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KEY FINDINGS

NET CHANGE IN THE STOCK OF CASH FROM THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AMOUNTED TO AN INCREASE OF R900 MILLION FOR THE 2006 FINANCIAL YEAR

Cash receipts from operating activities amounted to R26 925 million and cash payments for operating activities amounted to R21 316 million resulting in net cash inflow from operating activities of R5 609 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2006. Purchases of non-financial assets amounted to R1 557 million for 2006. Sales of non-financial assets amounted to R37 million for the 2006 financial year resulting in net cash outflow from investments in non-financial assets of R1 520 million. Net acquisition of financial assets other than cash amounted to R3 091 million for the 2006 financial year. Net incurrence of liabilities amounted to R98 million resulting in net cash outflow from financing activities of R3 189 million for the 2006 financial year. Total net change in the stock of cash for higher education institutions amounted to an increase of R900 million (see Table A, p. 4).

Economic classification of the cash payments for operating activities and purchases of nonfinancial assets of higher education institutions received

Economic classification of expenditure is in general a measure of the nature and economic effect of government operations on the economy of a country. Seven main economically classified cash payments for operating activities categories are: Compensation of employees; purchases of goods and services; interest; subsidies; grants; social benefits; and other payments.

In contrast to national departments, which keep their accounts on a cash basis, the accounts of the higher education institutions are kept on an accrual basis, i.e. the payments are recorded in the period to which the transactions relate and surpluses, deficits, assets and liabilities resulting from these transactions are carried over to the next fiscal year. However, the figures in this statistical release have been converted from accrual to cash basis.

Purchases of non-financial assets include cash payments for fixed assets (buildings and structures, machinery and equipment and other fixed assets), inventories (strategic stocks), valuables and non-produced assets (land, sub-soil assets, other naturally occurring assets and intangible non-produced assets).

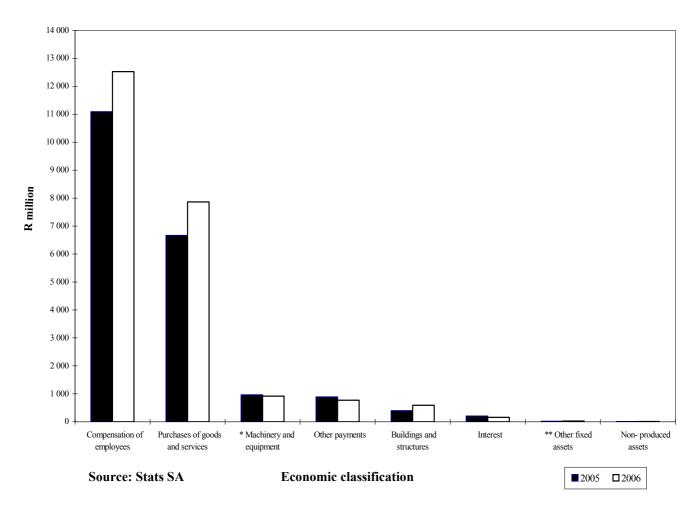
The contribution of cash receipts from operating activities, cash payments for operating activities and purchases of non-financial assets to total expenditure by economic classification

The largest contributor to total cash receipts from operating activities (economically classified) was other receipts (R15 888 million) which mainly consists of tuition fees, followed by grants (R11 021 million) and taxes (R16 million) for the 2006 financial year (see Table A, p.4).

The largest contributor to the total cash payments for operating activities (economically classified) for the 2006 financial year was compensation of employees (R12 524 million), followed by purchases of goods and services (R7 865 million), other payments (R770 million), and interest (R157 million) (see Table A, p.4).

The largest contributor to purchases of non-financial assets was machinery and equipment (R917 million) followed by buildings and structures (R591 million), other fixed assets (R26 million), non-produced assets (R10 million) and inventories (R9 million) (see Table B, p.5).

Figure 1 - Economic classification of the cash payments for operating activities and purchases of non-financial assets for the 2005 and 2006 financial years ¹



^{*} Machinery and equipment include vehicles, computers, furniture, books and other machinery and equipment

^{**} Other fixed assets include intangible assets

¹ The classification of 2005 and 2006 data from accrual to cash, and the mergers between institutions, means that these two years are not necessarily comparable.

