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DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL

(As amended by the Portfolio Committee on Finance (National Assembly))
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BILL

To provide for—

the equitable division of revenue raised nationally among the national, provincial and local spheres of government for the 2001/2002 financial year; reporting requirements for such allocations; the withholding and the delaying of payments; liability for costs incurred in litigation in violation of the principles of co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 214(1) of the Constitution requires an Act of Parliament to provide for—

- (a) the equitable division of revenue raised nationally among the national, provincial and local spheres of government;
- (b) the determination of each province's equitable share of the provincial share of that revenue; and
- (c) any other allocations to provinces, local government or municipalities from the national government's share of that revenue, and any conditions on which those allocations may be made;

B E IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Definitions

- 1.** In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise, a word to which a meaning has been assigned in the Public Finance Management Act bears the same meaning, and—
- (i) **“accredited bank account”** means—
 - (a) in respect of a province, a bank account of the provincial Revenue Fund which the head official of the provincial treasury has certified to the National Treasury as the bank account into which allocations in terms of this Act must be deposited; and
 - (b) in respect of a municipality, a bank account of a municipality which the municipal accounting officer has certified to the national accounting officer responsible for local government as the bank account into which allocations in terms of this Act must be deposited;
 - (ii) **“Constitution”** means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996);
 - (iii) **“Director-General”** means the Director-General of the National Treasury;
 - (iv) **“head official of the provincial treasury”** means the head official of the provincial department responsible for financial matters in the province;
 - (v) **“Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Act”** means the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Act, 1997 (Act No. 97 of 1997).
 - (vi) **“municipality”** means a municipality established in terms of the Municipal Structures Act;
 - (vii) **“municipal accounting officer”** means the municipal manager of a municipality or such other person who has been instructed or delegated by the council to perform the functions of an accounting officer;

- (viii) **“Municipal Structures Act”** means the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998);
- (ix) **“next financial year”** means the financial year commencing on 1 April 2002 and ending on 31 March 2003;
- (x) **“past financial year”** means the financial year which commenced on 1 April 2000 and ends on 31 March 2001; 5
- (xi) **“payment schedule”** means an instalment schedule which sets out—
- (a) the amount of each instalment of an equitable share or an allocation to be transferred to a province or municipality for the financial year;
- (b) the date on which each such instalment must be paid; and 10
- (c) to whom, and to which accredited bank account, each such instalment must be paid;
- (xii) **“prescribe”** means prescribe by regulation in terms of section 33;
- (xiii) **“Public Finance Management Act”** means the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999); 15
- (xiv) **“receiving officer”** means—
- (a) in respect of a Schedule 3 allocation transferred to a province, the head official of the provincial treasury;
- (b) in respect of a Schedule 4 or 6 allocation transferred to a province, the accounting officer of a provincial department which receives such allocation; or 20
- (c) in respect of a Schedule 5 or 6 allocation transferred to a municipality, the municipal accounting officer of that municipality;
- (xv) **“SALGA”** means the national organisation recognised in terms of section 2(1)(a) of the Organised Local Government Act, 1997 (Act No. 52 of 1997); 25
- (xvi) **“transferring national officer”** means the accounting officer responsible for a national department which transfers to a province or municipality a Schedule 3, 4, 5 or 6 allocation, but excludes the accounting officer of the National Treasury in respect of an allocation listed in those Schedules and which is on the vote of the National Treasury; and 30
- (xvii) **“transferring provincial officer”** means the accounting officer responsible for a provincial department which receives a Schedule 5 or 6 allocation for the purpose of transferring it to a municipality in the relevant province.

PART I

Promoting co-operative governance in intergovernmental budgeting 35

2. The object of this Act is to—
- (a) provide for the equitable division of revenue raised nationally among the three spheres of government;
- (b) promote co-operative governance in the budget allocation and transfer process; 40
- (c) promote better co-ordination between policy, planning, budget preparation and execution processes;
- (d) promote predictability and certainty in respect of all allocations to provincial and local governments in order that they may plan their budgets over a multi-year period; 45
- (e) promote transparency and equity in all allocations, including in respect of the criteria for their division;
- (f) promote accountability for the use of public resources by ensuring that all transfers are reflected on the budget of benefiting provincial and local governments, and are subjected to an audit ; 50
- (g) ensure that proper financial management is applied; and
- (h) ensure that legal proceedings between organs of state of the three spheres of government are avoided.

PART II

EQUITABLE SHARE ALLOCATIONS

Equitable division of revenue raised nationally among spheres of government

3. (1) Revenue anticipated to be raised nationally in respect of the financial year is divided among the national, provincial and local spheres of government for their equitable share as set out in Column A of Schedule 1. 5

(2) A recommended division of anticipated revenue for the next financial year and the 2003/2004 financial year, and which must be subject to the provisions of the annual Division of Revenue Act in respect of those financial years, is set out in Column B of Schedule 1. 10

(3) Despite subsection (2), the Minister may, in respect of the next financial year and until the commencement of the annual Division of Revenue Act for that financial year, determine that an amount not exceeding 45 per cent of the recommended division for the next financial year, be transferred as a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund to each province and to a municipality contemplated in section 5(1). 15

Equitable division of provincial share among provinces

4. (1) Each province's equitable share of the provincial share of revenue anticipated to be raised nationally in respect of the financial year is set out in Column A of Schedule 2.

(2) A recommended division of anticipated revenue for the next financial year and the 2003/2004 financial year, and which must be subject to the provisions of the annual Division of Revenue Act in respect of those financial years, is set out in Column B of Schedule 1. 20

(3) Each province's equitable share contemplated in subsection (1) must be transferred to the province in weekly instalments in accordance with a payment schedule determined by the National Treasury after consultation with the head officials of the provincial treasuries. 25

(4) Despite subsection (3), the National Treasury may, on such conditions as it may determine, advance funds to a province in respect of its equitable share contemplated in subsection (1), which have not yet fallen due for transfer in accordance with a payment schedule contemplated in subsection (3) in respect of that province. 30

(5) The advances contemplated in subsection (4) must be set-off against transfers to the province which would otherwise become due in terms of that payment schedule.

Equitable share for local government

5. (1) The national accounting officer responsible for local government must determine the allocation for each category A and B municipality in respect of the equitable share for the local sphere of government set out in Schedule 1 for the financial year and such determination must be published by the Minister in a *Gazette* by 15 May 2001. 35

(2) The national accounting officer responsible for local government must, in the determination contemplated in subsection (1), also indicate the recommended division of anticipated revenue for the next financial year and the 2003/2004 financial year. 40

(3) The criteria for determining the division contemplated in subsection (1) must be in accordance with a framework approved by the National Treasury after consultation with SALGA. 45

(4) The allocation to each municipality contemplated in subsection (1) must be transferred to that municipality in quarterly instalments: Provided that such instalments are transferred within the first three weeks of May, August, November and February.

