Head 48: Ministry of Trade and Industry

Total Allocation - $186,033,474.00

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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Trade and Industry for the period 2014-2020. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry’s responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure;
- the Estimates of Development Programme;
- the Public Sector Investment Programme; and
- the Auditor General’s Report on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2018.
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Ministerial Overview

As one of the frontline Ministries within the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) is leading the drive to position Trinidad and Tobago as a manufacturing base, and the business, trade, and financial hub of the Americas.

The Ministry’s core responsibility is to grow trade, business and investment, particularly through driving the non-energy sectors of the economy. As the pivotal agency for trade promotion and development, MTI manages and coordinates the trade process to ensure access to international markets for companies located here.

This is closely tied to another critical mandate — the aggressive development of business and industry. In this regard, MTI is formulating more appropriate industrial and services policies, designed to enhance the capability of the local industrial sector to compete in the global marketplace.

Much of MTI’s activities are geared towards creating a facilitatory and supportive environment for business, especially through developing the most appropriate legislative framework to support business and investment activities. MTI is also responsible for stimulating domestic and foreign investment and is working to upgrade the entire framework for attracting investment — the lifeblood of industrial activity.

MTI conducts its affairs and provides required services with the highest regard and esteem for all clients and customers. The Ministry’s stakeholders are located within Trinidad & Tobago, as well as regionally and internationally, and are drawn from government circles, the private sector, and civil society.

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Vision Statement
A dynamic, client oriented organisation delivering integrated, quality services for business growth, trade and investment expansion and consumer empowerment.⁴

Mission Statement
To work as an innovative team, championing business growth, trade and investment for enhanced global competitiveness and promoting consumer interests for improved wellbeing.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry is assigned the following areas of responsibility as published in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette:³

- Incubating local industries
- Commerce
  - Anti-Dumping
  - Competition Policy
- Consumer Affairs
  - Consumer Empowerment
  - Consumer Protection
  - Consumer Research
- eCommerce
- Export Processing Zones
- Industry
- Industrial Parks
- Metrology
- Piarco Aero Park
- Product Information
- Product Quality Development
- Technology Park
- Trade
  - Trade Agreements
  - Trade Policy
- Venture Capital Incentive Programme

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Directorates
The Ministry of Trade and Industry has streamlined its operations into four key directorates which are summarised below:

1. The **Investment Directorate** of the Ministry is responsible for attracting inward investment especially in the non-energy sector and creating an enabling environment to retain such investment. The main objectives of the Directorate are to:
   - facilitate foreign direct and domestic investment for the growth of the non-energy sectors;
   - ensure a coordinated approach to investment promotion to attract further investments into the economy; and
   - ensure that Trinidad and Tobago is the premiere destination for investments.

2. The **Business Development Directorate** of the Ministry is to develop and grow business in Trinidad and Tobago. This objective can be further broken down into eight (8) processes which are captured in the Business Development Value Chain. The Business Development Directorate comprises two Units which are as follows:
   - The Business Support and Facilitation Unit which is responsible for addressing issues related to the business environment in order to make it more facilitating and transparent. It has oversight for the sectors identified by Government for development in its quest to diversify the economy of Trinidad and Tobago; and
   - The Alliances Unit which is responsible for managing stakeholder relationships and strengthening links with State Agencies which fall under the purview of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

3. The **Policy and Strategy Directorate** works closely with other directorates, Ministries, and Agencies, by providing policy advice and direction on domestic and international policy issues; leading national business reforms; project monitoring and evaluation; data analysis and business facilitation. The PSD also prepares and reviews strategic plans, policies, briefs, technical papers and presentations.

4. The **Trade Directorate** is responsible for identifying opportunities, negotiating trade agreements, developing policies, and growing and developing non-energy trade, particularly export-led trade in Trinidad and Tobago.
Minister: Senator the Honourable Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon
Accounting Officer: Mr. Norris Herbert
Permanent Secretary (Ag.): Ms. Frances Seignoret
Divisions, State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Other Bodies

Central Statistical Office
The CSO is a Division of the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development charged with the responsibility of taking censuses in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and collecting, compiling, analyzing and publishing statistical information relating to all social and economic activities of the people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Customs & Excise Division
The Customs & Excise Division is a division of the Ministry of Finance. Its role is:
- Revenue Collection and Protection
- The correct application of Trade Policy
- Protecting our physical Borders, Society and the Environment
- Collect and disseminate accurate Trade related information and statistics

