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**Key findings**

**Table A – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 according to type of expenditure**

| Type of expenditure                   | Total capital expenditure |                | Difference    |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                       | 2011*                     | 2012           |               |
| R million                             |                           |                |               |
| New construction works                | 132 623                   | 137 243        | 4 620         |
| Plant, machinery and equipment        | 24 730                    | 38 302         | 13 572        |
| Transport equipment                   | 5 052                     | 7 063          | 2 011         |
| Land and existing buildings           | 14 923                    | 15 393         | 470           |
| Other fixed assets                    | 2 837                     | 3 187          | 350           |
| Leased assets and investment property | 865                       | 999            | 134           |
| <b>Total capital expenditure</b>      | <b>181 030</b>            | <b>202 187</b> | <b>21 157</b> |

\* Some figures have been revised

The total actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions increased by R21 157 million from R181 030 million in 2011 to R202 187 million in 2012.

Actual capital expenditure increased on plant, machinery and equipment (R13 572 million), new construction works (R4 620 million), transport equipment (R2 011 million), land and existing buildings (R470 million), other fixed assets (R350 million) and on leased assets and investment property (R134 million).

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**Table B – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 according to type of capital expenditure and type of public-sector institution**

| Institutions  | Capital expenditure on new construction works |                | Capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment |               | Capital expenditure on transport equipment |              | Capital expenditure on land and existing buildings |               | Capital expenditure on other fixed assets |              | Capital expenditure on leased assets and investment property |            | Total capital expenditure |                |
|---|---|----------------|---|---------------|--|--------------|--|---------------|---|--------------|--|------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|   | 2011*   | 2012           | 2011*   | 2012          | 2011*                                      | 2012         | 2011*  | 2012          | 2011*                                     | 2012         | 2011*  | 2012       | 2011*                     | 2012           |
|   | R million                                     |                |   |               |  |              |  |               |   |              |  |            |                           |                |
| National Government<br>Financial year ended 31 March                | 1 576   | 2 673          | 2 548   | 2 711         | 2 102                                      | 2 275        | 4 789  | 3 814         | 256                                       | 478          | 0  | 0          | 11 271                    | 11 951         |
| Provincial Government<br>Financial year ended 31 March              | 15 054  | 18 453         | 2 194   | 3 099         | 738  | 1 386        | 3 446  | 4 314         | 110                                       | 111          | 0  | 1          | 21 542                    | 27 364         |
| Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds<br>Financial year ended 31 March | 14 065  | 4 336          | 1 578   | 1 229         | 727  | 607          | 285  | 199           | 621                                       | 524          | 247  | 105        | 17 523                    | 7 000          |
| Municipalities<br>Financial year ended 30 June                      | 27 748  | 31 440         | 3 104   | 3 917         | 965  | 1 537        | 1 709  | 2 579         | 542                                       | 418          | 456  | 755        | 34 524                    | 40 646         |
| Public Corporations<br>Financial year ended 31 March                | 73 540  | 79 957         | 13 705  | 25 845        | 462  | 1 219        | 1 706  | 1 912         | 978                                       | 1 323        | 158  | 138        | 90 549                    | 110 394        |
| Higher Education Institutions<br>Financial year ended 31 December   | 640   | 384            | 1 601   | 1 501         | 58   | 39           | 2 988  | 2 575         | 330                                       | 333          | 4  | 0          | 5 621                     | 4 832          |
| <b>Total expenditure by the public sector</b>                       | <b>132 623</b>                                | <b>137 243</b> | <b>24 730</b>   | <b>38 302</b> | <b>5 052</b>                               | <b>7 063</b> | <b>14 923</b>                                      | <b>15 393</b> | <b>2 837</b>                              | <b>3 187</b> | <b>865</b>   | <b>999</b> | <b>181 030</b>            | <b>202 187</b> |

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Table B shows that public corporations contributed the largest proportion to the total capital expenditure by public-sector institutions in 2012 (R110 394 million), followed by municipalities (R40 646 million), provincial government (R27 364 million), national government (R11 951 million), extra-budgetary accounts and funds (R7 000 million) and higher education (R4 832 million).