Shortfalls and excess revenue

6. (1) If actual revenue raised nationally in respect of the financial year falls short of the anticipated revenue set out in Schedule 1, the national government bears the shortfall. 50

(2) If actual revenue raised nationally in respect of the financial year is in excess of the anticipated revenue set out in Schedule 1, the excess accrues to the national government and forms part of its equitable share.

(3) Despite subsection (2), the national government may, by means of an adjustments budget, and additional to the equitable share allocation and the allocations contemplated in Part III, make further allocations to the provincial and local spheres of government from its share of revenue anticipated to be raised nationally. 5

PART III

OTHER ALLOCATIONS TO PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES

General norms and standards for all allocations 10

7. (1) Other allocations to provinces and municipalities from the national government's share of revenue anticipated to be raised nationally are set out in Column A of Schedules 3, 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

- (a) Schedule 3 contains allocations to provinces for general and nationally allocated functions; 15
- (b) Schedule 4 contains allocations to provinces;
- (c) Schedule 5 contains allocations to municipalities; and
- (d) Schedule 6 contains allocations for designated special programmes and indirect allocations, or allocations-in-kind, to provinces and municipalities, the amount of which must, in respect of the votes of the Departments of Land Affairs, Minerals and Energy and Transport, be determined by 30 April 2001 and published in a *Gazette*. 20

(2) A recommended division of anticipated allocations to provinces or municipalities for the next financial year and the 2003/2004 financial year and which must be subject to the provisions of the annual Division of Revenue Act for that financial year, is set out in Column B of the Schedules referred to in subsection (1). 25

(3) Despite subsection (2), the Minister may, in respect of the next financial year and until the commencement of the annual Division of Revenue Act contemplated in subsection (2), determine that an amount not exceeding 45 per cent of the recommended division of the allocation for the next financial year set out in Schedule 3, 4, 5 or 6, be transferred to a province or municipality as a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund. 30

Framework for all grants

8. (1) In respect of an allocation set out in Schedules 3, 4, 5 and 6, the following information must be stated in the memorandum contemplated in section 10(5) of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Act, and be published by 15 May 2001 in a *Gazette*: 35

- (a) The purpose and conditions of such allocations;
- (b) the measurable outputs;
- (c) the reason why the purpose of such allocation cannot be achieved by means of an equitable share allocation; 40
- (d) the projected period to be covered by such allocation;
- (e) the criteria to be utilised for the division of such allocation;
- (f) the recommended payment schedule for the disbursement of such allocation: Provided that such payment schedule must provide for at least two instalments, the last of which must be paid during the second half of the financial year unless the National Treasury directs otherwise. 45

(2) The National Treasury may, in respect of a transferring national officer who has failed to provide the information contemplated in subsection (1), permit such transferring national officer to provide such information by 30 April 2001: Provided that such information is published in a *Gazette*. 50

(3) For the purpose of this Act transfers of allocations to public or private entities in order to perform a function that is normally the responsibility of a province or municipality, are regarded as transfers to such province or municipality.

Transfers not listed in Schedules

- 9.** (1) The transfer of an allocation not listed in the Schedules contemplated in Part III of this Act may only be made with the permission of the Minister and must be published in a *Gazette*.
- (2) The permission contemplated in subsection (1) may only be granted if— 5
- (a) the allocation is approved by Parliament in an adjustments budget;
 - (b) the allocation is for the purpose of defraying expenditure of an exceptional nature contemplated in section 16 of the Public Finance Management Act; or
 - (c) the allocation was provided for in the transferring department's budget but, for good reasons, could not be included in the Schedules contemplated in Part III of this Act: Provided that the transferring national officer has, by 30 April 2001, submitted to the National Treasury the information contemplated in section 8(1). 10
- (3) The transferring national officer must, in respect of an allocation contemplated in subsection (1)— 15
- (a) comply with the provisions of section 8(1); and
 - (b) submit to the National Treasury an assessment of the likelihood for the province or municipality which receives, or benefits from it, to spend it in the financial year.

Supplementary allocation to provinces 20

- 10.** The National Treasury must, in accordance with a payment schedule, and after taking into account the following information to be submitted to the National Treasury by 15 July 2001 and 15 November 2001 by the head official of the provincial treasury, transfer the supplementary allocation to provinces:
- (a) The province's compliance with the Public Finance Management Act and its duty to implement that Act; 25
 - (b) the province's tabling of a realistic and credible budget which reflects adequate funding of projected expenditure for education, health, welfare and infrastructure;
 - (c) the steps taken by the province to improve the collection of its revenue; and 30
 - (d) the province's compliance with this Act, the Act of Parliament and national legislation contemplated in sections 228(2)(b) and 230, respectively, of the Constitution, and with resolutions of the Budget Council established in terms of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Act.

Provincial infrastructure allocation 35

- 11.** A provincial treasury must, in respect of an allocation for provincial infrastructure listed in Schedule 3, before the transfer of any funds, ensure that the province—
- (a) submits to the National Treasury by 30 April 2001 or such other date determined by the National Treasury, a detailed plan on proposed spending for the financial year; 40
 - (b) submits to the National Treasury by 30 June 2001 or such other date determined by the National Treasury, a detailed plan on proposed spending for the next financial year and the 2003/2004 financial year; and
 - (c) indicates to what extent it will match the allocations contemplated in paragraphs (a) and (b). 45

Municipal infrastructure allocations

- 12.** (1) Allocations for addressing backlogs in infrastructure for basic municipal services are set out in Schedule 5.
- (2) Any allocation contemplated in subsection (1) which is intended, entirely or in part, for the installation, maintenance or rehabilitation of municipal infrastructure, must 50 only be transferred in terms of a framework determined by the Minister.
- (3) The objectives of the framework contemplated in subsection (2) must be—
- (a) to provide—
 - (i) infrastructure for basic municipal services to poor households;
 - (ii) urban renewal and development; 55
 - (iii) integrated rural development; and

- (iv) for three year allocations to municipalities;
- (b) to encourage the planning of appropriate local economic and spatial development; and
- (c) to co-ordinate, where applicable, the housing and municipal infrastructure programmes. 5

Transfer of assets to municipalities

13. A national accounting officer or a provincial accounting officer may not make any commitment to a municipality, of assets or any other financial resource, including an allocation-in-kind or a future asset transfer, intended, entirely or in part, for the installation, maintenance or rehabilitation of municipal infrastructure without— 10

- (a) that municipality's confirmation, by means of a council resolution, that it will take transfer of such asset for operating purposes;
- (b) a realistic estimate of the value of the asset and potential liability, including a reflection on the budget of the benefiting municipality of the associated operating costs; and 15
- (c) an indication to the National Treasury of the steps taken or to be taken to ensure that such commitment will be converted into an allocation in terms of this Act.

