

# **2026 ATTACHMENT 3 PPREV JAN – JUN**

## **NEWS FROM GOVERNMENT**

### **Gauteng Health**

#### ***Gauteng Health projected to underspend R725m***

In January *The Citizen* reported that Gauteng Health is projected to underspend **R725m** in the 2025–26 financial year, with only **R261m** approved for rollover by National Treasury and **R463.5m** set to be returned to the national fiscus.

DA Health Spokesperson Jack Bloom asked for urgent leadership changes and better use of Gauteng’s R67bn health budget to stabilise services.

In May 2025 Gauteng Health returned just over R1bn to National Treasury after Health and Education failed to spend allocated funds in 2024–25. The province reportedly was unable to spend R1.8bn in total, with R1.041bn coming from health and education.

#### ***Gauteng targets R4.6bn in unpaid fees***

In March *Independent Online* reported that Gauteng Health is tightening its grip on unpaid fees amounting to about R4.6bn.

According to the Department’s spokesperson, Kealeboga Mohajane, the Department aims to recover money that is owed, fix weak internal processes and protect frontline service delivery.

“The Department is pursuing payments from entities such as the Road Accident Fund, SAPS, Correctional Services and other provinces. Almost R2.4bn of the debt is linked to self-paying patients; the rest is due to unpaid claims involving state entities and medical schemes.

Since June 2025, five debt collection agencies have been appointed, recovering about R28m.

#### ***Gauteng launches new strategy to tackle backlog***

In April *The Citizen* reported that Gauteng Health introduced a strategy to tackle a backlog of over 30,600 patients; mostly long-standing “legacy” cases.

A Treatment Time Guarantees (TTG) dashboard was established to enable real-time tracking and better coordination of waiting lists. Hospitals are extending operating hours and running surgical marathons, supported by targeted recruitment and improved equipment maintenance

#### ***Gauteng Health leadership crisis intensifies***

Despite reports that a SIU lifestyle audit linked Lesiba Malotana, former Gauteng Health Head of Department, to around R1.6m connected to alleged looting at the Tembisa Hospital, Health MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko called her “the best the department has ever had” – *Sunday Times* (8 Feb 2026)

Malotana denied claims of hospital overcrowding, citing bed purchases, clustering and referral systems.

## **Road Accident Fund (RAF)**

### ***RAF's financial distress 'nothing new'***

In January **Times Live** reported that board members of the former RAF told Parliament's Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) the Fund has faced sustained financial distress for more than three decades.

According to SCOPA's inquiry into the 2020/21 to 2024/25 financial years, liabilities have exceeded assets since at least 1981, leaving the Fund insolvent for decades. In an affidavit, the former board members stated that too much revenue is absorbed by administration and legal spending. Too little flows to claimants and outstanding claims rose each year, settlements were slow and liabilities and unpaid amounts continued to build.

### ***Re-lodging of rejected claims:***

Following the SCOPA ruling, thousands of previously rejected or un-lodged claims are being revived. This adds an estimated R180bn in unbudgeted liability to the fund's already staggering debt.

### ***RAF crisis to 'blow a R400bn hole in the fiscus'***

In March **Business Maverick** reported the RAF faces an imminent financial crisis, threatening a R400bn hole in the National Budget due to mounting debt and mismanagement."

"The RAF is beset by well-documented corruption and maladministration: a chamber of horrors; around every turn, there is another terrifying pop-up."

Allegations against the RAF include: a R79m lease in Johannesburg; closure of a 200-bed Johannesburg hospital after the RAF failed to pay more than R300m in outstanding debt; accusations against executives of the RAF Board of manipulating procurement processes; splitting invoices to bypass approval limits; receiving VIP treatment from service providers in exchange for contracts; a lavish R4m staff party; failure to vet senior officials for suitability; failure to appoint a chief claims officer; and more that R15bn in default judgements.

### ***Nurse moonlighting crisis***

The SA healthcare sector is facing a deepening internal challenge as public-sector nurses increasingly engage in unauthorised "moonlighting", reported **Spotlight** (8 April 2026).

In many cases moonlighting results in exhaustion among nurses resulting in severe clinical errors and medical malpractice claims.

At the same time corruption scandals, including alleged multimillion-rand graft at Tembisa Hospital, have eroded trust in leadership and weakened the moral authority to enforce regulations.

Nearly half of nurses are aged 50 or older, intensifying fears of a looming workforce gap.

Although Government aims to train 34,000 professionals by 2030, experts argue

meaningful salary increases and improved working conditions are essential to stabilise the system.