

NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION - SPENDING BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS ON EDUCATION RELATED ICT

National Department of Basic Education overview on provincial government spending on education related ICT. Summary information below is for assessing provincial government budget expenditure on ICT resources required by the Ministry.

2019/20 EXPENDITURE ON ICT
R2BILLION

THIS ONLY
0.7% OF TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET

AN AVERAGE OF
R144 PER LEARNER

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION AIMS TO EQUIP LEARNERS WITH SKILLS NEEDED FOR THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (4IR). THIS INCLUDES PROVIDING LEARNERS WITH ACCESS TO:

 **HARDWARE**

 **SOFTWARE**

 **INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

Initial Ministry review shows wide variations between objectives of different provinces e.g.

- **Eastern Cape** province spending is focused on expanding internet connectivity in schools whilst **Western Cape** province spending is focused on creating a smart school system with considerable expenditure incurred on hardware
- The institutional and logical framework analysis reveals that the **National Department** and **Provincial Education Departments** have different approaches to buying **ICT**
 - **Department of Basic Education** procures online platforms and funds some **ICT** through the **Maths Science and Technology (MST)** grant at the same time Provincial Departments also use their equitable share to buy ICT resources.

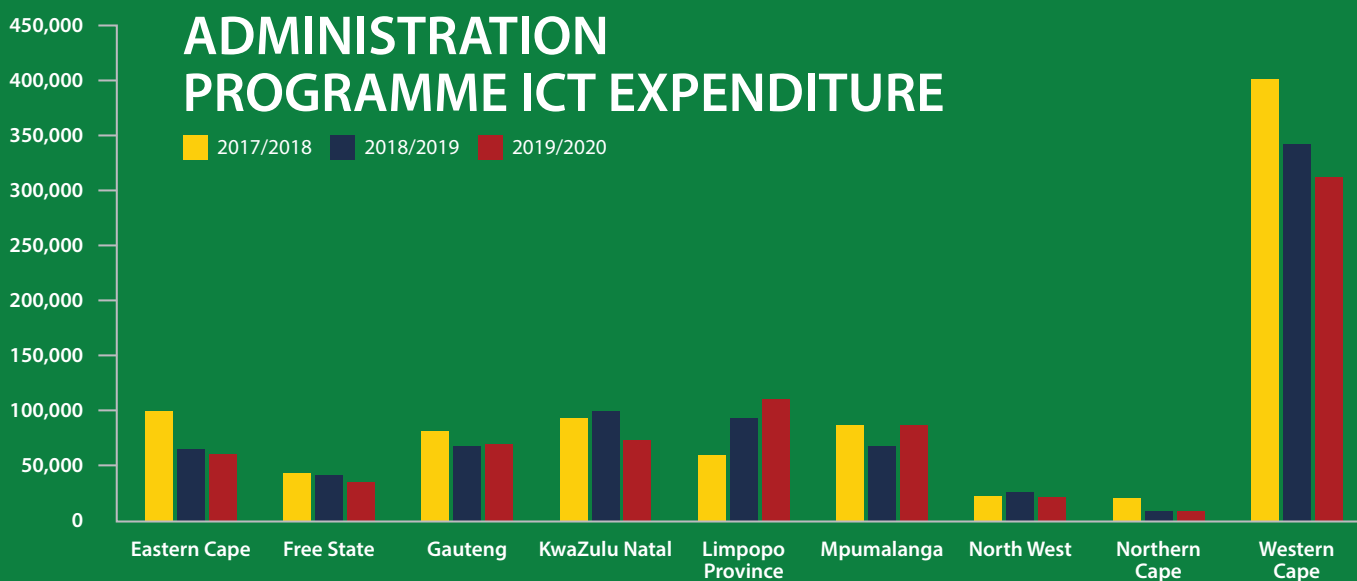
ICT expenditure focuses on the purchase of ICT devices such as **DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS AND TABLETS**

