

# DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION (DIRCO) – GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

DIRCO's overview on foreign mission expenditure. Summary information below is for assessing the sustainability of operational costs by evaluating performance indicators against the size of the department's annual budget.



ACTIVE MISSIONS:  
**125**

Approx. **R3.5 BILLION**

Average (2017/18-2019/20) expenditure on foreign missions. It is difficult to measure performance indicators and value for money spent in all 125 missions.

### KEY COST DRIVERS:

- Employee compensation/salaries
- Employee Allowances
- Leases

**DIRCO MUST CONSIDER REDUCING SPENDING ON FOREIGN MISSIONS. DIRCO IS EXPECTED TO CONSIDER CLOSING MISSIONS APART FROM THE 12 MISSIONS ALREADY APPROVED FOR CLOSURE BY CABINET.**



**R7.048 BILLION**

Spent between 2017-2020 on missions in the Americas and Europe

**69%.**

**TOTAL STAFF** Deployed in the Americas and Europe, and Africa between 2017-2020

2019/20 Figures  
Source: 2020 ENE, National Treasury



**R2.1 BILLION**  
Employee compensation/salaries

**R880 MILLION**  
Operating leases and buildings

**R483 MILLION**  
Other expenses