Municipal capacity building allocations

14. (1) Any transfer of an allocation aimed at developing and improving municipal systems and the capacity of municipalities to perform functions assigned to them may only be made— 20

- (a) in terms of a framework determined by the national accounting officer for local government after consultation with the national accounting officers responsible for Water Affairs and Forestry, Land Affairs, Transport, Minerals and Energy, Housing and Public Works; and 25
- (b) with the concurrence of the National Treasury.

(2) The objectives of the framework contemplated in subsection (1)(a) must take into account financial management, budgeting and spatial planning considerations.

PART IV 30

DUTIES OF ACCOUNTING OFFICERS AND TREASURIES

Duties of transferring national officer

15. (1) A transferring national officer must, by 30 April 2001 or such other date determined by the National Treasury, certify to the National Treasury that—

- (a) any business plans that are required in respect of an allocation, are in terms of a framework determined by the department and which has been approved by the National Treasury; 35
- (b) frameworks, conditions and monitoring provisions are reasonable and do not impose an undue administrative burden on benefiting provincial and local governments; 40
- (c) funds will only be transferred after the information contemplated in section 8(1) has been provided;
- (d) funds will only be deposited into an accredited bank account of a province or municipality; and
- (e) all other arrangements or requirements necessary for the transfer of an allocation have been complied with. 45

(2) A transferring national officer who has not complied with subsection (1) must, unless the National Treasury has, for exceptional reasons directed otherwise, transfer such funds unconditionally to provinces and municipalities: Provided that the Minister may determine that such funds be allocated on the basis of the equitable division of revenue formula. 50

(3) Despite anything to the contrary contained in any law, a transferring national officer must, in respect of any allocation, as part of the report contemplated in section 40(4)(c) of the Public Finance Management Act, within 20 days after the end of each month and in the format determined by the National Treasury, submit to the National Treasury and the relevant executive authority information on— 55

- (a) the amount transferred to a province or municipality for the financial year up to the end of that month;
- (b) the amount of funds delayed or withheld from any province or municipality up to the end of that month;
- (c) the actual expenditure incurred by the province or municipality up to the month reported on; and 5
- (d) such other issues as the National Treasury may determine.

Duties of transferring provincial officer

16. (1) A transferring provincial officer must, as part of the report contemplated in section 40(4)(c) of the Public Finance Management Act, and in respect of any allocation to be transferred to municipalities, within 15 days after the end of each month and in the format determined by the National Treasury, submit to the national transferring officer, the relevant Treasury and executive authority responsible for that department, information on— 10

- (a) the amount transferred to a municipality up to the month reported on; 15
- (b) the amount of funds delayed or withheld from any municipality up to the month reported on;
- (c) actual expenditure in respect of that allocation; and
- (d) such other issues as the National Treasury may determine.

(2) A provincial accounting officer intending to make an allocation, other than an allocation listed in any Schedule to this Act, to a municipality from the provincial Revenue Fund in the financial year must, by 30 April 2001, and in a format determined by the National Treasury, provide the provincial treasury with the information contemplated in section 8(1) and the provincial treasury must publish such information in a provincial *Gazette*. 20 25

Duties of receiving officer

- 17.** (1) The relevant receiving officer must, in respect of an allocation transferred to—
- (a) a province, and as part of the report contemplated in section 40(4)(c) of the Public Finance Management Act, within 15 days after the end of each month, submit a report to the relevant provincial treasury, the relevant provincial executive authority and the transferring national officer; and 30
 - (b) a municipality, within 10 days after the end of each month, submit a report to the relevant transferring national or provincial officer.
- (2) The reports contemplated in subsection (1) must set out—
- (a) the amount received by the province or municipality, as the case may be, up to the month reported on; 35
 - (b) the amount of funds delayed or withheld from the province or municipality, as the case may be, up to the month reported on;
 - (c) the actual expenditure by the province or municipality, as the case may be, up to the month reported on; 40
 - (d) the extent of compliance with the conditions of an allocation and with this Act;
 - (e) an explanation for any material problems or variances experienced by the province or municipality, as the case may be, regarding an allocation which has been received and a summary of the steps taken to deal with such problems or variances; and 45
 - (f) such other issues and information as the National Treasury may determine.

Duties of provincial treasury

18. A provincial treasury must, within 22 days after the end of each month and in the format determined by the National Treasury, and as part of its consolidated monthly report to the National Treasury, report on— 50

- (a) actual transfers received by the province from national departments directly or through public or private entities;
- (b) the actual expenditure on such allocations; and
- (c) any problems of compliance, by transferring provincial officers and receiving officers, with the provisions of this Act, and the steps taken to deal with such problems. 55

Annual report and financial statements

- 19.** (1) A department transferring funds in respect of an allocation set out in Schedules 3, 4, 5 and 6 must, in its annual report and financial statements, also—
- (a) indicate the total amount of that allocation transferred to a province or municipality during the financial year; 5
 - (b) indicate the funds, if any, which were delayed or withheld and the reasons for such delay or withholding;
 - (c) certify that all transfers to a province or municipality were deposited into the accredited bank account of that province or municipality;
 - (d) certify that, except in respect of allocations contemplated in Schedule 6, no other funds were transferred to a province or municipality, directly or through a public or private entity; 10
 - (e) indicate to what extent a province or municipality was monitored for compliance with the conditions of an allocation and the provisions of this Act;
 - (f) indicate to what extent the allocation achieved its purpose and outputs; 15
 - (g) indicate whether any portion of the allocation was retained by the transferring department for administration costs; and
 - (h) indicate any non-compliance with this Act, and the steps taken to deal with such non-compliance.
- (2) The annual report and financial statements must, for a department or municipality receiving an allocation in terms of this Act, also— 20
- (a) indicate the total amount of that allocation received during the financial year;
 - (b) certify that all transfers in terms of this Act to a province or municipality were deposited into the accredited bank account;
 - (c) indicate to what extent a province or municipality met the conditions of such an allocation, and complied with the provisions of this Act; 25
 - (d) indicate to what extent outputs were achieved; and
 - (e) contain such other information as the National Treasury may determine.

