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Key findings

Table A – Purchases and sales of water and electricity, unadjusted*

Item	Quarter ended:					
	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20
	Year-on-year % change, unadjusted					
Purchases of water	23,7	28,1	11,2	5,1	0,0	-14,9
Sales of water	22,5	10,2	0,8	4,5	0,9	31,4
Purchases of electricity	5,4	8,5	10,8	14,9	9,1	0,7
Sales of electricity	6,4	7,7	7,2	5,1	10,3	19,3

*Some figures have been revised.

Table A shows annual growth rates in the purchases and sales of water and electricity, unadjusted. From the March 2019 quarter to the March 2020 quarter, purchases of water decreased by 14,9% while sales of water increased by 31,4%. Purchases and sales of electricity increased by 0,7% and 19,3% respectively over the same period.

Table B – Purchases and sales of water and electricity, seasonally adjusted*

Item	Quarter ended:					
	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20
	Quarter-on-quarter % change, seasonally adjusted					
Purchases of water	8,2	7,5	-7,8	-1,8	2,5	-8,2
Sales of water	3,7	-3,8	-5,7	10,9	0,2	25,7
Purchases of electricity	1,8	7,9	0,7	1,5	-1,5	-0,8
Sales of electricity	3,3	-1,6	3,0	2,6	7,0	6,5

* Some figures have been revised.

Table B shows quarterly growth rates in the purchases and sales of water and electricity, seasonally adjusted. From the December 2019 quarter to the March 2020 quarter, purchases of water decreased by 8,2% while sales of water increased by 25,7%. Purchases of electricity decreased by 0,8% while sales of electricity increased by 6,5% over the same period.

Seasonally adjusted purchases and sales of water are shown in Figure 1 (on page 2). Seasonally adjusted purchases and sales of electricity are shown in Figure 2 (on page 2).

Annexures A and B provide more detail and longer time series for water and electricity purchases and sales.

See page 19 for a short explanatory note on seasonal adjustment.

Figure 1 – Purchases and sales of water, unadjusted vs seasonally adjusted, R million

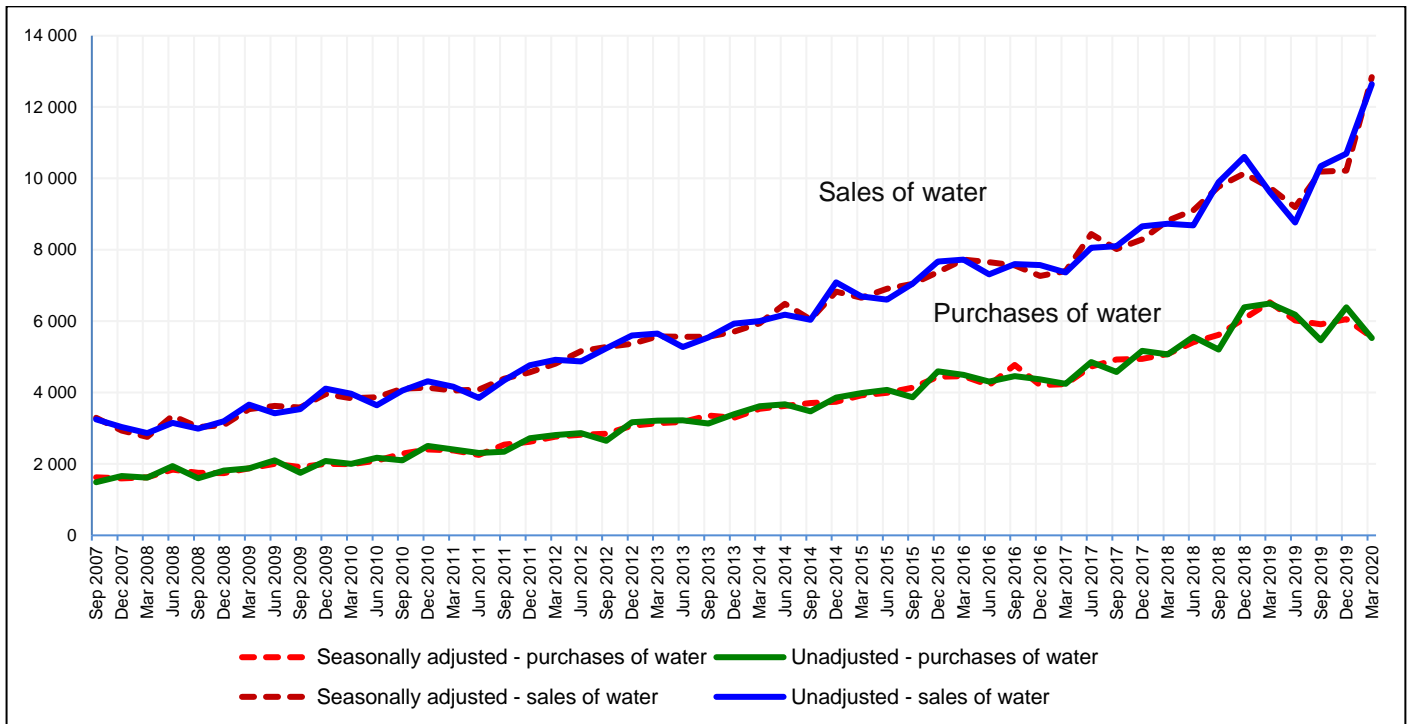
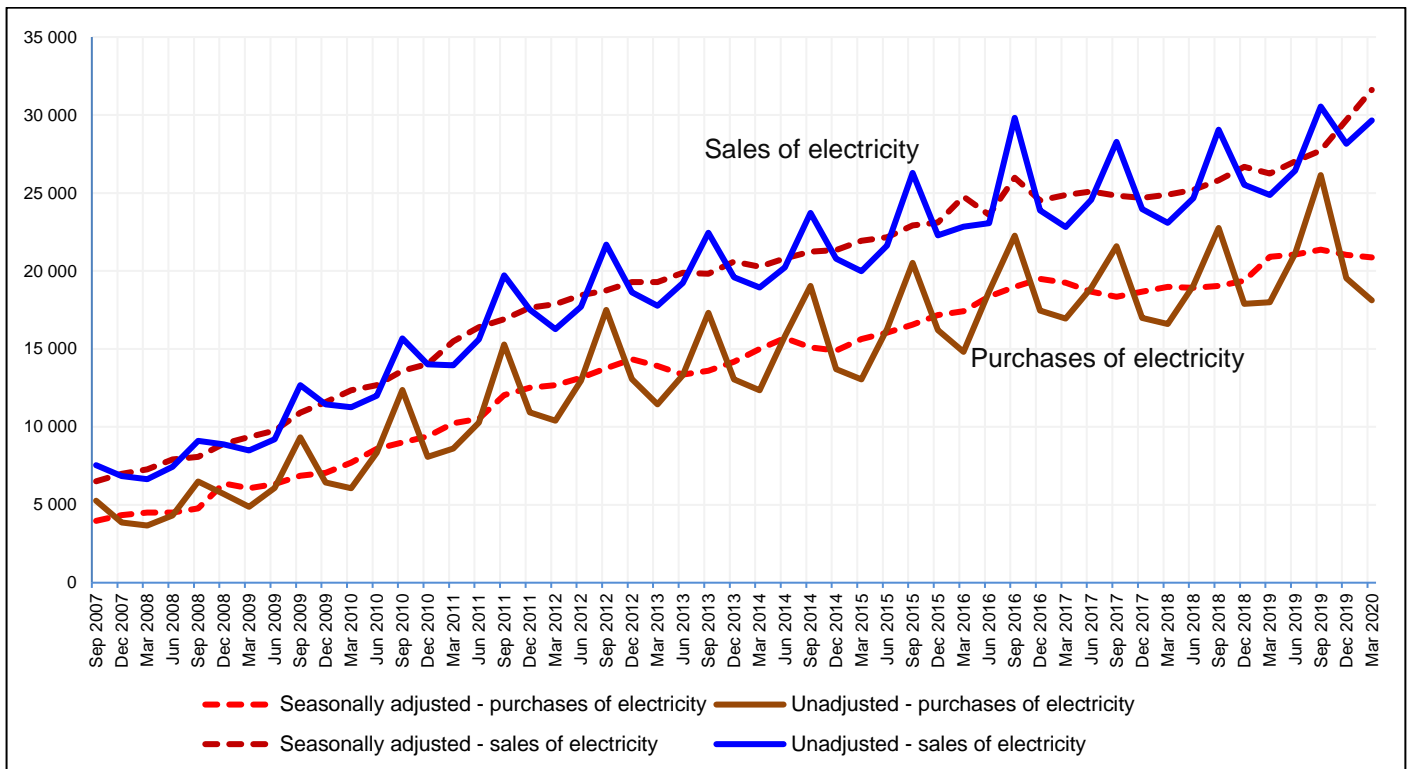


