

## **Open Secrets Notes on AGSA Reports on Defence Expenditure**

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#### **AGSA Reports 1974-1995 (Defence)**

1. **See 1990 special report on the CCB.** This details CCB funding irregularities and important audit deficiencies throughout most of the 1980's. A very useful critique of the limited nature of SDA/Secret Fund audits in that period.
2. **Infoplan:** See annual expenditure and sharp increase from the early 1980's
3. **Tabulate and calculate the total SDA expenditure over the period** – then look at Armscor figures and AGSA report to the AG. Note large increase in expenditure from 1989/90 – 1994/95. What explains this other than currency depreciation (if anything?)
4. **General Report:** Note that the General Report is missing (notes from AGSA office in hand) for the years: 82-83; 83-84; 84-85; 86-87; 87-88. There are also no general reports from 1990-1995 (not sure what the value of these are to us).
5. **Quality of reports:** Note that the quality of reports shows incremental improvement. This is most evident when Wronsley takes over as AG in 1989/90 [end of PW Botha era].
6. **State shares in Armscor:** There is a record of state shares in Armscor for a number of years and then this information is excluded. Each share is valued at a nominal R1. Its unclear what this money was used for and how it was to be accounted for. Established the following total (cumulative) at the end of each year:
  - 1974/75: No Entry
  - 1975/76: R129,783,965
  - 1976/77: R155,783,965
  - 1977/78: R227,813,965
  - 1978/79: R351,698,965
  - 1979/80: R562,077,157
  - 1980/81: R576,294,157
  - 1981/82: R576,294,157
  - 1982/83: R576,294,157
  - 1983/84: R576,294,157
  - 1984/85: R680,000,000
  - 1985/86: R680,000,000
  - 1986/87: R684,653,849
  - 1987/88 - 1994/95: No Entry