

# BASIC EDUCATION SPENDING AND BUDGET TRENDS

## A 10 Year Overview

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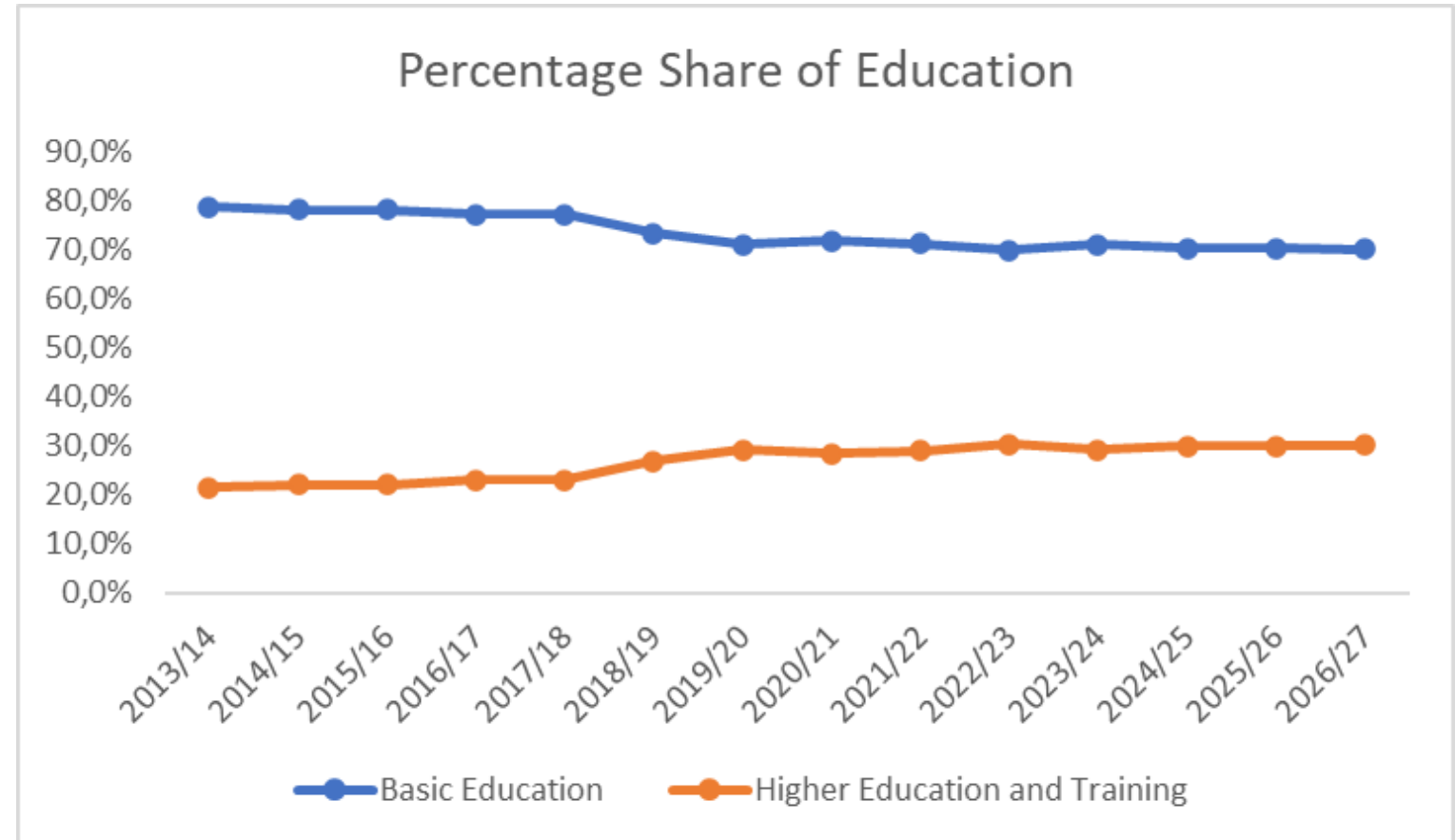
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# Presentation Overview