Between 2017/18 and 2019/20 financial years devices purchased **73,275**

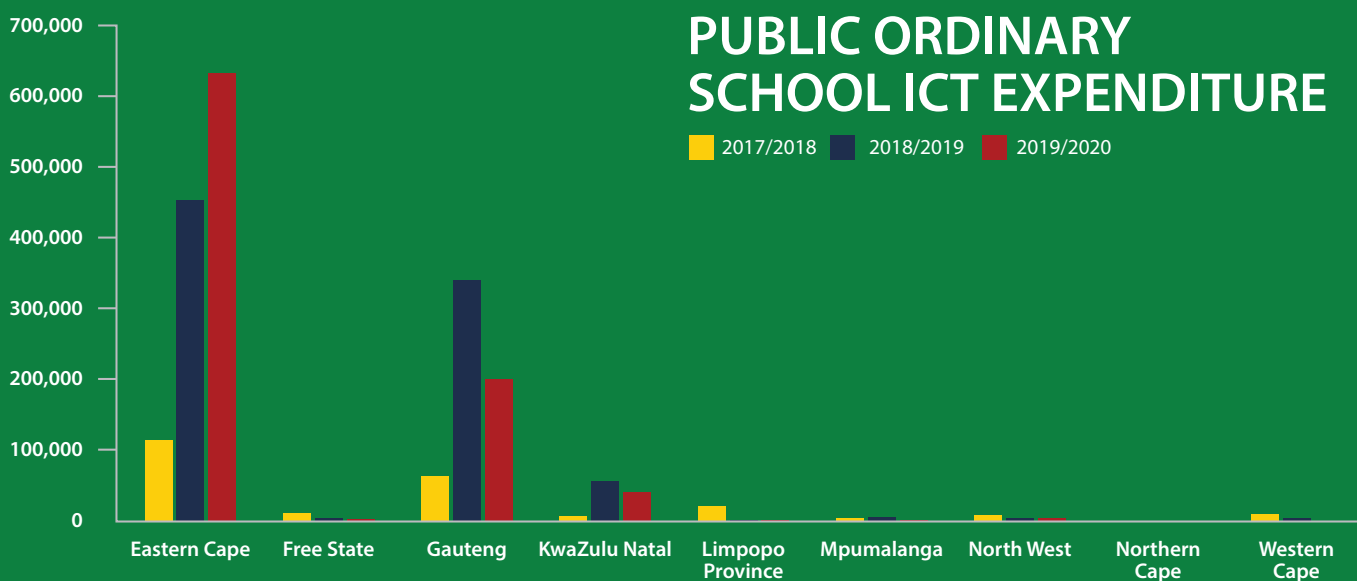
Western Cape bought the most **15,840**

All other provinces are well below the national average **2,714**

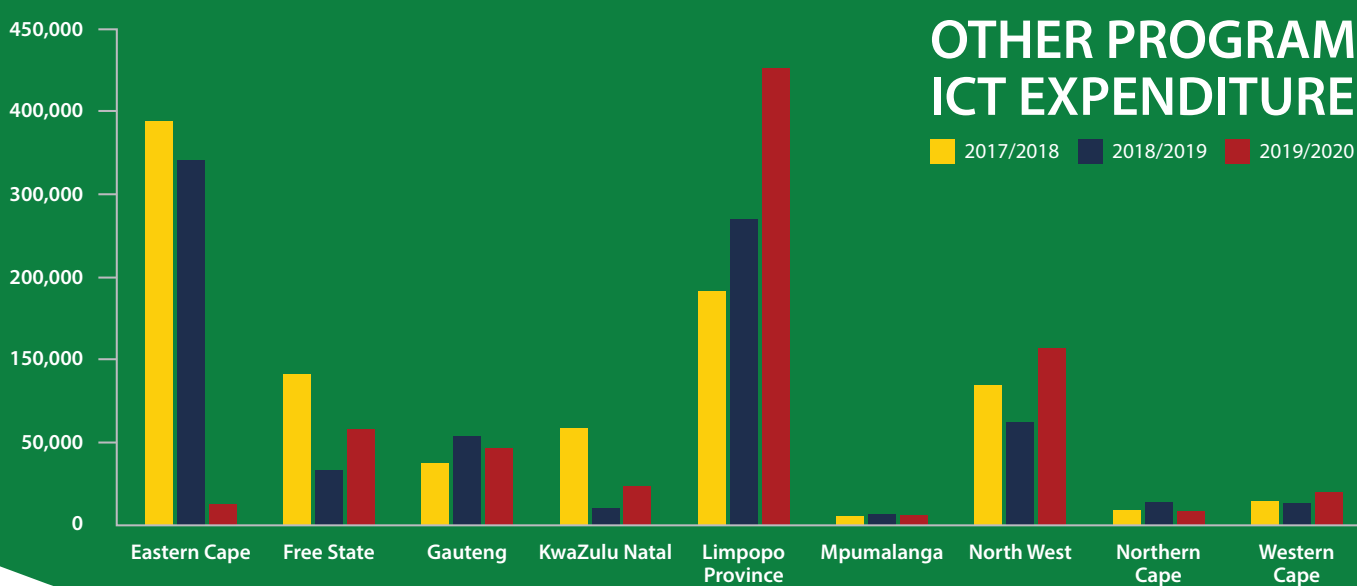
- Provincial Education Departments have a standardised budget structure that includes seven budget programmes, these are:
 - Administration,
 - Public Ordinary Schooling, and
 - Other programmes (including the remaining five programmes)



- Administration accounts = **80%** of total provincial basic education budget,
 - includes payments for teachers' salaries, and
 - subsidies to schools are incurred under this programme.



- ICT spending under the Public Ordinary School programme = **R2 million** or **38%** of total ICT spending.
 - All ICT purchased under this programme is assumed to be for teaching and learning only.
- Eastern Cape, and Gauteng invest majority of their ICT budgets under this programme.
 - **Eastern Cape** = **R1.2 billion** or **74%** of ICT budget for the province (mainly on internet connectivity)
 - **Gauteng** = **±R611 million** or **69%** of ICT budget for the province (mainly on for software)
 - All other provinces spent less than **R60 million** per year



- Other Programmes accounts for the least amount of ICT spending,
 - equating to **R743 million** or **14%** of total ICT spending