**Figure 1 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial year ended 2012 (R million)**

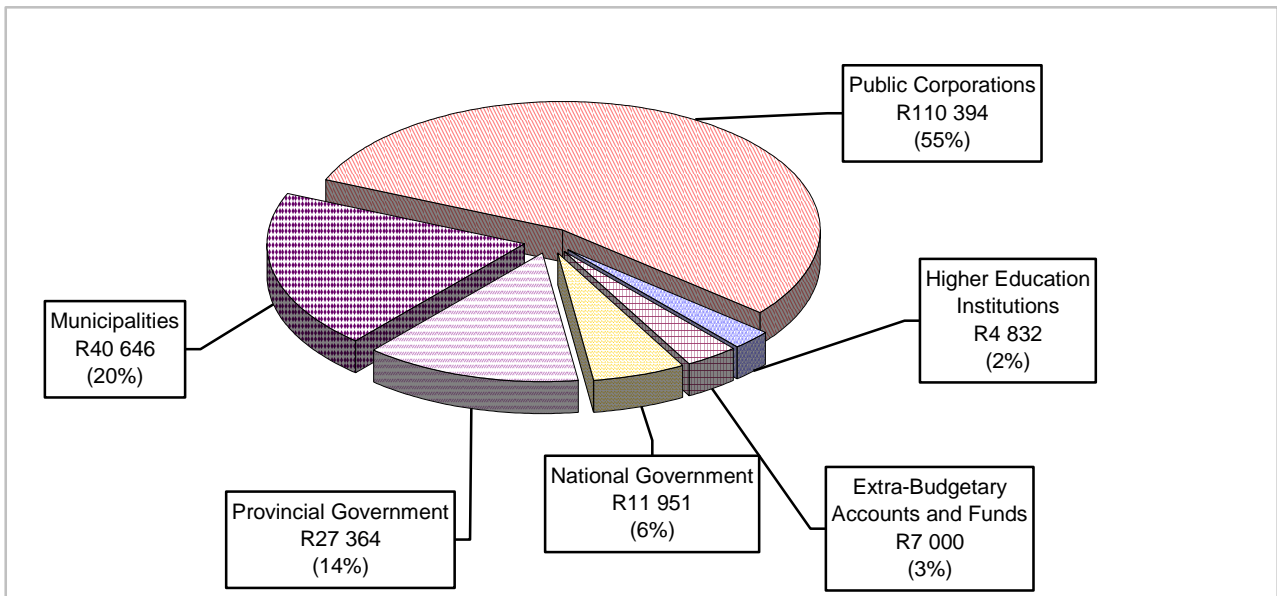
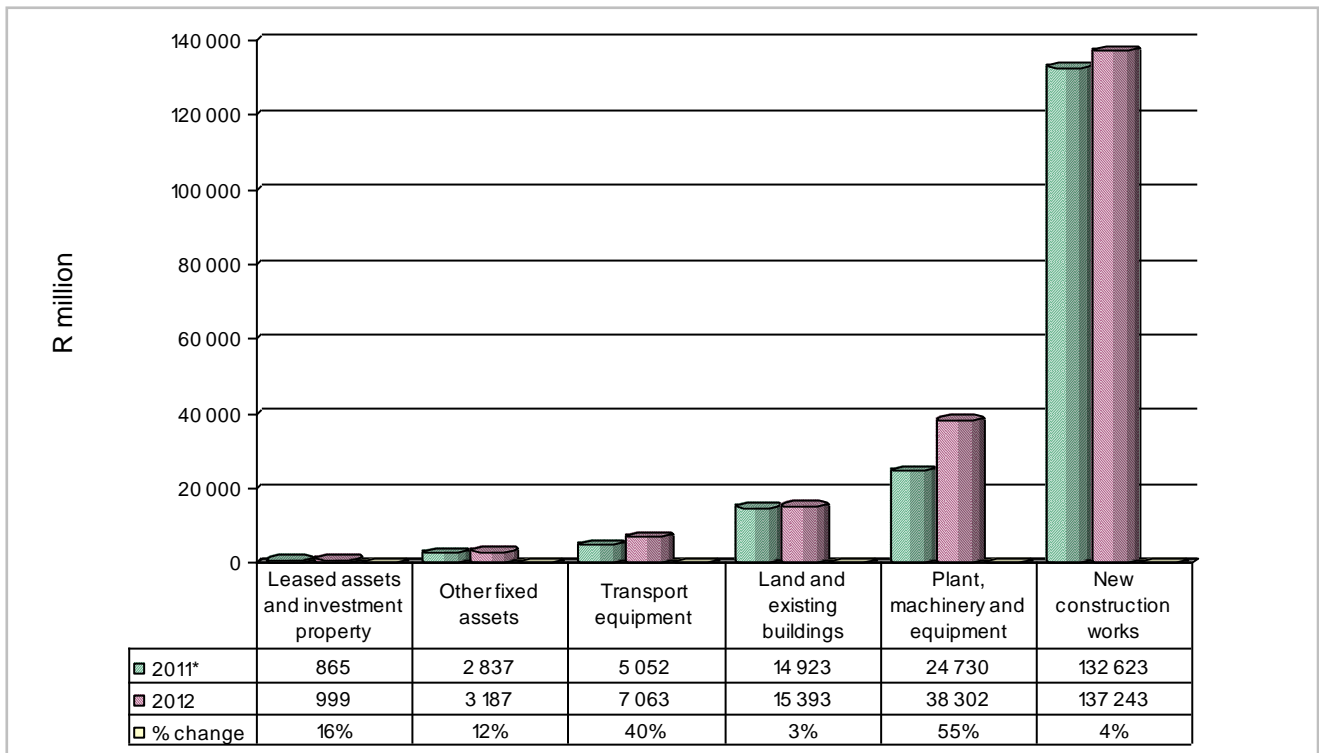


Figure 1 above shows the proportions of capital expenditure by public-sector institutions. Public Corporations reported the largest share of capital expenditure (55%), followed by municipalities (20%), provincial government (14%), national government (6%) extra-budgetary accounts and funds (3%) and higher education institutions (2%).

**Figure 2 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions reported for 2011\* and 2012 financial years according to type of capital expenditure (R million)**



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Figure 2 above shows that capital expenditure increased on plant, machinery and equipment (55%), transport equipment (40%), leased assets and investment property (16%), 'other' fixed assets (12%), new construction works (4%) and land and existing buildings (3%).

**Response rate**

**Table A – Scope of the survey: 2012**

| Public-sector institution          | Total number of institutions 2011 | Total number of institutions 2012 | Total number of responses received 2012 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| National Government                | 39                                | 40                                | 40                                      |
| Provincial Government              | 121                               | 121                               | 121                                     |
| Municipalities                     | 283                               | 278                               | 278                                     |
| Public Corporations                | 32                                | 52                                | 52                                      |
| Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds | 221                               | 213                               | 213                                     |
| Higher Education Institutions      | 23                                | 23                                | 23                                      |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>719</b>                        | <b>727</b>                        | <b>727</b>                              |

