Tanzania's defence expenditure rose by about 30 per cent from 1985 to 1992. Defence and security expenditure was the second highest after public administration between 1986 and 1989. The defence and security expenditure was consistently higher than the combined expenditure on education, health, electricity and communications, except for 1988-89. Education represented 37.7 per cent of defence budget, health 32.7 per cent, electricity and water 14.8 per cent, transport and communications 14.6 per cent.