Table A – Economic classification of statement of sources and uses of cash of higher education institutions for the 2005 and 2006 financial years (Summary)¹

		2005	2006
	!	R million ²	R million ²
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash receipts from operating activities:	a	24 499*	26 925
Taxes		7*	16
Social contributions		0	0
Grants		10 333*	11 021
Other receipts		14 159*	15 888
Cash payments for operating activities:	b	18 834*	21 316
Compensation of employees		11 089*	12 524
Purchases of goods and services		6 661*	7 865
Interest		200*	157
Subsidies		0	0
Grants		0	0
Social benefits		00.4*	0
Other payments		884*	770
Net cash flow from operating activities (outflow) / inflow	(a-b) = c	5 665*	5 609
Expenses not regarded as cash transactions (memo item)	d	0	0
Cash flows from investments in non-financial assets:			
Purchases of non-financial assets:	e	1 399*	1 557
Fixed assets		1 376*	1 536
Inventories		17*	9
Valuables		0	2
Non-produced assets		6*	10
Sales of non-financial assets:	f	80*	37
Fixed assets		72*	36
Inventories		0	0
Valuables		0	1
Non-produced assets		8*	0
Net cash flow from investments in non-financial assets inflow / (outflow)	(f-e) = g	-1 319*	-1 520
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(c+g) = h	4 346*	4 089
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net acquisition of financial assets other than cash: (inflow) / outflow	i	2 411*	3 091
Domestic		2 299*	2 870
Foreign		112*	221
Net incurrence of liabilities: (outflow) / inflow	j	-275*	-98
Domestic		-275*	-98
Foreign		0	0
Net cash flow from financing activities (outflow) / inflow	(j-i) = k	-2 686*	-3 189
NET CHANGE IN THE STOCK OF CASH	$(\mathbf{h}+\mathbf{k})=\mathbf{l}$	1 660*	900

¹ The sum of the data may not necessarily add up to totals due to rounding-off of figures.

^{*} The figures have been revised.

² Included in the total cash payments for operating activities are the amounts for research undertaken by higher education institutions which was to the value of R1 665 million in 2006.

Table B – Economic classification of the cash payments for purchases of non-financial assets of higher education institutions for the 2005 and 2006 financial years (Summary) 1

		2005	2006
		R million	R million
Purchases of non-financial assets:	(n+r+s+t)=m	1 399*	1 557
Fixed assets:	(o+p+q)=n	1 376*	1 536
Buildings and structures:	0	396*	591
Residential buildings		49*	18
Non-residential buildings		319*	
Other constructions		28*	
Machinery and equipment:	p	961*	917
Vehicles	-	28*	37
Computer equipment		231*	241
Furniture		315*	364
Other machinery and equipment		183*	148
Books		204*	127
Other fixed assets:	q	19	26
Intangible assets	•	19	26
Inventories	r	17*	9
Valuables	s	0	2
Non-produced assets	t	6*	10

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Notes

Forthcoming issues	Issue	Expected release date	
	Financial statistics of higher education institutions for the financial year ending 31 December 2007	15 October 2008	
Purpose of this statistical release	This statistical release provides financial statistics of cash transactions of higher education institutions. Cash payments for operating activities and purchases of non-financial assets for the 2006 financial year were converted from accrual basis of accounting to cash basis of accounting and were classified economically and functionally.		
Expected changes in the next issue	No changes are expected.		

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Explanatory notes

Introduction

1. This statistical release provides cash transactions of higher education institutions for the 2006 financial year, which ended on 31 December.

Scope of the financial statistics of higher education institutions

2. The cash payments of the following higher education institutions are included in the tables:

Universities

- 1) Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
- 2) North-West University
- 3) Rhodes University
- 4) Stellenbosch University
- 5) University of Cape Town
- 6) University of Fort Hare
- 7) University of the Free State
- 8) University of Johannesburg
- 9) University of KwaZulu-Natal
- 10) University of Limpopo
- 11) University of Pretoria
- 12) University of South Africa
- 13) University of Venda
- 14) University of the Western Cape
- 15) University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)
- 16) University of Zululand

Universities of Technology

- 17) Cape Peninsula University of Technology
- 18) Central University of Technology, Free State
- 19) Durban University of Technology
- 20) Tshwane University of Technology
- 21) Vaal University of Technology
- 22) Walter Sisulu University for Technology and Science

Technikon

23) Mangosuthu Technikon

Restructuring of the higher education landscape

3. In November 2003, the Cabinet approved proposals for the restructuring of the institutional landscape through mergers and incorporations.

It should be noted that the mergers indicated below took place in January and July 2005. Therefore, the ongoing restructuring process will result in 21 higher education institutions.