1. The response rate was 100% for actual expenditure. The response rate for expected capital expenditure of the public-sector institutions for 2013, 2014 and 2015 was 83,4% compared with 76,1% in the preceding survey.
2. New institutions included in 2012 scope:
  - 2.1. National Government
    - 2.1.1. The National Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
  - 2.2. Public Corporations
    - 2.2.1. South African National Road Agency Limited (*reclassified*)
    - 2.2.2. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (*reclassified*)
    - 2.2.3. National Empowerment Fund (*reclassified*)
    - 2.2.4. South African Bureau of Standards (*reclassified*)
    - 2.2.5. Amatola Water
    - 2.2.6. Bloem Water
    - 2.2.7. Bushbuckridge Water
    - 2.2.8. Coega Development Corporation
    - 2.2.9. Broadband Infracore Pty Ltd
    - 2.2.10. Lepelle Northern Water
    - 2.2.11. Magalies Water
    - 2.2.12. Mhlathuze Water
    - 2.2.13. Onderstepoort Biological Products
    - 2.2.14. Overberg Water
    - 2.2.15. Pelchem
    - 2.2.16. Pelladriest Water Board
    - 2.2.17. Public Investment Commissioners
    - 2.2.18. Sedibeng Water
    - 2.2.19. Sentech Ltd
    - 2.2.20. Umgeni Water
  - 2.3. Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds
    - 2.3.1. Academy of Science South Africa
    - 2.3.2. KZN Agricultural Development Agency
    - 2.3.3. Fibre Processing and Manufacturing SETA
    - 2.3.4. South African National Space Agency
    - 2.3.5. The Social Housing Regulatory Authority

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3. Reclassified institutions
    - 3.1. Reclassified into Public Corporations
      - 3.1.1. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
      - 3.1.2. National Empowerment Fund
      - 3.1.3. South African Bureau of Standards
      - 3.1.4. South African National Road Agency Limited
    - 3.2. Reclassified into Extra-Budgetaries
      - 3.2.1. Armscor
  4. Discontinued and amalgamated institutions
    - 4.1. Extra-Budgetaries
      - 4.1.1. Institute for Public Finance and Auditing
      - 4.1.2. Phakisa Sports Events and Development Corporation
      - 4.1.3. Clothing, Textile, Footwear SETA
      - 4.1.4. FIETA
      - 4.1.5. Eastern Cape Parks Board
      - 4.1.6. Eastern Cape Tourism Board
      - 4.1.7. Fund for Research into Industrial Development Growth and Equality
      - 4.1.8. Mappp
      - 4.1.9. SEDA Development Programme
      - 4.1.10. Vorentoe High School
    - 4.2. Municipalities
      - 4.2.1. Motheo District Municipality was abolished
      - 4.2.2. Kagisano and Molopo were amalgamated
      - 4.2.3. Metsweding DM, Nokeng tsa Taemane LM and Kungwini LM were incorporated in Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality

The reference year for this survey refers to the financial year ended at any date during the 2012 calendar year. The financial year of 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 institutions.

**Table 1 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015**

| Type of expenditure  | Actual capital expenditure |                | Expected capital expenditure |                |                |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 2011*                      | 2012           | 2013*                        | 2014*          | 2015           |
|  | R million                  |                |                              |                |                |
| New construction works   |                            |                |                              |                |                |
| Residential buildings  | 895                        | 1 543          | 2 789                        | 2 775          | 3 831          |
| Non-residential buildings  | 6 492                      | 7 426          | 7 557                        | 8 292          | 8 023          |
| Roads, streets and bridges   | 5 868                      | 14 482         | 22 645                       | 23 391         | 21 716         |
| Sewerage and sanitation  | 2 099                      | 1 866          | 6 636                        | 8 352          | 8 919          |
| Electricity  | 2 889                      | 3 617          | 6 033                        | 8 108          | 8 614          |
| Community and social works   | 1 581                      | 1 875          | 3 607                        | 3 275          | 3 049          |
| Sport facilities   | 0                          | 0              | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
| Refuse sites   | 273                        | 543            | 708                          | 608            | 550            |
| Water  | 5 759                      | 4 207          | 10 543                       | 11 432         | 12 289         |
| Other new construction works                                       | 106 767                    | 101 684        | 83 950                       | 93 510         | 95 975         |
| <b>Total capital expenditure on new construction works</b>         | <b>132 623</b>             | <b>137 243</b> | <b>144 468</b>               | <b>159 743</b> | <b>162 966</b> |
| Plant, machinery and equipment                                     |                            |                |                              |                |                |
| Furniture and fittings   | 2 022                      | 1 823          | 144                          | 127            | 84             |
| Office equipment   | 323                        | 440            | 194                          | 336            | 394            |
| Computer equipment   | 2 791                      | 3 364          | 1 339                        | 2 039          | 1 413          |
| Network equipment  | 1 947                      | 2 537          | 9                            | 11             | 11             |
| Emergency equipment  | 31                         | 13             | 5                            | 2              | 2              |
| Plant and equipment  | 10 442                     | 20 858         | 1 027                        | 997            | 950            |
| Rolling stock and containers                                       | 99                         | 747            | 22                           | 21             | 0              |
| Telecommunications equipment                                       | 47                         | 153            | 170                          | 237            | 50             |
| Laboratory equipment   | 147                        | 94             | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
| Councillors' regalia   | 8                          | 0              | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
| Bins and containers  | 30                         | 17             | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
| Other plant, machinery and equipment                               | 6 843                      | 8 256          | 13 437                       | 12 553         | 12 689         |
| <b>Total capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment</b> | <b>24 730</b>              | <b>38 302</b>  | <b>16 347</b>                | <b>16 323</b>  | <b>15 593</b>  |

