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HEAD 37:
INTEGRITY COMMISSION
A Summary of the Commission’s Expenditure, Divisions and Projects

Total Allocation $ 9,048,452
0.02% of the Total National Budget
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About this Guide

This guide to the Integrity Commission provides a summary of expenditure for the period 2014-2021. It provides the Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Department’s responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Integrity Commission and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure and the Draft Estimates of Development Programme.
Head 37: Integrity Commission

Department’s Overview

The Integrity Commission was established under the Integrity in Public Life Act Chapter 22:01, and has an oversight role for the prevention of corruption, promoting the integrity of persons in public life and persons exercising public functions, and sets guidelines for the conduct of these persons who are defined in the Act as persons executing public functions or persons in public life. These persons may include: Members of the House of Representatives, Ministers of Government, Parliamentary Secretaries, Members of the Tobago House of Assembly, Members of Municipalities, Members of Local Government Authorities, Senators, Members of Statutory Boards and State Enterprises, Permanent Secretaries, Chief Technical Officers, Members of the Diplomatic Service, Advisors of Government and persons holding office under the four service commissions.

Strategic Goals

The Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago is the leading organisation to promote Integrity and make Trinidad and Tobago corruption free.

Vision

The Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago is the premier state institution for the promotion and preservation of integrity in all affairs, to make Trinidad and Tobago a corruption free society.

Mission

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The Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago and its team of dedicated professionals promote and facilitate the highest ethical standards by -

- Ensuring compliance with the Integrity in Public Life Act;
- Detecting and eradicating corrupt practices and dishonest conduct;
- Educating the public in an effort to eradicate corruption, improve governance and engender a national culture of integrity;
- Providing excellent customer service.

Chairman, Integrity Commission: Mr. Justice Melville Baird

Deputy Chairman, Integrity Commission: Mr. Frederick Gilkes
The Commission’s total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2014 to 2021

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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>$15,756,600.00</td>
<td>$65,020,886,424.00</td>
<td>0.02%</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>$16,616,442.00</td>
<td>$61,966,922,675.00</td>
<td>0.03%</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>$15,873,740.00</td>
<td>$56,573,913,053.00</td>
<td>0.03%</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>$9,986,026.00</td>
<td>$54,883,153,410.00</td>
<td>0.02%</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>$8,615,054.00</td>
<td>$54,211,726,813.00</td>
<td>0.02%</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$7,918,252.00</td>
<td>$54,581,467,181.00</td>
<td>0.01%</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>$8,944,745.00</td>
<td>$57,252,443,354.00</td>
<td>0.02%</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>$8,648,452.00</td>
<td>$56,788,359,151.00</td>
<td>0.02%</td>
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- Total allocation for the Commission as a percentage of the National Budget remained relatively stable at 0.2% in fiscal 2020/2021.

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5 For the Fiscal Years 2012-2016, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018.

6 Total Allocation for the Integrity Commission = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure.

7 The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme-Consolidated Fund.
Key Statement from 2018 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the Standing Finance Committee debate, the following statement was made in relation to the Integrity Commission for fiscal year 2019/2020:

“There would have been an intention on the part of the Commission to employ people in fiscal 2019 but they require the requisite approvals. The matter is under consideration at this point in time, so we have put a provision into 2020 in anticipation that they would be able to hire more staff on contract, because they have more responsibilities now. There are more boards, and so on, that they have to deal with.”

-Minister of Finance
Where the Department spends its money

2020-2021 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **9,048,452** for the Integrity Commission is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of **$8,848,452.00**; and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme – Consolidated Fund in the sum of **$200,000**.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - **$2,232,550**;
- 02 Goods and Services – **$6,134,222**;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases – **$90,000**; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies- **$191,680**.

The Integrity Commission’s:

- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure is **0.02%**; and
- Consolidated Fund as percentage of the total Consolidated Fund is **0.009%**.

