

EIGHTH

REPORT
FROM

The Public Administration and
Appropriations Committee

EXAMINATION
OF

The Statements of Expenditure for the First, Second and Third Quarter of the financial year 2022, with respect to:

- Recurrent Expenditure; and
- Development Programme - Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.

Public Administration and Appropriations Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Administration and Appropriations Committee (PAAC) is established by Standing Order (S.O.) 102 and 92 of the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively. The Committee is mandated to consider and report to Parliament on:

- a) the budgetary expenditure of Government agencies to ensure that expenditure is embarked upon in accordance with parliamentary approval;
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This Report of the PAAC for the Twelfth Parliament contains the details of the examination of the Statements of Expenditure for the first, second and third quarter of the financial year 2022, with respect to:

- Recurrent Expenditure;
- Development Programme - Consolidated Fund; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund.

The Committee in the discharge of its Parliamentary Financial Oversight function of monitoring the implementation of the budget focused on Recurrent Expenditure, Development Programme - Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund. The objective of the Committee's inquiry was to determine the level of expenditure by Ministries and Departments for fiscal 2022.

The Committee made a general call for written submissions from the Ministries and Departments and then focused on a review and analysis of the written submissions. The Committee submits the analysis of the Statements of Expenditure in Chapter 3.

INTRODUCTION

The Committee

The PAAC of the Twelfth Republican Parliament was established by the revised Standing Orders to:

- examine the current public expenditure, thereby capturing the full budget cycle by providing Parliamentary oversight of the implementation of the budget; and
- conduct a real-time examination of the expenditure of Ministries and Departments (M&Ds).

Change in Membership

1. In the Twelfth Parliament the Members of the Committee were appointed by resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate at sittings held on Friday November 9, 2020 and Tuesday November 17, 2020 respectively.
2. By resolution of the Senate on March 16, 2022 Senator Clarence Rambharat was removed as a Member of the Committee.
3. By resolution of the Senate on March 16, 2022, Senator Yokymma Bethelmy was removed as a Member of the Committee.
4. By resolution of the House of Representatives at a sitting held on June 13, 2022, Mr. Symon De Nobriga, MP was appointed a Member of the Committee in lieu of Mr. Stephen Mc Clashie, MP.
5. By resolution of the Senate at a sitting held on June 14, 2022, Senator Laurence Hislop was appointed a Member of the Committee In lieu of Senator Yokymma Bethelmy and Senator Randall Mitchell in lieu of Senator Clarence Rambharat.

Chairman & Vice-Chairman

By virtue of S.O. 109(6) and 99(6) of the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively, the Chairman of the Committee is the Speaker. At its First Meeting held on November 25, 2020, Dr. Lackram Bodoie was elected as the Vice-Chairman.

Quorum

Additionally, in order to exercise the powers granted to it by the House, the Committee was required by the Standing Orders to have a quorum. A quorum of three (3) Members, inclusive of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, with representatives from both Houses, was agreed to by the Committee at its First Meeting.

METHODOLOGY

Determination of the Committee's Work Programme

Given Ministries and Departments were approaching the middle of the financial year, the Committee agreed that it would examine the expenditure of Ministries and Departments of the Statements of Expenditure for the first and second quarters of the financial year 2022. Further details on each Ministry and Department analysed can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.ttparliament.org/publications.php?mid=92>

Review of Documents

The Committee deliberated on the Statements of Expenditure for the first, second and third quarter of the financial year 2022, with respect to:

- ✓ Recurrent Expenditure;
- ✓ Development Programme - Consolidated Fund; and
- ✓ Infrastructure Development Fund.

The Inquiry Process

The following Inquiry Process outlines steps taken by the Committee in the conduct of the exercise:

- i. A Circular Letter was sent to all Ministries and Departments on January 10, 2022 requesting their Statements of Expenditure for the first quarter of the financial year 2021/2022;
- ii. A second Circular Letter was sent to all Ministries and Departments on April 6, 2022 requesting their Statements of Expenditure for the second quarter of the financial year 2021/2022;
- iii. Based on the responses received, the Committee agreed to draft a report focusing on Ministries and Departments spending over the first, second and third quarters of the financial year 2022 to keep Parliament informed on how the budget allocations are being released; and
- iv. To facilitate the presentation of data in this report, Ministries and Departments were categorized based on the sum of allocations received, according to the following:
 - Allocations below **\$50,000,000**;
 - Allocations between **\$50,000,000** and **\$125,000,000**;

- Allocations between \$125,000,000 and \$710,000,000; and
- Allocations above \$710,000,000.

Request for Information

The Committee sent a Circular Memorandum dated January 2022 to the following Ministries and Departments:

HEAD	Ministry and Department
01	President
02	Auditor General
04	Industrial Court
05	Parliament
06	Service Commissions
08	Elections and Boundaries Commission
09	Tax Appeal Board
11	Registration, Recognition and Certification Board
12	Public Service Appeal Board
13	Office of the Prime Minister
15	Tobago House of Assembly
16	Central Administrative Services, Tobago
17	Personnel Department
18	Ministry of Finance
22	Ministry of National Security
23	Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs
26	Ministry of Education
28	Ministry of Health
30	Ministry of Labour
31	Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation
37	Integrity Commission
38	Environmental Commission
39	Ministry of Public Utilities
40	Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries

HEAD	Ministry and Department
42	Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government
43	Ministry of Works and Transport
48	Ministry of Trade and Industry
61	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
64	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service
65	Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs
67	Ministry of Planning and Development
75	Equal Opportunity Tribunal
77	Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
78	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
79	Ministry of Sport and Community Development
80	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts
81	Ministry of Youth Development and National Service

Ministries and Departments were grouped into categories based on the allocation received. The categories and respective Ministry and Departments are shown in the following tables:

Allocations under \$50,000,000

HEAD	Ministry and Departments	Allocation Received RE + DP
01	President	18,000,000
02	Auditor General	32,351,000
04	Industrial Court	40,314,000
07	Statutory Authorities Service Commissions	7,322,000
09	Tax Appeal Board	8,051,500
11	Registration, Recognition and Certification Board	3,816,000
12	Public Service Appeal Board	2,648,000
16	Central Administrative Services, Tobago	29,296,000
37	Integrity Commission	8,403,000

38	Environmental Commission	8,235,000
75	Equal Opportunity Tribunal	4,133,000

Allocations over **\$50,000,000** and up to **\$125,000,000**

HEAD	Ministry and Departments	Allocation Received (RE+DP)
06	Service Commissions	75,036,900
08	Elections and Boundaries Commission	76,599,000
17	Personnel Department	56,601,000

Allocations over **\$125,000,000** up to **\$710,000,000**

HEAD	Ministry and Departments	Allocation Received (RE+DP)
05	Parliament	142,271,000
13	Office of the Prime Minister	499,355,458
23	Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs	384,809,000
30	Ministry of Labour	414,688,000
40	Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries	581,055,810
48	Ministry of Trade and Industry	212,008,000
61	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	647,060,100
65	Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs	249,245,824
67	Ministry of Planning and Development	295,022,000
77	Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries	709,144,000
79	Ministry of Sport and Community Development	297,761,000
80	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts	168,762,301