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**Table 1– Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 (concluded)**

| Type of expenditure   | Actual capital expenditure |                | Expected capital expenditure |                |                |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | 2011*                      | 2012           | 2013*                        | 2014*          | 2015           |
|   | R million                  |                |                              |                |                |
| Transport equipment   |                            |                |                              |                |                |
| Motor vehicles  | 4 469                      | 6 023          | 880                          | 611            | 418            |
| Specialised vehicles  | 583                        | 1 036          | 964                          | 764            | 504            |
| Water craft   | 0                          | 4              | 0                            | 4              | 3              |
| Other transport equipment   | 0                          | 0              | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Total capital expenditure on transport equipment</b>                   | <b>5 052</b>               | <b>7 063</b>   | <b>1 844</b>                 | <b>1 379</b>   | <b>925</b>     |
| Land and existing buildings   |                            |                |                              |                |                |
| Acquisitions of land  | 1 888                      | 2 543          | 990                          | 1 120          | 1 279          |
| Cost of developing land   | 2 210                      | 1 389          | 297                          | 1 523          | 1 621          |
| Acquisitions of existing buildings  | 6 693                      | 8 812          | 14 768                       | 18 755         | 19 234         |
| Major renovations and alterations   | 4 132                      | 2 649          | 2 942                        | 2 786          | 3 664          |
| <b>Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings</b>           | <b>14 923</b>              | <b>15 393</b>  | <b>18 997</b>                | <b>24 184</b>  | <b>25 798</b>  |
| Other fixed assets  |                            |                |                              |                |                |
| Intangible assets   | 2 528                      | 2 891          | 1 920                        | 1 358          | 1 314          |
| Heritage assets   | 286                        | 263            | 37                           | 12             | 41             |
| Cultivated assets   | 23                         | 33             | 9                            | 9              | 12             |
| <b>Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets</b>                    | <b>2 837</b>               | <b>3 187</b>   | <b>1 966</b>                 | <b>1 379</b>   | <b>1 367</b>   |
| Leased assets   | 542                        | 375            | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
| Investment property   | 323                        | 624            | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Total capital expenditure on leased assets and investment property</b> | <b>865</b>                 | <b>999</b>     | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Total capital expenditure by the public sector</b>                     | <b>181 030</b>             | <b>202 187</b> | <b>183 622</b>               | <b>203 008</b> | <b>206 649</b> |

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**Table 2 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on new construction works**

| New construction works by public sector   |  | Actual capital expenditure |               | Expected capital expenditure |               |               |
|---|--|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   |  | 2011*                      | 2012          | 2013*                        | 2014*         | 2015          |
|   |  | R million                  |               |                              |               |               |
| <b>National Government</b>                | Residential buildings                                      | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Non-residential buildings                                  | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Roads, streets and bridges                                 | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Sewerage and sanitation                                    | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Water  | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Other new construction works                               | 1 576                      | 2 673         | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on new construction works</b> | <b>1 576</b>               | <b>2 673</b>  | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Provincial Government</b>              | Residential buildings                                      | 811                        | 1 100         | 1 111                        | 1 348         | 1 424         |
|   | Non-residential buildings                                  | 5 875                      | 7 098         | 7 505                        | 7 944         | 7 984         |
|   | Roads, streets and bridges                                 | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Sewerage and sanitation                                    | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Water  | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Other new construction works                               | 8 368                      | 10 255        | 9 553                        | 9 550         | 10 420        |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on new construction works</b> | <b>15 054</b>              | <b>18 453</b> | <b>18 169</b>                | <b>18 842</b> | <b>19 828</b> |
| <b>Extra-budgetary Accounts and Funds</b> | Residential buildings                                      | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Non-residential buildings                                  | 130                        | 1             | 20                           | 11            | 11            |
|   | Roads, streets and bridges                                 | 62                         | 1 014         | 805                          | 599           | 493           |
|   | Sewerage and sanitation                                    | 0                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Water  | 0                          | 12            | 10                           | 0             | 20            |
|   | Other new construction works                               | 13 873                     | 3 309         | 2 670                        | 4 608         | 4 869         |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on new construction works</b> | <b>14 065</b>              | <b>4 336</b>  | <b>3 505</b>                 | <b>5 218</b>  | <b>5 393</b>  |

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**Table 2 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on new construction works (concluded)**

| New construction works by public sector                                |  | Actual capital expenditure |                | Expected capital expenditure |                |                |
|--|--|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|  |  | 2011*                      | 2012           | 2013*                        | 2014*          | 2015           |
|  |  | R million                  |                |                              |                |                |
| <b>Municipalities</b>  | Residential buildings                                      | 83                         | 360            | 1 390                        | 1 343          | 2 243          |
|  | Non-residential buildings                                  | 194                        | 131            | 32                           | 0              | 0              |
|  | Roads, streets and bridges                                 | 5 623                      | 5 739          | 12 394                       | 11 885         | 11 197         |
|  | Sewerage and sanitation                                    | 2 099                      | 1 866          | 6 636                        | 8 352          | 8 919          |
|  | Electricity  | 2 889                      | 3 617          | 6 033                        | 8 108          | 8 614          |
|  | Community and social works                                 | 1 581                      | 1 875          | 3 607                        | 3 275          | 3 049          |
|  | Refuse sites   | 273                        | 543            | 708                          | 608            | 550            |
|  | Water  | 5 759                      | 4 195          | 10 533                       | 11 432         | 12 269         |
|  | Other new construction works                               | 9 247                      | 13 114         | 2 690                        | 3 093          | 3 097          |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on new construction works</b> | <b>27 748</b>              | <b>31 440</b>  | <b>44 023</b>                | <b>48 096</b>  | <b>49 938</b>  |
| <b>Public Corporations</b>   | Residential buildings                                      | 0                          | 83             | 288                          | 84             | 164            |
|  | Non-residential buildings                                  | 0                          | 0              | 0                            | 337            | 28             |
|  | Roads, streets and bridges                                 | 183                        | 7 729          | 9 446                        | 10 907         | 10 026         |
|  | Other new construction works                               | 73 357                     | 72 145         | 69 037                       | 76 259         | 77 589         |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on new construction works</b> | <b>73 540</b>              | <b>79 957</b>  | <b>78 771</b>                | <b>87 587</b>  | <b>87 807</b>  |
| <b>Higher Education Institutions</b>                                   | Residential buildings                                      | 1                          | 0              | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
|  | Non-residential buildings                                  | 293                        | 196            | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
|  | Sport facilities   | 0                          | 0              | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
|  | Other new construction works                               | 346                        | 188            | 0                            | 0              | 0              |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on new construction works</b> | <b>640</b>                 | <b>384</b>     | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Total for new construction works for public-sector institutions</b> |  | <b>132 623</b>             | <b>137 243</b> | <b>144 468</b>               | <b>159 743</b> | <b>162 966</b> |