Figure 2 – Purchases and sales of electricity, unadjusted vs seasonally adjusted, R million



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Table 1 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for the quarters ended March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, December 2019 and March 2020: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	March 2019*	June 2019*	September 2019*	December 2019*	March 2020	Quarter-on-quarter difference between Dec. 2019 and Mar. 2020	Year-on-year difference between Mar. 2019 and Mar. 2020
	R million						
Employee-related costs	25 755	26 693	26 787	28 658	30 319	1 661	4 564
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	1 126	1 060	1 013	999	1 064	65	-62
Interest paid	2 382	2 797	1 861	2 309	2 342	33	-40
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	25	203	7	3	108	105	83
Bad debts	3 565	5 287	4 235	4 163	4 523	360	958
Contracted services	8 817	9 849	5 665	7 958	8 232	274	-585
Collection costs	134	327	79	103	153	50	19
Depreciation and amortisation	4 932	7 294	4 742	5 917	5 996	79	1 064
Impairment loss (PPE)	0	16	0	1	29	28	29
Repairs and maintenance	1 170	2 234	1 002	1 605	1 373	-232	203
Bulk purchases:							
Purchases of water	5 869	5 587	5 473	6 390	5 529	-861	-340
Purchases of electricity	17 452	20 478	26 173	19 522	18 113	-1 409	661
Other bulk purchases	36	23	41	51	5	-46	-31
Grants and subsidies paid to:							
Other local government institutions	20	43	11	19	19	0	-1
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	2	2	1	1	1	0	-1
Households or individuals	148	296	131	213	175	-38	27
Non-profit institutions serving households	42	1	75	102	2	-100	-40
Other	830	968	372	791	698	-93	-132
General expenditure:							
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	245	285	205	260	237	-23	-8
Advertising, promotions and marketing	184	216	105	154	118	-36	-66
Audit fees	284	182	109	556	294	-262	10
Bank charges	126	158	132	115	168	53	42
Cleaning services	82	177	62	118	131	13	49
Consultancy and professional fees	794	862	304	708	682	-26	-112
Entertainment costs	14	36	11	16	12	-4	-2
Fuel and oil	431	525	367	455	448	-7	17
Hiring of plant and equipment	270	1 289	415	601	838	237	568
Insurance costs	226	214	536	297	299	2	73
Pharmaceutical	64	55	30	60	52	-8	-12
Postal and courier services	87	115	65	73	81	8	-6
Printing and stationery	129	213	140	148	144	-4	15
Rebates for property rates	1 157	763	883	786	774	-12	-383
Rebates for service charges	140	183	245	243	234	-9	94
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	180	204	168	232	1 455	1 223	1 275
Rental of office equipment	173	185	125	155	148	-7	-25
Security services	455	593	534	821	547	-274	92
Subscriptions and membership fees	96	201	223	89	93	4	-3
Telecommunication services	285	275	195	247	258	11	-27
Training and education	137	210	122	138	157	19	20
Transport costs	104	221	88	121	155	34	51
Other expenditure	8 291	10 962	6 761	9 529	10 807	1 278	2 516
Surplus	26 242	16 834	45 447	28 682	37 723	9 041	11 481
Total expenditure	112 501	118 116	134 940	123 409	134 536	11 127	22 035

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 2 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for the quarters ended March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, December 2019 and March 2020: Income – South Africa

Income	March 2019*	June 2019*	September 2019*	December 2019*	March 2020	Quarter-on-quarter difference between Dec. 2019 and Mar. 2020	Year-on-year difference between Mar. 2019 and Mar. 2020
	R million						
Property rates from:							
Residential	10 157	11 346	13 639	10 412	10 872	460	715
Commercial or business	3 713	3 412	5 904	3 861	5 260	1 399	1 547
State	976	1 039	1 720	1 024	1 033	9	57
Other (includes agricultural, municipal, etc.)	1 393	1 283	1 640	990	1 154	164	-239
Property rates - penalties imposed and collection charges	123	14	49	44	239	195	116
Service charges							
Sales of water	9 414	8 577	10 362	10 699	12 640	1 941	3 226
Sales of electricity	24 933	26 497	30 583	28 151	29 657	1 506	4 724
Refuse removal charges	2 909	2 963	3 195	3 018	3 189	171	280
Sewerage and sanitation charges	3 786	3 617	4 257	4 243	4 708	465	922
Other service charges (e.g. fresh produce market)	107	96	1	1	1	0	-106
Interest earned from:							
External investments	1 134	1 733	1 093	1 011	1 144	133	10
Outstanding debtors	2 260	2 094	1 949	2 220	2 445	225	185
Dividends received	18	24	6	27	42	15	24
Fines	1 229	1 322	1 007	1 057	1 214	157	-15
Licences and permits	277	299	240	245	198	-47	-79
Income for agency services	361	351	552	526	1 011	485	650
Rental of facilities and equipment	837	873	534	567	927	360	90
Bad debts recovered	11	16	6	7	6	-1	-5
Public contributions and donations (including PPE)	61	242	72	101	102	1	41
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	125	275	26	49	55	6	-70
Grants and subsidies from:							
National government	20 398	15 206	28 044	23 678	27 209	3 531	6 811
Provincial government	595	509	316	582	512	-70	-83
Local government	3	2	1	3	2	-1	-1
Other	97	187	30	78	96	18	-1
Spent conditional grant	4 897	8 715	2 975	6 146	6 694	548	1 797
Other income	5 328	7 482	4 385	4 848	4 502	-346	-826
Deficit	17 359	19 942	22 354	19 821	19 624	-197	2 265
Total income	112 501	118 116	134 940	123 409	134 536	11 127	22 035