Evolving Tecknologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (e TecK)
Evolving Tecknologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (e TecK) reviewed and revised its strategic direction in October 2011 and launched a 15-year Strategic Plan (2012-2027) to better align to the Ministry of Trade and Industry’s overall goal for diversification – “to drive the non-energy sectors for the sustainable long-term growth and development of diversified and knowledge-based economy that contributes to the creation of high quality jobs.”
**exporTT**

exporTT Ltd. was designated by the Cabinet of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to be the sole National Export Facilitation Organization of Trinidad and Tobago. exporTT Ltd’s mandate is to:

- Generate export growth and diversification in the goods and services sectors
- Increase in the international competitiveness of exporters
- Develop new exporters across the various sectors of interest
- Expand to new markets, based on market research

**Export Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK)**

The Export Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK) remains the only official Export Credit Agency (ECA) in the country. It has emerged out of what was formerly the Trinidad and Tobago Export Credit Insurance Company Limited (EXCICO), which was established in 1973 by the Government to promote the export of goods and services. This allows regional buyers access to a wide range of manufactured goods on credit terms.

**invesTT**

As Trinidad and Tobago’s Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) aligned to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, InvesTT is the first point of contact for investors seeking investment opportunities in Trinidad and Tobago.

**National Flour Mills**

National Flour Mills Limited (NFM) was established in 1972 as a public trading company and has since been recognised as the main leader in flour milling, rice packaging, feed milling and dry mix operations throughout Trinidad and Tobago.
Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS)
The primary role of TTBS is to develop, promote and enforce standards in order to improve the quality and performance of goods produced or used in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. To ensure industrial efficiency and development; promote public and industrial welfare, health and safety; and protect the environment.

The Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Service Industries
TTCSI is a national umbrella body that brings together all services sector organizations and associations. Basically it is an alliance of professional services associations and organizations. It will function as a focal point to lobby; channel and address trade in services issues and services development issues, which are critical for the sector to thrive in the competitive global environment.

Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited (CreativeTT)
The Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Ltd (CreativeTT) established by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago through the Ministry of Trade and Industry is a wholly owned State enterprise with the mandate ‘to stimulate and facilitate the business development and export activities of the Creative Industries in Trinidad and Tobago to generate national wealth.’ CreativeTT is responsible for the strategic and business development of the three (3) subsectors under its purview- Film, Fashion and Music.

Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission
Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission is an independent statutory body established pursuant to the Fair Trading Act No. 13 of 2006 with responsibility for:

1. preventing anti-competitive conduct thereby ensuring competition and efficiency while at the same time complementing other policies that promote competition;
2. maintaining free and fair competition in business; and
3. taking action against abuse of dominance, restraint of trade and unfair or deceptive trade practices.

Essentially, the Commission is responsible for implementing and administering the Act. Its mandate is to promote and maintain effective competition throughout the economy and to ensure that competition is not distorted, restricted or prevented. Its objectives include:

- Ensuring that all legitimate business enterprises have an equal opportunity to participate in the economy;
- Preventing anti-competitive conduct while at the same time complementing policies that promote competition;
- Raising awareness of the benefits of competition; and
- Exhibiting a high level of integrity and intellect.

**Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited**

The Free Zones Programme has been designed to attract export-oriented businesses both Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) and local investors; as part of the Government’s diversification drive. The large energy projects have come to Trinidad and Tobago to access Trinidad and Tobago’s energy resources and the special incentives offered by the Government. Such projects cannot access free zone incentive.
During the Standing Finance Committee debate of 2018, the following statement was made in relation to the emphasis of the Ministry of Trade and Industry for fiscal year 2018/2019:

“The sums allocated are intended to be utilized in furtherance of the Ministry's broader mandate to bring about improvements in trade, in business, and investment, and in consumer empowerment.”

- Minister of Trade and Industry

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Public Sector Investment Programme 2018/2019 Achievements

Investment Promotion

51. The Investment Promotion and Facilitation Initiative driven by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) with the intention of promoting Trinidad and Tobago as the premier location to do business. This initiative is supported by other incentives such as the industrial park facilities and the provision of preferential utility rates. This project seeks to aid in the diversification thrust by encouraging non-energy companies to inject foreign currency into the economy by bringing their operations to Trinidad and Tobago or through the purchasing of products and services from local suppliers. Some of the initiatives undertaken in fiscal 2019 included:

- up to 50 percent Tenanting of the Tamana Industrial Administrative Building;
- completion of the China One Belt One Road (OBOR) study which leads to the development of an Engagement Strategy for 18 potential companies;
- conduct of the Tourism Site Research Study which garnered interest from three (3) hotel operators, two (2) international financiers and 12 property owners;
- completion of Regional Labour Studies; and
- the promotion of two (2) Diaspora webinars.