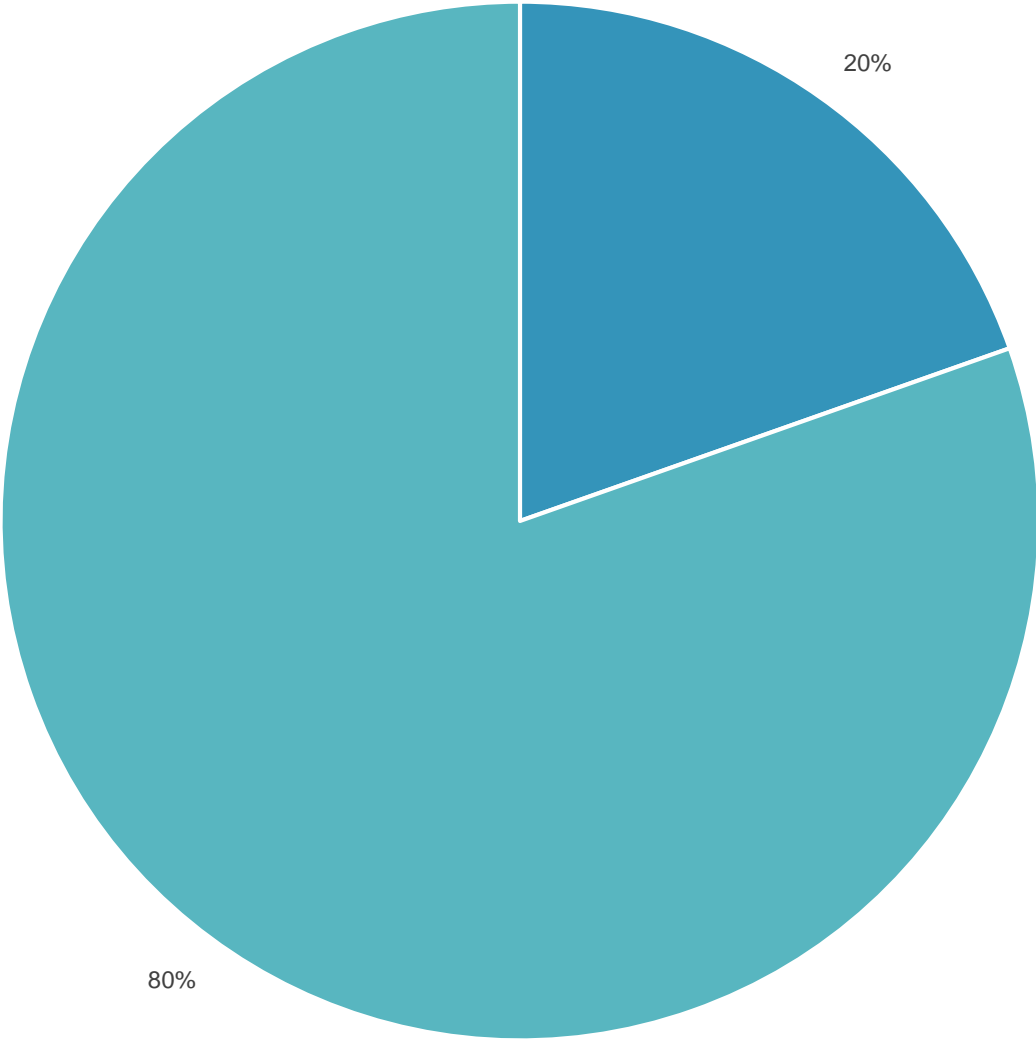
81	Ministry of Youth Development and National Service	308,776,087
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Allocations over **\$710,000,000**

HEAD	Ministry and Departments	Allocation Received (RE + DP)
15	Tobago House of Assembly	2,339,135,000
18	Ministry of Finance	6,651,569,793
22	Ministry of National Security	3,056,634,000
26	Ministry of Education	5,119,202,000
28	Ministry of Health	5,440,391,890
31	Ministry of Public Administration	945,774,265
42	Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government	2,332,469,000
43	Ministry of Works and Transport	2,359,344,860
64	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service	2,471,164,000
78	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services	5,270,815,000

Pie Chart illustrating Recurrent Expenditure as at December 2021

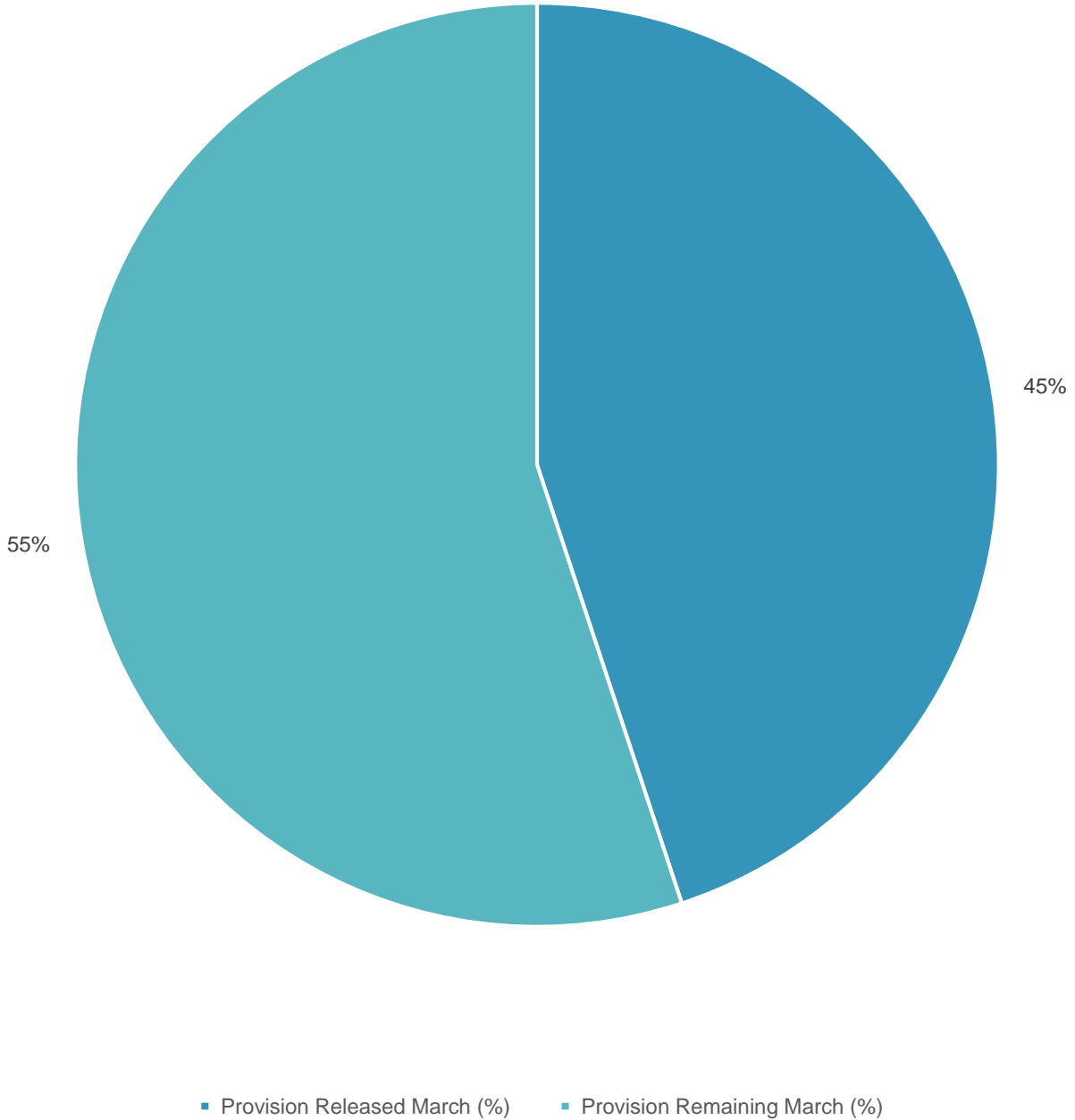
Funds released / Remaining for the 1st Quarter -
October - December 2021



■ Provision Released December (%) ■ Provision Remaining December (%)

