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Key findings

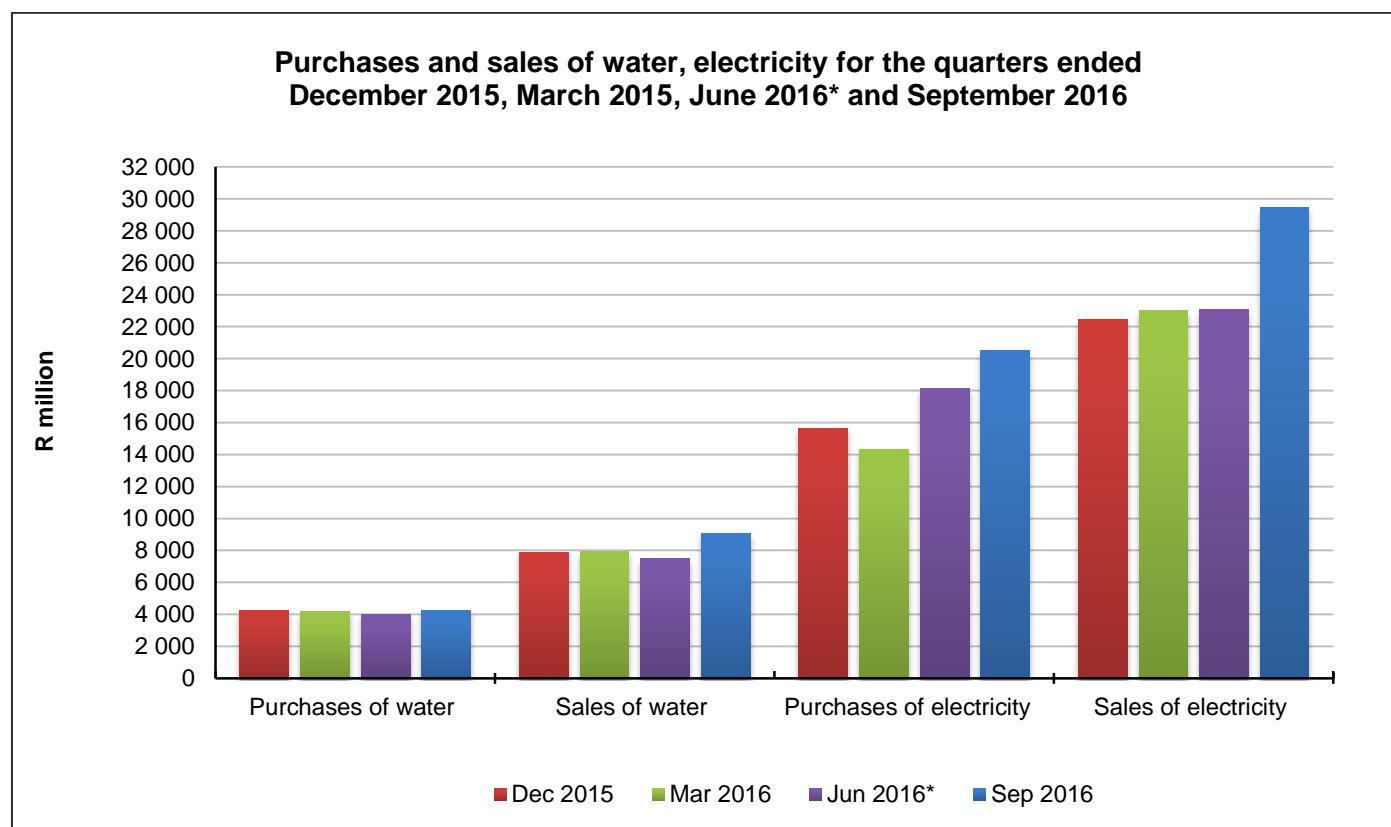
Item	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016*	September 2016	Difference between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016	% change between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016
	R million					
Purchases of water	4 259	4 170	3 983	4 234	251	6,3
Sales of water	7 856	7 910	7 473	9 089	1 616	21,6
Purchases of electricity	15 668	14 320	18 127	20 478	2 351	13,0
Sales of electricity	22 432	22 993	23 073	29 440	6 367	27,6
Employee-related costs	21 081	19 558	19 509	20 338	829	4,2

* Some figures have been revised.

Purchases of water increased by 6,3% between the quarters ended June 2016 and September 2016. Sales of water increased by 21,6% over the same period.

Purchases of electricity increased by 13,0% between the quarters ended June 2016 and September 2016. Sales of electricity increased by 27,6% over the same period.

Employee-related costs increased by 4,2% between the quarters ended June 2016 and September 2016.