Export Initiatives

52. Expansion of market share and size were identified as being crucial towards the growth of local businesses and the economy. Given the relative small size of the local market, achieving this goal meant finding new territories in other markets where a demand existed or could be created for locally produced products and services. To achieve this, a sum of $0.1 million was expended on the Export Capacity Building Programme to provide local companies with the potential to access international markets. In fiscal 2019, the project accomplished the following:
• seven (7) companies completed implementation of international standards for export in the areas of good manufacturing practice, global food safety initiative standards ISO 22000 (food safety management system), food safety system documentation (organic certification of environmental 28 standards), safe quality food, hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP), STOW ISO 9001:2008; 14001:2018 and 45001:2018, and information security management system ISO 27001 and 9001;

• export support plans for two (2) companies;

• 13 training programmes were conducted benefitting 173 participants; and

• three (3) information dissemination seminars were conducted on Forex facility sensitisation, Customs documents and procedures for export and food safety sensitisation.
Vehicle Control

Vehicle Registers necessary to maintain control over custody and location of vehicles were not updated at the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Planning and Development and at certain divisions of the Ministry of Works and Transport.

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Records provided by the Ministry indicated that 50% of revenue collected by the Betting Levy Board for the period 2011 to 2018 and totalling approximately $85,777,668.79 was not deposited into the Consolidated Fund, as mandated by the Betting Levy Board Act, Chapter 21:53.

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The Ministry’s total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2014 to 2020.

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Allocation</th>
<th>National Budget</th>
<th>Percentage of National Budget</th>
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<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>$220,709,614.00</td>
<td>$65,020,886,424.00</td>
<td>0.34%</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>$268,621,458.00</td>
<td>$61,966,922,675.00</td>
<td>0.43%</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>$120,562,597.00</td>
<td>$56,573,913,053.00</td>
<td>0.21%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>$102,079,943.00</td>
<td>$54,883,153,410.00</td>
<td>0.19%</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>$125,654,003.00</td>
<td>$54,211,726,813.00</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>$127,303,358.00</td>
<td>$54,149,378,860.00</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>$155,133,474.00</td>
<td>$58,058,338,392.00</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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Total allocation for the Ministry to the national budget illustrated a growth of 0.1% between the period 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

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6 For the Fiscal Years 2014-2018, actual figures were used to calculate total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020.
7 Total Allocation for the Ministry of Trade and Industry = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure
8 The National Budget = Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme Consolidated Fund
Where the Ministry spends its money

2019-2020 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of $186,033,474.009 for the Ministry of Trade and Industry is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of $119,458,474.00; and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum of $66,575,000.00 which includes:
  - Consolidated Fund in the sum of $35,675,000.00; and
  - Infrastructure Development Fund10 in the sum of $30,900,000.00.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

01 Personnel Expenditure - $24,331,764.00; 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies $54,717,216.00; and
02 Goods and Services - $30,772,362.00; 06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards and Similar Bodies $9,200,000.00
03 Minor Equipment Purchases $437,132.00;

Percentage Allocation of the Ministry of Trade and Industry is as follows:

- Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget is 0.3%;
- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure is 0.21%;
- Consolidated Fund Expenditure as a percentage of total Consolidated Fund Expenditure is 1.40%; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund Expenditure as a percentage of total Infrastructure Development Fund Expenditure is 1.15%

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10 Head 18 – Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry of Trade and Industry does not include IDF funding.
### Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2014-2020

#### Ministry of Trade and Industry Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2012-2018

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<td><strong>01 Personnel Expenditure</strong></td>
<td>23,065,181</td>
<td>35,444,627</td>
<td>24,318,137</td>
<td>22,571,908</td>
<td>22,279,731</td>
<td>23,292,525.00</td>
<td>24,331,764.00</td>
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<td><strong>02 Goods and Services</strong></td>
<td>61,082,481</td>
<td>60,736,324</td>
<td>28,783,661</td>
<td>25,275,060</td>
<td>26,656,218</td>
<td>21,600,837</td>
<td>30,772,362</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>03 Minor Equipment Purchases</strong></td>
<td>2,055,316</td>
<td>2,500,876</td>
<td>16,421</td>
<td>47,654</td>
<td>5,800</td>
<td>6,161</td>
<td>437,132</td>
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<td><strong>04 Current Transfers and Subsidies</strong></td>
<td>61,435,804</td>
<td>83,774,328</td>
<td>39,387,566</td>
<td>27,103,772</td>
<td>38,129,576</td>
<td>39,772,863</td>
<td>54,717,216</td>
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<td><strong>06 Current Transfers to Stat Brds and Similar Bodies</strong></td>
<td>12,630,464</td>
<td>10,745,700</td>
<td>11,067,000</td>
<td>9,283,250</td>
<td>9,200,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>160,269,246</td>
<td>193,201,855</td>
<td>103,572,785</td>
<td>84,281,644</td>
<td>96,271,325</td>
<td>93,872,386</td>
<td>119,458,474</td>
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2020 Estimates