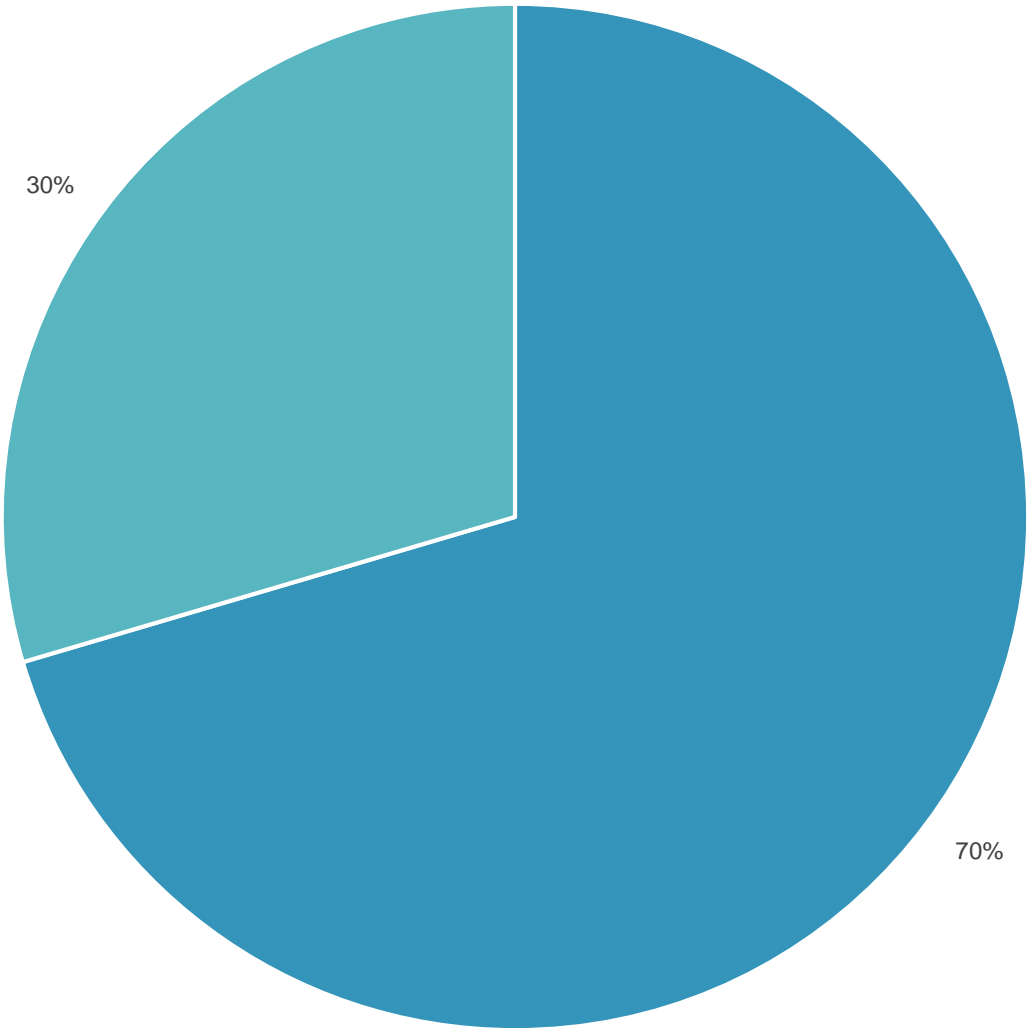
Pie Chart illustrating Recurrent Expenditure as at March 2022

Funds released / Remaining for the 2nd Quarter -
January - March 2022



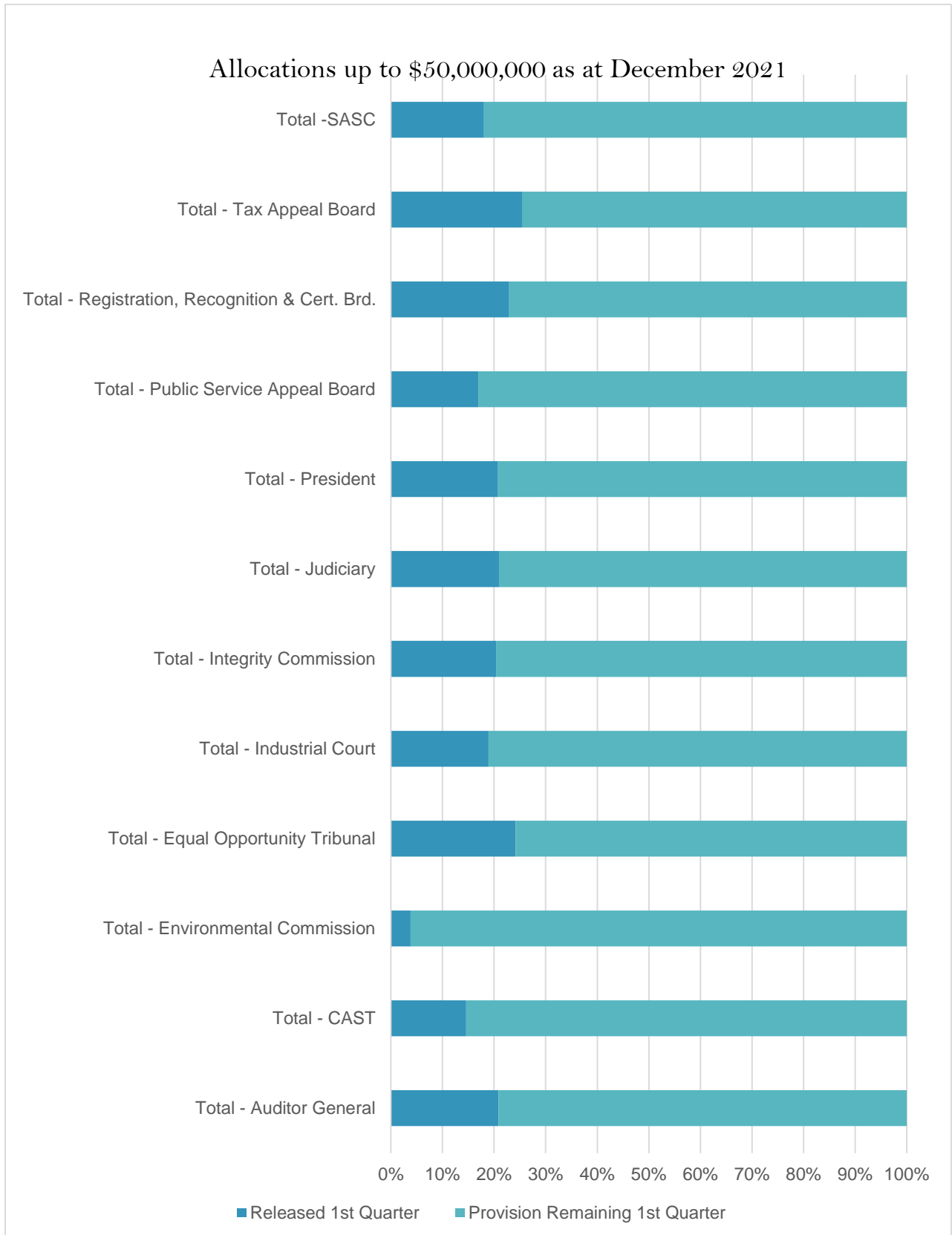
Pie Chart illustrating Recurrent Expenditure as at June 2022