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**Table 3 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on plant, machinery and equipment**

| Plant, machinery and equipment by public sector |  | Actual capital expenditure |              | Expected capital expenditure |              |              |
|---|--|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   |  | 2011*                      | 2012         | 2013*                        | 2014*        | 2015         |
| R million                                       |  |                            |              |                              |              |              |
| <b>National Government</b>                      | Furniture and fittings   | 180                        | 209          | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Office equipment   | 4                          | 9            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Computer equipment   | 832                        | 906          | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Emergency equipment  | 0                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Plant and equipment  | 0                          | 2            | 9                            | 9            | 9            |
|   | Other plant, machinery and equipment                               | 1 532                      | 1 585        | 1 743                        | 1 780        | 1 872        |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment</b> | <b>2 548</b>               | <b>2 711</b> | <b>1 752</b>                 | <b>1 789</b> | <b>1 881</b> |
| <b>Provincial Government</b>                    | Furniture and fittings   | 487                        | 319          | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Office equipment   | 1                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Computer equipment   | 507                        | 659          | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Emergency equipment  | 0                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Plant and equipment  | 1                          | 2            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Other plant, machinery and equipment                               | 1 198                      | 2 119        | 4 393                        | 3 778        | 3 848        |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment</b> | <b>2 194</b>               | <b>3 099</b> | <b>4 393</b>                 | <b>3 778</b> | <b>3 848</b> |
| <b>Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds</b>       | Furniture and fittings   | 210                        | 198          | 6                            | 7            | 8            |
|   | Office equipment   | 101                        | 69           | 13                           | 6            | 5            |
|   | Computer equipment   | 415                        | 584          | 669                          | 1 298        | 859          |
|   | Emergency equipment  | 1                          | 1            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|   | Plant and equipment  | 124                        | 93           | 446                          | 370          | 300          |
|   | Other plant, machinery and equipment                               | 727                        | 284          | 769                          | 660          | 779          |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment</b> | <b>1 578</b>               | <b>1 229</b> | <b>1 903</b>                 | <b>2 341</b> | <b>1 951</b> |

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**Table 3 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on plant, machinery and equipment (concluded)**

| Plant, machinery and equipment by public sector  |  | Actual capital expenditure |               | Expected capital expenditure |               |               |
|--|--|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|  |  | 2011*                      | 2012          | 2013*                        | 2014*         | 2015          |
|  |  | R million                  |               |                              |               |               |
| <b>Municipalities</b>  | Furniture and fittings   | 210                        | 229           | 5                            | 25            | 11            |
|  | Office equipment   | 174                        | 248           | 4                            | 4             | 4             |
|  | Computer equipment   | 359                        | 344           | 12                           | 31            | 24            |
|  | Emergency equipment  | 30                         | 12            | 5                            | 2             | 2             |
|  | Plant and equipment  | 1 373                      | 287           | 30                           | 70            | 51            |
|  | Councillors' regalia   | 8                          | 0             | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Bins and containers  | 30                         | 17            | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Other plant, machinery and equipment                               | 920                        | 2 780         | 4 664                        | 3 300         | 2 981         |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment</b> | <b>3 104</b>               | <b>3 917</b>  | <b>4 720</b>                 | <b>3 432</b>  | <b>3 073</b>  |
| <b>Public Corporations</b>   | Furniture and fittings   | 65                         | 110           | 133                          | 95            | 65            |
|  | Office equipment   | 21                         | 49            | 177                          | 326           | 385           |
|  | Computer equipment   | 265                        | 479           | 658                          | 710           | 530           |
|  | Network equipment  | 1 947                      | 2 537         | 9                            | 11            | 11            |
|  | Plant and equipment  | 8 944                      | 20 474        | 542                          | 548           | 590           |
|  | Rolling stock and containers                                       | 99                         | 747           | 22                           | 21            | 0             |
|  | Telecommunications equipment                                       | 47                         | 153           | 170                          | 237           | 50            |
|  | Other plant, machinery and equipment                               | 2 317                      | 1 296         | 1 868                        | 3 035         | 3 209         |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment</b> | <b>13 705</b>              | <b>25 845</b> | <b>3 579</b>                 | <b>4 983</b>  | <b>4 840</b>  |
| <b>Higher Education Institutions</b>   | Furniture and fittings   | 870                        | 758           | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Office equipment   | 22                         | 65            | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Computer equipment   | 413                        | 392           | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Laboratory equipment   | 147                        | 94            | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Other plant, machinery and equipment                               | 149                        | 192           | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on plant, machinery and equipment</b> | <b>1 601</b>               | <b>1 501</b>  | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Total capital expenditure for plant, machinery and equipment for public-sector institutions</b> |  | <b>24 730</b>              | <b>38 302</b> | <b>16 347</b>                | <b>16 323</b> | <b>15 593</b> |