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### Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2014-2021

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<td>Personnel Expenditure</td>
<td>2767564</td>
<td>2315327</td>
<td>1977121</td>
<td>1758634</td>
<td>1923176</td>
<td>2,141,372</td>
<td>2,232,550</td>
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<td>Goods and Services</td>
<td>12953811</td>
<td>13058173</td>
<td>12843137</td>
<td>8151306</td>
<td>6650915</td>
<td>5,612,906</td>
<td>6,336,195</td>
<td>6,134,222</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minor Equipment Purchases</td>
<td>55225</td>
<td>1242942</td>
<td>632815</td>
<td>76086</td>
<td>40963</td>
<td>163,974</td>
<td>376,000</td>
<td>90,000</td>
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<td>Current Transfers and Subsidies</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>15756600</td>
<td>16616442</td>
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<td>9986026</td>
<td>8615054</td>
<td>7918252</td>
<td>8944745</td>
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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 Integrity Commission for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services and Minor Equipment Purchases.

- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is $8,848,452. This represents 0.02% of the total Recurrent Expenditure for the financial year 2020/2021.

- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 was $7,447,673 (Revised). Comparing this figure with Fiscal Year 2020/2021, there is an increase of 15.8%.

- The largest portion of the Integrity Commission’s allocation has consistently gone to Sub-Head 02 – Goods and Services the percentage of which remained between 55-57% over the period 2019 to 2021 of the total recurrent allocation. For the 2021 fiscal year, there is a decrease of approximately 1.23% in spending for Goods and Services from fiscal 2019.

- In 2021 the Personnel Expenditure is 43% of the Commission’s total recurrent allocation. Further analysis shows that the largest sub-item of Personnel Expenditure is allocated to Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance.

- The smallest portion of the allocation has consistently been allocated to Minor Equipment Purchases over the period 2014 to 2021 at an average of 1.7%.

- Total allocation for the Commission relative to national budget remained relatively stable between the period 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 at 0.02%.

- The actual/estimated expenditure for the three (3) Sub-Heads has been fluctuating over the seven (7) year period, from a low of $7,918,252 in 2019 to a high of $16,616,442 in 2015.

- Sub-head 04 -Current Transfers and Subsidies was introduced as part of recurrent expenditure in fiscal 2020.
2020 Revised Estimates

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: 71%
- 02 Goods and Services: 25%
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: 4%
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: 0%

2021 Estimates

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: 71%
- 02 Goods and Services: 26%
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: 2%
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: 1%
Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for the year 2020 is $5,695,470.00 which is a decrease of approximately 2.67% from the last fiscal year 2020. The diagram below provides a breakdown of all staff related expenditure from 2016 to 2021.

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Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2014-2021

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

The Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP), which represents the capital expenditure component of the National Budget, is the instrument used by Government to effect its vision and policies. It is a budgeting and strategic planning tool made up of projects and programmes, designed to realise the goals set out in the Government’s overarching policy.

The PSIP budget document provides a detailed description of the programmes and projects and includes a review of the implementation of projects and programmes in the previous financial year and highlights the major projects and programmes to be implemented in the upcoming financial year.

The Public Sector Investment Programme is intended:

- to achieve the country’s social and economic development goals; and
- to enhance the quality of life of all citizens.

The estimates for the Development Programme are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds appropriated by Parliament and disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund.
## Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2015-2021

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<td><strong>005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund</strong></td>
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Public Sector Investment Programme 2020/2021 Expectations

Capacity Building/Institutional Strengthening

Institutional Strengthening of Ministries and Department

- Reform of the Integrity Commission.

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# Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2018-2021

The following are projects identified as “New Projects” that received funding in the 2018/2049 financial year:\(^{13}\):

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<th>Sub-head /Item /Sub-item /Group /Project Desc.</th>
<th>Project -Item</th>
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General Useful Information

- Office of Public Sector Integrity Commissioner of Canada, CAN: [https://www.psic-ispc.gc.ca/](https://www.psic-ispc.gc.ca/)