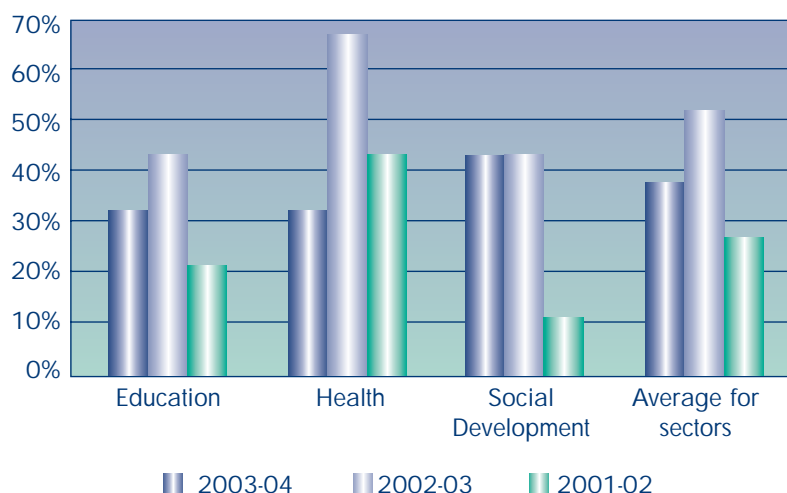




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audit opinions. The number of unqualified audit opinions has decreased overall from 52% to 37% for all three sectors. Only one province, namely Limpopo, received unqualified audit opinions for all three sectors.

Figure 12. Number of unqualified audit reports by sector

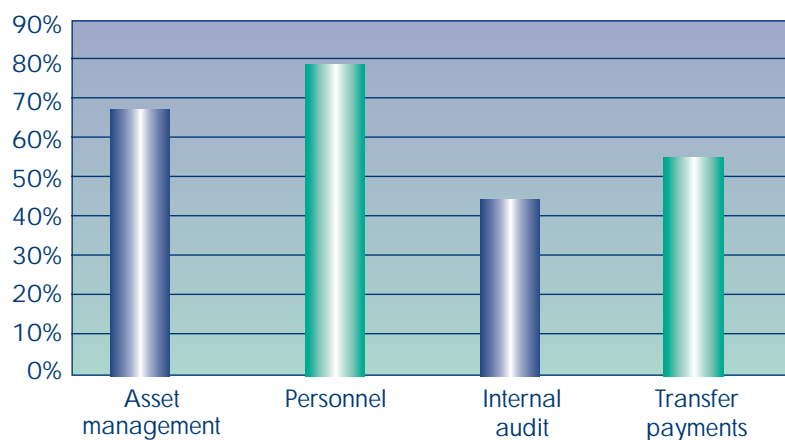


3.2 Matters emphasised

3.2.1 Education sector

The main matters emphasised in all sectors were similar and in line with those reported for the national departments. Figure 13 below illustrates the key issues reported.

Figure 13. Matter emphasised: Education sector



Asset management is the primary area of reporting, with matters emphasised on this issue in six of the nine provinces. The other primary categories were personnel, internal audit and transfer payments.



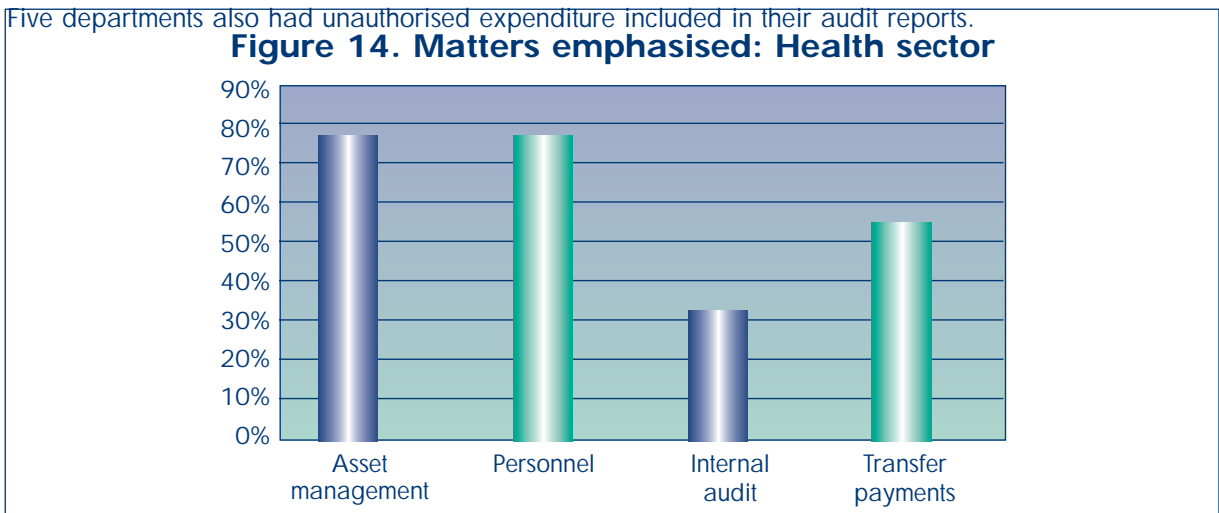
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The national Department of Education also reported on the conditional grants provided to provinces. However, this issue was only reported in five of the nine provinces.

In addition, six departments also had unauthorised expenditure reported in their audit reports.

3.2.2 Health sector

Figure 14 below demonstrates that issues of asset management and personnel were reported on in seven out of the nine provinces. Transfer payment issues were reported on in five of the provinces. However, internal audit was only reported on in three out of the nine provinces.



3.2.3 Social Development sector

Figure 15 below shows a trend similar to the other sectors with asset management and personnel once again featuring strongly in the analysis. In the case of the Social Development sector internal audit also appeared to be an issue in most of the provinces. Transfer payments, however, were only reported in two out of the nine audit reports. Unauthorised expenditure was reported in five of the nine provinces.