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 3 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services for the quarters ended March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, December 2019 and March 2020: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	March 2019*	June 2019*	September 2019*	December 2019*	March 2020	Quarter-on-quarter difference between Dec. 2019 and Mar. 2020	Year-on-year difference between Mar. 2019 and Mar. 2020
	R million						
Employee-related costs	16 643	17 099	17 419	18 278	19 770	1 492	3 127
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	1 126	1 060	1 013	999	1 064	65	-62
Interest paid	1 738	2 079	1 349	1 582	1 720	138	-18
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	10	194	6	3	2	-1	-8
Bad debts	1 480	2 946	1 663	1 515	1 984	469	504
Contracted services	3 621	4 076	2 305	3 423	3 476	53	-145
Collection costs	131	324	78	102	150	48	19
Depreciation and amortisation	1 487	2 353	1 360	1 803	1 852	49	365
Impairment loss (PPE)	0	2	0	1	7	6	7
Repairs and maintenance	217	622	111	258	261	3	44
Grants and subsidies paid to:							
Other local government institutions	5	17	11	19	19	0	14
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	2	2	1	1	1	0	-1
Households or individuals	46	148	42	62	56	-6	10
Non-profit institutions serving households	42	1	75	102	2	-100	-40
Other	497	510	278	536	395	-141	-102
General expenditure:							
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	195	226	175	219	200	-19	5
Advertising, promotions and marketing	137	197	85	127	105	-22	-32
Audit fees	266	173	98	518	278	-240	12
Bank charges	115	149	128	111	162	51	47
Cleaning services	29	95	25	46	63	17	34
Consultancy and professional fees	532	584	221	403	506	103	-26
Entertainment costs	13	34	11	16	11	-5	-2
Fuel and oil	244	285	226	273	269	-4	25
Hiring of plant and equipment	135	364	70	151	308	157	173
Insurance costs	165	175	457	226	238	12	73
Pharmaceutical	64	54	30	60	47	-13	-17
Postal and courier services	85	113	64	71	77	6	-8
Printing and stationery	107	176	108	119	123	4	16
Rebates for property rates	1 157	763	883	786	774	-12	-383
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	140	153	136	210	527	317	387
Rental of office equipment	114	115	69	95	93	-2	-21
Security services	303	420	290	478	362	-116	59
Subscriptions and membership fees	92	188	217	86	85	-1	-7
Telecommunication services	240	216	158	201	217	16	-23
Training and education	116	184	105	116	137	21	21
Transport costs	79	118	65	77	136	59	57
Other expenditure	2 857	4 836	2 695	3 744	4 187	443	1 330
Surplus	17 589	8 167	32 122	20 421	22 419	1 998	4 830
Total expenditure	51 819	49 218	64 149	57 238	62 083	4 845	10 264

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 4 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services for the quarters ended March 2019, June 19, September 2019, December 2019 and March 2020: Income – South Africa

Income	March 2019*	June 2019*	September 2019*	December 2019*	March 2020	Quarter-on-quarter difference between Dec. 2019 and Mar. 2020	Year-on-year difference between Mar. 2019 and Mar. 2020
	R million						
Taxes on property							
Property rates from:							
Residential	10 157	11 346	13 639	10 412	10 872	460	715
Commercial or business	3 713	3 412	5 904	3 861	5 260	1 399	1 547
State	976	1 039	1 720	1 024	1 033	9	57
Other (includes agricultural, municipal, etc.)	1 393	1 283	1 640	990	1 154	164	-239
Property rates – penalties imposed and collection charges	123	14	49	44	239	195	116
Interest earned from:							
External investments	1 078	1 668	1 079	989	1 123	134	45
Outstanding debtors	972	1 035	1 063	1 361	1 325	-36	353
Dividends received	7	24	6	7	7	0	0
Fines	1 175	1 212	973	1 009	1 167	158	-8
Licences and permits	93	108	69	93	75	-18	-18
Income for agency services	119	140	219	204	263	59	144
Rental of facilities and equipment	293	308	263	275	543	268	250
Bad debts recovered	11	16	6	7	6	-1	-5
Public contributions and donations (including property, plant and equipment)	25	16	3	20	5	-15	-20
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	118	125	21	47	54	7	-64
Grants and subsidies from:							
National government	15 562	7 831	22 232	18 415	19 795	1 380	4 233
Provincial government	210	222	131	240	199	-41	-11
Local government	3	2	1	3	2	-1	-1
Other	3	4	8	7	12	5	9
Spent conditional grants	2 604	4 602	1 544	3 019	2 882	-137	278
Other income	2 971	2 607	2 882	3 199	2 919	-280	-52
Deficit	10 213	12 204	10 697	12 012	13 148	1 136	2 935
Total income	51 819	49 218	64 149	57 238	62 083	4 845	10 264

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Table 5 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services for the quarters ended March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, December 2019 and March 2020: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	March 2019*	June 2019*	September 2019*	December 2019*	March 2020	Quarter-on-quarter difference between Dec. 2019 and Mar. 2020	Year-on-year difference between Mar. 2019 and Mar. 2020
Employee-related costs	9 112	9 594	9 368	10 380	10 549	169	1 437
Interest paid	644	718	512	727	622	-105	-22
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	15	9	1	0	106	106	91
Bad debts	2 085	2 341	2 572	2 648	2 539	-109	454
Contracted services	5 196	5 773	3 360	4 535	4 756	221	-440
Collection costs	3	3	1	1	3	2	0
Depreciation and amortisation	3 445	4 941	3 382	4 114	4 144	30	699
Impairment loss (PPE)	0	14	0	0	22	22	22
Repairs and maintenance	953	1 612	891	1 347	1 112	-235	159
Bulk purchases:							
Purchases of water	5 869	5 587	5 473	6 390	5 529	-861	-340
Purchases of electricity	17 452	20 478	26 173	19 522	18 113	-1 409	661
Other bulk purchases	36	23	41	51	5	-46	-31
Grants and subsidies paid to:							
Other local government institutions	15	26	0	0	0	0	-15
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Households or individuals	102	148	89	151	119	-32	17
Non-profit institutions serving households	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	333	458	94	255	303	48	-30
General expenditure:							
Accommodation travelling and subsistence	50	59	30	41	37	-4	-13
Advertising promotions and marketing	47	19	20	27	13	-14	-34
Audit fees	18	9	11	38	16	-22	-2
Bank charges	11	9	4	4	6	2	-5
Cleaning services	53	82	37	72	68	-4	15
Consultancy and professional fees	262	278	83	305	176	-129	-86
Entertainment costs	1	2	0	0	1	1	0
Fuel and oil	187	240	141	182	179	-3	-8
Hiring of plant and equipment	135	925	345	450	530	80	395
Insurance costs	61	39	79	71	61	-10	0
Pharmaceutical	0	1	0	0	5	5	5
Postal and courier services	2	2	1	2	4	2	2
Printing and stationery	22	37	32	29	21	-8	-1
Rebates for service charges	140	183	245	243	234	-9	94
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	40	51	32	22	928	906	888
Rental of office equipment	59	70	56	60	55	-5	-4
Security services	152	173	244	343	185	-158	33
Subscriptions and membership fees	4	13	6	3	8	5	4
Telecommunication services	45	59	37	46	41	-5	-4
Training and education	21	26	17	22	20	-2	-1
Transport costs	25	103	23	44	19	-25	-6
Other expenditure	5 434	6 126	4 066	5 785	6 620	835	1 186
Surplus	8 653	8 667	13 325	8 261	15 304	7 043	6 651
Total expenditure	60 682	68 898	70 791	66 171	72 453	6 282	11 771