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**Table 4 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on transport equipment**

| Transport equipment by public sector  |   | Actual capital expenditure |              | Expected capital expenditure |              |            |
|---|---|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------|
|   |   | 2011*                      | 2012         | 2013*                        | 2014*        | 2015       |
| R million   |   |                            |              |                              |              |            |
| <b>National Government</b>  | Motor vehicles  | 2 102                      | 2 275        | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | Specialised vehicles                                    | 0                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | Water craft   | 0                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on transport equipment</b> | <b>2 102</b>               | <b>2 275</b> | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Provincial Government</b>  | Motor vehicles  | 737                        | 1 386        | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | Specialised vehicles                                    | 1                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | Water craft   | 0                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on transport equipment</b> | <b>738</b>                 | <b>1 386</b> | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds</b>   | Motor vehicles  | 713                        | 595          | 123                          | 107          | 112        |
|   | Specialised vehicles                                    | 14                         | 8            | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | Water craft   | 0                          | 4            | 0                            | 4            | 3          |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on transport equipment</b> | <b>727</b>                 | <b>607</b>   | <b>123</b>                   | <b>111</b>   | <b>115</b> |
| <b>Municipalities</b>   | Motor vehicles  | 782                        | 1 115        | 217                          | 61           | 42         |
|   | Specialised vehicles                                    | 183                        | 422          | 846                          | 500          | 460        |
|   | Water craft   | 0                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on transport equipment</b> | <b>965</b>                 | <b>1 537</b> | <b>1 063</b>                 | <b>561</b>   | <b>502</b> |
| <b>Public Corporations</b>  | Motor vehicles  | 77                         | 613          | 540                          | 443          | 264        |
|   | Specialised vehicles                                    | 385                        | 606          | 118                          | 264          | 44         |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on transport equipment</b> | <b>462</b>                 | <b>1 219</b> | <b>658</b>                   | <b>707</b>   | <b>308</b> |
| <b>Higher Education Institutions</b>  | Motor vehicles  | 58                         | 39           | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | Other transport equipment                               | 0                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0          |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on transport equipment</b> | <b>58</b>                  | <b>39</b>    | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Total capital expenditure for transport equipment for public-sector institutions</b> |   | <b>5 052</b>               | <b>7 063</b> | <b>1 844</b>                 | <b>1 379</b> | <b>925</b> |

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**Table 5 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on land and existing buildings**

| Land and existing buildings by public sector |   | Actual capital expenditure |              | Expected capital expenditure |               |               |
|--|---|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|  |   | 2011*                      | 2012         | 2013*                        | 2014*         | 2015          |
|  |   | R million                  |              |                              |               |               |
| <b>National Government</b>                   | Acquisitions of land  | 772                        | 0            | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Cost of developing land   | 14                         | 132          | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|  | Acquisitions of existing buildings                              | 3 814                      | 3 677        | 10 018                       | 13 228        | 13 763        |
|  | Major renovations and alterations                               | 189                        | 5            | 3                            | 5             | 0             |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings</b> | <b>4 789</b>               | <b>3 814</b> | <b>10 021</b>                | <b>13 233</b> | <b>13 763</b> |
| <b>Provincial Government</b>                 | Acquisitions of land  | 66                         | 37           | 83                           | 91            | 61            |
|  | Cost of developing land   | 19                         | 7            | 63                           | 80            | 81            |
|  | Acquisitions of existing buildings                              | 2 213                      | 3 363        | 3 621                        | 4 144         | 4 155         |
|  | Major renovations and alterations                               | 1 148                      | 907          | 765                          | 766           | 876           |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings</b> | <b>3 446</b>               | <b>4 314</b> | <b>4 532</b>                 | <b>5 081</b>  | <b>5 173</b>  |
| <b>Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds</b>    | Acquisitions of land  | 0                          | 6            | 41                           | 42            | 232           |
|  | Cost of developing land   | 69                         | 23           | 26                           | 1 384         | 1 473         |
|  | Acquisitions of existing buildings                              | 66                         | 35           | 246                          | 344           | 239           |
|  | Major renovations and alterations                               | 150                        | 135          | 465                          | 1 049         | 1 268         |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings</b> | <b>285</b>                 | <b>199</b>   | <b>778</b>                   | <b>2 819</b>  | <b>3 212</b>  |

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**Table 5 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on land and existing buildings (concluded)**

| Land and existing buildings by public sector  |   | Actual capital expenditure |               | Expected capital expenditure |               |               |
|---|---|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   |   | 2011*                      | 2012          | 2013*                        | 2014*         | 2015          |
| R million   |   |                            |               |                              |               |               |
| <b>Municipalities</b>   | Acquisitions of land  | 385                        | 696           | 566                          | 453           | 430           |
|   | Cost of developing land   | 100                        | 569           | 45                           | 0             | 0             |
|   | Acquisitions of existing buildings                              | 393                        | 624           | 684                          | 915           | 953           |
|   | Major renovations and alterations                               | 831                        | 690           | 1 074                        | 576           | 567           |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings</b> | <b>1 709</b>               | <b>2 579</b>  | <b>2 369</b>                 | <b>1 944</b>  | <b>1 950</b>  |
| <b>Public Corporations</b>  | Acquisitions of land  | 459                        | 270           | 300                          | 534           | 556           |
|   | Cost of developing land   | 676                        | 621           | 163                          | 59            | 67            |
|   | Acquisitions of existing buildings                              | 13                         | 836           | 199                          | 124           | 124           |
|   | Major renovations and alterations                               | 558                        | 185           | 635                          | 390           | 953           |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings</b> | <b>1 706</b>               | <b>1 912</b>  | <b>1 297</b>                 | <b>1 107</b>  | <b>1 700</b>  |
| <b>Higher Education Institutions</b>  | Acquisitions of land  | 206                        | 1 534         | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Cost of developing land   | 1 332                      | 37            | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Acquisitions of existing buildings                              | 194                        | 277           | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | Major renovations and alterations                               | 1 256                      | 727           | 0                            | 0             | 0             |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure on land and existing buildings</b> | <b>2 988</b>               | <b>2 575</b>  | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Total capital expenditure for land and existing buildings for public-sector institutions</b> |   | <b>14 923</b>              | <b>15 393</b> | <b>18 997</b>                | <b>24 184</b> | <b>25 798</b> |