Funds released / Remaining for the 3rd Quarter -
April - June 2022

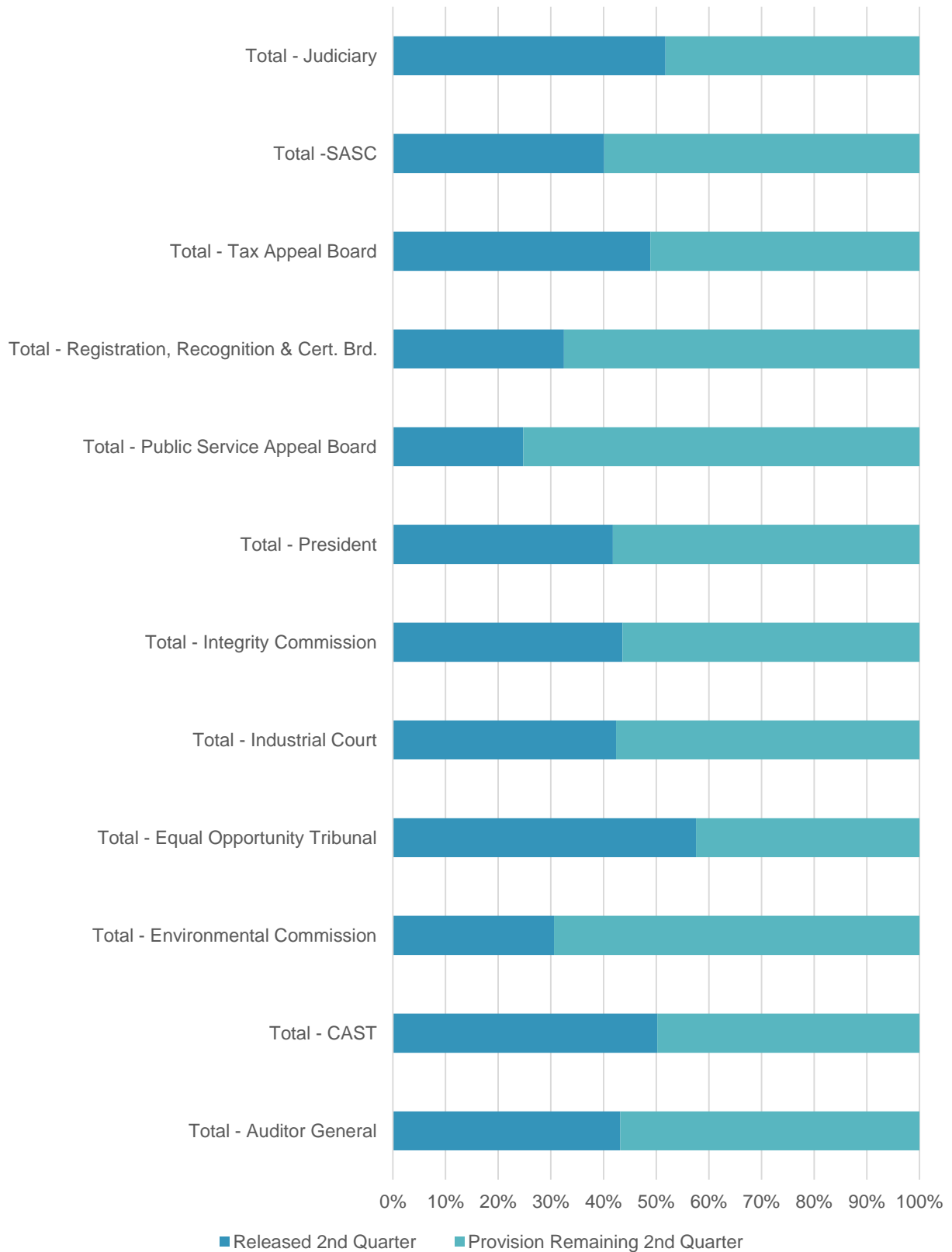


■ Provision Released June (%) ■ Provision Remaining June (%)

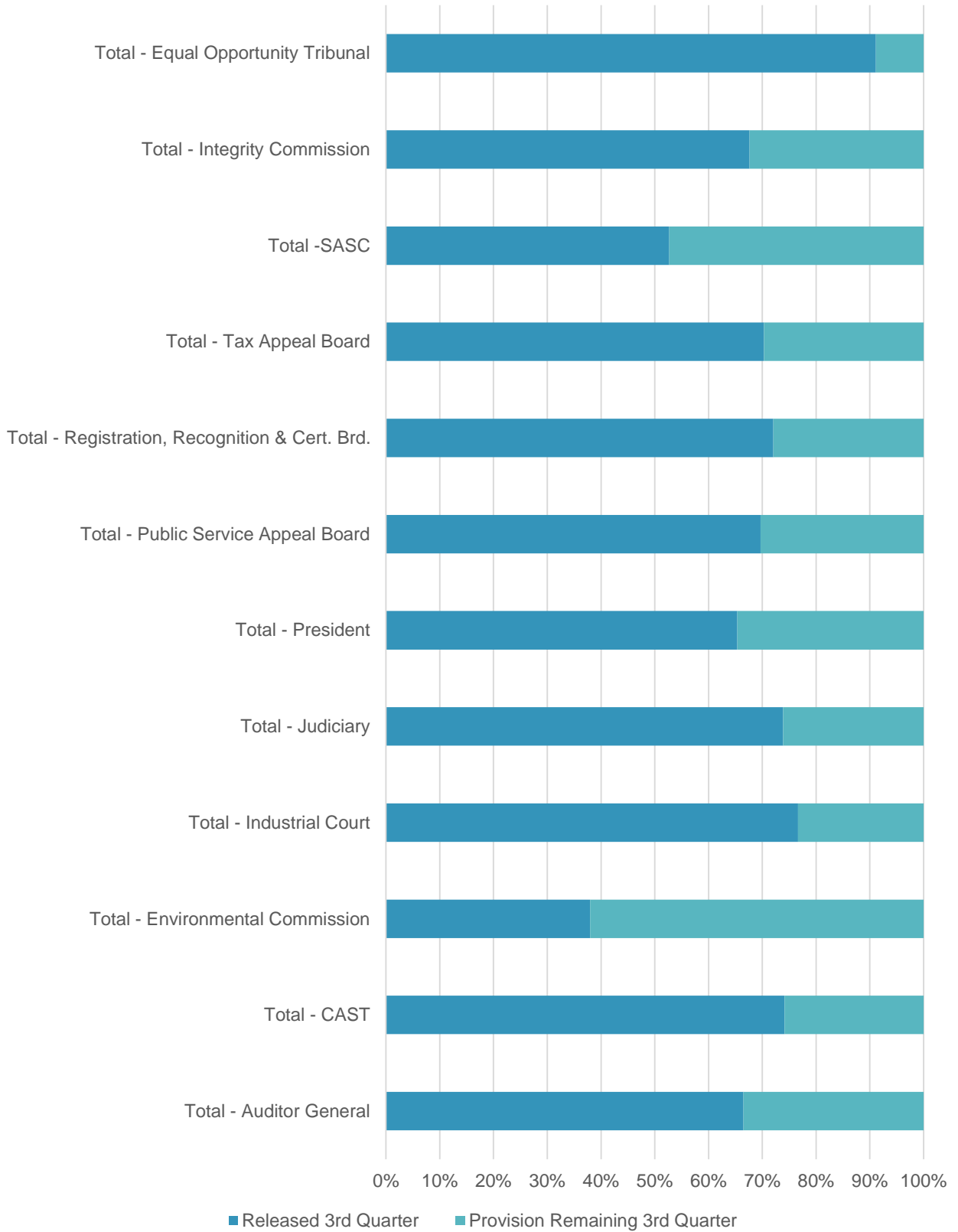
Charts illustrating releases to Ministries/Departments Allocated Up to \$50 Million