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: 46%
- 02 Goods and Services: 26%
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: 8%
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: 0.4%
- 06 Current Transfers to Stat Brds and Similar Bodies: 20%
Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2019/2020 is $38,103,461.00 which represents an increase of approximately 11% from the last fiscal year, 2019/2020. The following table provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2016-2020.

Summary of Staff and Pay for the Period 2016 to 2020

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Personnel Expenditure</th>
<th>Uniforms</th>
<th>Travelling and Subsistence</th>
<th>Contract Employment</th>
<th>Training</th>
<th>Short-Term Employment</th>
<th>Employee Assistance Programme</th>
<th>Travelling - Direct Charges</th>
<th>University Graduate Recruitment Programme</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>2016 Actual</td>
<td>$24,318,137</td>
<td>$23,529.00</td>
<td>$2,060,076.0</td>
<td>$10,130,103</td>
<td>$105,142.00</td>
<td>$538,725.00</td>
<td>$6,965.00</td>
<td>$17,288.00</td>
<td>$37,199,965.00</td>
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<td>2017 Actual</td>
<td>$22,571,908</td>
<td>$17,914.00</td>
<td>$1,796,708.0</td>
<td>$9,679,713</td>
<td>$11,400.00</td>
<td>$516,216.00</td>
<td>$955.00</td>
<td>$41,760.00</td>
<td>$34,636,574.00</td>
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<td>2018 Actual</td>
<td>$22,279,731</td>
<td>$26,243.00</td>
<td>$2,522,998.0</td>
<td>$8,068,534</td>
<td>$655.00</td>
<td>$372,822.00</td>
<td>$16,800.00</td>
<td>$41,760.00</td>
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<td>2019 Revised Estimates</td>
<td>$23,292,525</td>
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<td>$1,896,400.0</td>
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<td>$54,107.00</td>
<td>$450,000.00</td>
<td>$20,000.00</td>
<td>$41,760.00</td>
<td>$34,334,919.00</td>
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<td>2020 Estimates</td>
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<td>$22,127.00</td>
<td>$2,057,810.0</td>
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<td>$300,000.00</td>
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<td>$38,103,461.00</td>
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Analysis and Summary of Expenditures

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Ministry for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases, Current Transfers and Subsidies and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies.

- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 is $119,458,474.00.
- The Revised Estimate for Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 was $93,872,386.00. Comparing this figure with Fiscal Year 2019/2020, there was an overall increase of 27%.
- The largest portion of the allocation has consistently gone to Sub-Head Current Transfers and Subsidies. This sub-head has been fluctuating over the period 2014-2020, accounting for approximately 46% of the Ministry’s total allocation for the fiscal 2019/2020.
- For the years 2014 to 2020, Goods and Services received the second largest of the total allocation to the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
- Minor Equipment Purchases received the lowest portion of the allocation for the period 2014 to 2020.
- In 2019/2020 Personnel Expenditure accounts for 20% of the Ministry’s total allocation.
- Current transfers to State Boards and Similar Bodies represents approximately 8% of the Ministry’s total recurrent allocation same as last fiscal year’s 2018/2019.
## Analysis of Expenditure Unique to the Ministry of Trade and Industry

Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Ministry of Trade and Industry that may not feature in other ministries or departments.

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<th>Expenditure Item</th>
<th>2016 Actual</th>
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<th>2018 Actual</th>
<th>2019 Revised Estimates</th>
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<td>01 Financial Assistance to ExportTT</td>
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<td>$9,409,000.00</td>
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<td>16 Fair Trading Commission</td>
<td>$773,720.00</td>
<td>$807,794.00</td>
<td>$970,298.00</td>
<td>$1,300,000.00</td>
<td>$1,700,000.00</td>
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<td>19 Single Electronic Window for Trade and Business facilitation</td>
<td>$2,497,457.00</td>
<td>$2,015,509.00</td>
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<td>23 Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company</td>
<td>$8,418,000.00</td>
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<td>$9,324,000.00</td>
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<td>$6,326,000.00</td>
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<td>45 Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards</td>
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Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2014-2020

Development Programme is capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes; human resources, economic and social development.