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**Table 6 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*, 2014\* and 2015 on other fixed assets**

| Other fixed assets by public sector  |  | Actual capital expenditure |              | Expected capital expenditure |              |              |
|--|--|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  |  | 2011*                      | 2012         | 2013*                        | 2014*        | 2015         |
| R million  |  |                            |              |                              |              |              |
| <b>National Government</b>   | Intangible assets                                      | 249                        | 475          | 215                          | 217          | 227          |
|  | Heritage assets  | 5                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | Cultivated assets                                      | 2                          | 3            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets</b> | <b>256</b>                 | <b>478</b>   | <b>215</b>                   | <b>217</b>   | <b>227</b>   |
| <b>Provincial Government</b>   | Intangible assets                                      | 74                         | 73           | 63                           | 61           | 66           |
|  | Heritage assets  | 25                         | 17           | 1                            | 1            | 1            |
|  | Cultivated assets                                      | 11                         | 21           | 8                            | 9            | 9            |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets</b> | <b>110</b>                 | <b>111</b>   | <b>72</b>                    | <b>71</b>    | <b>76</b>    |
| <b>Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds</b>  | Intangible assets                                      | 615                        | 491          | 1 209                        | 721          | 699          |
|  | Heritage assets  | 6                          | 33           | 20                           | 11           | 40           |
|  | Cultivated assets                                      | 0                          | 0            | 1                            | 0            | 3            |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets</b> | <b>621</b>                 | <b>524</b>   | <b>1 230</b>                 | <b>732</b>   | <b>742</b>   |
| <b>Municipalities</b>  | Intangible assets                                      | 453                        | 393          | 14                           | 8            | 6            |
|  | Heritage assets  | 86                         | 16           | 15                           | 0            | 0            |
|  | Cultivated assets                                      | 3                          | 9            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets</b> | <b>542</b>                 | <b>418</b>   | <b>29</b>                    | <b>8</b>     | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Public Corporations</b>   | Intangible assets                                      | 974                        | 1 323        | 419                          | 351          | 316          |
|  | Heritage assets  | 0                          | 0            | 1                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | Cultivated assets                                      | 4                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets</b> | <b>978</b>                 | <b>1 323</b> | <b>420</b>                   | <b>351</b>   | <b>316</b>   |
| <b>Higher Education Institutions</b>   | Intangible assets                                      | 163                        | 136          | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | Heritage assets  | 164                        | 197          | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | Cultivated assets                                      | 3                          | 0            | 0                            | 0            | 0            |
|  | <b>Total capital expenditure on other fixed assets</b> | <b>330</b>                 | <b>333</b>   | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Total capital expenditure for other fixed assets for public-sector institutions</b> |  | <b>2 837</b>               | <b>3 187</b> | <b>1 966</b>                 | <b>1 379</b> | <b>1 367</b> |

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**Table 7 – Actual capital expenditure by public-sector institutions for the financial years ended in 2011\* and 2012 and expected capital expenditure for the financial years ending in 2013\*,2014\* and 2015 on leased assets and investment property**

| Leased assets and investment property by public sector  |  | Actual capital expenditure |            | Expected capital expenditure |          |          |
|---|--|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
|   |  | 2011*                      | 2012       | 2013*                        | 2014*    | 2015     |
| R million   |  |                            |            |                              |          |          |
| <b>Leased assets</b>  | National government                                  | 0                          | 0          | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Provincial government                                | 0                          | 1          | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Extra-budgetary accounts and funds                   | 245                        | 102        | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Municipalities                                       | 196                        | 218        | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Public corporations                                  | 97                         | 54         | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Higher education                                     | 4                          | 0          | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure leased assets</b>       | <b>542</b>                 | <b>375</b> | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Investment property</b>  | National government                                  | 0                          | 0          | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Provincial government                                | 0                          | 0          | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Extra-budgetary accounts and funds                   | 2                          | 3          | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Municipalities                                       | 260                        | 537        | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Public corporations                                  | 61                         | 84         | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | Higher education                                     | 0                          | 0          | 0                            | 0        | 0        |
|   | <b>Total capital expenditure investment property</b> | <b>323</b>                 | <b>624</b> | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Total capital expenditure for leased assets and investment property for public-sector institutions</b> |  | <b>865</b>                 | <b>999</b> | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

