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MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

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Standing Finance Committee in their examination of the Ministry

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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs for the period 2014-2021. It provides the Members of Parliament and their stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry’s responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate all of the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, 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 2019.
Head 23: Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs

Ministerial Overview

The Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs’ Commitment

The Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs remain committed to the holistic development of Trinidad and Tobago through the promotion of the rule of law at all levels of society. The AGLA will carry out the responsibilities as outlined in the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago and aligned with the Government’s Strategic Plan – Vision 2030 to ensure the developmental pillars of a modern legal and regulatory framework are implemented and made effective.

The protection of individual freedoms and property rights can have the greatest impact on national development. The Attorney General’s Legislative Agenda advocates for those rights and tables on Parliament’s floor the ideals and performance measures required in the law and justice sector to effect change at the national, regional and international level.

The AGLA resolves to create public value through the development of specialist legal services in the areas of law that are of importance to the State and simultaneously provide to the stakeholders, a safe and enabling environment delivered with respect, equity and integrity so as to stimulate increased productivity and greater confidence in the rule of law and in the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs.

Core Values:

- **Integrity**: Honesty, Ethical Behaviour, Commitment and Equity
- **Professionalism**: Discipline, Courtesy, Technical Competence and Timeliness
- **Confidentiality**: Mutual Respect, Trust, Privacy and Security
- **Customer-Focused**: Empathy, Compassion and Customer Satisfaction
- **Results-Oriented**: On-Time Delivery, Punctuality and Reliability

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Responsibilities

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Anti-Money Laundering, Counter Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation Financing
- (AML/CFT/PF)
  - Anti-Money Terrorism Unit
  - (AML/CFT/PF) Compliance Unit
- Appointments to Quasi-Judicial Bodies
- Children’s Attorney
- Constitutional Reform
- Construction of court facilities for the Judiciary
- Criminal Justice System
  - Criminal Justice Unit
  - Quicker Justice Initiative Programme
  - Reform and Transformation
- Intellectual Property
  - Copyright and Related Rights
  - Trademarks
  - Industrial Property
- International Office of Child Rights
- Law Reform
- Law Revision
- Legal Service Complaints
- Legislative Agenda
- National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Committee
- National Biosafety
- Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel
  - Legislative Drafting
- Office of the Chief State Solicitor
  - Administrator General
  - Conveyancing
  - Custodian of Enemy Property
  - Government Contracts
  - Legal Service
  - Provisional Liquidator
  - Provisional Receiver
  - Public Trustee/Official Receiver
  - Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
  - Office of the Solicitor General
  - Civil Litigation
  - Commissioners of Affidavits
  - Justices of the Peace
  - Legal Advice to the Government
  - Liquor Licenses
  - Marriage Licenses
  - Registrar General
  - Civil Registry
  - Companies Registry

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies:

- Central Authority
- Council of Legal Education
- Environmental Commission
- Equal Opportunity Commission
- Equal Opportunity Tribunal
- Hugh Wooding Law School
- Industrial Court
- International Law and Human Rights Unit
- Law Reform Commission
- Law Revision Commission
- Legal Aid and Advisory Authority
- Sentencing Commission
- Tax Appeal Board

Indirect:

- Police Complaints Authority

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs: The Honourable Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Minister in the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs: Senator The Honourable Renuka Sogramsingh-Sooklal

Permanent Secretary (Ag): Ms. Natasha Barrow
Departments³:

The Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU)

The ATU is to fulfil the obligation of the Attorney General pursuant to the Act. Section 38B(2) of the Act provides that the functions of the Attorney General under the Act may be exercised by the Attorney General in person or through a public officer or legal officer who is employed in the Unit.

The Core objective of the Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU) is to efficiently carry out the functions of the Attorney General pursuant to the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07. Primarily, the ATU implements S.22B of the Act by making applications to the High Court for the designation of individuals and entities, both domestically and detailed on various United Nations Sanctions Lists, and the application of Targeted Financial Sanctions. The ATU also works closely with key national agencies relative to Counter Terrorism matters as well as with international partners.

Vital to the role of the ATU and the fulfilment of its obligations are the international standards in respect of terrorism imposed on Trinidad and Tobago as a member state of both the United Nations and Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF). In the execution of its obligations, the ATU works closely with both the CFATF and FATF.

Intellectual Property Office

The Intellectual Property Office was created on the 1st December, 1997 (Section 3 of the Patents Act, 1996) and is situated at 3rd Floor, Capital Plaza, 11 – 13 Frederick Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad. A department within the Ministry of Legal Affairs, the department is the local government agency responsible for handling the registration and conflict resolution of intellectual property rights.