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 6 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services for the quarters ended March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, December 2019 and March 2020: Income – South Africa

Income	March 2019*	June 2019*	September 2019*	December 2019*	March 2020	Quarter-on-quarter difference between Dec. 2019 and Mar. 2020	Year-on-year difference between Mar. 2019 and Mar. 2020
	R million						
Interest earned from:							
External investments	56	65	14	22	21	-1	-35
Outstanding debtors	1 288	1 059	886	859	1 120	261	-168
Dividends received	11	0	0	20	35	15	24
Fines	54	110	34	48	47	-1	-7
Licences and permits	184	191	171	152	123	-29	-61
Income for agency services	242	211	333	322	748	426	506
Rental of facilities and equipment	544	565	271	292	384	92	-160
Bad debts recovered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public contributions and donations (including property, plant and equipment)	36	226	69	81	97	16	61
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	7	150	5	2	1	-1	-6
Service charges:							
Sales of water	9 414	8 577	10 362	10 699	12 640	1 941	3 226
Sales of electricity	24 933	26 497	30 583	28 151	29 657	1 506	4 724
Refuse removal charges	2 909	2 963	3 195	3 018	3 189	171	280
Sewerage and sanitation charges	3 786	3 617	4 257	4 243	4 708	465	922
Other service charges (e.g. fresh produce market)	107	96	1	1	1	0	-106
Grants and subsidies from:							
National government	4 836	7 375	5 812	5 263	7 414	2 151	2 578
Provincial government	385	287	185	342	313	-29	-72
Local government	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	94	183	22	71	84	13	-10
Spent conditional grants	2 293	4 113	1 431	3 127	3 812	685	1 519
Other income	2 357	4 875	1 503	1 649	1 583	-66	-774
Deficit	7 146	7 738	11 657	7 809	6 476	-1 333	-670
Total income	60 682	68 898	70 791	66 171	72 453	6 282	11 771

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Table 7 – Benchmarked tables for the financial year ended 30 June 2019: Statement of financial performance of municipalities: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	September 2018	December 2018	March 2019	June 2019	Total 2019 ¹
	R million				
Employee related costs	24 659	27 648	26 646	27 617	106 570
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	971	1 003	1 142	1 075	4 191
Interest paid	1 700	2 632	2 994	3 515	10 841
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	0	5	124	1 004	1 133
Bad debts	7 287	6 624	7 366	10 923	32 200
Contracted services	4 772	7 276	7 983	8 918	28 949
Collection costs	68	85	108	264	525
Depreciation and amortisation	6 335	7 944	7 438	11 000	32 717
Impairment loss (PPE)	1 060	0	0	283	1 343
Repairs and maintenance	1 132	1 660	1 628	3 107	7 527
Bulk purchases:					
Bulk purchases water	5 202	6 391	6 496	6 183	24 272
Bulk purchases of electricity	22 759	17 891	17 995	21 114	79 759
Other bulk purchases	6	17	18	11	52
Grant and subsidies paid to:					
Other local government institutions	71	104	60	128	363
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0	0	0	0
Households or individuals	245	365	362	724	1 696
Non-profit institutions serving households	2	3	5	1	11
Other	518	724	1 051	1 225	3 518
General expenditure:					
Accommodation, travelling, and subsistence	205	319	267	311	1 102
Advertising, promotions and marketing	112	248	240	283	883
Audit fees	143	493	322	205	1 163
Bank charges	138	174	139	175	626
Cleaning services	30	59	72	155	316
Consultancy and professional fees	373	522	932	1 012	2 839
Entertainment costs	10	17	14	36	77
Fuel and oil	309	563	444	540	1 856
Hiring of plant and equipment	91	194	217	1 034	1 536
Insurance costs	367	330	230	218	1 145
Pharmaceutical	30	45	66	56	197
Postal and courier services	48	65	81	108	302
Printing and stationery	83	126	134	222	565
Rebates for property rates	374	398	527	347	1 646
Rebates for service charges	152	153	151	196	652
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	362	465	443	502	1 772
Rental of office equipment	88	129	138	148	503
Security services	288	393	409	533	1 623
Subscriptions and membership fees	146	119	83	173	521
Telecommunications services	214	251	348	336	1 149
Training and education	111	140	169	258	678
Transport costs	58	97	73	156	384
Other expenditure	4 581	5 635	6 212	8 214	24 642
Surplus	39 584	26 745	24 535	17 969	108 833
Total expenditure	124 684	118 052	117 662	130 279	490 677

¹ The total of September 2018, December 2018, March 2019 and June 2019 quarters (refer to Publication P9114).

Table 8 – Benchmarked tables for the financial year ended 30 June 2019: Statement of financial performance of municipalities: Income – South Africa

Income	September 2018	December 2018	March 2019	June 2019	Total 2019 ¹
	R million				
Property rates from:					
Residential	8 543	8 598	7 466	8 340	32 947
Commercial or business	6 313	5 023	5 285	4 857	21 478
State	1 222	673	673	716	3 284
Other (includes agricultural, municipal, etc.)	2 928	2 406	2 261	2 083	9 678
Property rates - penalties imposed and collection charges	115	91	267	31	504
Service charges					
Sales of water	9 899	10 601	9 618	8 762	38 880
Sales of electricity	29 065	25 517	24 860	26 419	105 861
Refuse removal charges	2 991	2 864	2 875	2 929	11 659
Sewerage and sanitation charges	3 894	4 033	3 775	3 607	15 309
Other service charges (e.g. fresh produce market)	420	487	478	428	1 813
Interest earned from:					
External investments	974	1 139	1 172	1 790	5 075
Outstanding debtors	1 777	1 869	2 168	2 008	7 822
Dividends received	0	0	0	1	1
Fines	818	1 587	1 872	2 014	6 291
Licences and permits	174	168	179	195	716
Income for agency services	426	512	554	539	2 031
Rental of facilities and equipment	456	508	821	858	2 643
Bad debts recovered	44	31	28	41	144
Public contributions and donations (including PPE)	161	306	306	1 214	1 987
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	11	13	84	185	293
Grants and subsidies from:					
National government	19 845	17 779	15 705	11 708	65 037
Provincial government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Spent conditional grant	8 386	10 353	12 082	21 503	52 324
Other income	4 486	3 432	4 616	6 481	19 015
Deficit	21 736	20 062	20 517	23 570	85 885
Total income	124 684	118 052	117 662	130 279	490 677

¹ The total of September 2018, December 2018, March 2019 and June 2019 quarters (refer to Publication P9114).