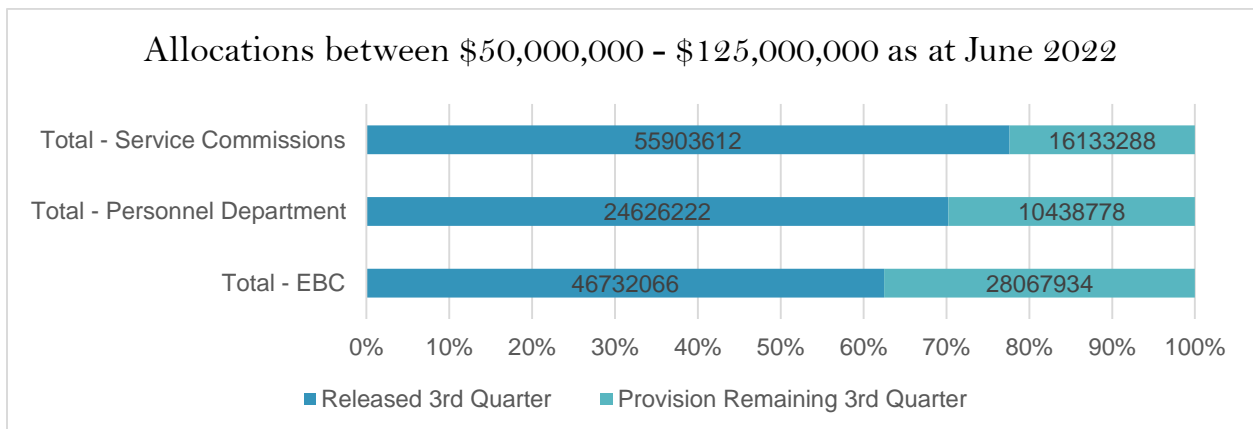
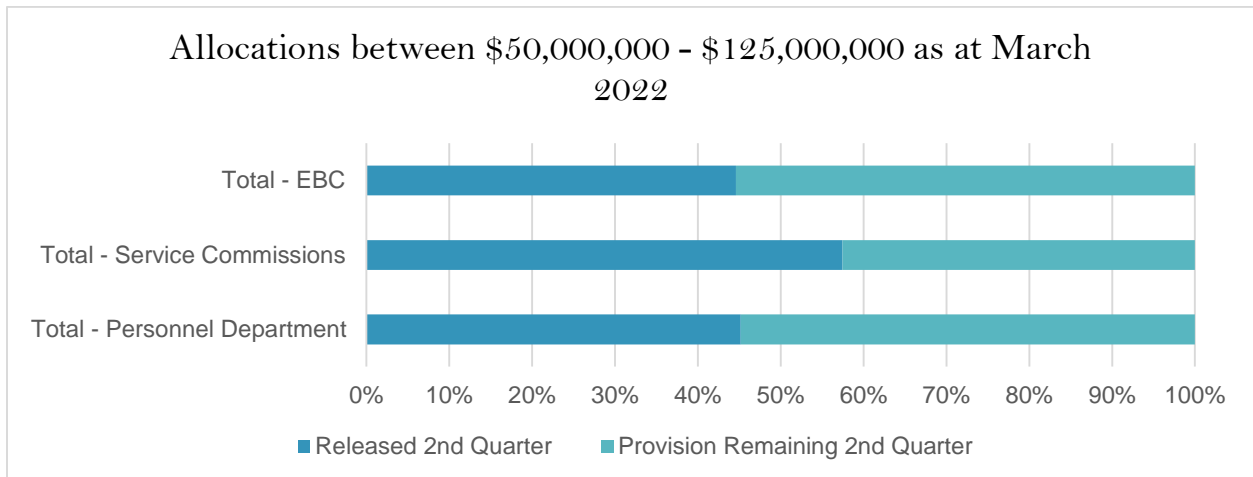
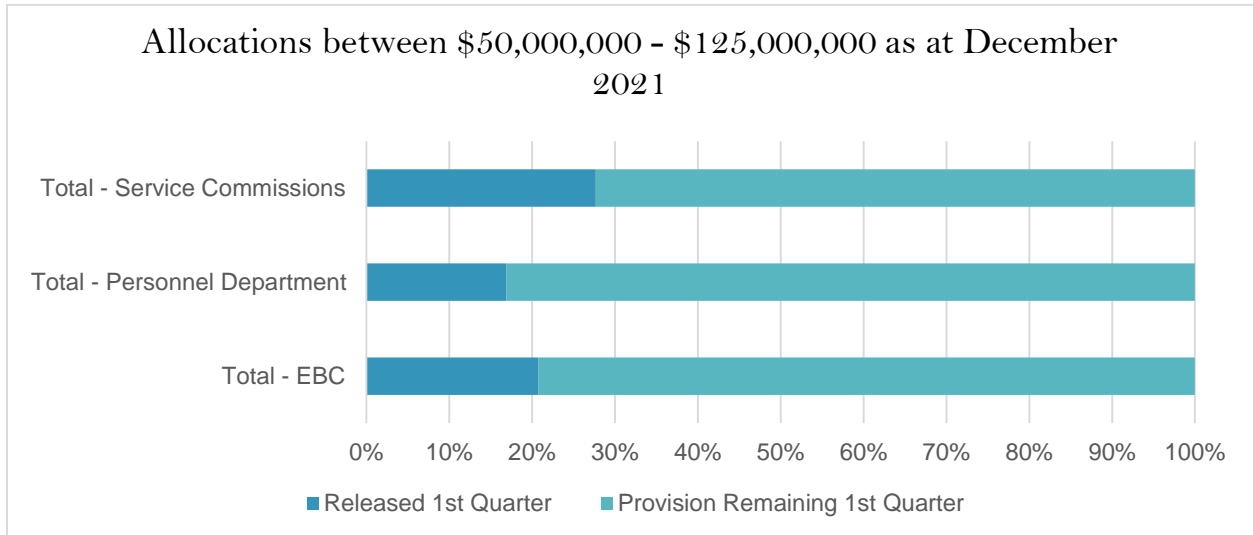
Allocations up to \$50,000,000 as at March 2022