The Chief State Solicitor

The Chief State Solicitor provides legal services to other Government Ministries and Departments as well as to the members of the public. Its main functions are as follows:

³ Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs website, accessed on the 20th September, 2020
• To focus on commercial and property law matters and in these areas serve both the Government and the public in the preparation of deeds and contracts for its commercial enterprises and for the engagement of consultants and other personnel.
• To instruct the Solicitor General in Civil Litigation Matters.\(^4\)

**The Solicitor General**
The Solicitor General’s Department performs a critical role in the administration of justice by:
• Advising the State on all aspects of Civil Law;
• By representing the State in both Constitutional and Civil Proceedings;
• By assisting in the formulation and execution of Government policy within the limits of the law; and
• To vet financial documents relating to loan agreements and bond issues on the domestic and international markets.\(^5\)

**Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel**
The Chief Parliamentary Counsel heads the Legislative Drafting Department, which plays a critical role in the implementation of Government policy. The mission of the Office is to produce technically sound legislation for client Ministries; to advise the Government on the Constitution and all legal aspects of legislation, to advise Parliament on issues relating to Parliamentary procedure and legal matters and to accomplish the foregoing competently within the framework of excellent interpersonal relationships among the staff and that of client Ministries, the Cabinet and Parliament.\(^6\)

**Law Revision Commission**
Established by the Law Revision Act, Chap. 3:03, the Commission's mandate is to prepare, publish and maintain a Revised Edition of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago. It is the only agency charged with this responsibility. In pursuance of this mandate the Commission's


vision is: "A state-of-the-art, technology-driven organisation providing real-time access to the updated Laws in both textual and electronic formats."  

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

The Director of Public Prosecutions, a position created by the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago, is the head of the Criminal Law Department. The establishment of this position stemmed from the need for a constitutional post that would always be independent of political and stakeholder involvement in the prosecution of criminal matters. In this circumstance, the independence of this post is constitutionally guaranteed. The functions of the Criminal Law Department also include the following:

- Undertaking Criminal Prosecution in all High Courts (Assizes and Appeal);
- Briefing Counsel in the United Kingdom on the conduct of Appeals before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council;
- Undertaking prosecutions in complex matters and matters of public interest in the forty (40) Magistrates’ Courts throughout the country;
- Formulating prosecution policy;
- Interfacing on a regular basis with Governmental, Non-Governmental and international agencies such as the Police, the Defence Force, Customs and Excise, the Board of Inland Revenue and Town and Country Planning Division. In addition, there is a great deal of interaction with the Public, the United States Department of Justice, the Crown Prosecutors Service and other prosecuting agencies within the Caribbean Territories;
- Assisting with Extradition requests; and
- Proffering indictments before the High Court and preparing and filing other legal documents.

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Notes to the Appropriation Accounts (page 53)

Note 2 (l) (ii) – Particulars in respect of contracts already entered into but not yet completed

Disclosure of $4,265,600.00 to a service provider did not include the sum of $533,200.00 being an amount representing value added tax (VAT) as the total contract price was $4,798,800.00 (VAT inclusive).

Note 4 – Statement of Payments out of Public Moneys to Members of Parliament - Section 25 (2) of the Exchequer and Audit Act

Chapter 69:01

A fee schedule provided for audit examination reflected an amount of $100,000.00 paid to former Senator John Heath instead of $60,000.00 as disclosed in the Notes to the Appropriation Statement.

SPECIAL AUDIT REPORTS (page 84)

The figure of $82,451,958.63 representing expenditure on IT for the years 2017 to 2019 from 14 ministries and departments excluded some significant expenditure on acquisition of information systems. These purchases were as follows: • Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (MAGLA) - contract price for the design and implementation of the Property Business Registration System (PBR5) between MAGLA and IGN Fi was $38,739,349.00.

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9 Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year ended September 30, 2019, accessed on September 14, 2020 [link]
Key Statement from 2019 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the Standing Finance Committee debate of 2019, the following statement was made in relation to the emphasis of the Ministry of Attorney General and Legal Affairs for fiscal year 2020:

“Madam Chair, it is important to note that over the past four years we had a number of major projects and initiatives executed, these would include: the installation of security and voice data infrastructure at the tower where we are now resident, construction of a modern vault basement at that tower, the fit out of the public search room on the lower floors for the Registrar General’s Department, the fit out of the Chaguanas office of the Legal Aid and Authority, modernization of the Companies Registry, strengthened information management at the Registrar General’s Department, and the relocation of the Solicitor General and the Chief State Solicitor to Tower C of the Waterfront Complex which we did in April of this year.”

Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General
Supplementation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2020

During fiscal 2020, it was necessary to have a Supplementation of Appropriation of resources to fund urgent and critical Recurrent and Capital Expenditure in areas where insufficient or no allocation was provided. The source of these additional funds was the Consolidated Fund.

The Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs requested and was granted the following supplementations:

**Recurrent Expenditure - $76,550,000**

02/001/16 – Contract Employment - $11,550,000

The sum was required to meet the payment of salaries for 105 contract officers with effect from April, 2020 to September 30, 2020

02/001/23 – Fees - $30,000,000

02/009/23 – Fees - $20,000,000

The sum was required to meet the payment of outstanding fees to local and foreign Attorneys for the provision of services for previous and current years.

04/005/01 – Legal Aid and Advisory Authority - $15,000,000

The sum was required:
- to pay external counsel fees outstanding since 2018 to Attorneys on the external panel;
- meet expenditure for the newly established Public Defenders Department; and
- to effect the payment of arrears of salaries owed for the period January 01, 2011 to December 31, 2013 and January 01, 2014 to December 31, 2016. Pursuant to a revision of the terms and conditions of employment of contract officers, arrears were to be paid for the period January 2012 to December 2017.
During the Standing Finance Committee on the Consideration of Proposals for the Supplementation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2020\textsuperscript{11}, the following statement was made in relation to the emphasis of the Ministry of Attorney General and Legal Affairs for fiscal year 2020:

“[…] we have, in fact, increased our manpower by 205 people specifically because we have hired people to scan and digitize all the records of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago as it relates to land, and that is in an effort to go online with something called the Property Business Real Estate Solution, which is the system by which we will radically transform Trinidad and Tobago’s land ownership and land titling mechanisms. This is something that has been long in the waiting. It has been long in the making. We installed robust software, hardware and scanners. What we needed, if you recall I always say, plant and machinery, people, processes and law. Whilst we pass the law, whilst we put in the processes with the IT, whilst we move to the new Registrar General’s Office from South Quay and consolidated six buildings, if I recall, we needed people and, therefore, we are very pleased to have hired 207 people. The figure of $11.5-odd million here, represents the period April to September. We have covered the balance for the rest of the 207 but out of that 207, 105 of those contract officers were not capable of coming in. What we did, in particular, is we moved people away from Short-Term Employment and we put them onto contracts. When I came in as Minister of Legal Affairs, in particular, there were literally hundreds and hundreds of people on Short-Term Employment. What we have sought to do is to move those people from Short-Term Employment into contract positions: BOA I positions, et cetera, and therefore, we are bettering their terms and conditions, because as short-term employees, they did not have benefits that other persons in the employment have.”

Moreover on the question of legal fees he stated that “The 50 million is broken up into two categories: 30 million at the Attorney General and Legal Affairs side and 20 million at the DPP’s side. The 20 million at the DPP side is almost exclusively for attorneys and professionals involved in the Clico investigation. That is the criminal investigation. The $30 million on the Attorney General and Legal Affairs side is to take care of fees involved in the launch of the Legal Affairs products: the Property and Business Real Estate Solution, the companies reform which we are doing which is another solution. And, very importantly, because as Attorney General, and as I have said on record before, the last Attorney General, Mr. Ramlogan, the substantive one, who was before me, he spent $444 million on legal fees at the Attorney General’s Office.”

- Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

\textsuperscript{11} Standing Finance Committee Report accessed on September 14, 2020 [text link]
Public Sector Investment Programme 2020 Achievements

Administration

Public Building

To effectively execute the business of Government, strong infrastructure that includes buildings, information and communication technology, law and the regulatory environment were given priority attention.

Construction and refurbishment works were undertaken in fiscal 2020, aimed at providing suitable accommodation and safe and healthy OSH Act compliant work environments at several Ministries and Departments. The sum of $67.3 million was allocated to undertake activities which included the Ministry of the Attorney General, specifically, the outfitting of facilities to accommodate new and existing staff intended for the Director of Public Prosecutions, at Port of Spain and San Fernando offices. This also included the outfitting of office space to facilitate the introduction of a Public Defenders Office under the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority.

The Ministry’s total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2014 to 2021

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<td>$ 463,324,477.00</td>
<td>$ 65,020,886,424.00</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>$ 479,220,329.00</td>
<td>$ 61,966,922,675.00</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>$ 341,093,418.00</td>
<td>$ 56,573,913,053.00</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>$ 307,416,793.00</td>
<td>$ 54,883,153,410.00</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>$ 330,248,121.00</td>
<td>$ 54,211,726,813.00</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$ 392,382,842.00</td>
<td>$ 54,581,467,181.00</td>
<td>0.72%</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>$ 389,996,275.00</td>
<td>$ 57,252,443,354.00</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>$ 365,077,200.00</td>
<td>$ 56,788,359,151.00</td>
<td>1%</td>
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- Total allocation for the Ministry as a percentage of the National Budget illustrated an increase in the allocation to the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs by 0.32% between the period 2020 and 2021.