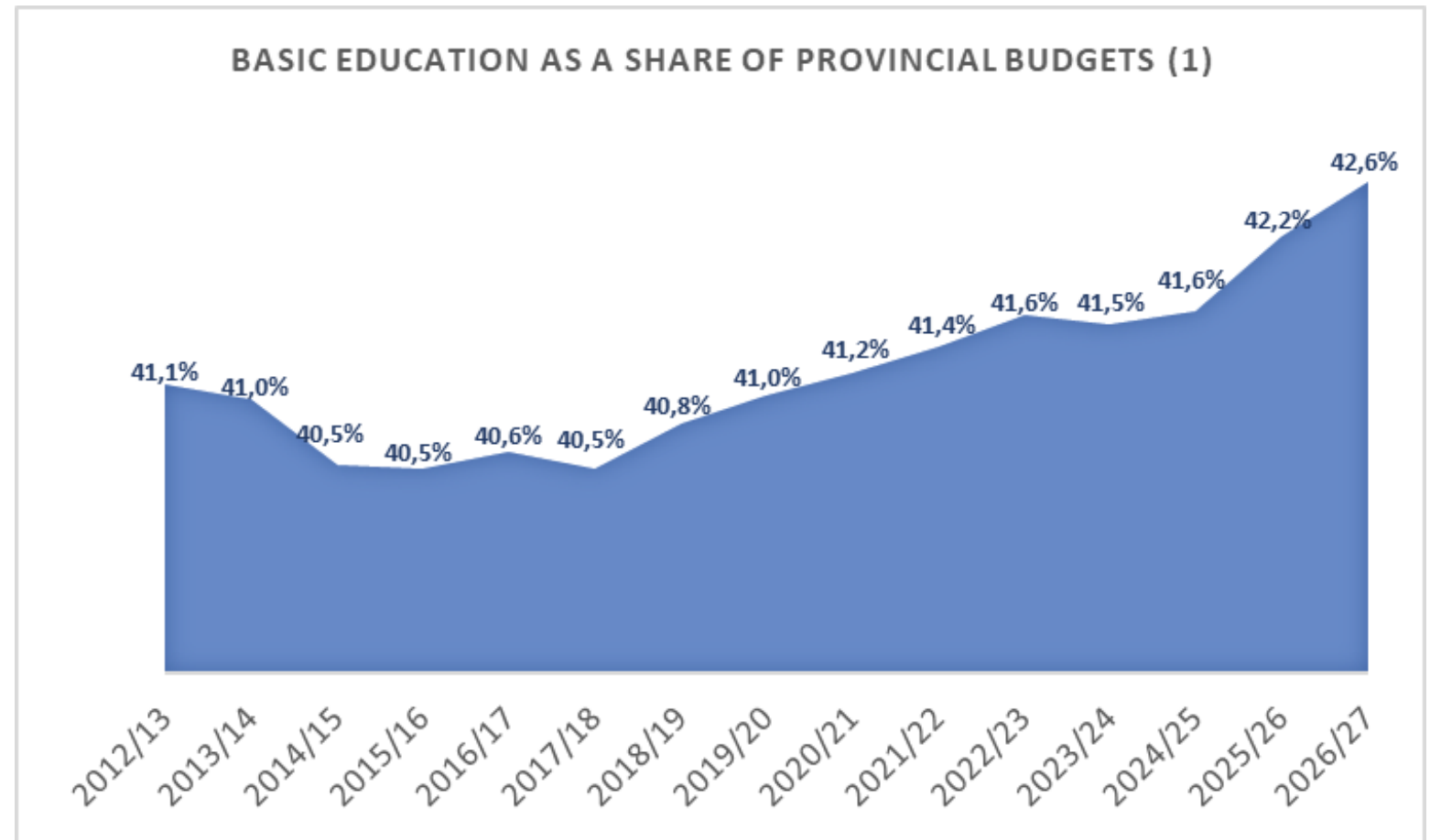
- Basic Education as a share of the Education budget
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## Basic Education's Shrinking Share of Education



- A 10% change, from an 80-20 split in 13/14 to 70-30 over the MTEF.
- The big turnaround started in 2018/19

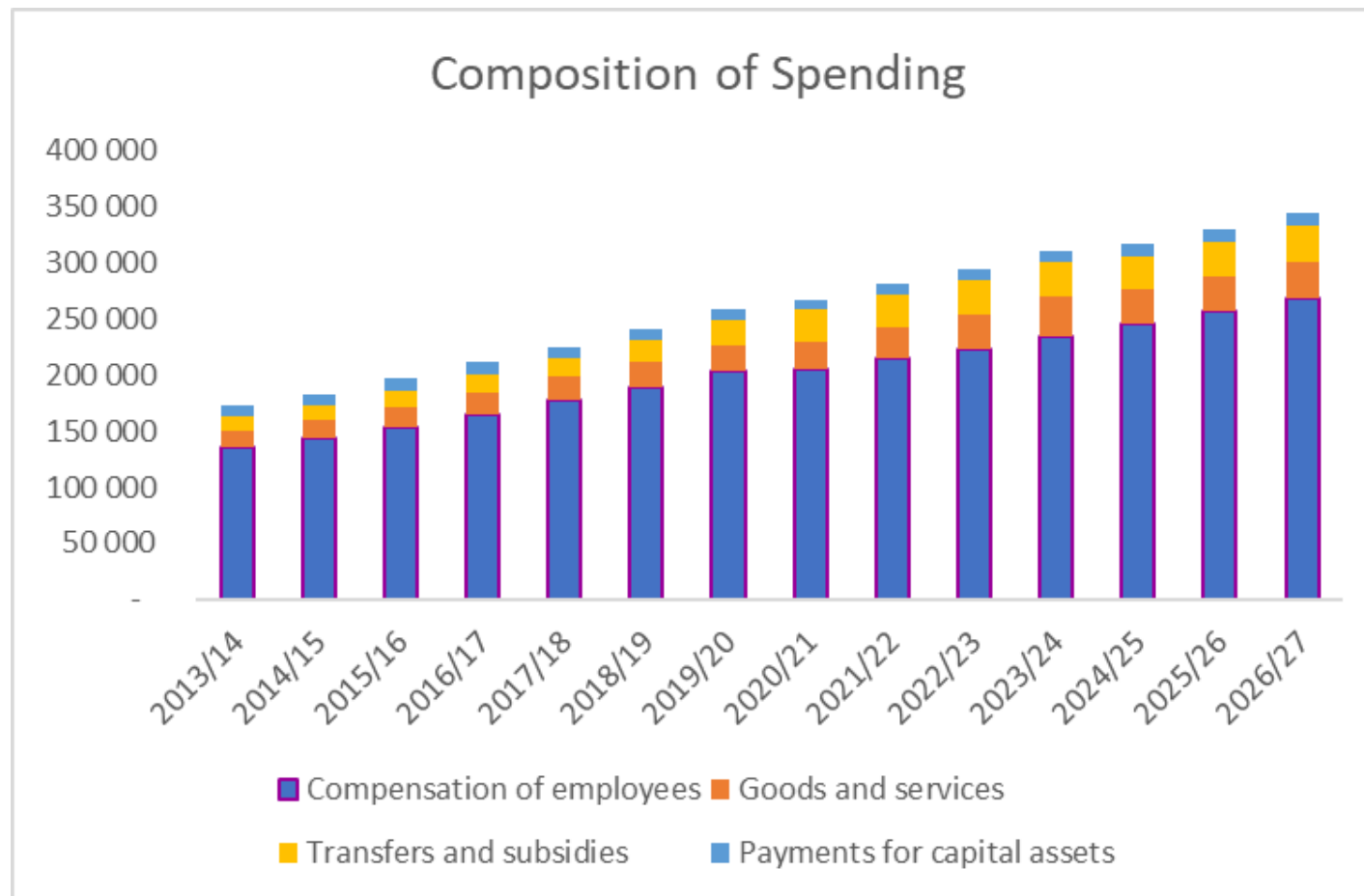
## Basic Education on the rise as a share of Provincial Budgets