The allocation of $66,575,000.00 for development programmes are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds appropriated by Parliament and disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund which represents 54% of the total allocation for development programmes; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund represents 46% of the total allocation for development programmes.

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<td>003 Economic Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund</td>
<td>$45,221,374.00</td>
<td>$21,673,691.00</td>
<td>$14,065,584.00</td>
<td>$18,932,000.00</td>
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<td>$32,713,725.00</td>
<td>$31,500,000.00</td>
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<td>005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund</td>
<td>$15,218,994.00</td>
<td>$53,745,912.00</td>
<td>$2,924,228.00</td>
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<td>$896,815.00</td>
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<td>005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Infrastructure Development Fund</td>
<td>$157,453,764.00</td>
<td>$88,188,615.00</td>
<td>$55,470,494.00</td>
<td>$17,781,995.00</td>
<td>$7,433,644.00</td>
<td>$13,441,448.00</td>
<td>$30,900,000.00</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$217,894,132.00</td>
<td>$163,608,218.00</td>
<td>$72,460,306.00</td>
<td>$37,926,995.00</td>
<td>$36,816,322.00</td>
<td>$46,872,420.00</td>
<td>$66,575,000.00</td>
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Manufacturing

219. The manufacturing sector has been identified, as one of the seven (7) sectors targeted for development towards diversification of the economy of Trinidad and Tobago. As indicated in the National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016-2030 (Vision 2030), this sector can contribute to a sustained increase in the quality of life through increased productivity and real growth derived from innovation and competition. The sector remains one of the leading contributors to GDP and employs a significant number of citizens. Therefore, in fiscal 2020, the GORTT will invest $43.9 million towards building a globally competitive manufacturing sector.

Boosting Exports

220. The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) continues to work with local manufacturing companies towards building export capacity for the purpose of increasing the international competitiveness and to make them more sustainable in their operations. The MTI aims to:

- increase the total value non-energy exports (manufactured goods and services) of Trinidad and Tobago to USD1.4 billion by 2022;
- increase the contribution to non-energy exports by extra-regional markets by 2022 through executing interventions which treat with the exporters’ challenges to entry;
- improve the international competitiveness of 80 exporters and potential exporters by 2022; and
- increase the export contribution to revenue of 20 companies from the pool of 80 exporters to 50 percent by 2022.

221. The Moruga Agro-Processing and Light Industrial Park, located between Saunders Trace and Estate Trace, Moruga, is one of the key projects aimed at boosting exports to international markets while enhancing the economic capital of persons within Moruga and environs.

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The project requires collaboration amongst the MTI, the MALF and the Ministry of Works and Transport 111 (MOWT) to bring it to fruition. In fiscal 2020, the GORTT will invest $16.0 million towards the completion of the Park. When commissioned, the Park will provide facilities for:

- fruit processing – making juices, flavoured water, fruit chunks and chocolate coated fruit snacks;
- ground provision processing – processing cassava for the making of flavoured farine (flour) as well as mixing with wheat flour to make the price more attractive to consumers and the processing of ground provision to make healthy snacks;
- pepper sauce production – processing pepper mash to produce pepper sauce by utilising the world-famous scorpion pepper;
- cocoa bean processing – making cocoa liquor and specialty chocolates e.g. chocolates made for specific themes such as the steel band and other novelty shapes; and
- fish processing – producing smoked fish, fish burgers, vacuum packed frozen steaks, fish sausages and salted fish. It is anticipated that the smoked fish would be a highly desirable product for export markets as this is especially prized by hotels and restaurants throughout the region, while the other products will be produced for local markets as import substitution products.