Table 9 – Benchmarked tables for the financial year ended 30 June 2019: Statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services: Expenditure

Expenditure	September 2018	December 2018	March 2019	June 2019	Total 2019 ¹
	R million				
Employee-related costs	15 832	17 927	17 361	17 837	68 957
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	971	1 003	1 142	1 075	4 191
Interest paid	1 328	1 775	2 164	2 589	7 856
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	0	5	50	980	1 035
Bad debts	3 658	3 489	4 164	8 290	19 601
Contracted services	1 978	3 348	3 582	4 032	12 940
Collection costs	64	78	102	252	496
Depreciation and amortisation	2 831	3 356	3 395	5 373	14 955
Impairment loss (PPE)	779	0	0	26	805
Repairs and maintenance	274	536	461	1 322	2 593
Grants and subsidies paid to:					
Other local government institutions	56	129	40	138	363
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0	0	0	0
Households or individuals	147	154	161	519	981
Non-profit institutions serving households	2	3	5	1	11
Other	321	328	691	710	2 050
General expenditure:					
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	191	269	231	268	959
Advertising, promotions and marketing	85	206	182	263	736
Audit fees	135	455	306	199	1 095
Bank charges	134	170	131	170	605
Cleaning services	17	26	22	71	136
Consultancy and professional fees	315	450	670	735	2 170
Entertainment costs	10	16	13	32	71
Fuel and oil	175	361	268	314	1 118
Hiring of plant and equipment	85	176	171	461	893
Insurance costs	316	283	174	183	956
Pharmaceutical	30	45	66	55	196
Postal and courier services	47	65	80	106	298
Printing and stationery	69	105	113	186	473
Rebates for property rates	374	398	527	347	1 646
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	192	243	216	236	887
Rental of office equipment	48	91	91	90	320
Security services	170	238	253	350	1 011
Subscriptions and membership fees	143	113	80	163	499
Telecommunication services	186	219	309	278	992
Training and education	86	107	126	201	520
Transport costs	56	88	82	122	348
Other expenditure	3 032	2 920	2 625	4 445	13 022
Surplus	28 681	18 191	16 790	6 349	70 011
Total expenditure	62 818	57 366	56 844	58 768	235 796

¹ The total of September 2018, December 2018, March 2019 and June 2019 quarters (refer to Publication P9114).

Table 10 – Benchmarked tables for the financial year ended 30 June 2019: Statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services: Income

Income	September 2018	December 2018	March 2019	June 2019	Total 2019 ¹
	R million				
Taxes on property					
Property rates from:					
Residential	8 543	8 598	7 466	8 340	32 947
Commercial or business	6 313	5 023	5 285	4 857	21 478
State	1 222	673	673	716	3 284
Other (includes agricultural, municipal etc.)	2 928	2 406	2 261	2 083	9 678
Property rates - penalties imposed and collection charges	115	91	267	31	504
Interest earned from:					
External investments	967	1 137	1 131	1 750	4 985
Outstanding debtors	1 004	1 093	1 014	1 080	4 191
Dividends received	0	0	0	1	1
Fines	766	1 522	1 792	1 849	5 929
Licences and permits	107	119	102	119	447
Income for agency services	134	178	199	235	746
Rental of facilities and equipment	296	356	350	368	1 370
Bad debts recovered	17	12	11	16	56
Public contribution, donations (including property, plant and equipment)	250	136	569	364	1 319
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	15	18	119	126	278
Grants and subsidies from:					
National government	16 802	14 620	12 838	6 459	50 719
Provincial government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Spent conditional grant	6 792	6 527	7 597	13 427	34 343
Other income	5 326	3 026	3 716	3 260	15 328
Deficit	11 221	11 831	11 454	13 687	48 193
Total income	62 818	57 366	56 844	58 768	235 796

¹ The total of September 2018, December 2018, March 2019 and June 2019 quarters (refer to Publication P9114).

Table 11 – Benchmarked tables for the financial year ended 30 June 2019: Statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services: Expenditure

Expenditure	September 2018	December 2018	March 2019	June 2019	Total 2019 ¹
	R million				
Employee-related costs	8 824	9 721	9 288	9 780	37 613
Interest paid	369	861	830	925	2 985
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	0	0	61	37	98
Bad debts	3 256	2 874	3 048	3 422	12 600
Contracted services	2 772	3 942	4 403	4 892	16 009
Collection costs	4	11	7	7	29
Depreciation and amortisation	3 473	4 454	4 040	5 795	17 762
Impairment loss (PPE)	0	0	0	538	538
Repairs and maintenance	806	1 108	1 122	1 898	4 934
Bulk purchases:					
Purchases of water	5 202	6 391	6 496	6 183	24 272
Purchases of electricity	22 759	17 891	17 995	21 114	79 759
Other bulk purchases	6	17	18	11	52
Grant and subsidies paid to:					
Other local government institutions	0	0	0	0	0
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0	0	0	0
Households or individuals	100	182	177	256	715
Non-profit institutions serving households	0	0	0	1	1
Other	200	378	375	515	1 468
General expenditure					
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	19	46	36	42	143
Advertising, promotions and marketing	26	42	56	23	147
Audit fees	8	35	16	9	68
Bank charges	5	5	6	5	21
Cleaning services	12	32	53	83	180
Consultancy and professional fees	65	85	252	267	669
Entertainment costs	0	2	2	2	6
Fuel and oil	132	205	175	226	738
Hiring of plant and equipment	25	55	72	491	643
Insurance costs	53	49	53	34	189
Pharmaceutical	0	0	0	1	1
Postal and courier services	1	1	2	1	5
Printing and stationery	14	21	21	36	92
Rebates for service charges	152	153	151	196	652
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	135	191	246	313	885
Rental of office equipment	40	38	48	57	183
Security services	120	157	156	179	612
Subscriptions and membership fees	3	6	3	10	22
Telecommunication services	29	32	42	54	157
Training and education	23	34	45	56	158
Transport costs	5	9	4	17	35
Other expenditure	1 747	2 696	3 374	3 804	11 621
Surplus	13 729	9 166	8 492	7 433	38 820
Total expenditure	64 114	60 890	61 165	68 713	254 882

¹ The total of September 2018, December 2018, March 2019 and June 2019 quarters (refer to Publication P9114).