- Steady increase from 2017/18, from a low of 40.5% expected to increase to 42.6%
- NSNP and ECD CGs not cut over the MTEF and additional funding allocated for the CoE adjustments in the 2023 and 2024 Budgets

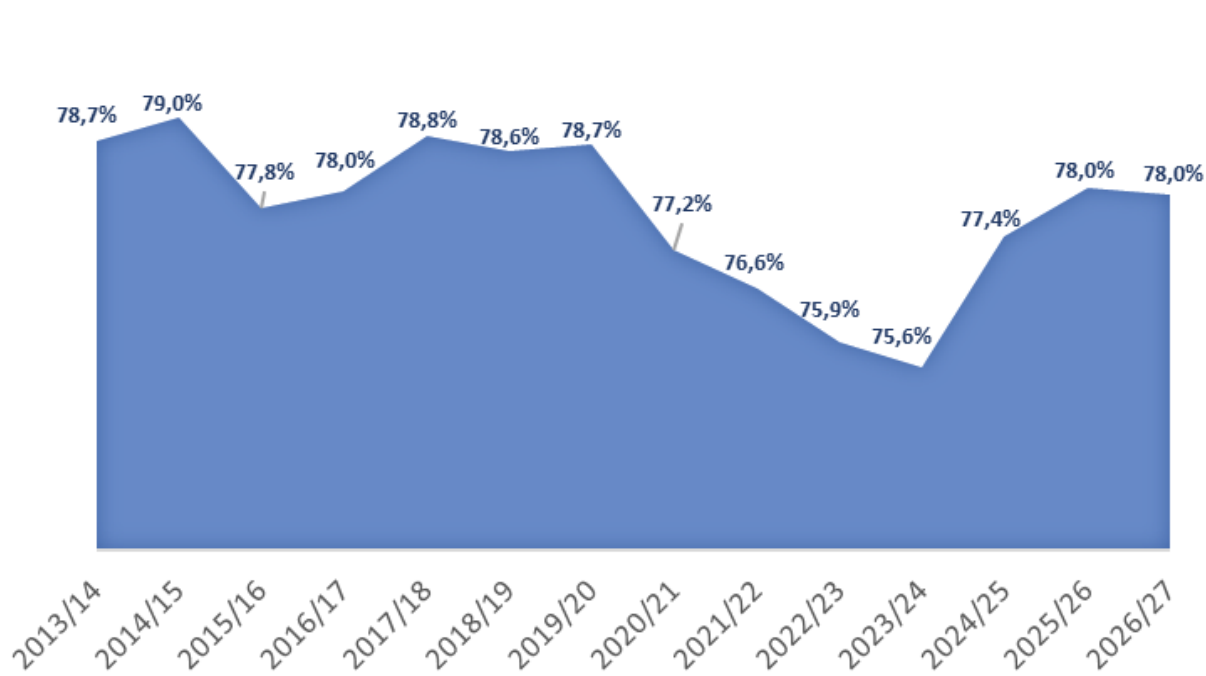