PART IV

DUTIES OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND AUDITOR-GENERAL 30

Duties of Director-General

- 20.** The Director-General must—
- (a) for the purposes of the report contemplated in section 32(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, publish a report on—
 - (i) actual transfers of all allocations listed in the Schedules or in terms of section 9; 35
 - (ii) estimated expenditure on the provincial infrastructure allocation and on allocations listed in Schedules 4, 5 and 6; and
 - (b) report to the Auditor-General, within 40 days after the end of the second and the fourth quarters, the extent of compliance by accounting officers with the provisions of sections 8, 9, 15, 16 and 18, and any serious or persistent material non-compliance with the provisions of this Act. 40

Duties of Auditor-General

- 21.** Without derogating from the powers and duties of the Auditor-General in terms of the Constitution and any other law, the Auditor-General must, in the audit of financial statements on the allocations in terms of this Act, report on— 45
- (a) the extent of compliance with this Act by the Director-General, provincial treasuries, transferring national officers, transferring provincial officers and receiving officers;
 - (b) whether there was compliance with the certification and reporting requirements of this Act; 50
 - (c) whether, in respect of any monthly report or annual report, a department's internal audit process dealt with the accuracy of the information provided to that department's accounting officer and the National Treasury;

- (d) whether an accounting officer made unauthorised transfers to any province or municipality or to any entity under the control of a province or municipality; and
- (e) whether the transferring department fulfilled its monitoring responsibility in terms of the provisions of this Act. 5

PART VI

GENERAL

Delaying of payments

22. (1) The transferring national officer may, for a period not exceeding 30 days, delay the payment of an allocation in terms of this Act, if the province or municipality which receives, or benefits from, such allocation, does not comply with sections 17 and 18, or if expenditure on previous transfers reflects significant underspending for which no satisfactory explanation is provided. 10

(2) The transferring national officer must, within seven days after the decision has been made, inform the National Treasury and the relevant provincial treasury or municipality of the reasons for the decision to delay the payment of an allocation and of the steps taken to deal with the causes of the payment delay. 15

Withholding of payments

23. (1) The National Treasury may direct that any allocation to a municipality or province in terms of section 5 or set out in Schedule 5 or 6, or any portion of such allocation, be withheld if a municipality committed a serious or persistent material breach of the measures contemplated in section 216(1) of the Constitution. 20

(2) The National Treasury may, subject to section 216 of the Constitution, direct that—

(a) an allocation to a province or any portion of it referred to in Schedule 3, 4 or 6; or 25

(b) an allocation approved in terms of section 9, be withheld if the transferring national officer has submitted to the province concerned, a written report at least 21 days before such allocation is due to be transferred, setting out facts reflecting serious or persistent material breach of the measures contemplated in section 216(1) of the Constitution: Provided that— 30

(i) a supplementary allocation to provinces may be withheld even if a report has not been given to a province; and

(ii) an allocation to a province may be withheld if that province has not responded satisfactorily in writing to the Auditor-General regarding queries in the audit reports and the Auditor-General recommends such withholding. 35

(3) For the purposes of this section, the following conduct may be taken into account to determine whether a serious breach of the measures contemplated in section 216(1) of the Constitution has been committed: 40

(a) A failure by a municipality or province to meet its statutory financial obligations, including all payments of employee or employer contributions for taxes, pensions, medical aid and audit fees;

(b) a failure by a province or municipality to submit satisfactory financial statements within two months after the end of its financial year; 45

(c) a failure by a municipality or province to respond to, and comply with, audit queries raised in respect of the previous years' audited financial statements;

(d) non-compliance with the conditions to which an allocation is subject and the mismanagement of an allocation; and

(e) non-compliance with the provisions of this Act. 50

(4) The Minister may, by notice in a *Gazette*, approve that an allocation or a portion of it withheld in terms of subsection (1), be utilised to meet a municipality's outstanding statutory financial commitments.

(5) Despite subsections (1) and (2), the Minister may, by notice in a *Gazette*, and in order to prevent the disruption of basic services, permit the flow of funds to a province or municipality. 55

Spending in terms of purpose and subject to conditions

24. (1) Despite anything to the contrary contained in any law, an allocation set out in Schedule 3, 4, 5 or 6 may only be utilised for the purpose contemplated in the Schedule concerned and in accordance with the conditions it is subject to.

(2) Despite subsection (1), the National Treasury may permit a province or municipality to retain and utilise such portion of an allocation set out in Schedule 3, 4, 5 or 6, which remains after the fulfillment of its purpose, and compliance with the conditions to which it is subject. 5

(3) The Minister may, by notice in a *Gazette*, determine that funds which, for any reason, may not flow to a province or municipality, be allocated unconditionally to such province or municipality. 10

Transfers made in error

25. (1) Despite anything to the contrary contained in any law, the transfer of an allocation to a province in error is regarded as not legally due to the province for the purpose of its Revenue Fund. 15

(2) A transfer contemplated in subsection (1) must be recovered without delay by the responsible transferring national officer.

(3) The Director-General may direct that the recovery contemplated in subsection (1) be effected by set-off against future transfers to the province, which would otherwise become due in accordance with a payment schedule or any other transfer. 20

(4) Despite anything to the contrary contained in any law, the transfer of an allocation to a municipality in error is regarded as not legally due to that municipality and must be recovered without delay by the responsible transferring national officer.

(5) The national accounting officer responsible for local government may direct that the recovery contemplated in subsection (4) be effected by set-off against transfers to the municipality concerned, which would otherwise become due in accordance with any payment schedule. 25

Transfers to municipalities with weak administrative capacity

26. (1) If the national accounting officer responsible for local government reasonably believes that a municipality is not able to effectively administer an allocation or a portion of it, that officer may transfer such allocation or portion of it to the province in which the municipality is located or, when appropriate, to the relevant Category C municipality, after consultation with the municipalities and province concerned: Provided that such allocation or portion of it is utilised for the benefit of the municipality to which it was originally allocated. 30 35

(2) Any allocation or portion of it contemplated in subsection (1) must be dealt with, by the province or Category C municipality to which it has been transferred, in accordance with any directions by the national accounting officer responsible for local government.

Funds follow transfer of functions or obligations 40

27. (1) The transfer of functions or obligations from one sphere of government to another must take place with the prior written approval of the National Treasury and the national accounting officer responsible for provincial and local government and, unless the Minister directs otherwise, includes the transfer of funds available to the transferring sphere of government for performing such functions or obligations. 45

(2) Despite anything to the contrary contained in this Act or any other law, the National Treasury may, for the purpose of facilitating the transfer of funds contemplated in subsection (1), stop the transfer of funds to the sphere of government from which the functions or obligations are transferred.

(3) No financial obligation or function being performed by a national or provincial department may be imposed on a municipality without— 50

(a) that municipality's prior written acceptance by resolution of its council; and

(b) the prior written approval of the National Treasury.

