

## **BUDGET SPEECH 2014**

### **HEALTH**

#### **Annual health budget<sup>1</sup>**

A budget of R145.7 billion is budgeted for the Department of Health for 2014/15. Of this amount R52.3 is allocated for district services, 26.7 billion is for provincial services and R24.3 billion is earmarked for central health services.

#### **Industry Support<sup>2</sup>**

A total of R10.3 billion is budgeted for manufacturing development incentives over the next three years R3.6 billion for job creation at special economic zone.

#### **Procurement Reforms<sup>3</sup>**

In terms of Procurement reforms the Chief procurement office has established and has made progress on; centralised procurement of health equipment, drugs and medicines to effect savings.

#### **Infrastructure<sup>4</sup>**

Approximately R7.7 million is reserved for health infrastructure. Accelerate the provision of infrastructure in the pilot districts for the National Health Insurance and contracting general practitioners. A total of R19.3 billion will be for refurbishing clinics and hospitals and 1.2 billion is budgeted over the next three year medium term expenditure frame work period to begin contracting with general practitioners.

Over the next three years a total amount of R77 billion is budgeted for primary health care services and R240 billion on public hospitals.

Currently R38 billion has been spent on 1 879 hospitals and other health facility projects. A total of R26 billion is allocated over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework period ahead.

#### **HIV/AIDS<sup>5</sup>**

Over the past five years, R41 million was spent on HIV/AIDS programmes and R43.5 billion was budgeted for HIV/AIDS programmes for the next three years. An allocation of a further 1 billion for the HIV/AIDS conditional grant in 2016/17 to continue the rollout of antiretroviral treatment. Currently, R2.5 million people are under treatment, with an estimation of 500 000 people to join the programme each year.

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<sup>1</sup> 2014 Budget Speech access from <http://www.treasury.gov.za/documents/national%20budget/2014/speech/speech.pdf>

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<sup>3</sup> 2014 Budget Speech access from <http://www.treasury.gov.za/documents/national%20budget/2014/speech/speech.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fin24.com/Budget/R1457bn-injection-for-health-20140226>

<sup>5</sup> 2014 Budget Speech access from <http://www.treasury.gov.za/documents/national%20budget/2014/speech/speech.pdf>

### **Vaccine<sup>6</sup>**

A total of R600 million is allocated for the introduction of new Human Papilloma Virus.

### **Office of Health Standards Compliance<sup>7</sup>**

Office of Health Standard Compliance will be launched in 2014/15 as an independent public entity responsible for inspecting health facilities. An amount of R369.6 million is allocated to the new office over the medium term.

### **South African Demographic Health Survey<sup>8</sup>**

A once-off allocation of R30 million had been made for another South African Demographic Health Survey, which collected population based health data.

According to the 2014 Estimates of National Expenditure, tabled by Gordon, the spending focus over the medium term is on increasing life expectancy and reducing the burden of disease.

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<sup>6</sup> 2014 Budget Speech accessed from <http://www.treasury.gov.za/documents/national%20budget/2014/guides/2014%20People's%20Guide%20English.df>

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