# Composition of spending

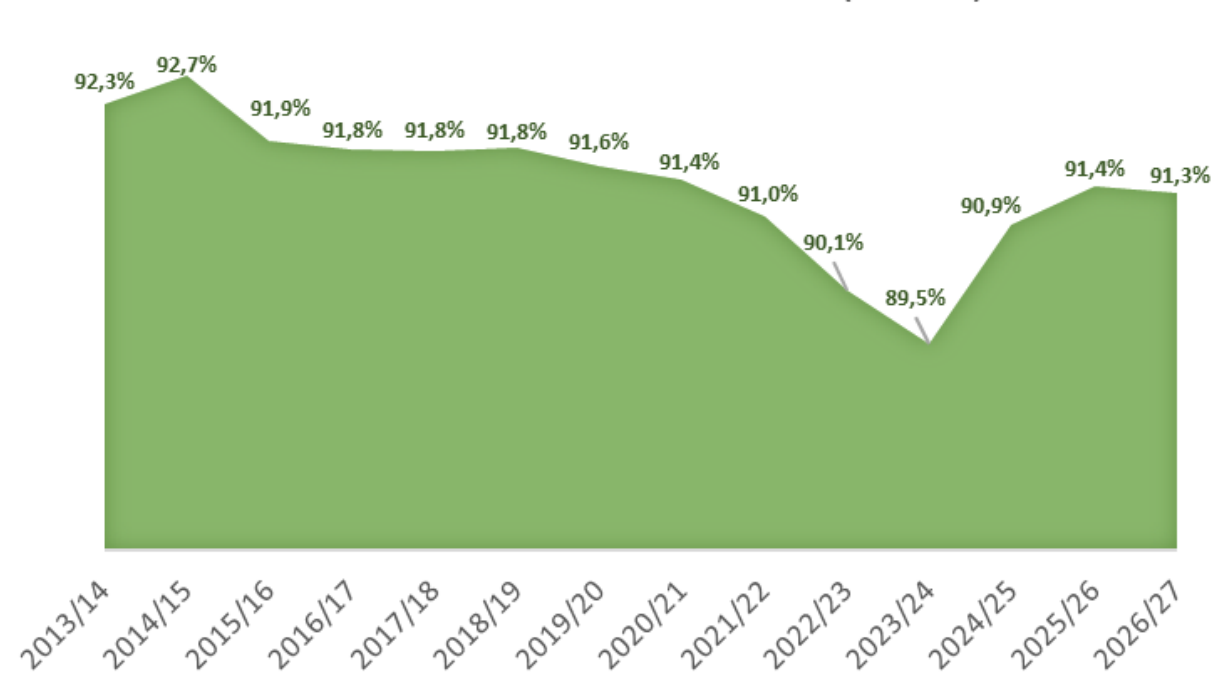


# Compensation of Employees as a Share of Basic Education

COE AS SHARE OF TOTAL PROVINCIAL EDUCATION

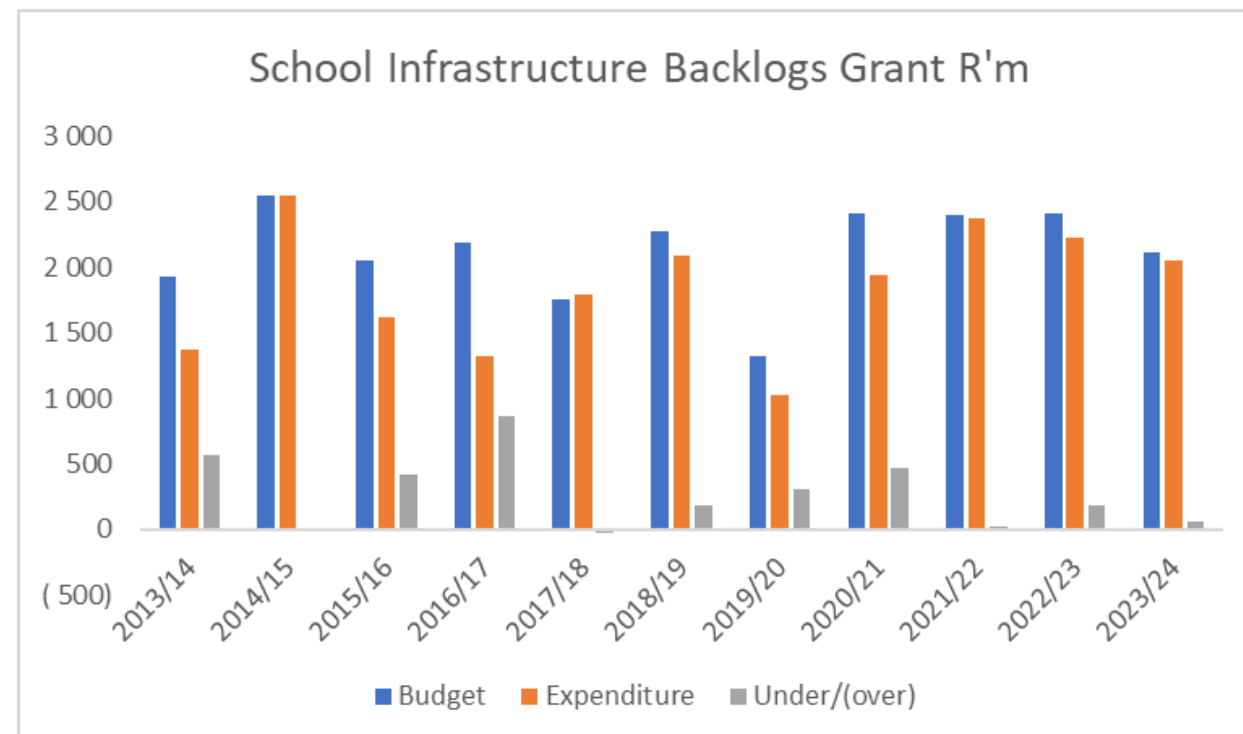
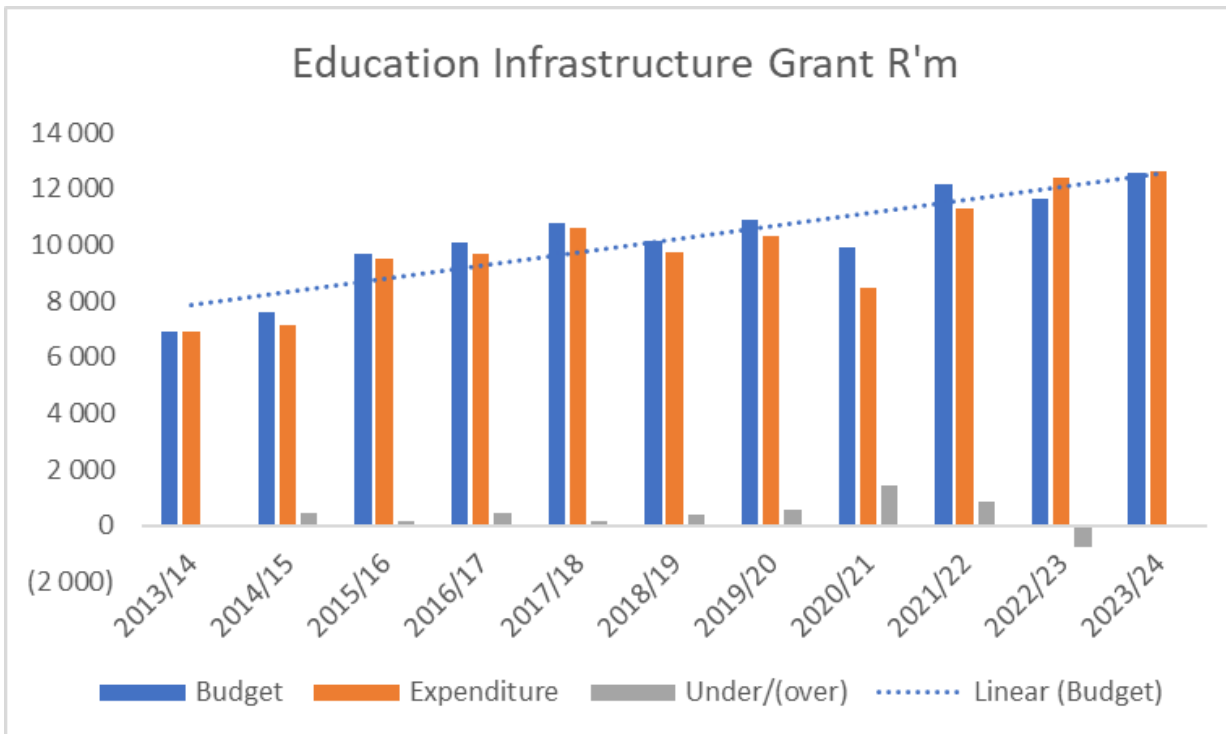