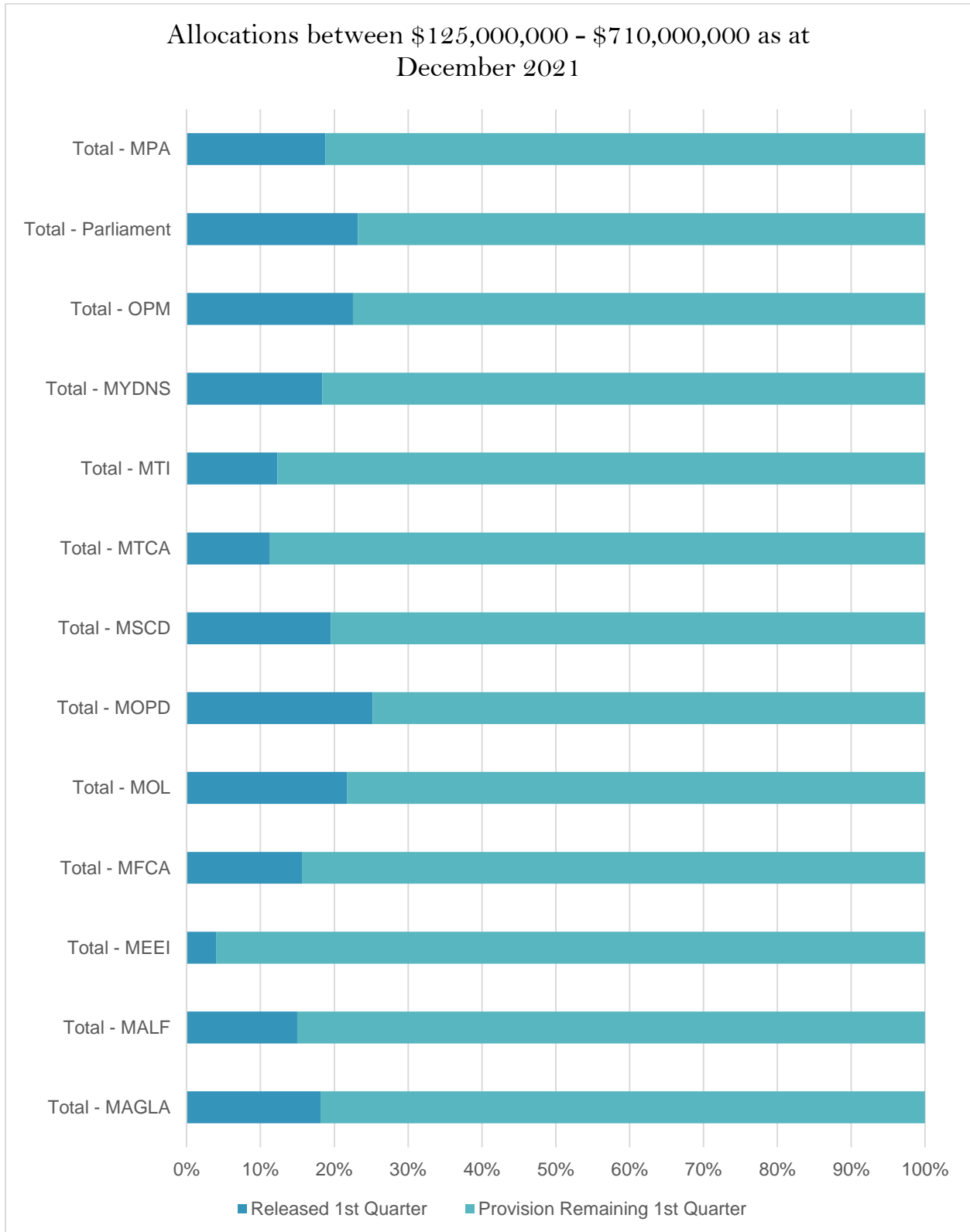
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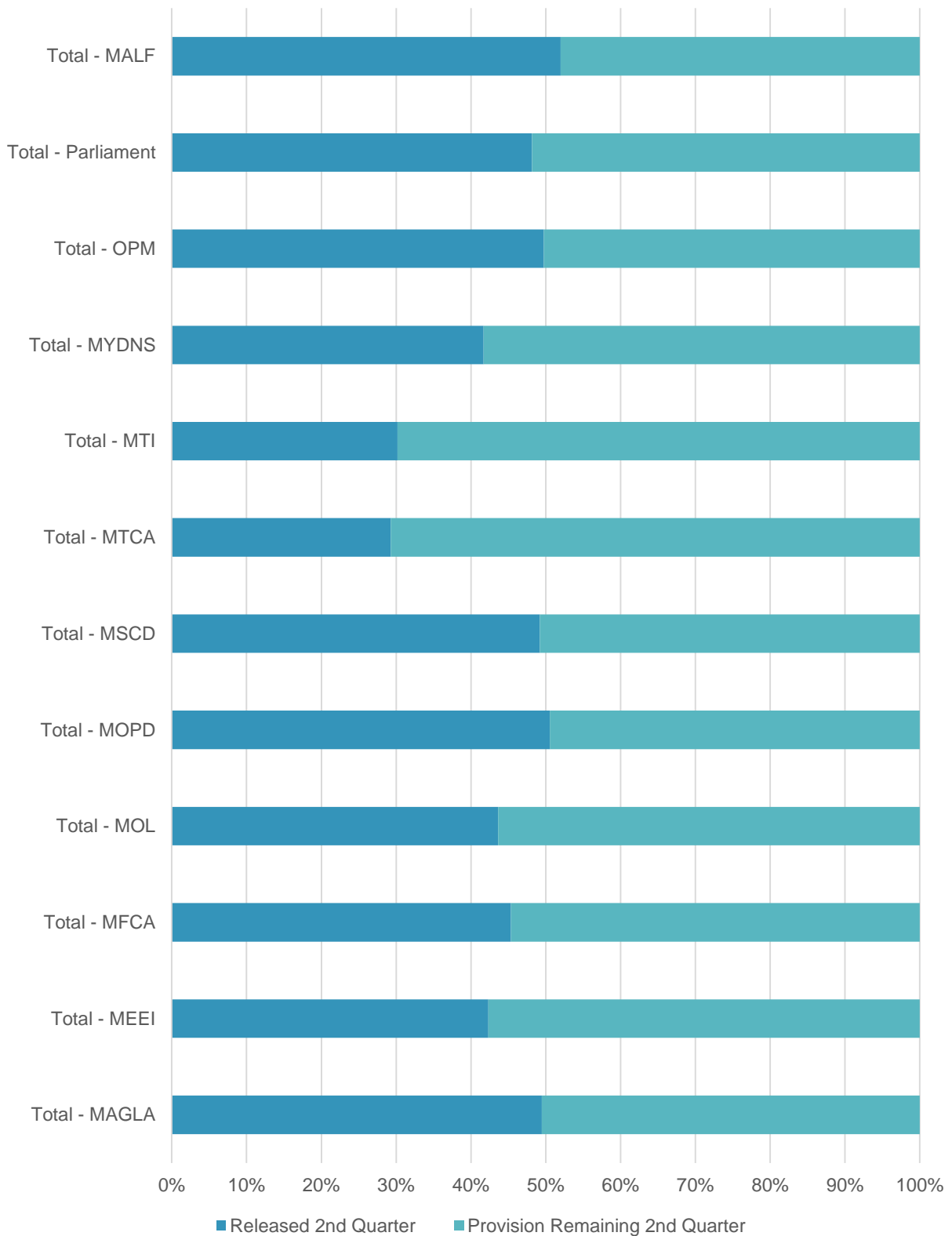
Charts illustrating releases to Ministries/Departments Allocated Over \$50 and up to \$125 Million



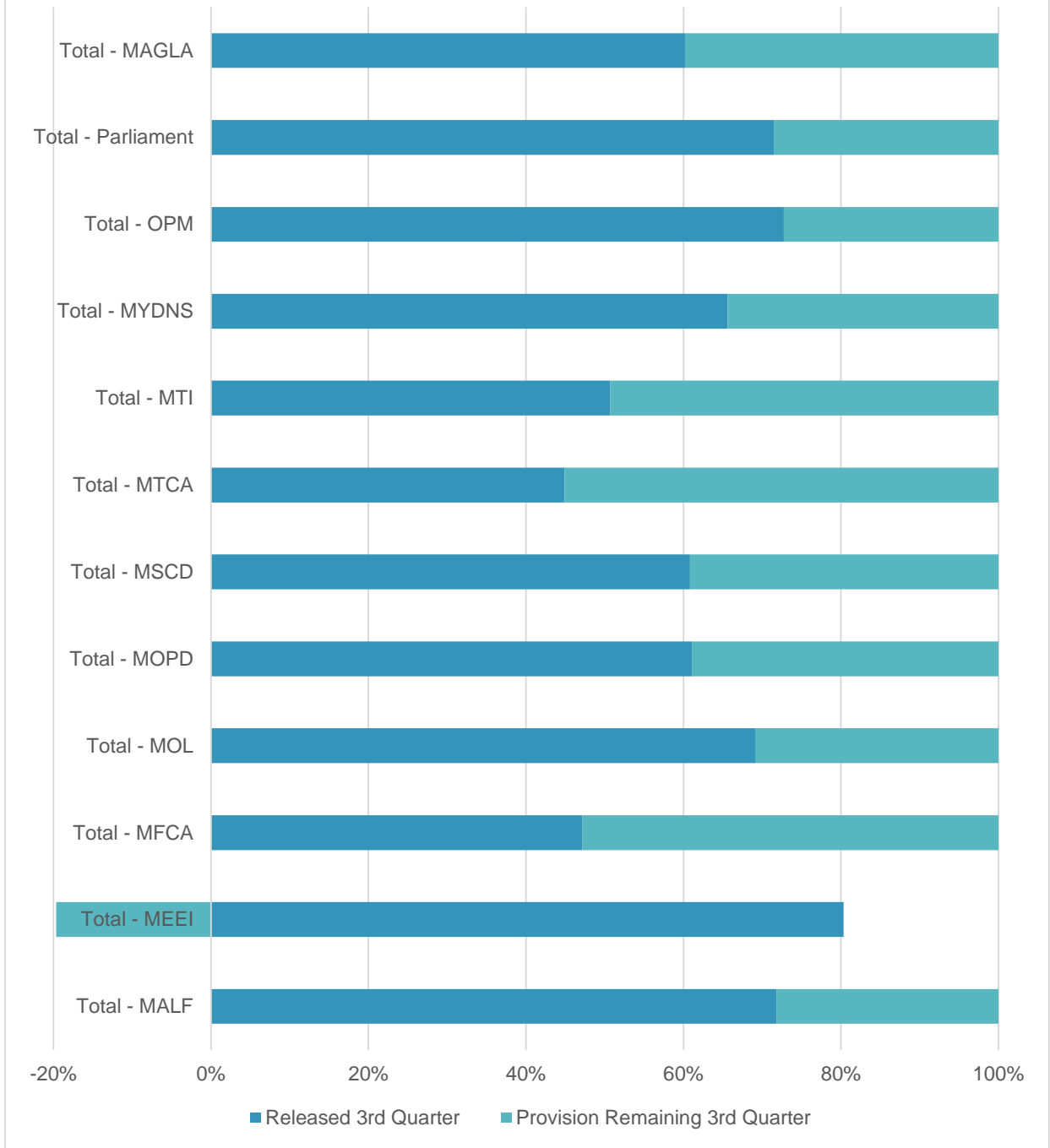
Charts illustrating releases to Ministries/Departments Allocated Over \$125 and up to \$710 Million