**Trade Facilitation**

222. The Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) continues to focus on sustainability and growth of existing industries and the creation of new enterprises. As a research and technology organisation, the Institute’s research is instrumental in mitigating risks and addressing gaps/deficiencies in critical areas that are necessary for private sector growth and development, and overall socio-economic development. CARIRI functions as a knowledge-based institution, undertaking the functional capacity of national and regional focal point for innovation and technology development/transfer. In fiscal 2020, an investment of $1.0 million will be made to support the following projects:

- *Recycling of Tyre Crumb into Asphalt Mixes* – the conduct of a feasibility study for the establishment of facilities in Trinidad and Tobago for the production of rubber crumbs from waste tyres and the utilisation of rubberised asphalt to pave the roadways; and
- **Hydrocarbon Oil Field Chemical Pollution Management Database** – this project endeavours to:
  - provide indigenous hydrocarbon pollution management data to the national, regional and global petroleum industry;
  - build partnerships and synergies with other major stakeholders in the local petroleum industry to protect the environment from the dangers of hydrocarbon contamination; and
  - build the interdisciplinary research capacity at CARIRI among similar local scientific research entities and harness a collective effort in providing a solution for national environmental conservation.

223. In addition, the *Research and Development Facility* under the MTI will continue its programme of providing grant funding as financial support to the non-energy manufacturing and services sector, with the aim of encouraging new and advanced technology and innovation. The project will be allocated a sum of $1.0 million to stimulate exports by supporting investment in technology and innovative solutions, and export related product modification as a competitiveness enhancement tool for business enterprises in the non-oil manufacturing and services sectors.

224. Fiscal 2020 will see the continuation of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) assisted project *Strengthening of the Single Electronic Window (SEW)* with an allocation of $20 million. This project would improve the trade performance and business facilitation environment of Trinidad and Tobago through the expansion of the current SEW. This will benefit government agencies through the optimisation and simplification of their processes and capacity building. The private sector, particularly the trading community, will also benefit, regardless of industry and operations volume. The specific activities to be focused on during this period are:

- **Component 1**
  - developing and implementing a robust risk management system for Customs and Excise Division and other relevant government agencies (including Plant Quarantine Services, Chemistry, Food and Drugs Division, Trade License Unit and Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards);
✓ designing a secure interface to connect TTBizLink with the National e-Payment Gateway; o customisation of selected services and development of service oriented architecture; and
✓ designing and implementing an Information Security Plan and Business Continuity System.

- Component 2
  ✓ enhancing domestic and international interoperability;
  ✓ implementing a Trade Data Information System in collaboration with the Central Statistical Office; and
  ✓ implementing an Integrated Multimodal Logistics Module.

- Component 3
  ✓ reviewing domestic and foreign trade regulatory and institutional framework;
  ✓ conducting business process reengineering of all relevant government agencies;
  ✓ designing and implementing an integrated change management strategy to strengthen the support and buy-in of all government agencies involved in the SEW and transitioning to a culture of government collaboration and customer service excellence;
  ✓ designing and implementing a knowledge management strategy and a capacity building program for government officers and private sector; and o designing and implementing a public awareness campaign.
## Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates in 2018-2020

The table below lists the projects that have experienced irregular variances in estimates for funding received under the Ministry of Trade and Industry:

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<td>09/003/11/R011</td>
<td>Support to Enabling Competitive Business in Trinidad and Tobago</td>
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<td>09/003/11/R014</td>
<td>Business Development of the Creative Industries</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
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<td>09/003/11/R016</td>
<td>Enhancement of the Single Electronic Window (IDB Loan)</td>
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<td>09/003/11/R017</td>
<td>New Economic Zones Development - Moruga</td>
<td>$7,774,500</td>
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## Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2016/2017

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### Status of New Projects for the Financial Year 2017-2018

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<td>09/005/03/B220</td>
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<td>09/005/06/A018</td>
<td>Feasibility Study of Export Financing Mechanism for Services Providers and Pilot Programmes</td>
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<td>09/005/06/A022</td>
<td>Consumer Profile Study</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
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<td>$275,000</td>
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<td>IDF/005/03/Q305</td>
<td>Construction of Moruga Agro-Processing and Light Industrial Park</td>
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### New Projects for the Financial Year 2019/2020

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<td>National Shetrades Chapter</td>
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<td>New Economic Zones Development (ETech)</td>
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## Major Programmes and Development for the Period 2017 to 2019

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<td>IDF/005/03/Q293</td>
<td>Wallerfield Industrial and Technology Park</td>
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<td>$722,832</td>
<td>$1,500,000</td>
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<td>IDF/005/03/Q303</td>
<td>Single Electronic Window for Trade and Business Facilitation</td>
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<td>1. Twenty-First Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee into the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the financial years 2012 to 2017</td>
<td>H.O.R: 09-09-2019</td>
<td>Received</td>
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General Useful Information

- Department for International Trade, UK: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-trade-investment
- Ministry of Trade and Enterprise, New Zealand: https://www.nzte.govt.nz/