Table 12 – Benchmarked tables for the financial year ended 30 June 2019: Statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services: Income

Income	September 2018	December 2018	March 2019	June 2019	Total 2019 ¹
	R million				
Interest earned from:					
External investments	12	10	32	36	90
Outstanding debtors	780	790	1 131	930	3 631
Dividends received	0	0	0	0	0
Fines	52	66	80	164	362
Licences and permits	66	58	71	74	269
Income for agency services	289	333	354	309	1 285
Rental of facilities and equipment	179	181	448	464	1 272
Bad debts recovered	22	22	22	22	88
Public contributions, donations (including property, plant and equipment)	42	109	71	446	668
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	0	0	1	14	15
Service charges:					
Sales of water	9 899	10 601	9 618	8 762	38 880
Sales of electricity	29 065	25 517	24 860	26 419	105 861
Refuse removal charges	2 991	2 864	2 875	2 929	11 659
Sewerage and sanitation charges	3 894	4 033	3 775	3 607	15 309
Other services charges (e.g. fresh produce market)	420	487	478	428	1 813
Grants and subsidies from:					
National government	3 368	3 344	3 012	4 594	14 318
Provincial government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Spent conditional grant	2 041	3 733	4 370	7 838	17 982
Other income	350	586	896	1 855	3 687
Deficit	10 644	8 156	9 071	9 822	37 693
Total income	64 114	60 890	61 165	68 713	254 882

¹ The total of September 2018, December 2018, March 2019 and June 2019 quarters (refer to Publication P9114).

Annexure A – Purchases and sales of water

Quarter ended	Purchases of water				Sales of water			
	Actual (unadjusted)		Seasonally adjusted		Actual (unadjusted)		Seasonally adjusted	
	R million	Year-on-year % change	R million	Quarter-on-quarter % change	R million	Year-on-year % change	R million	Quarter-on-quarter % change
Sep 2007	1 489		1 630		3 246		3 297	
Dec 2007	1 661		1 596	-2,1	3 031		2 933	-11,0
Mar 2008	1 615		1 623	1,7	2 865		2 759	-5,9
Jun 2008	1 938		1 846	13,7	3 153		3 345	21,2
Sep 2008	1 601	7,5	1 750	-5,2	2 989	-7,9	3 032	-9,4
Dec 2008	1 816	9,3	1 746	-0,2	3 195	5,4	3 088	1,8
Mar 2009	1 877	16,2	1 881	7,7	3 663	27,9	3 534	14,4
Jun 2009	2 098	8,3	2 007	6,7	3 419	8,4	3 629	2,7
Sep 2009	1 756	9,7	1 918	-4,4	3 537	18,3	3 586	-1,2
Dec 2009	2 084	14,8	2 003	4,4	4 110	28,6	3 962	10,5
Mar 2010	2 001	6,6	1 994	-0,4	3 972	8,4	3 844	-3,0
Jun 2010	2 174	3,6	2 096	5,1	3 646	6,6	3 872	0,7
Sep 2010	2 100	19,6	2 287	9,1	4 056	14,7	4 109	6,1
Dec 2010	2 505	20,2	2 408	5,3	4 315	5,0	4 142	0,8
Mar 2011	2 406	20,2	2 382	-1,1	4 169	5,0	4 057	-2,1
Jun 2011	2 312	6,3	2 252	-5,5	3 848	5,5	4 084	0,7
Sep 2011	2 345	11,7	2 540	12,8	4 342	7,1	4 388	7,4
Dec 2011	2 723	8,7	2 624	3,3	4 769	10,5	4 570	4,1
Mar 2012	2 813	16,9	2 766	5,4	4 919	18,0	4 815	5,4
Jun 2012	2 865	23,9	2 816	1,8	4 876	26,7	5 163	7,2
Sep 2012	2 646	12,8	2 847	1,1	5 239	20,7	5 276	2,2
Dec 2012	3 172	16,5	3 067	7,7	5 597	17,4	5 366	1,7
Mar 2013	3 211	14,1	3 146	2,6	5 658	15,0	5 573	3,9
Jun 2013	3 221	12,4	3 179	1,0	5 279	8,3	5 564	-0,2
Sep 2013	3 134	18,4	3 356	5,6	5 542	5,8	5 560	-0,1
Dec 2013	3 396	7,1	3 291	-1,9	5 935	6,0	5 706	2,6
Mar 2014	3 617	12,6	3 548	7,8	6 000	6,0	5 939	4,1
Jun 2014	3 676	14,1	3 623	2,1	6 186	17,2	6 487	9,2
Sep 2014	3 474	10,8	3 711	2,4	6 037	8,9	6 047	-6,8
Dec 2014	3 861	13,7	3 743	0,9	7 092	19,5	6 825	12,9
Mar 2015	3 982	10,1	3 926	4,9	6 697	11,6	6 660	-2,4
Jun 2015	4 071	10,7	3 994	1,7	6 607	6,8	6 912	3,8
Sep 2015	3 868	11,3	4 135	3,5	7 057	16,9	7 047	2,0
Dec 2015	4 593	19,0	4 445	7,5	7 670	8,2	7 375	4,7
Mar 2016	4 497	12,9	4 458	0,3	7 723	15,3	7 722	4,7
Jun 2016	4 310	5,9	4 212	-5,5	7 316	10,7	7 652	-0,9
Sep 2016	4 457	15,2	4 779	13,5	7 601	7,7	7 560	-1,2
Dec 2016	4 371	-4,8	4 207	-12,0	7 571	-1,3	7 266	-3,9
Mar 2017	4 249	-5,5	4 237	0,7	7 363	-4,7	7 401	1,9
Jun 2017	4 859	12,7	4 734	11,7	8 058	10,1	8 440	14,0
Sep 2017	4 580	2,8	4 930	4,1	8 104	6,6	8 025	-4,9
Dec 2017	5 168	18,2	4 942	0,2	8 657	14,3	8 292	3,3
Mar 2018	5 073	19,4	5 083	2,9	8 727	18,5	8 817	6,3
Jun 2018	5 560	14,4	5 414	6,5	8 690	7,8	9 108	3,3
Sep 2018	5 202	13,6	5 616	3,7	9 899	22,1	9 773	7,3
Dec 2018	6 391	23,7	6 075	8,2	10 601	22,5	10 138	3,7
Mar 2019	6 496	28,1	6 531	7,5	9 618	10,2	9 748	-3,8
Jun 2019	6 183	11,2	6 020	-7,8	8 762	0,8	9 193	-5,7
Sep 2019	5 465	5,1	5 911	-1,8	10 346	4,5	10 196	10,9
Dec 2019	6 390	0,0	6 058	2,5	10 699	0,9	10 216	0,2
Mar 2020	5 529	-14,9	5 559	-8,2	12 640	31,4	12 839	25,7