(4) A province must utilise its own funds for any obligation which is in conflict with subsection (3). 55

(5) Any obligation arising from a determination, by a province, of functions between a Category B and C municipality, is a liability of that province and not of the national government.

Amendment of payment schedule

28. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), a transferring national officer may, in respect of an allocation set out in Schedule 3, 4, 5 or 6, amend a payment schedule due to the underspending of the funds or for any other exceptional reason. 5

(2) The transferring national officer must inform the National Treasury within seven days of the amendment contemplated in subsection (1) and the reasons for it.

(3) The National Treasury may, in the interest of improved debt and cash-flow management, or on the grounds of substantial non-compliance with any condition to which an allocation is subject, amend any payment schedule of an allocation listed in Schedule 3, 4, 5 or 6, and direct that no transfer of funds be effected through the payment schedule amended in accordance with subsection (1) or that the payment schedule be amended as directed by it. 10 15

Exemptions by National Treasury

29. (1) The National Treasury may, on application in writing by a transferring national or provincial officer, exempt such officer in writing from the duty to comply with reporting requirements or any other requirements or any other duty regarding an allocation set out in Part III: Provided that such exemption may only be granted if such officer satisfies the National Treasury that— 20

- (a) the duty cannot be complied with at that stage;
- (b) the allocation programme is properly designed; and
- (c) that officer is taking steps to comply with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Any exemption contemplated in subsection (1)— 25

- (a) may only be granted if that officer can provide reasons to the satisfaction of the National Treasury why the duty cannot be complied with; and
- (b) must set out any condition to which it is subject and be published in a *Gazette*.

Non-compliance with this Act constitutes financial misconduct

30. Despite anything to the contrary contained in any law, any serious or persistent non-compliance with the provisions of this Act, or the conditions to which any allocation in terms of this Act is subject, constitutes financial misconduct. 30

Liability for costs incurred in violation of principles of co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations

31. (1) An organ of state involved in an intergovernmental dispute regarding an allocation provided for in this Act must, before approaching a court to resolve such dispute, make every effort to settle the dispute with the other organ of state concerned, including making use of the structures established in terms of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Act. 35

(2) In the event that a dispute is referred back by a court in accordance with section 41(4) of the Constitution, due to the court not being satisfied that the organ of state approaching the court has complied with subsection (1), the expenditure incurred by that organ in approaching the court is regarded as unauthorised. 40

(3) Any expenditure regarded unauthorised in terms of subsection (2) must be recovered without delay from such individual who is determined by the Auditor-General to have caused the organ of state not to comply with the requirements of subsection (1). 45

Acts performed prior to commencement of this Act

32. Any act performed prior to the coming into effect of this Act in fulfillment of the objects of this Act, is regarded as having been done in terms of the relevant provisions of this Act. 50

Regulations

33. The Minister may, by notice in a *Gazette*, make regulations regarding—
- (a) anything which must or may be prescribed in terms of this Act; and
 - (b) any matter which is necessary to prescribe for the effective implementation of the provisions and objects of this Act.

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Repeal of Acts

34. This section repeals the whole of the—
- (a) Division of Revenue Act, 1998 (Act No. 28 of 1998);
 - (b) Division of Revenue Act, 1999 (Act No. 30 of 1999); and
 - (c) Division of Revenue Act, 2000 (Act No. 16 of 2000): Provided that this repeal takes effect on 1 April 2001 or on the date of commencement of this Act, whichever is the later.

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Short title

35. This Act is called the Division of Revenue Act, 2001.

SCHEDULE 1

**Equitable division of revenue raised
nationally among the three spheres
of government**

Sphere of Government	Column A	Column B	
	2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	
		2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
National	151 563 153	161 760 371	173 756 979
Provincial	104 136 460	112 560 356	120 215 824
Local	2 618 123	3 002 123	3 551 123
Total Allocated Expenditure	258 317 736	277 322 850	297 523 926

SCHEDULE 2

**Determination of each province's equitable share
of the provincial sphere's share of revenue raised nationally
(as a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund)**

Province	Column A	Column B	
	2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	
		2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
Eastern Cape	17 964 631	19 220 517	20 317 001
Free State	7 017 865	7 531 358	7 985 693
Gauteng	15 848 350	17 288 850	18 633 961
KwaZulu-Natal	21 034 301	22 944 445	24 727 753
Mpumalanga	7 205 792	7 919 122	8 597 022
Northern Cape	2 532 623	2 730 222	2 908 143
Northern Province	14 009 930	15 233 045	16 364 996
North West	8 761 128	9 390 757	9 944 981
Western Cape	9 761 840	10 302 040	10 736 274
TOTALS	104 136 460	112 560 356	120 215 824

SCHEDULE 3

General or allocated function grants to provinces and municipalities

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	
					2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
National Treasury (Vote 7)	(a) Supplementary Allocation Grant	a) To ensure provincial budgets are credible and adequately provide for the social sectors and infrastructure. b) To ensure provinces make progress in implementing budget and financial management reforms. c) To provide for smaller functions.	Eastern Cape	386 431	353 615	355 110
			Free State	177 561	147 919	146 956
			Gauteng	337 611	344 293	341 108
			KwaZulu-Natal	455 029	429 783	431 489
			Mpumalanga	153 003	151 809	158 126
			Northern Cape	55 788	58 711	59 582
			Northern Province	292 471	282 764	287 360
			North West	182 336	177 957	179 552
			Western Cape	207 647	205 149	198 717
			TOTALS	2 247 877	2 152 000	2 158 000
	(b) Provincial Infrastructure Grant	a) To fund provincial infrastructure such as roads, school and health buildings. b) To fund the reconstruction infrastructure damaged in the 2000 floods.	Eastern Cape	147 275	286 107	428 504
			Free State	48 342	93 913	140 653
			Gauteng	80 860	157 084	235 266
			KwaZulu-Natal	170 447	331 123	495 925
			Mpumalanga	61 236	118 961	178 168
			Northern Cape	29 411	52 997	71 931
			Northern Province	143 369	278 519	417 139
			North West	69 536	135 086	202 320
			Western Cape	49 524	96 210	144 094
			Unallocated	600 000	400 000	200 000
TOTALS	1 400 000	1 950 000	2 514 000			
Health (Vote 15)	(a) Central Hospital Grant	To enable specific provinces to render highly specialised and academic hospital services to all residents of the country.	Eastern Cape	13 201	14 287	15 336
			Free State	249 813	261 254	274 009
			Gauteng	1 568 945	1 639 983	1 717 667
			KwaZulu-Natal	427 525	446 990	468 269
			Western Cape	1 011 436	1 056 243	1 104 215