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**Explanatory Notes**

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|---|---|--|
| <b>Introduction</b>                                 | 1 | This publication contains results of the survey of actual and expected capital expenditure by public-sector institutions. 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 2013, 2014 and 2015 should be regarded as preliminary and may be revised. The expected capital expenditure figures for the public-sector are indicative. <i>Unit data are available for each institution (except for the public corporations) for on the Stats SA website.</i>                |
| <b>Scope of the survey</b>                          | 2 | The survey of actual and expected capital expenditure covers the actual capital expenditure for the 2012 financial year and estimates of capital expenditure for 2013, 2014 and 2015. The survey covers 40 national government departments, 121 provincial government departments, 278 local government institutions, 52 public corporations, 23 higher education institutions and 213 extra-budgetary accounts and funds. The Public Service Classification Committee (PSCC) is responsible for the classification of all public entities.  |
| <b>Purpose of the survey of capital expenditure</b> | 3 | This survey is an annual survey covering the public-sector institutions in South Africa. The results of this survey are used to furnish the private and public-sectors with vital new capital works information.   |
| <b>Statistical unit</b>                             | 4 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is the public-sector institution, which includes the 40 national government departments, 121 provincial government departments, 278 municipalities, 52 public corporations, 23 higher education institutions and 213 extra-budgetary accounts and funds.  |
| <b>Survey methodology and design</b>                | 5 | The data is collected annually by mail and personal visits to public-sector institutions. The number of institutions varies from year to year due to amalgamations, terminations as well as new units being created.   |
| <b>Related publications</b>                         | 6 | Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P0441 - <i>Gross Domestic Product</i></li> <li>• P9102 - <i>Financial statistics of the extra-budgetary accounts and funds</i></li> <li>• P9103 - <i>Financial statistics of higher education institutions</i></li> <li>• P9119.3 - <i>Financial statistics of national government</i></li> <li>• P9119.4 - <i>Financial statistics of consolidated general government</i></li> <li>• P9121 - <i>Financial statistics of provincial government</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>Revisions</b>                                    | 7 | Figures for 2012 should be regarded as preliminary, and may be revised. The revised figures are due to late submission of the data to Stats SA or respondents reporting revisions.   |
| <b>Fluctuations between 2011 and 2012</b>           | 8 | The fluctuations in the data between 2011* and 2012 can be due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late response or revisions from respondents;</li> <li>• Change in the accounting practices and standards adopted by the respondents; and/or</li> <li>• Differences in response rates – mainly financial statements received for verification purposes.</li> </ul>  |

- Classification** 9 The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC)*, Fifth edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in this survey. The SIC is based on the *1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)* with suitable adaptations for local conditions. The classification of institutions (units) is also based on recommendation by Public Sector Classification Committee. A further source used for the purposes of economic and functional classification of the financial statistics of the general government sector was based on the IMF manual of Government Finance Statistics (GFS), 2001.
- Rounding-off of figures** 10 Slight discrepancies may occur between the sum of the component items and totals where figures have been rounded off.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 11
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|----------|---|
| GFS      | Government Finance Statistics   |
| IMF      | International Monetary Fund   |
| ISIC     | International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities |
| SIC      | Standard Industrial Classification  |
| Stats SA | Statistics South Africa   |
| 0        | Figures not available or rounded to zero                                    |
| PSCC     | Public Service Classification Committee                                     |

**Glossary**

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| <b>Capital expenditure</b>                           | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Military expenditure (e.g. ships and aircraft) are now treated as fixed assets consistent with the UN System of National Accounts 2008 and the 2001 IMF's Government Financial Statistics. Previously, these weapons were treated as current assets (UN System of National Accounts 1993).</p> |
| <b>Capital expenditure on new construction works</b> | <p>Capital expenditure that is contractually and/or physically not connected to the existing assets and infrastructure. Capital expenditure on new construction works consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expenditure on 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>   |
| <b>Community assets</b>                              | <p>Community assets are assets that are placed within reasonable distance of a specific community and are intended to be the service point for responding to the various socio-economic needs of such a community. Community assets consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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; and</li> <li>• other.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>District municipality</b>                         | <p>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 the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, (Act No.117 of 1998).)</p>  |
| <b>Extra-Budgetary Accounts and Funds</b>            | <p>Accounts and funds of national and provincial governments not included in the normal budget totals and which do not operate through normal budgetary procedures, e.g. trading accounts and general government accounts.</p>   |
| <b>Higher Education Institutions</b>                 | <p>(Section 1 of Act No. 63, 2002). Any institution that provides higher education on a full-time, part-time or distance basis and which is (a) merged, established or deemed to be established as a public higher education institution under this Act; (b) declared as a public higher education institution under this Act; or (c) registered or [conditionally] provisionally registered as a private higher education institution.</p>  |
| <b>Investment property</b>                           | <p>The property that is held by the owner for renting or capital appreciation.</p>   |

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Local government institutions</b> | Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.   |
| <b>Local municipality</b>            | Local municipality refers to a municipality that share the 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.  |
| <b>Metropolitan municipality</b>     | 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 the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, (Act No. 117 of 1998).)   |
| <b>Network equipment</b>             | 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.  |
| <b>Non-residential buildings</b>     | <p>Non-residential buildings are buildings where a major part of the floor space is not intended for dwelling but for other purposes such as commercial or industrial activities. Non-residential buildings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>  |
| <b>Other constructions</b>           | <p>Other constructions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• airports;</li> <li>• civil engineering works;</li> <li>• development of plantations;</li> <li>• electricity projects;</li> <li>• forestation;</li> <li>• mining development;</li> <li>• oil exploration;</li> <li>• railways and harbours; and</li> <li>• the development of land.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Other fixed assets</b>            | <p>Other fixed assets include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cultivated assets</b></li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Heritage assets</b></li> </ul> <p>Historical, environmental, cultural, natural assets that have sentimental value to a specific community or to the country as a whole.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intangible assets</b></li> </ul> |

Intangible assets refer to assets that cannot be touched, weighed or physically measured and include:

- mineral exploration rights;
- computer software; and
- patent, copyright, brand names and trademarks.

**Public Corporations**

A public organisation which has a considerable degree of financial independence from the public authority that created them. A public authority normally appoints the whole or the majority of the board of management. 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 financial corporations in South Africa include all corporations, quasi corporations and non-profit institutions principally engaged in financial intermediation or in auxiliary financial activities closely related to financial intermediation.

**Reference year**

The reference year/ financial year for the survey refers to public-sector institutions which had their financial year ending on any date during the 2011 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.

**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
- town houses.

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