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Table 1 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for the quarters ended December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016*	September 2016	Difference between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016
	R million				
Employee-related costs	21 081	19 558	19 509	20 338	829
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	821	939	902	830	-72
Interest paid	2 281	1 926	2 507	1 328	-1 179
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	3	78	8	30	22
Bad debts	2 163	2 676	3 674	2 476	-1 198
Contracted services	3 553	2 903	4 185	2 453	-1 732
Collection costs	252	191	213	131	-82
Depreciation and amortisation	5 048	5 470	6 029	4 163	-1 866
Impairment loss (PPE)	1	1	517	1	-516
Repairs and maintenance	3 272	3 059	4 642	2 054	-2 588
Bulk purchases:					
Purchases of water	4 259	4 170	3 983	4 234	251
Purchases of electricity	15 668	14 320	18 127	20 478	2 351
Other bulk purchases	33	27	27	11	-16
Grants and subsidies paid to:					
Other local government institutions	19	104	165	23	-142
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0	0	1	1
Households or individuals	772	709	716	795	79
Non-profit institutions serving households	1	3	1	2	1
Other	2 481	2 057	3 581	1 815	-1 766
General expenditure:					
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	271	175	244	179	-65
Advertising, promotions and marketing	126	136	313	66	-247
Audit fees	452	204	155	129	-26
Bank charges	100	71	73	87	14
Cleaning services	86	81	105	83	-22
Consultancy and professional fees	448	658	944	569	-375
Entertainment costs	27	50	35	25	-10
Fuel and oil	437	379	498	308	-190
Hiring of plant and equipment	241	229	350	143	-207
Insurance costs	233	188	132	358	226
Pharmaceutical	37	41	27	47	20
Postal and courier services	65	71	68	56	-12
Printing and stationery	159	135	211	114	-97
Rebates for property rates	1 412	1 501	1 615	1 551	-64
Rebates for service charges	93	144	122	129	7
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	151	140	83	177	94
Rental of office equipment	275	237	302	241	-61
Security services	661	710	905	514	-391
Subscriptions and membership fees	76	53	143	214	71
Telecommunication services	218	287	339	190	-149
Training and education	185	183	237	149	-88
Transport costs	246	198	286	164	-122
Other expenditure	9 186	7 663	11 477	6 432	-5 045
Surplus	20 802	23 135	9 792	44 428	34 636
Total expenditure	97 695	94 860	97 242	117 516	20 274

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 2 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for the quarters ended December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016: Income – South Africa

Income	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016*	September 2016	Difference between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016
	R million				
Property rates from:					
Residential	8 194	7 724	8 255	9 755	1 500
Commercial or business	2 577	2 430	2 964	2 670	-294
State	637	733	663	1 307	644
Other (includes agricultural, municipal, etc.)	1 591	1 229	1 600	3 357	1 757
Property rates - penalties imposed and collection charges	65	62	64	65	1
Service charges					
Sales of water	7 856	7 910	7 473	9 089	1 616
Sales of electricity	22 432	22 993	23 073	29 440	6 367
Refuse removal charges	2 386	2 361	2 399	2 474	75
Sewerage and sanitation charges	3 022	3 016	3 073	3 421	348
Other service charges (e.g. fresh produce market etc.)	108	142	147	7	-140
Interest earned from:					
External investments	1 082	1 627	1 647	1 198	-449
Outstanding debtors	1 265	1 221	1 270	1 234	-36
Dividends received	0	0	0	3	3
Fines	901	813	1 178	662	-516
Licences and permits	324	291	308	309	1
Income for agency services	418	347	377	191	-186
Rental of facilities and equipment	469	479	445	487	42
Bad debts recovered	13	8	16	9	-7
Public contributions and donations (including PPE)	81	92	530	57	-473
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	58	31	228	48	-180
Grants and subsidies from:					
National government	20 786	18 963	10 453	22 675	12 222
Provincial government	717	652	566	600	34
Local government	2	109	4	1	-3
Other	683	638	622	470	-152
Spent conditional grant	4 128	3 897	4 597	7 224	2 627
Other income	3 782	4 060	8 230	4 424	-3 806
Deficit	14 118	13 032	17 060	16 339	-721
Total income	97 695	94 860	97 242	117 516	20 274

