a municipality that has the municipal executive and legislative authority in its area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (metropolitan municipality). (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, (Act No.117 of 1998).)

Network equipment	Consists of two or more computers that are linked in order to share resources (such as printers and CD-ROMs), exchange files, or allow electronic communications. The computers on a network may be linked through cables, telephone lines, radio waves, satellites, or infrared light beams.
Non-residential buildings	Non-residential buildings are buildings other than residential buildings and include
	<ul> <li>clinics;</li> <li>hospitals;</li> <li>lecture rooms;</li> <li>libraries;</li> <li>offices;</li> <li>prisons;</li> <li>restaurants;</li> <li>schools;</li> <li>shops; and</li> <li>workshops.</li> </ul>
Other constructions	Other constructions include
	<ul> <li>afforestation;</li> <li>airports;</li> <li>civil engineering works;</li> <li>development of plantations;</li> <li>electricity projects;</li> <li>mining development;</li> <li>oil exploration;</li> <li>railways and harbours; and</li> <li>the development of land.</li> </ul>
Other fixed assets	Other fixed assets include
	• Cultivated assets Cultivated assets are livestock for breeding (including fish and poultry), dairy, draught, etc. and vineyards, orchards and other plantations of trees yielding repeat products that are under the direct control, responsibility and management of institutional units.
	Heritage assets
	Property, plant and equipment of historical, cultural, artistic or educational significance.
	Intangible assets
	<ul> <li>Intangible assets refer to assets that cannot be touched, weighed or physically measured and include:</li> <li>mineral exploration;</li> <li>computer software; and</li> <li>patent, copyright, brand names and trademarks.</li> </ul>
Public corporations	Public corporations comprise public non-financial corporations and public financial corporations.
	Public non-financial corporations consist of residential non-financial corporations and quasi-corporations that are subject to control by government units and which sell industrial or commercial goods and services to the public on a large scale. Public non-financial corporations in South Africa include all corporations, quasi-corporations, and non-profit institutions (NPIs) principally engaged in financial intermediation or in auxiliary financial activities closely related to financial intermediation.

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- **Reference year** The reference year for the survey refers to public-sector institutions which had their financial year ending at any date during the 2007 calendar year. The financial year of the national government, provincial government, public corporations and extra-budgetary accounts and funds starts on 1 April of a year and ends on 31 March of the following year, while the financial year of local government institutions starts on 1 July of a year and ends on 30 June of the following year. The financial year of higher education institutions starts on 1 January of a year and ends on 31 December of the same year. No adjustments or reconciliations are made to the different year-end dates of the different public-sector institutions.
- **Residential buildings** Residential buildings are buildings that are used entirely or primarily by residents and include
  - dwelling houses;
  - flats;
  - holiday chalets;
  - hostels;
  - houses;
  - institutions for the disabled;
  - motels;
  - nursing homes;
  - old age homes; and
  - townhouses.

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