Allocations between \$125,000,000 - \$710,000,000 as at March 2022

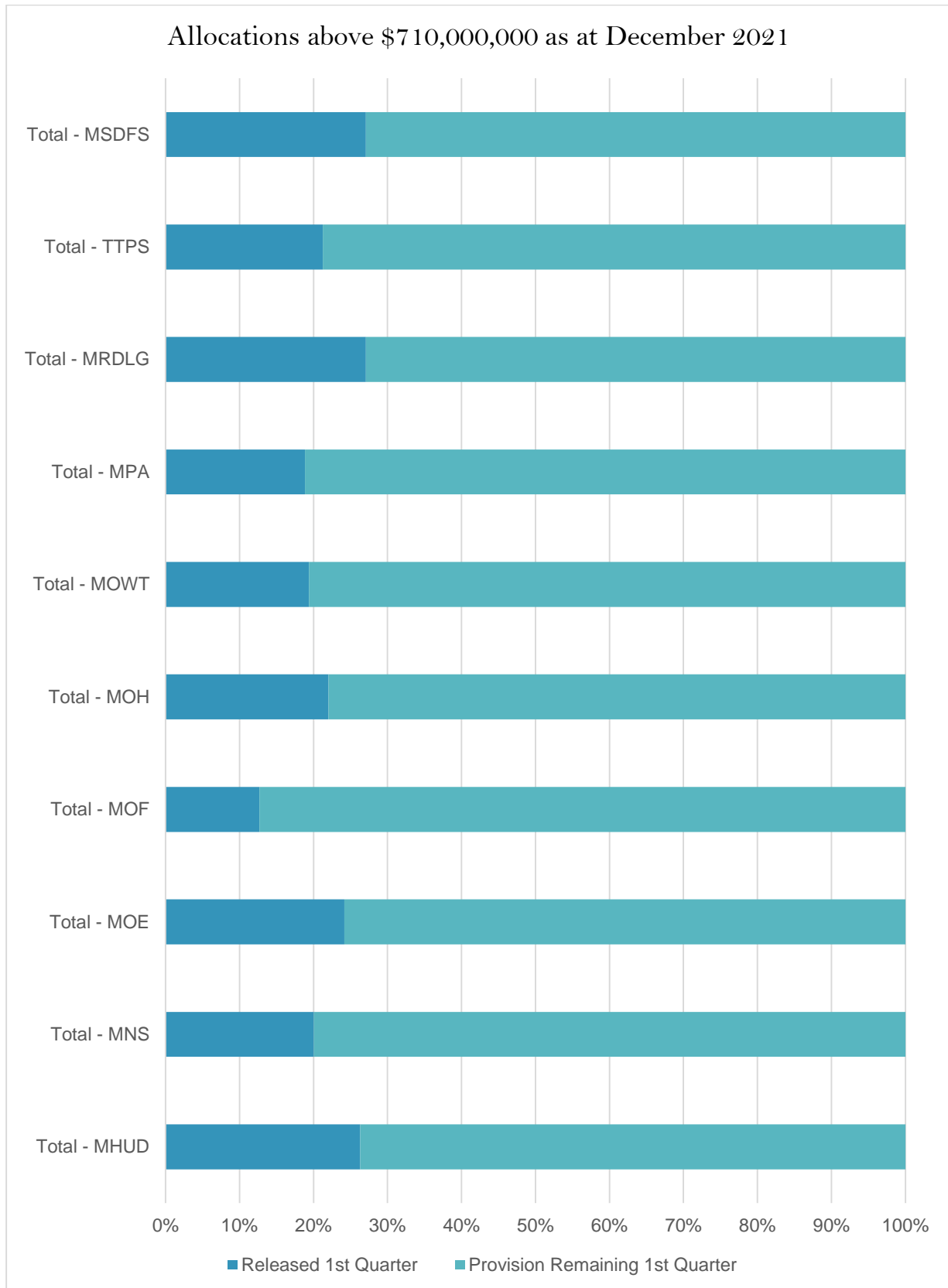


Allocations between \$125,000,000 - \$710,000,000 as at June 2022

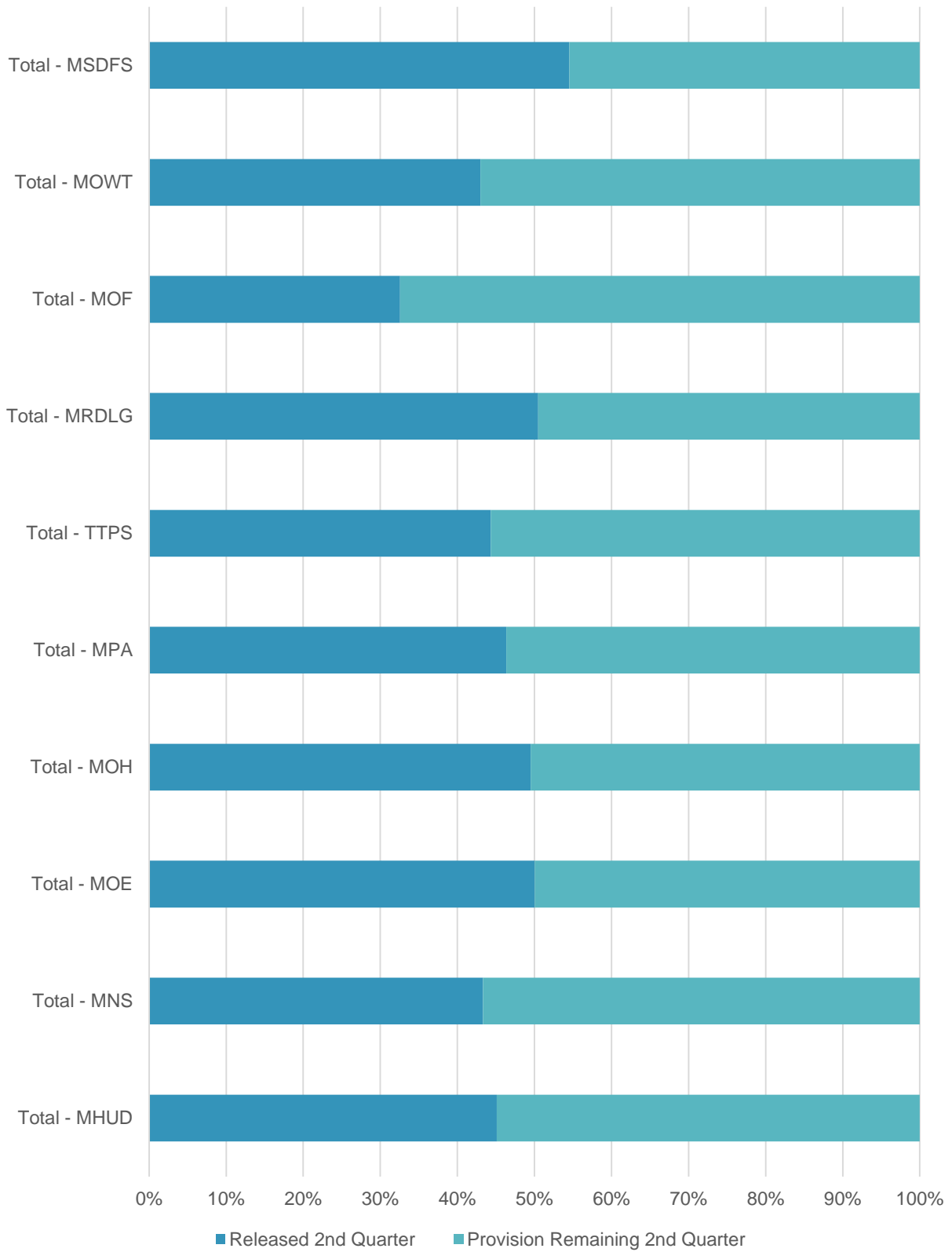


¹ The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries' 3rd Quarter Releases exceeded the 3rd Quarter Provision

