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Different Planning and Reporting Elements

Several types of strategic plans are required under government legislation. The main ones are as follows:

- Under the ***Public Finance Management Act*** (PFMA), Treasury requires provincial government health officials to submit three-year plans to accompany the three-year funding estimates shown in the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF). These plans include quantified service targets that have to be reported against on a regular basis.
- The ***Public Service Regulations*** (1999) require the national and provincial health departments to prepare five-year strategic plans and service delivery improvement plans. These are prepared every five years in line with political terms of office.
- All municipalities must prepare five-year ***Integrated Development Plans*** (IDPs). These are prepared every five years and cover all sectors. The health element of these plans covers both the provision and co-ordination of health services.