COE AS SHARE OF PROVINCIAL BUDGETS (EXC CGS)



- Average is below the 80% threshold, but when we remove CGs, consistently above 90% - NOT MUCH left over for anything else
- Note the downward trend from 2014/15 to 23/24, followed by a worrying upward trajectory going forward

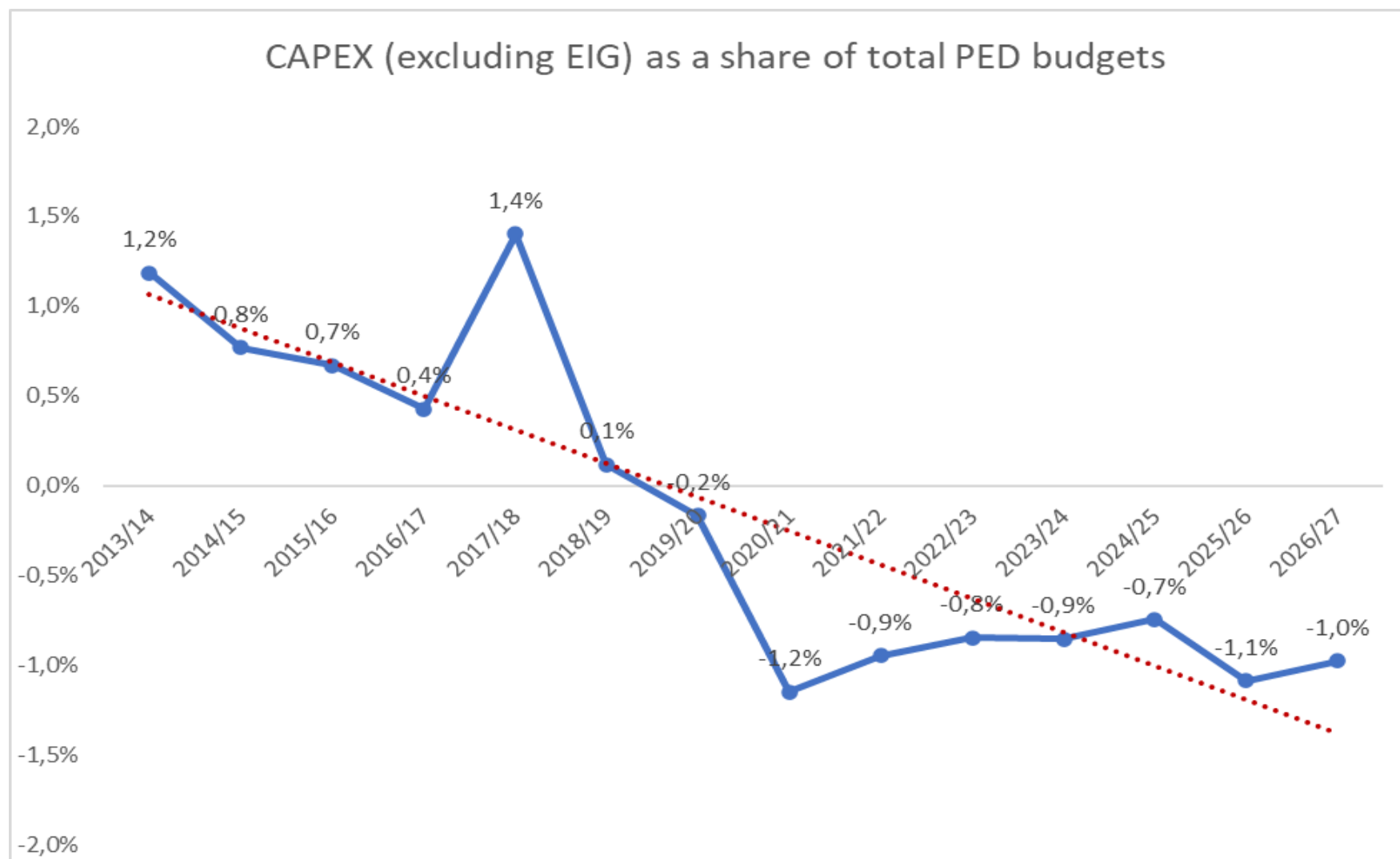
# Infrastructure Spending



- EIG shows steady growth, while the SIBG fluctuates much more
- Mainly due to re-allocation of the SIBG due to poor spending, e.g. 2017/18 after 40% underspending in 2016/17
- EIG dips in 2018/19 (reprioritisation mainly to higher ed) and 2020/21 (Reprioritisation - COVID)