- University of the North and Medical University of South Africa (merged to form University of Limpopo)
- University of Port Elizabeth and Port Elizabeth Technikon (merged to form Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)
- Rand Afrikaans University and Technikon Witwatersrand (merged to form University of Johannesburg)
- Cape Technikon and Peninsula Technikon (merged to form Cape Peninsula University of Technology)
- University of Transkei, Border Technikon and the Eastern Cape Technikon (merged to form Walter Sisulu University for Technology and Science, Eastern Cape with effect from July 2005).

Methodology

4. Statistics South Africa receives financial statements of higher education institutions annually from the Department of Education. However, the figures in this statistical release have been converted from accrual basis of accounting to cash basis of accounting. Financial statements were received for all 23 institutions.

Missing or incomplete information was supplemented through telephonic liaison with the relevant universities, universities of technology and a technikon as far as possible.

- 5. The tables contain only the consolidated information of all the higher education institutions. Stats SA does not receive separate information for hostels and trust funds in order to exclude the information from the tables.
- 6. The expenditure on land and buildings by government departments (as a direct liability against their votes) on behalf of certain higher education institutions is not included in the tables

Comparability with the previous year

7. For the first time this statistical release includes comparative figures of the previous year (2005) for cash receipts from operating activities, cash payments for operating activities, purchases of non-financial assets, cash flows from sales of non-financial assets, net acquisition of financial assets other than cash, and net incurrence of liabilities. The classification of 2005 and 2006 data from accrual to cash, and the mergers between institutions, means that these two years are not necessarily comparable.

Classification

8. Economic classification

Transactions in this statistical release are classified economically according to the standard classifications of the 2001 Manual on Government Finance Statistics (GFS) of the International Monetary Fund.

Economic classification is in general a measure of the nature and economic effect of government operations on the economy of the country.

Cash receipts and cash payments for operating activities and purchases of non-financial assets, sale of non-financial assets, net acquisition of financial assets other than cash and net incurrence of liabilities were classified economically as follows:

• Cash receipts from operating activities

Taxes Social contributions Grants Other receipts

• Cash payments for operating activities

Compensation of employees (excluding capitalised remuneration)
Purchases of goods and services
Interest
Subsidies
Grants
Social benefits
Other payments

• Purchases of non-financial assets (including capitalised remuneration)

Fixed assets Inventories Valuables Non-produced assets

• Sales of non-financial assets

Fixed assets Inventories Valuables Non-produced assets

• Net acquisition of financial assets other than cash

Domestic Foreign

• Net incurrence of liabilities

Domestic Foreign

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Symbols and abbreviations

GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Practice
 GFS Government Finance Statistics 2001
 HEI Higher Education Institutions
 SNA System of National Accounts 1993

Stats SA Statistics South Africa
- Nil or not applicable

Glossary

Accrual basis of recording Accrual basis of recording means that flows are recorded at the time economic

value is created, transformed, exchanged, transferred, or extinguished.

Books Include library books and periodicals.

Cash basis of recording means that transactions are captured when cash is

received or when cash payments are made.

other bonuses, allowances (including car allowances), retirement benefits, contributions to medical, insurance and pension funds, compensation in respect

of examinations and housing subsidies.

Economic classification Economic classification is a measure of the nature and economic effect of

government operations on the economy of the country. For example, when supplying non-market goods and services to the community, a government unit may produce the goods and services itself and distribute them, purchase them from a third party and distribute them, or transfer cash to households so they can purchase the goods and services directly. The economic classification identifies

the types of expense incurred for these activities.

Households Households may be defined as individuals or a small group of persons who

share the same living accommodation (bursaries to students are regarded as

other payments: current transfers to households).

Machinery and equipment Machinery and equipment are divided into vehicles, computer equipment,

books, furniture and other machinery and equipment.

warehouses, laboratories, workshops and lecture halls.

Other constructions Other constructions include sport fields, roads and fences.

Purchases of goods and services Purchases of goods and services include purchases of all other goods and

services, except remuneration of employees, for current activities. In accordance with the recommendations of the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA) these kinds of expenditure exclude capital expenditure relating to office, school,

and household furniture and equipment.

Residential buildings Residential buildings are buildings that are used entirely or primarily as

residences and include student houses, flats, hostels and nursing homes.

Subsidies Subsidies are current unrequited payments that general government pays to

enterprises on the basis of the quantities or values of the goods and services,

which they produce, sell or import.

Technikon/ Universities of

technology

Means any technikon/university of technology established, deemed to be established or declared as a technikon/university of technology under the higher

education act, (Act no. 101 of 1997).

declared as a university under the Higher Education Act, (Act no. 101 of 1997).

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