					TOTALS	3 270 920
						3 418 757
						3 579 496
(b) Professional Training and Research Grant	To support the training of health professionals and research.				Eastern Cape	55 865
					Free State	88 367
					Gauteng	529 186
					KwaZulu-Natal	154 388
					Mpumalanga	24 377
					Northern Cape	24 377
					Northern Province	24 377
					North West	24 377
					Western Cape	308 776
					TOTALS	1 234 090
						1 290 694
						1 350 560
						61 342
						97 126
						578 665
						169 715
						26 582
						26 582
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						26 582
						337 384

SCHEDULE 4

Grants to provinces

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	
					2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
Education (Vote 14)	(a) Financial Management and Quality Enhancement for Education Departments Grant	To support financial management and quality-enhancing initiatives in school education.	Eastern Cape	39 405	41 500	43 367
			Free State	13 419	14 132	14 768
			Gauteng	26 199	27 591	28 833
KwaZulu-Natal			47 073	49 575	51 805	
Mpumalanga			15 549	16 375	17 112	
Northern Cape			4 047	4 262	4 454	
Northern Province			33 441	35 218	36 803	
North West			17 040	17 946	18 753	
Western Cape			16 827	17 721	18 519	
TOTALS			213 000	224 320	234 414	
	(b) Early Childhood Development Grant	To develop the capacity of provincial education departments to implement a compulsory reception year for six-year-old children.	Eastern Cape	3 885	9 620	16 280
			Free State	1 323	3 276	5 544
			Gauteng	2 583	6 396	10 824
			KwaZulu-Natal	4 641	11 492	19 448
			Mpumalanga	1 533	3 796	6 424
			Northern Cape	399	988	1 672
			Northern Province	3 297	8 164	13 816
			North West	1 680	4 160	7 040
			Western Cape	1 659	4 108	6 952
			TOTALS			21 000
	(c) HIV/AIDS Grant	To promote HIV/AIDS education in primary and secondary schools.	Eastern Cape	11 747		
			Free State	4 001		
			Gauteng	7 810		
			KwaZulu-Natal	14 033		
			Mpumalanga	4 636		
			Northern Cape	1 207		
			Northern Province	9 969		
			North West	5 080		
			Western Cape	5 017		
			TOTALS			63 500

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	2003/04 R'000
				2002/03 R'000		
Health (Vote 15)	(a) Redistribution of Specialised Health Services Grant	To fund the redistribution of specialised services to provinces which do not currently provide them in order to reduce referrals to central hospitals in other provinces.	Eastern Cape	49 172	57 000	60 848
			Mpumalanga	37 588	32 000	32 918
			Northern Cape	16 700	16 000	15 960
			Northern Province	44 500	51 000	52 868
		North West	34 200	33 000	34 911	
		TOTALS		182 160	189 000	197 505
	(b) Hospital Construction Grant	To fund the construction and development of the Nkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital and Pretoria Academic Hospital.	Gauteng	50 000	70 000	90 000
			KwaZulu-Natal	103 800		
		TOTALS		153 800	70 000	90 000
	(c) Hospital Rehabilitation Grant	To fund the maintenance and rehabilitation of hospitals.	Eastern Cape	69 000	81 000	84 645
			Free State	16 000	17 000	17 765
			Gauteng	102 000	105 000	109 725
			KwaZulu-Natal	87 000	90 000	94 050
			Mpumalanga	43 000	45 000	47 025
Northern Cape			10 000	10 000	10 450	
Northern Province			88 000	92 000	96 140	
North West			56 000	50 000	52 250	
	Western Cape	29 000	30 000	31 350		
	TOTALS		500 000	520 000	543 400	
(d) Integrated Nutrition Programme Grant	To feed primary school children, and facilitate nutrition education and health promotion.	Eastern Cape	131 838	131 838	131 838	
		Free State	39 394	39 394	39 394	
		Gauteng	54 673	54 673	54 673	
		KwaZulu-Natal	132 471	132 471	132 471	
		Mpumalanga	39 728	39 728	39 728	
		Northern Cape	10 096	10 096	10 096	
		Northern Province	106 032	106 032	106 032	
		North West	39 390	39 390	39 390	
	Western Cape	28 789	28 789	28 789		
	TOTALS		582 411	582 411	582 411	

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years 2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
Health (Vote 15)	(e) HIV/AIDS Grant	To expand access to voluntary HIV counselling and testing.	Eastern Cape	3 850		
			Free State	3 850		
			Gauteng	3 500		
			KwaZulu-Natal	4 500		
			Mpumalanga	3 350		
			Northern Cape	3 850		
			Northern Province	3 850		
			North West	3 850		
			Western Cape	3 500		
				TOTALS		34 100
Housing (Vote 16)	(a) Housing Subsidy Grant	a) To provide subsidies for the national housing programme in provinces. b) To provide relief for families living in intolerable conditions or crisis situations.	Eastern Cape	498 311	531 323	549 740
			Free State	241 253	257 236	266 152
			Gauteng	681 831	727 002	752 201
			KwaZulu-Natal	617 647	658 566	681 393
			Mpumalanga	208 355	222 158	229 859
			Northern Cape	65 474	69 811	72 231
			Northern Province	334 787	356 967	369 340
			North West	256 735	273 743	283 232
			Western Cape	321 564	342 867	354 751
				TOTALS		3 225 958
Housing (Vote 16)	(b) Human Settlement Grant	To fund projects aimed at improving the quality of the environment in urban communities.	Eastern Cape	8 500	10 000	11 000
			Free State	5 000	7 500	8 500
			Gauteng	26 000	23 000	21 000
			KwaZulu-Natal	25 000	25 000	26 000
			Mpumalanga	5 000	6 000	7 000
			Northern Cape	1 000	2 500	3 000
			Northern Province	10 000	11 000	11 000
			North West	7 000	6 000	8 000
			Western Cape	12 500	13 000	13 500
				TOTALS		100 000

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	2003/04 R'000
					2002/03 R'000	
Social Development (Vote 17)	(a) Financial Management and Improvement of the Social Security System Grant	To improve the quality of financial management, administration and the functioning of the social security system.	Eastern Cape	642	1 200	
			Free State	642	1 200	
			Gauteng	642	1 200	
			KwaZulu-Natal	642	1 200	
			Mpumalanga	642	1 200	
			Northern Cape	642	1 200	
			Northern Province	5 100	1 200	
			North West	642	1 200	
			Western Cape	642	1 200	
			TOTALS	10 236	10 800	
	(b) HIV/AIDS Grant	To advance the development of home-based care (HBC) programmes in communities.	Eastern Cape	1 500		
			Free State	1 500		
			Gauteng	1 000		
			KwaZulu-Natal	1 500		
Mpumalanga			1 500			
Northern Cape			1 500			
Northern Province	1 500					
North West	1 500					
Western Cape	1 000					
TOTALS	12 500	To be allocated				