Annexure B – Purchases and sales of electricity

Quarter ended	Purchases of electricity				Sales of electricity			
	Actual (unadjusted)		Seasonally adjusted		Actual (unadjusted)		Seasonally adjusted	
	R million	Year-on-year % change	R million	Quarter-on-quarter % change	R million	Year-on-year % change	R million	Quarter-on-quarter % change
Sep 2007	5 256		3 967		7 546		6 504	
Dec 2007	3 857		4 326	9,0	6 837		6 978	7,3
Mar 2008	3 667		4 501	4,0	6 639		7 268	4,2
Jun 2008	4 317		4 499	0,0	7 440		7 901	8,7
Sep 2008	6 491	23,5	4 760	5,8	9 093	20,5	8 064	2,1
Dec 2008	5 685	47,4	6 360	33,6	8 874	29,8	8 905	10,4
Mar 2009	4 870	32,8	6 062	-4,7	8 476	27,7	9 342	4,9
Jun 2009	6 085	41,0	6 317	4,2	9 199	23,6	9 748	4,3
Sep 2009	9 318	43,6	6 865	8,7	12 661	39,2	10 901	11,8
Dec 2009	6 424	13,0	7 045	2,6	11 442	28,9	11 587	6,3
Mar 2010	6 058	24,4	7 704	9,4	11 262	32,9	12 334	6,4
Jun 2010	8 336	37,0	8 589	11,5	11 994	30,4	12 662	2,7
Sep 2010	12 361	32,7	9 005	4,8	15 662	23,7	13 586	7,3
Dec 2010	8 070	25,6	9 383	4,2	13 999	22,3	14 033	3,3
Mar 2011	8 605	42,0	10 224	9,0	13 942	23,8	15 487	10,4
Jun 2011	10 277	23,3	10 520	2,9	15 608	30,1	16 377	5,7
Sep 2011	15 271	23,5	12 044	14,5	19 719	25,9	16 910	3,3
Dec 2011	10 934	35,5	12 506	3,8	17 514	25,1	17 649	4,4
Mar 2012	10 390	20,7	12 671	1,3	16 269	16,7	17 866	1,2
Jun 2012	12 965	26,2	13 144	3,7	17 695	13,4	18 434	3,2
Sep 2012	17 492	14,5	13 764	4,7	21 692	10,0	18 758	1,8
Dec 2012	13 058	19,4	14 343	4,2	18 626	6,3	19 280	2,8
Mar 2013	11 432	10,0	13 899	-3,1	17 763	9,2	19 284	0,0
Jun 2013	13 297	2,6	13 351	-3,9	19 218	8,6	19 873	3,1
Sep 2013	17 309	-1,0	13 600	1,9	22 445	3,5	19 806	-0,3
Dec 2013	13 049	-0,1	14 177	4,2	19 583	5,1	20 606	4,0
Mar 2014	12 334	7,9	14 985	5,7	18 925	6,5	20 267	-1,6
Jun 2014	15 821	19,0	15 687	4,7	20 222	5,2	20 795	2,6
Sep 2014	19 038	10,0	15 091	-3,8	23 726	5,7	21 237	2,1
Dec 2014	13 688	4,9	14 887	-1,4	20 779	6,1	21 334	0,5
Mar 2015	13 035	5,7	15 624	5,0	19 979	5,6	21 933	2,8
Jun 2015	16 271	2,8	16 029	2,6	21 618	6,9	22 161	1,0
Sep 2015	20 521	7,8	16 556	3,3	26 281	10,8	22 912	3,4
Dec 2015	16 207	18,4	17 169	3,7	22 272	7,2	23 110	0,9
Mar 2016	14 812	13,6	17 405	1,4	22 829	14,3	24 760	7,1
Jun 2016	18 686	14,8	18 368	5,5	23 062	6,7	23 592	-4,7
Sep 2016	22 260	8,5	18 970	3,3	29 807	13,4	25 970	10,1
Dec 2016	17 446	7,6	19 497	2,8	23 877	7,2	24 512	-5,6
Mar 2017	16 943	14,4	19 232	-1,4	22 816	-0,1	24 863	1,4
Jun 2017	18 919	1,2	18 676	-2,9	24 553	6,5	25 102	1,0
Sep 2017	21 577	-3,1	18 345	-1,8	28 276	-5,1	24 819	-1,1
Dec 2017	16 980	-2,7	18 671	1,8	23 971	0,4	24 686	-0,5
Mar 2018	16 582	-2,1	18 977	1,6	23 072	1,1	24 891	0,8
Jun 2018	19 064	0,8	18 916	-0,3	24 655	0,4	25 198	1,2
Sep 2018	22 759	5,5	19 027	0,6	29 065	2,8	25 804	2,4
Dec 2018	17 891	5,4	19 369	1,8	25 517	6,4	26 666	3,3
Mar 2019	17 995	8,5	20 895	7,9	24 860	7,7	26 243	-1,6
Jun 2019	21 114	10,8	21 047	0,7	26 419	7,2	27 022	3,0
Sep 2019	26 145	14,9	21 360	1,5	30 541	5,1	27 722	2,6
Dec 2019	19 522	9,1	21 029	-1,5	28 151	10,3	29 673	7,0
Mar 2020	18 113	0,7	20 867	-0,8	29 657	19,3	31 608	6,5

Notes

Forthcoming issue	Issue	Expected release date
	June 2020	September/October 2020
Purpose of survey	The <i>Quarterly financial statistics of municipalities</i> (QFSM) (Statistical release P9110) is a quarterly survey that covers local district and metropolitan municipalities in South Africa. The results are used as inputs into the gross domestic product (GDP) calculation as well as to assist the public sector with policy formulation and the financial analysis of municipalities.	
Response rates	March 2019 quarter: 86% (of 257) September 2019 quarter: 85% (of 257) December 2019 quarter: 88% (of 257) March 2020 quarter: 74% (of 257)	
Benchmarking	Data for the QFSM for the year ended 30 June 2019 are aligned to the annual financial census of municipalities for the respective year (which is verified by using the annual financial statements from municipalities). Refer to <i>Financial census of municipalities</i> (P9114).	
Imputation	Imputation was performed for 66 municipalities (26%) that did not respond or whose responses were not usable.	
Cautionary note	The <i>Quarterly financial statistics of municipalities</i> (QFSM) survey provides quarterly updates based on preliminary figures from municipalities. For a more complete report please refer to the annual <i>Financial census of municipalities</i> (Statistical release P9114) which in most cases is based on audited figures.	

Reporting of negative figures by municipalities

Some municipalities pass adjusting journal entries to correct previously recorded figures. In some cases this results in municipalities reporting negative income or expenditure figures.