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Table 3 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services for the quarters ended December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016*	September 2016	Difference between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016
	R million				
Employee-related costs	13 253	12 325	12 424	12 794	370
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	821	939	902	830	-72
Interest paid	1 225	1 048	1 230	1 015	-215
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	1	2	55	20	-35
Bad debts	872	1 245	1 828	1 054	-774
Contracted services	1 562	1 203	1 842	1 117	-725
Collection costs	230	167	131	116	-15
Depreciation and amortisation	1 616	1 694	2 593	1 132	-1 461
Impairment loss (PPE)	1	0	517	1	-516
Repairs and maintenance	657	654	996	343	-653
Grants and subsidies paid to:					
Other local government institutions	17	99	133	21	-112
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0	0	1	1
Households or individuals	284	286	226	238	12
Non-profit institutions serving households	1	3	1	2	1
Other	1 597	1 355	1 544	1 279	-265
General expenditure:					
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	240	150	215	156	-59
Advertising, promotions and marketing	96	108	267	48	-219
Audit fees	427	190	149	113	-36
Bank charges	95	67	69	81	12
Cleaning services	42	42	43	31	-12
Consultancy and professional fees	327	396	523	360	-163
Entertainment costs	26	48	31	25	-6
Fuel and oil	195	159	235	156	-79
Hiring of plant and equipment	138	122	235	78	-157
Insurance costs	180	128	100	282	182
Pharmaceutical	36	40	25	46	21
Postal and courier services	63	69	65	54	-11
Printing and stationery	128	107	181	96	-85
Rebates for property rates	1 412	1 501	1 615	1 551	-64
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	112	112	45	155	110
Rental of office equipment	97	89	94	62	-32
Security services	455	486	634	369	-265
Subscriptions and membership fees	73	51	140	212	72
Telecommunication services	187	249	267	155	-112
Training and education	156	148	186	127	-59
Transport costs	33	38	47	37	-10
Other expenditure	4 832	3 792	5 475	3 815	-1 660
Surplus	14 233	14 117	5 139	26 633	21 494
Total expenditure	45 720	43 229	40 202	54 605	14 403

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 4 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services for the quarters ended December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016: Income – South Africa

Income	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016*	September 2016	Difference between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016
	R million				
Taxes on property					
Property rates from:					
Residential	8 194	7 724	8 255	9 755	1 500
Commercial or business	2 577	2 430	2 964	2 670	-294
State	637	733	663	1 307	644
Other (includes agricultural, municipal, etc.)	1 591	1 229	1 600	3 357	1 757
Property rates – penalties imposed and collection charges	65	62	64	65	1
Interest earned from:					
External investments	1 005	1 386	1 557	1 154	-403
Outstanding debtors	823	832	840	821	-19
Dividends received	0	0	0	3	3
Fines	689	598	950	405	-545
Licences and permits	98	97	104	103	-1
Income for agency services	341	283	273	94	-179
Rental of facilities and equipment	225	238	196	260	64
Bad debts recovered	11	8	16	9	-7
Public contributions and donations (including property, plant and equipment)	23	24	218	15	-203
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	56	25	226	47	-179
Grants and subsidies from:					
National government	14 842	13 129	5 055	18 519	13 464
Provincial government	339	321	259	407	148
Local government	2	108	3	1	-2
Other	306	290	255	293	38
Spent conditional grants	2 240	1 905	1 885	3 464	1 579
Other income	2 867	2 986	5 069	3 043	-2 026
Deficit	8 789	8 821	9 750	8 813	-937
Total income	45 720	43 229	40 202	54 605	14 403

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 5 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services for the quarters ended December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016*	September 2016	Difference between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016
	R million				
Employee-related costs	7 828	7 233	7 085	7 544	459
Interest paid	1 056	878	1 277	313	-964
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	76	-47	10	57
Bad debts	1 291	1 431	1 846	1 422	-424
Contracted services	1 991	1 700	2 343	1 336	-1 007
Collection costs	22	24	82	15	-67
Depreciation and amortisation	3 432	3 776	3 436	3 031	-405
Impairment loss (PPE)	0	1	0	0	0
Repairs and maintenance	2 615	2 405	3 646	1 711	-1 935
Bulk purchases:					
Purchases of water	4 259	4 170	3 983	4 234	251
Purchases of electricity	15 668	14 320	18 127	20 478	2 351
Other bulk purchases	33	27	27	11	-16
Grants and subsidies paid to:					
Other local government institutions	2	5	32	2	-30
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0	0	0	0
Households or individuals	488	423	490	557	67
Non-profit institutions serving households	0	0	0	0	0
Other	884	702	2 037	536	-1 501
General expenditure:					
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	31	25	29	23	-6
Advertising, promotions and marketing	30	28	46	18	-28
Audit fees	25	14	6	16	10
Bank charges	5	4	4	6	2
Cleaning services	44	39	62	52	-10
Consultancy and professional fees	121	262	421	209	-212
Entertainment costs	1	2	4	0	-4
Fuel and oil	242	220	263	152	-111
Hiring of plant and equipment	103	107	115	65	-50
Insurance costs	53	60	32	76	44
Pharmaceutical	1	1	2	1	-1
Postal and courier services	2	2	3	2	-1
Printing and stationery	31	28	30	18	-12
Rebates for service charges	93	144	122	129	7
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	39	28	38	22	-16
Rental of office equipment	178	148	208	179	-29
Security services	206	224	271	145	-126
Subscriptions and membership fees	3	2	3	2	-1
Telecommunication services	31	38	72	35	-37
Training and education	29	35	51	22	-29
Transport costs	213	160	239	127	-112
Other expenditure	4 354	3 871	6 002	2 617	-3 385
Surplus	6 569	9 018	4 653	17 795	13 142
Total expenditure	51 975	51 631	57 040	62 911	5 871

* Some figures have been revised.