SCHEDULE 5

Recurrent grants to local government

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	
					2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
Department of Provincial and Local Government (Vote 5)	(a) Local Government Support Grant	To assist medium-size and small municipalities experiencing severe financial problems to restructure their financial positions and organisations.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	160 000	220 000	230 000
	(b) Transition Grant	To assist municipalities with significant once-off establishment and administrative costs of amalgamation.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	250 000	200 000	
	(c) Municipal Systems Improvement Grant	To support municipalities in developing their systems and capacity for integrated and spatial planning in line with their budgetary framework.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	30 471	30 290	30 418
National Treasury (Vote 7)	(b) Local Government Restructuring Grant	To assist large municipalities to implement medium-term restructuring plans.	City of Johannesburg	200 000	100 000	
			Unallocated	150 000	350 000	465 000
	TOTALS			350 000	450 000	465 000
	(a) Financial Management Grant	To support municipalities in implementing budget, accounting and financial management reforms.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	60 000	120 000	125 000

SCHEDULE 5

Infrastructure grants to local government

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	
					2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
Department of Provincial and Local Government (Vote 5)	(a) Consolidated Municipal Infrastructure Programme Grant (CMIP)	To fund the creation, extension, upgrading and rehabilitation of internal bulk connector and internal infrastructure.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	994 000	1 159 000	1 407 000
	(b) LED Fund and Social Plan Measures Grant	To support planning and implementation of job creation and poverty alleviation projects.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	75 570	98 550	127 000
Department of Public Works (Vote 30)	(a) Community Based Public Works Grant	To fund job creation and poverty alleviation programmes for poor rural communities.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	374 000	374 000	374 000
Department of Transport (Vote 32)	(a) Urban Transport Fund	To promote the planning of intermodal land transport infrastructure and operations.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	81 000	40 000	42 000
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (Vote 33)	(a) Implementation of Water Services Projects Grant	To fund bulk connector and internal infrastructure for basic water services schemes for low income households.	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	821 753	818 063	835 287
	(b) Water Supply and Water-borne Sewerage Disposal Schemes Grant (historical subsidy)	To honour existing subsidy commitments in terms of GN No.1341 of 30 June 1989 (as amended) and GN No. 247 of 6 February 1987 (as amended).	Allocations to be gazetted by 15 May 2001	1 153	1 153	1 153

SCHEDULE 6

Indirect grants to provinces and municipalities

Vote	Name of Allocation	Purpose	Province	Column A	Column B	
				2001/02 Allocation R'000	MTEF Outer Years	
					2002/03 R'000	2003/04 R'000
Department of Land Affairs (Vote 28)	(a) Land Restitution, Land Reform and Land Tenure Grant	To provide municipal infrastructure associated with the land reform programme.	Allocations to be gazetted in-year			
Department of Minerals and Energy (Vote 29)	(a) National Electrification Programme Grant	To fund the implementation of the national electrification programme.	Allocations to be gazetted in-year			
Department of Transport (Vote 32)	(a) Arrive Alive Grant	To fund the implementation of the Arrive Alive road safety campaign.	Allocations to be gazetted in-year			
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (Vote 33)	Water Supply and Sanitation Grant	To provide for the operating costs of water services infrastructure owned and operated by the department.	Allocation date and transfer mechanism to be presented to the Director-General by 15 May 2001	691 849	644 000	662 000

MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL

1. Section 214(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996) (“the Constitution”) requires that an Act of Parliament be enacted to provide for the following:
 - 1.1 The equitable division of revenue raised nationally among the national, provincial and local spheres of government;
 - 1.2 The determination of each province’s equitable share of the provincial share of that revenue; and
 - 1.3 Any other allocations to provinces, local government or municipalities from the national government’s share of that revenue, and any conditions on which those allocations may be made.
2. Section 10 of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Act, 1997 (Act No.97 of 1997) (“the Act”) requires that, as part of the process of the enactment of the Act of Parliament referred to in paragraph 1, each year when the annual budget is introduced, the Minister of Finance (“the Minister”) must introduce in the National Assembly, a Division of Revenue Bill (“the Bill”) for the financial year to which that budget relates.
3. The Act requires that the Bill be accompanied by a memorandum explaining—
 - 3.1 How the Bill takes account of each of the matters listed in section 214(2)(a) to (j) of the Constitution;
 - 3.2 The extent to which account was taken of any recommendations of the Financial and Fiscal Commission (“the FFC”) submitted to the Minister or as a result of consultations with the FFC; and
 - 3.3 Any assumptions or formulae used in arriving at the respective shares of the three spheres of government and the division of the provincial share between the nine provinces.
4. The Bill is introduced in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution and the Act as set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
5. The memorandum referred to in paragraph 3 above is attached as “Annexure E” to the 2001 Budget Review.
6. The allocations contemplated in section 214(1) of the Constitution are set out in 6 Schedules to the Bill, namely—
 - 6.1 Schedule 1 which sets out the respective shares of anticipated revenue raised nationally in respect of the national, provincial and local spheres of government;
 - 6.2 Schedule 2 which sets out the respective shares of each province from the provincial equitable share;
 - 6.3 Schedule 3 which sets out allocations from the national sphere of government’s share to provinces for general and nationally allocated functions;
 - 6.4 Schedule 4 which sets out allocations to provinces only;
 - 6.5 Schedule 5 which sets out allocations to municipalities only; and
 - 6.6 Schedule 6 which contains indirect and special allocations to provinces and municipalities.
7. The Bill builds on the provisions of the Division of Revenue Act, 2000 (Act No. 16 of 2000) (“the Division of Revenue Act”) and deals with a number of matters consequential upon policy changes, set out, *inter alia*, in the Intergovernmental Fiscal Review, 2000. The changes or improvements on the Division of Revenue Act include—
 - 7.1 The non-provision of funding for organised local government from the equitable share of revenue for the local sphere of government. Funding for organised local government will, in the 2001/2002 financial year, be from the national government’s share of revenue;
 - 7.2 The setting out of recommended allocations for the 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 financial years, thereby promoting predictability in respect of allocations to provincial and local governments in line with the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF);
 - 7.3 The enhancement of accountability for the use of public resources by ensuring that the main audit in respect of an allocation is focused on the government which receives, or benefits from, such allocation; and
 - 7.4 The clarification of the responsibilities of the National Treasury, the accounting officers of departments transferring allocations and of those receiving the transferred allocations, provincial treasuries and municipalities.