Implementation of Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (MSCOA)

The implementation of MSCOA resulted in some municipalities experiencing difficulties with their newly upgraded or acquired systems. Amongst others the following are the most common issues across all municipalities:

- i. Municipalities not being able to integrate the old systems (such as a payroll system) into the newly upgraded MSCOA-compliant system; and
- ii. Municipalities struggling and being behind with the capturing of figures into the new system – this is a problem for municipalities which had to move to a new system altogether.

These difficulties have resulted in the following issues for QFSM:

- i. Some municipalities could not provide employee-related figures. This was also seen in the income and expenditure reports generated by the municipalities and sent to Statistics South Africa (Stats SA);
- ii. Some municipalities recorded very low figures as they had not finished capturing all the three months of the quarter;
- iii. The systems of some of the municipalities were generating reports with erroneous figures that could not be used; and
- iv. There were municipalities who could not provide figures at all. Some of them faced challenges with their new system and could not yet generate reports while others did not yet have figures captured into their new system.

Stats SA is working with the affected municipalities and other stakeholders to address the issues described above.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	<p>The purpose of the quarterly financial statistics survey of municipalities is to provide stakeholders with information for allowing analysis and assessment of the state of local government finances.</p> <p>This publication contains estimates for the quarters ended March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, December 2019 and March 2020. The survey is designed to obtain financial information of local government institutions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities; • the consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities – rates and general services; and • the consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities – housing and trading services.
Scope of the survey	2	<p>This survey covers quarterly financial information of all 257 municipalities. Unadjusted data for all municipalities are available with effect from September 2007. Only water (sales and purchases) and electricity (sales and purchases) have seasonally adjusted estimates and these are available at the national level only (not at provincial or municipal level).</p>
Classification and accounting standards	3	<p>For the purposes of classification of local government institutions according to activities Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) used the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC) Fifth Edition Report No.09-90-02 of January 1993. Activities of local government institutions also adhere to the accounting standards and requirements in terms of the Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP).</p> <p>The Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (MSCOA) was initially rolled out (piloted–tested) in 2016 in some municipalities. MSCOA has since been implemented in all municipalities from the beginning of the 2017 municipal financial year. This is a multi-dimensional classification framework providing the method and format for recording and classifying financial transaction information in the general ledger forming part of the books of account containing a standard list of all available accounts.</p>
Survey methodology and design	4	<p>The statistical unit for the collection of information is the municipality.</p>
Imputation	5	<p>The historical method is used to impute for non-response. According to this method previous information is used to arrive at current figures after being appraised for its suitability.</p>
Revised figures	6	<p>Estimates for the current quarter are preliminary. Figures will be revised if respondents report revisions or corrections to their figures and also if the data were received late by Stats SA (after the cut-off date for submitting their questionnaires).</p>
Rounding off figures	7	<p>The figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown, and as a result there may be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.</p>
Related publications	8	<p>Users may wish to refer to the following Stats SA publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P9101 <i>Capital expenditure of the public sector;</i> • P9114 <i>Financial census of municipalities;</i> • P9119 <i>Financial statistics of consolidated general government;</i> • P0441 <i>Gross domestic product; and</i> • P0277 <i>Quarterly employment statistics.</i>

Symbols and abbreviations used

9	GRAP	Generally Recognised Accounting Practice
	MSCOA	Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts
	QES	Quarterly Employment Statistics
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	0	Nil or not applicable

Seasonal adjustment

10	Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each quarter using the X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the US Bureau of the Census. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be recognised more clearly. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular quarter. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore the quarter-to-quarter movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for purchases and sales of water and electricity is described in more detail on the Stats SA website.	
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Glossary of the selected terms

Consolidated statement of financial performance	The aggregate or consolidated statement of financial performance (previously referred to as income statement) reports the institution's financial performance during a specific period in time. This statement covers all the revenue and expenditure of an entity over a specific period in time.
Current expenditure	Current expenditure refers to transactions that decrease the net worth of the institution including interest paid compensation of employees grants and subsidies paid and depreciation but excluding the acquisition of fixed capital. It consists of the total expenditure of rates and general services (excluding the surplus) and the total expenditure of housing and trading services (excluding the surplus).
District municipality	District municipality refers to a municipality that has a 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. Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).
Employee-related costs	<p>Employee-related costs include payment to full-time and part-time employees irrespective of whether the remuneration is paid out of revenue, capital or any other account.</p> <p>Employee-related costs also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• basic compensation;• allowances;• contributions to other benefit funds of employees such as medical aid pension funds group life etc. (excluding unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation etc., which may be looked upon as a form of insurance and would appear under general expenditure) and other benefits such as housing subsidies; and• uniform and clothing allowances (clothing, boots overalls etc. supplied to uniformed employees). Also refer to the Quarterly employment statistics (QES – P9027) which measures employment and gross earnings of all employees on a given municipal payroll.
General expenditure	The following are included in general expenditure: accommodation, travelling and subsistence; advertising; audit fees; bank charges; cleaning services; consultancy fees; fuel and oil; hiring of plant and equipment; insurance costs; membership fees; pharmaceutical expenses; postage and stamps; printing and stationery; security fees; rental of land, buildings and other structures; rental of office equipment; telecommunication services; training and education; and transport costs.
Housing services	Housing includes all activities associated with the municipal provision of housing.
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. Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).

Metropolitan municipality	Metropolitan municipality refers to an institution that has 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 A municipality. Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).
Municipality	Municipality is a generic term describing the 'unit' of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and includes district local and metropolitan municipalities. A municipality is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and the municipal administration (appointed officials). Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).
Other expenditure	The following are included in other expenditure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• departmental charges/fees;• books and magazines;• consumables;• licences and trade licences;• workshops;• refreshments; and• sundries.
Rates and general services	Rates and general services refer to municipal services that are not economically self-supporting and are financed by imposing assessment and other rates, the receipt of subsidies and other contributions. This includes ambulance services, fire control (or fire-fighting), health services (clinics old-age homes), roads and storm water drainage, parks and recreation (libraries, cultural activities, museums, sport administration, community halls, swimming pools, sports grounds, nature reserves etc.), sewerage and cleansing, traffic (licensing offices), and other services (city engineers, administration personnel, legal services, city treasurer etc.).
Repairs and maintenance	Repairs and maintenance include all expenditure on repairs and maintenance of the various assets of the municipality. Where considered necessary, the cost of repairs in respect of the various types of assets, e.g. buildings, plant, may be subdivided. Where repairs and maintenance have been charged to a 'provision for repairs account' the actual expenditure incurred during the current year has been reflected under this subdivision and the amount chargeable to the 'provision for repairs' is reflected as a deduction from the actual cost. Any balance of expenditure still remaining is treated as a charge against the current year.
Trading services	Trading services are services for which the tariffs are determined in such a way that the provision of the service should yield a trading profit (market-related goods and services). These include waste management (refuse removal, solid waste disposal (landfill sites), street cleaning, recycling etc.), waste water management (sewerage, storm water management and public toilets), water (water distribution, water storage etc.), electricity (electricity distribution, electricity generation, street lighting etc.), etc.

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