Table 6 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services for the quarters ended December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016: Income – South Africa

Income	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016*	September 2016	Difference between quarters ended Jun. 2016 and Sep. 2016
	R million				
Interest earned from:					
External investments	77	241	90	44	-46
Outstanding debtors	442	389	430	413	-17
Dividends received	0	0	0	0	0
Fines	212	215	228	257	29
Licences and permits	226	194	204	206	2
Income for agency services	77	64	104	97	-7
Rental of facilities and equipment	244	241	249	227	-22
Bad debts recovered	2	0	0	0	0
Public contributions and donations (including property, plant and equipment)	58	68	312	42	-270
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	6	2	1	-1
Service charges:					
Sales of water	7 856	7 910	7 473	9 089	1 616
Sales of electricity	22 432	22 993	23 073	29 440	6 367
Refuse removal charges	2 386	2 361	2 399	2 474	75
Sewerage and sanitation charges	3 022	3 016	3 073	3 421	348
Other service charges (e.g. fresh produce market)	108	142	147	7	-140
Grants and subsidies from:					
National government	5 944	5 834	5 398	4 156	-1 242
Provincial government	378	331	307	193	-114
Local government	0	1	1	0	-1
Other	377	348	367	177	-190
Spent conditional grants	1 888	1 992	2 712	3 760	1 048
Other income	915	1 074	3 161	1 381	-1 780
Deficit	5 329	4 211	7 310	7 526	216
Total income	51 975	51 631	57 040	62 911	5 871

* Some figures have been revised.

Notes

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Purpose of survey The *Quarterly financial statistics of municipalities* 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

December quarter 2015:	99% (of 278)
March quarter 2016:	100% (of 278)
June quarter 2016	100% (of 278)
September quarter 2016	98% (of 257)

The following municipalities did not submit their figures by the cut-off date, and therefore were estimated:

1. Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality – Eastern Cape
2. Walter Sisulu Local Municipality – Eastern Cape
3. The Big 5 Hablisa Local Municipality – KwaZulu-Natal
4. Lephalale Local Municipality – Limpopo
5. Gamagara Local Municipality – Northern Cape

Reasons for fluctuations:

- Revisions due to corrections reported by respondents; and/or
- Seasonality of variables in the survey

Explanatory notes

- Introduction** 1 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.
- This publication contains estimates for the quarters ended December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016. The survey is designed to obtain financial information of local government institutions relating to:
- 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 This survey covers quarterly financial information of all 257 municipalities.
- Classification and accounting standards** 3 For the purposes of classification of local government institutions according to activities, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) used the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Fifth Edition, and Report No.09-90-02 of January 1993 (SIC). Activities of local government institutions also adhere to the accounting standards and requirements in terms of the Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP).
- The Standard Chart of Accounts for municipalities and municipal entities (MSCOA) was implemented from July 2016. 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.
- Survey methodology and design** 4 The statistical unit for the collection of information is the municipality.
- Imputation** 5 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.
- Revised figures** 6 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).
- Rounding off figures** 7 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.
- Related publications** 8 Users may wish to refer to the following Stats SA publications:
- P9101 *Capital expenditure of the public sector;*
 - P9114 *Financial census of municipalities;*
 - P9119.4 *Financial statistics of consolidated general government;*
 - P0441 *Gross domestic product; and*
 - P0277 *Quarterly employment statistics*
- Symbols and abbreviations used** 9 GRAP Generally Recognised Accounting Practice
 QES Quarterly Employment Statistics
 SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
 Stats SA Statistics South Africa
 0 nil or not applicable

Glossary of selected variables used in this publication

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; • contribution to other benefit funds of employees such as medical aid, pension fund contributions, 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 subsidy, etc.; and • uniform and clothing allowances (clothing, boots, overalls, etc. supplied to uniformed employees). • also refer to the Quarterly Employment Statistics (QES, P0277) which measure 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 and trading services	Housing includes all activities associated with the municipal provision of housing. 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). Trading services include waste management (refuse removal, solid waste disposal (landfill sites), street cleaning, recycling etc.), waste water management (sewerage, storm water management and public toilets), road transport (roads, public buses, parking garages, vehicle licensing and testing), water (water distribution, water storage), electricity (electricity distribution, electricity generation, street lighting) and other trading services which include environmental protection (such as pollution control, biodiversity & landscape and coastal protection etc.), air transport, abattoirs, tourism, forestry, markets and licensing & regulation (such as licensing of food and liquor sales to the public and licensing of street traders (hawkers control) and business).
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:

- 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.

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