[1] For the Fiscal Years 2014-2019, actual figures were used to calculate the Ministry’s total allocation. However, estimates were used to determine the Ministry’s total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.


Where the Ministry spends its money

2021 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of $365,077,200 for the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of $340,577,200\(^\text{13}\); and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme Consolidated Fund in the sum of $24,500,000\(^\text{14}\).

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure includes:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - $89,895,100;
- 02 Goods and Services - $185,646,060;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases - $1,470,000; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies - $63,566,040.

The Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs:

- Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget is 1%.
- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is 0.62%; and
- Consolidated Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is 1.01%.


Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2014-2021

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<td>$221,568,366.00</td>
<td>$193,427,615.00</td>
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<td>03 Minor Equipment Purchases</td>
<td>$1,357,442.00</td>
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<td>$1,470,000.00</td>
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<td>04 Current Transfers and Subsidies</td>
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<td>$68,585,724.00</td>
<td>$63,566,040.00</td>
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<td>$352,892,050.00</td>
<td>$340,577,200.00</td>
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Figures for fiscal 2014 to 2015 are the summation of both the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs.
2016 Actual

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: $51,561,622.00 (15%)
- 02 Goods and Services: $105,593,000.00 (25%)
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: $205,065,997.00 (60%)
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: $83,380,206.00 (0%)

2017 Actual

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: $45,923,527.00 (15%)
- 02 Goods and Services: $82,814,351.00 (27%)
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: $173,870,241.00 (58%)
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: $536,010.00 (0%)
2020 Revised Estimates

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: $685,724.00 (19%)
- 02 Goods and Services: $193,427,615.00 (55%)
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: $98,361,100.00 (26%)
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: $89,895,100.00 (0%)
Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2021 was $89,895,100.00 which represents a constant as the figure was the same for last fiscal year 2020. The following chart provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2019-2021.

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Analysis and Summary of Expenditure

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 and Current Transfers and Subsidies.

- Recurrent Expenditure (Revised) for Fiscal Year 2020 was $352,892,050. Comparing this figure with the Estimate for Fiscal Year 2020 of $340,577,200, there is an decrease of $12,314,850 or 3.49%.

- The largest portion of the allocation has consistently gone to Sub-Head 02 Goods and Services which represents the sum of $185,646,060. This figure has been fluctuating over the period 2014 – 2020. The figure allocated to the Ministry for fiscal year 2020 accounted for approximately 55% of total Recurrent Expenditure received by the Ministry.

- Minor Equipment Purchases received the lowest portion of the total allocation for the Ministry over the period 2014 - 2020 accounting for approximately 0.41% of total funding for the Ministry for fiscal year 2021 for the day to day operations of the Ministry.

- Personnel Expenditure received the second largest portion of the allocation and has been fluctuating over the period 2014 - 2019. Comparing 2020 to 2021 it has, however remained constant at a figure of $89,895,100.00.

- The total Recurrent Expenditure has been fluctuating over the eight (8) year period 2014 - 2021 from a high of $413,098,005.00 in the fiscal year 2014 to a low of $340,577,200 in fiscal year 2021.

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Analysis of Expenditure Unique to the Ministry

Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs that may not feature in other ministries or departments. The two items unique to the Ministry are transfers to the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants\(^\text{18}\) and the United International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property\(^\text{19}\).

\[\text{Summary of Expenditure Unique to the Ministry}\]

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\[\text{The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental whose mission is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society. UPOV website: }\text{https://www.upov.int/portal/index.html.en}\text{ Accessed on October 6, 2020}\]

\[\text{The United International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property is the predecessor of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) whose mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international IP system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. WIPO website: }\text{https://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/}\text{ Accessed on October 6, 2020}\]
Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2014-2021

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 $24,500,000.00 for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2021 is solely for funds appropriated by Parliament and disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund. The monies were allocated to two Items as follows:

- Funds disbursed via Social Infrastructure representing 0.81% for the total allocation; and
- Funds disbursed via Multi-Sectoral and Other Services representing 99.19% of the Total allocation.

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**Major Programmes and Development for the Period 2019 to 2021**

The following table shows a list of the significant expenditure items, based on the proportion of the budgetary allocation assigned.\(^{21}\)

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