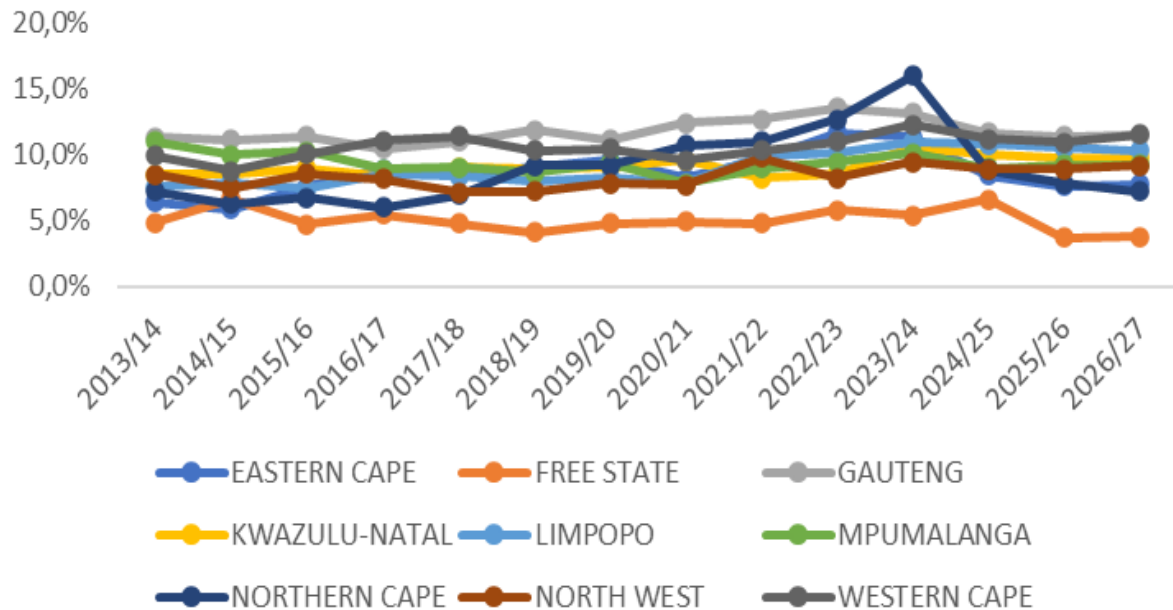


# Capex (excl EIG) as share of PED spending

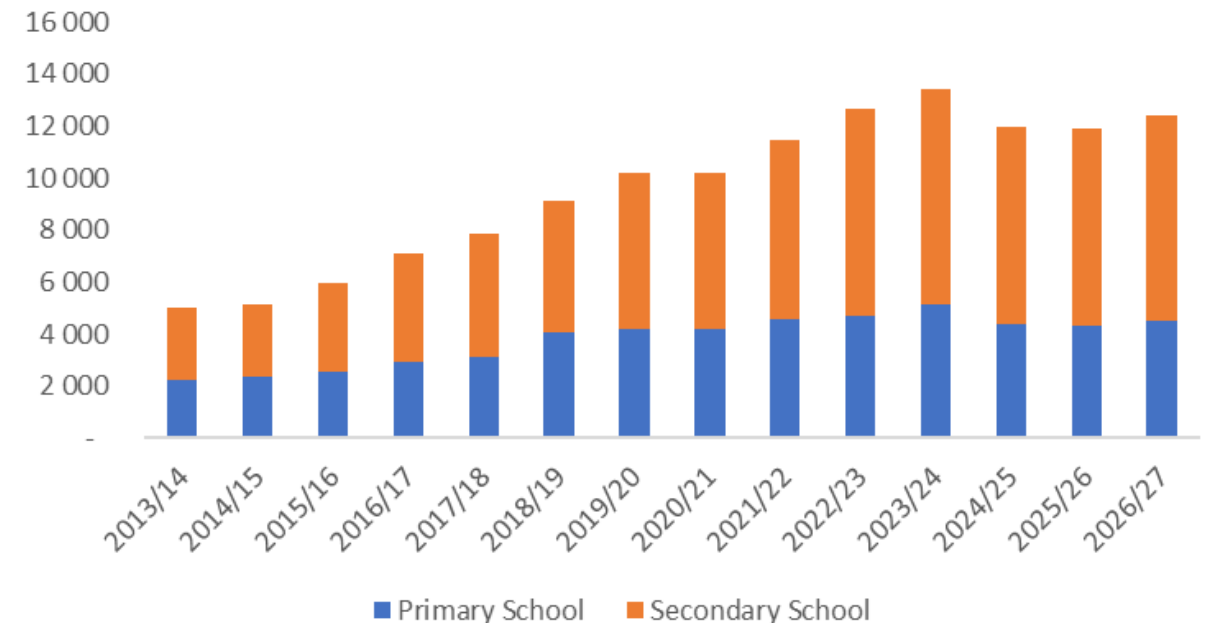


# Goods and Services

G&S as a share of total education budget

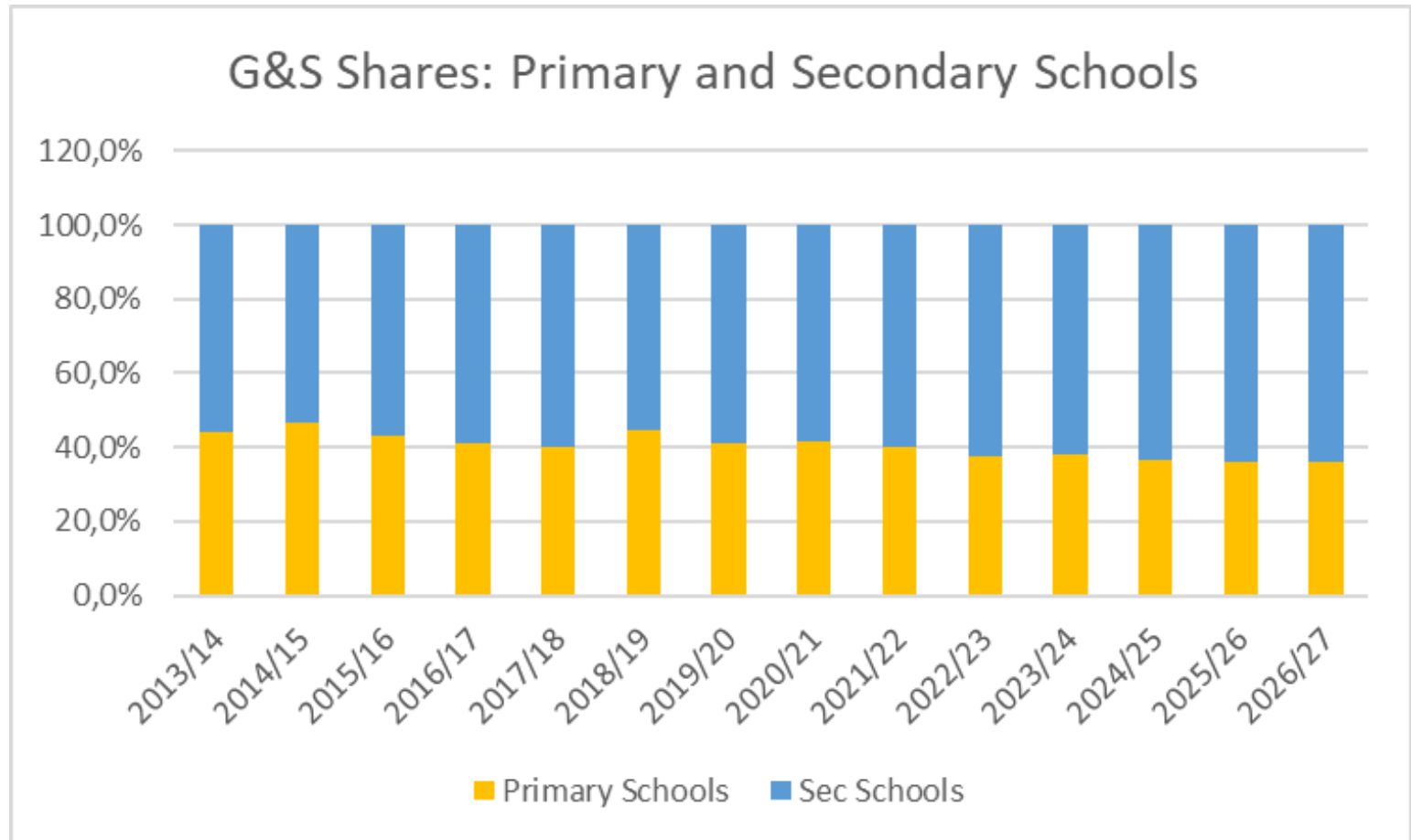


G&S for Primary and Secondary schools-excluding CG R'm



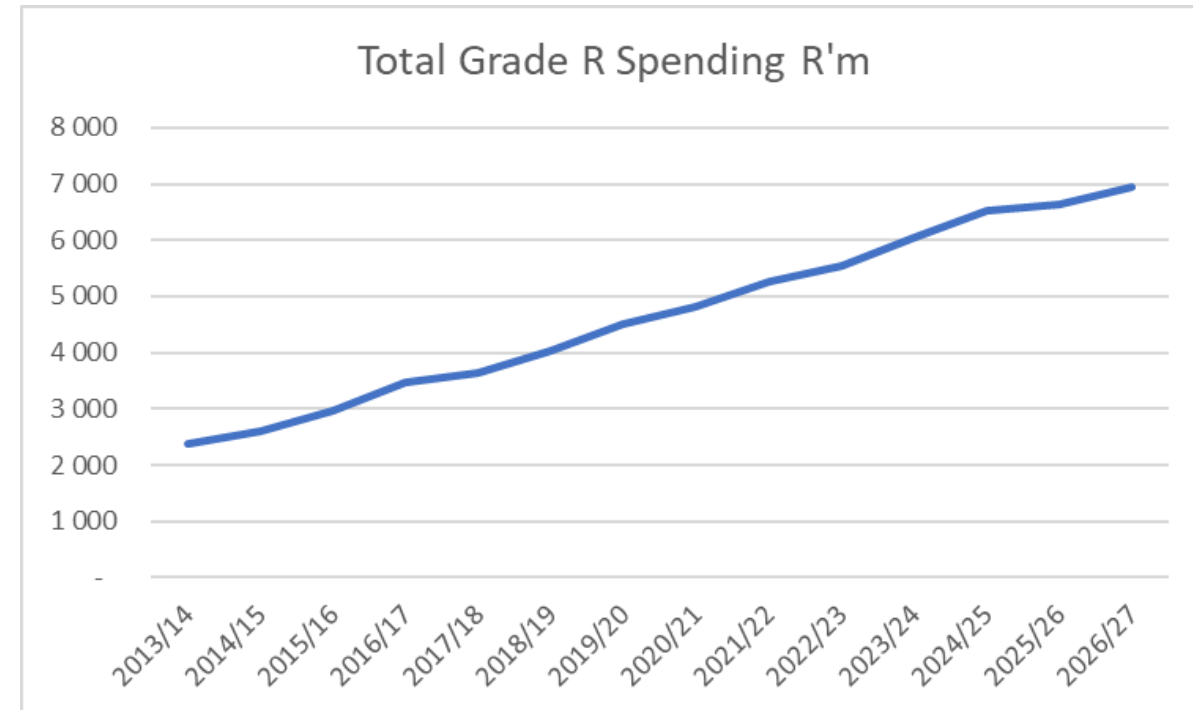
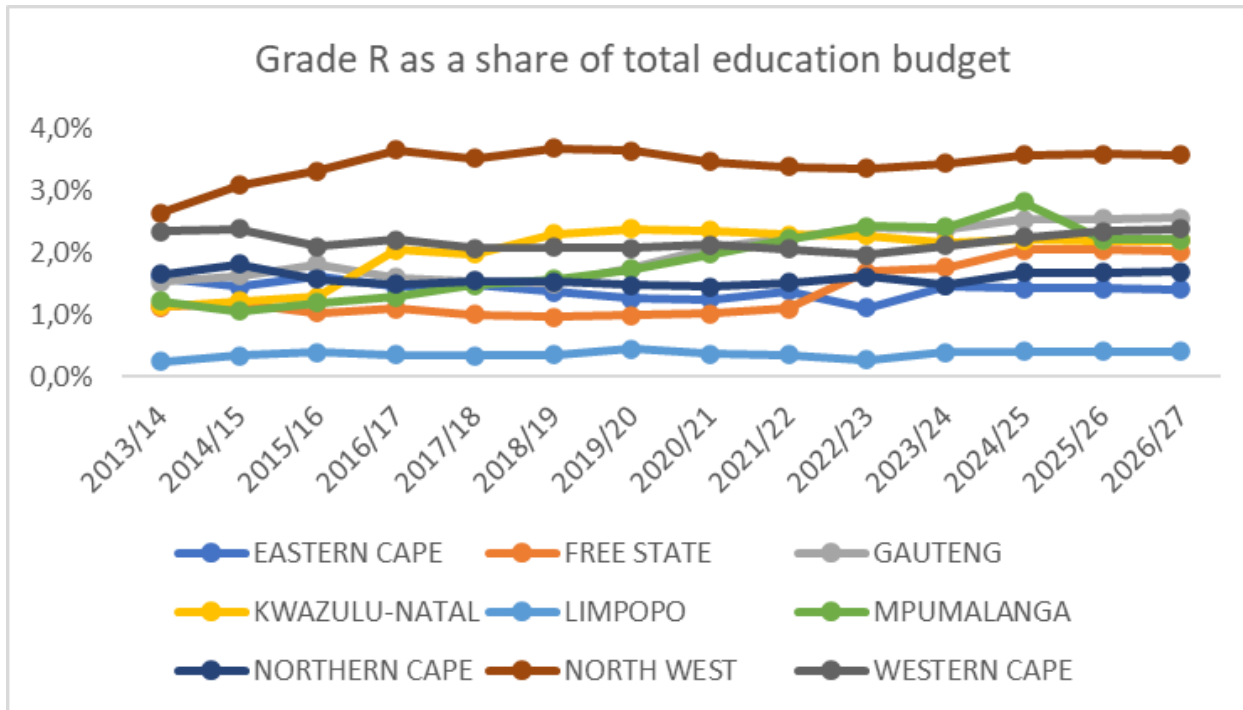
- FS consistently below the average G&S spending
- Increasing dominance of G&S spending on Secondary Schools

## G&S Shares: Primary and Secondary Schools



Steady decline in the Primary School share from 45.7% in 2013/14 to 36.3% by 2026/27

# Grade R



- Grade R as share of total – averages around 1.7%.
- Total Grade R spend to increase from R2.4 bn in 13/14 to R7 bn in 26/27
- Compulsory Grade R will require an additional R17.7 bn

## Concluding Remarks

- Higher Education additions should not be at the expense of Basic Education
- Provinces are responsible for providing quality basic education. They can't claim they don't have funding to do so when allocating less than 40% of the Provincial Budget to Basic Ed.
- Strengthening the basics (reading and maths) has to be a priority of this sector. G&S allocations to primary schools need to reflect this prioritisation.
- Compulsory Grade R will require a step up in Grade R allocations