

Arts and Culture

The Department of Arts and Culture is responsible for transforming South Africa's arts, culture and heritage landscape to serve South Africa's wide artistic and cultural needs and contribute to growth, employment, poverty alleviation, national reconciliation, nation building and social cohesion.

By the year 2011/12 the department's consulting spend is expected to remain flat in the next five year (2007/08-2011/12) hovering R 20million.

Strategic overview: 2005/06 – 2011/12

- The department will continue to support government's social cohesion implementation framework by intensifying existing programmes that encourage social cohesion and nation building, such as youth into arts, youth in dialogue, access to the arts, and arts and culture for human settlements.
- The department continues to promote linguistic diversity and develop official languages as required by the Constitution and the national language policy framework.
- Over the medium term, the department will develop a national framework that will encompass a funding and grading system for statutory heritage institutions. The planned national museum policy will ensure that funding to heritage institutions is objectively based on the sector's current and future strategic needs.
- In relation to the film industry, the department encourages the development of local content and supports the National Film and Video Foundation.
- The department has developed a detailed plan and programme of activities building up to the 2010 FIFA World Cup, focusing on the performing arts, literary and visual arts, heritage resources and legacy, and languages.