8. RECONCILIATION OF FIGURES IN SCHEDULES

Schedule 1 contains the equitable division of revenue raised nationally between the three spheres of government. The table below indicates how Schedule 1 allocations can be reconciled with Table E2 in Annexure E of the 2001 Budget Review. The differences are due to the legal requirements that Schedule 1 has to satisfy.

The national allocation in Schedule 1 (for 2001/02) is the actual amount allocated to the national government, for appropriation or as a direct charge. It includes the conditional grants for the provincial and local spheres, and (the top-sliced) allocation for state debt costs, which is a direct charge on the National Revenue Fund. It also includes the contingency reserve, which is to be allocated in the Adjustments Budget and the 2002 MTEF. The provincial and local government allocation in Schedule 1 reflects the equitable share allocations only, and therefore excludes all conditional grants.

The provincial infrastructure grant in Schedule 3 is not fully appropriated in 2001/02. R500 million out of the R800 million allocation, and R600 million for flood-damaged infrastructure, will be taken up in the supplementary budget to be tabled.

Schedule 6 allocations, and the Schedule 5 allocation for water supply and sewerage (R1 153 million in 2001/02) are not included in the R6,5 billion allocation to local government.

Division of revenue

Schedule 1 — Reconciliation with Table E2 in Annexure E in Budget Review

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
R '000	Medium Term Estimates		
Total expenditure level	258 317 736	277 322 850	297 523 926
<i>less</i>			
State debt costs	48 138 000	49 650 600	51 021 900
Contingency reserve	2 000 000	4 000 000	8 000 000
Total available expenditure	208 179 736	223 672 250	238 502 026
<i>of which</i>			
<i>National equitable share including statutory appropriations and reserve</i>	<i>151 563 153</i>	<i>161 760 371</i>	<i>173 756 979</i>
<i>less</i>			
State debt costs	48 138 000	49 650 600	41 021 900
Contingency reserve	2 000 000	4 000 000	8 000 000
National equitable share	101 425 153	108 109 771	114 735 079
<i>of which</i>			
conditional grants	17 140 195	18 157 559	19 303 389
	84 284 958	89 952 212	95 431 690
<i>Provincial equitable share</i>	<i>104 136 460</i>	<i>112 560 356</i>	<i>120 215 824</i>
Provincial conditional grants	13 251 552	14 003 656	15 005 684
Total provincial transfers	117 388 012	126 564 012	135 221 508
<i>Local government equitable share</i>	<i>2 618 123</i>	<i>3 002 123</i>	<i>3 551 123</i>
Local government conditional grants	3 888 643	4 153 903	4 297 705
Total local government transfers	6 506 766	7 156 026	7 848 828
Allocated expenditure	208 179 736	223 672 250	238 502 026

The figures in Italics are reflected in Schedule 1 of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2001. The figures in Bold are reflected in Table E2 in the Budget Review.

9. The following is a brief summary of the Bill:

- Section 1:* contains the relevant definitions;
- Section 2:* sets out the object of the Bill which is, essentially, the promotion of co-operative governance in intergovernmental budgeting;
- Section 3:* provides for the equitable division of anticipated revenue raised nationally among the national, provincial and local spheres of government as set out in Schedule 1;
- Section 4:* provides for each province's equitable share, which is set out in Schedule 2, and for a payment schedule in terms of which such a share must be transferred;
- Section 5:* provides for the local government's equitable share of revenue and the determination of each category A and B municipality's share of that revenue;
- Section 6:* determines what must happen if actual revenue raised falls short of anticipated revenue for the financial year;
- Section 7:* provides for allocations to provinces and municipalities from the national government's equitable share which are set out in Schedules 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the Bill;
- Section 8:* sets out a framework in terms of which an allocation set out in Schedules 3, 4, 5 and 6 must be dealt with, including that they be reflected on the budget of the province or municipality which receives, or benefits from, such an allocation;
- Section 9:* provides for the process of dealing with allocations to provinces and municipalities which are not set out in the Schedules to the Bill and *inter alia* provides that such allocations be made with the Minister's permission, be published in the *Gazette* and, subject to section 16 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), be approved by Parliament in an adjustments budget;
- Section 10:* provides the factors which must be taken into account before the transfer of a supplementary allocation to a province may be made. These factors include the province's compliance with the Public Finance Management Act, 1999, and the tabling of a realistic and credible budget which reflects adequate funding of projected expenditure for education, health, welfare and infrastructure;
- Section 11:* provides for a provincial treasury's submission to the National Treasury of certain information in respect of an allocation to a province for the construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure;
- Section 12:* provides for certain steps which must be taken in respect of allocations for addressing backlogs in basic municipal infrastructure to poor households;
- Section 13:* provides for the transfer of assets to municipalities;
- Section 14:* provides for municipal capacity building allocations;
- Sections 15 to and including 21:* set out the responsibilities of transferring and receiving accounting officers, provincial treasuries, the Director-General: National Treasury and the Auditor-General;
- Sections 22 and 23:* provide for the steps which must be taken and the factors which must be considered before an allocation or portion thereof may be delayed or withheld from a province or municipality;
- Section 24:* requires that an allocation set out in Schedule 3, 4, 5 or 6 only be utilised for its purpose and subject to conditions applicable to it;
- Section 25:* provides that the transfer of an allocation in error is regarded as not legally due to a province for the purpose of its Revenue Fund;
- Section 26:* provides that an allocation transfer to a municipality with weak administrative capacity must be sent to another municipality or to a province and be dealt with by that municipality or province for the benefit of the municipality with weak administrative capacity;

- Section 27:* requires that no financial obligation may be imposed on a municipality without its consent and the prior written approval of the National Treasury;
- Section 28:* provides for the amendment of a payment schedule by the National Treasury;
- Section 29:* provides that the National Treasury may exempt an accounting officer from the reporting requirements and other responsibilities regarding an allocation set out in Part III of the Bill;
- Section 30:* provides that non-compliance with the provisions of the Bill constitutes financial misconduct;
- Section 31:* provides for liability for costs incurred for litigation in violation of the principles of co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations;
- Section 32:* provides that any act performed prior to the commencement of this Act and in fulfillment of its objects will be regarded as having been done in terms of its provisions.
- Section 33:* provides that the Minister may make regulations regarding any matter which may or must be prescribed or which is necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions and objects of the Bill;
- Section 34:* sets out Acts repealed; and
- Section 35:* sets out the short title and provides that it is called the Division of Revenue Act, 2001.

10. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Department and the State Law Advisers are of the opinion that the Bill must be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set out in section 76(1) of the Constitution as it provides for legislation required in Chapter 13 of the Constitution, and affects the financial interests of the provincial sphere as contemplated in section 76(4)(b) of the Constitution.