

What Should Parliament Ask About Development Spending?

When allocating funds for 2014/15, we should look at how much we have absorbed in the last year and in previous years. The table below shows what has happened with development spending in 2013/14 in selected ministries and for all ministries together. Since 2013/14 is still being implemented, we have also projected what we can expect for the full year based on half year actual implementation.

Ministries	Development Net Estimates 2013/14	% Absorption (Half Year Gross Development)	% Absorption (Full Year projections)	Recurrent Gross Estimates 2014/15	Development Gross Estimates 2014/15
Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government	7.5	4%	7%	94.3	5.4
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (including TSC)	23	9%	17%	273.4	35.2
Ministry of Health	12.3	46%	92%	26.3	21.1
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure	44.9	17%	33%	31.6	137.5
Ministry of Energy and Petroleum	9.2	6%	13%	2	74.9
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	22.5	25%	50%	10.7	26.3
Ministry of Devolution and Planning	46.2	23%	46%	17	56.2
MDA Totals	258.2	16%	32%	654	476

In this table, we look at what happened in 2012/13. We have a full year of implementation data for 2012/13. You can also see in this table the share of the MDA budget for recurrent in 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15.

Ministries	Recurrent Gross Estimates 2012/13	% Absorption (Full Year Gross Recurrent)	Development Gross Estimates 2012/13	% Absorption (Full Year Gross Development Estimates) CoB
Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government	60.5	89%	5.8	62%
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (including TSC)	209.3	85%	26.7	48%
Ministry of Health	54.6	94%	32.4	60%
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure	34.6	53%	116.1	40%
Ministry of Energy and Petroleum	2.7	77%	77.5	19%
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	14.8	88%	19.5	55%
Ministry of Devolution and Planning	24.3	78%	38.3	69%
MDA Totals	655.8	94%	453.2	44%
% of Gross Recurrent Estimates to Total MDA Budget (2012/13)	59%			
% of Gross Recurrent Estimates to Total MDA Budget (2013/14)	52%			
% of Gross Recurrent Estimates to Total MDA Budget (2014/15)	58%			
% of Gross Recurrent Actuals to Total MDA Budget (2012/13)	74%			
% of Gross Recurrent Actuals to Total MDA Budget (2013/14)	75%			

What is clear is that the share of recurrent has been between 50 and 60% in each year when we allocate, but when we look at implementation, the share of development falls. In 2012/13, actual recurrent share rose from 59% of allocations to 74% of actual spending; in 2013/14, from 52% to 74%.