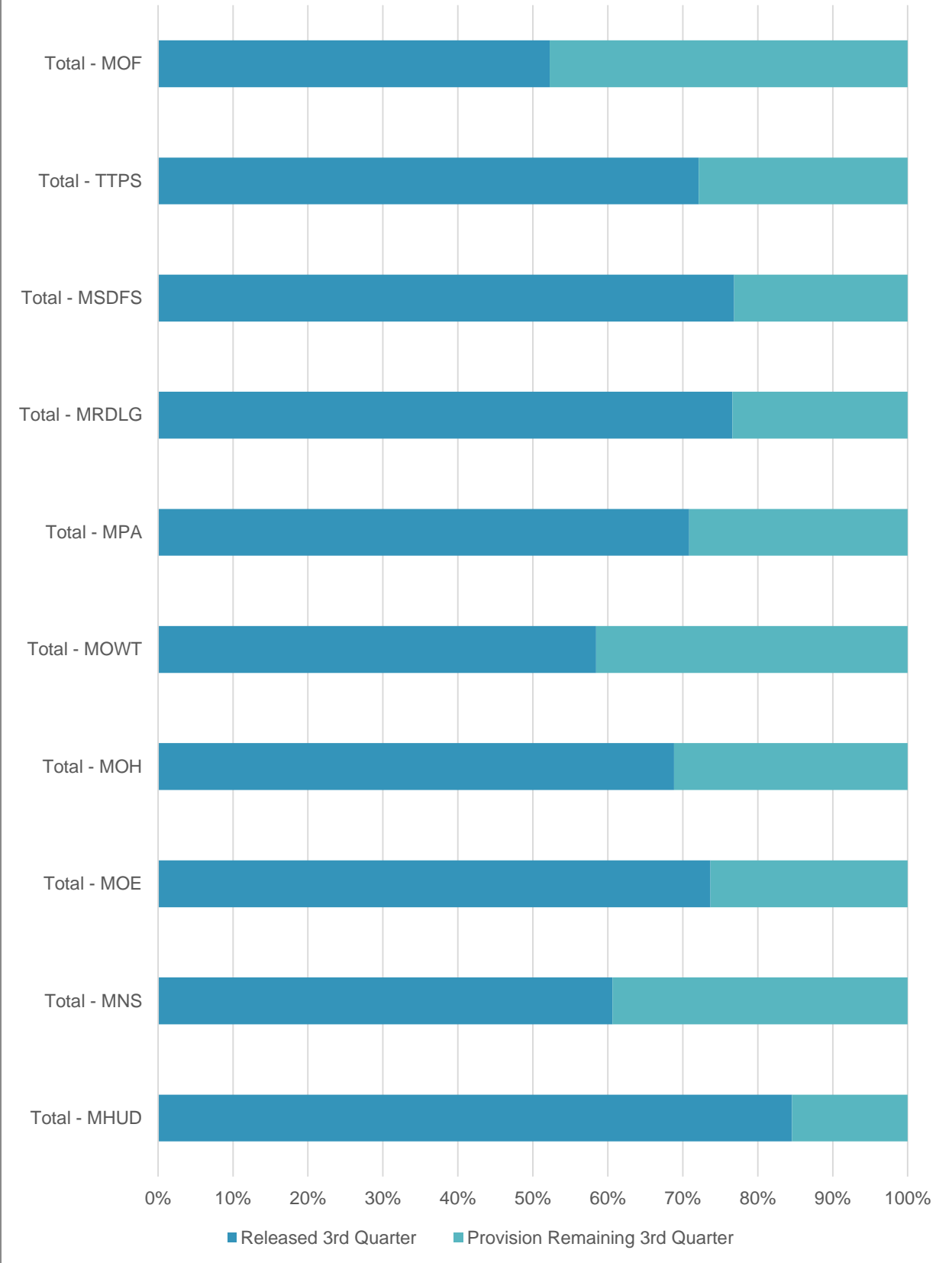
Charts illustrating releases to Ministries/Departments Allocated Over \$710 Million



Allocations over \$710,000,000 as at March 2022



Allocations over \$710,000,000 as at June 2022

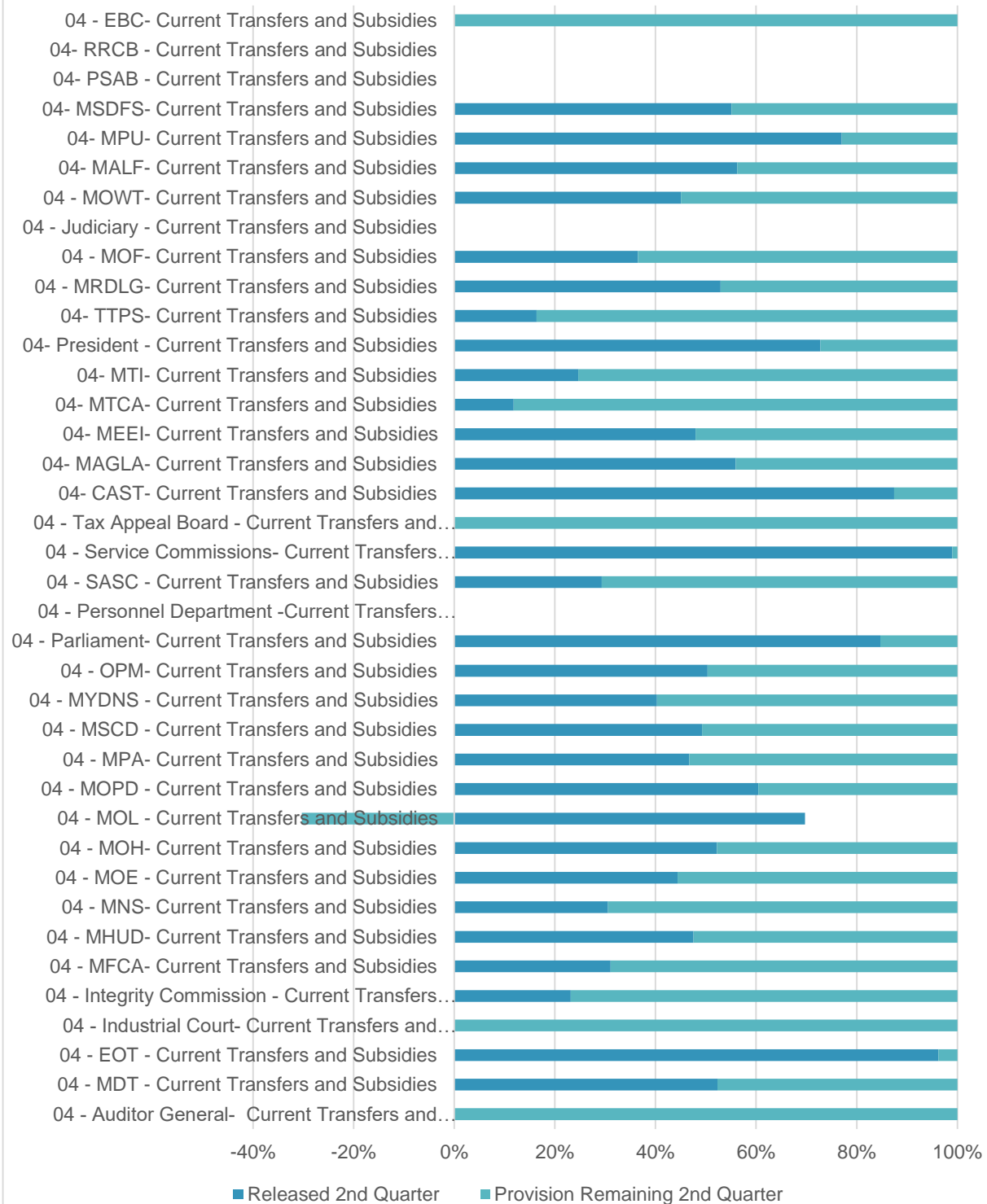


Charts illustrating Current Transfers and Subsidies releases to Ministries/Departments



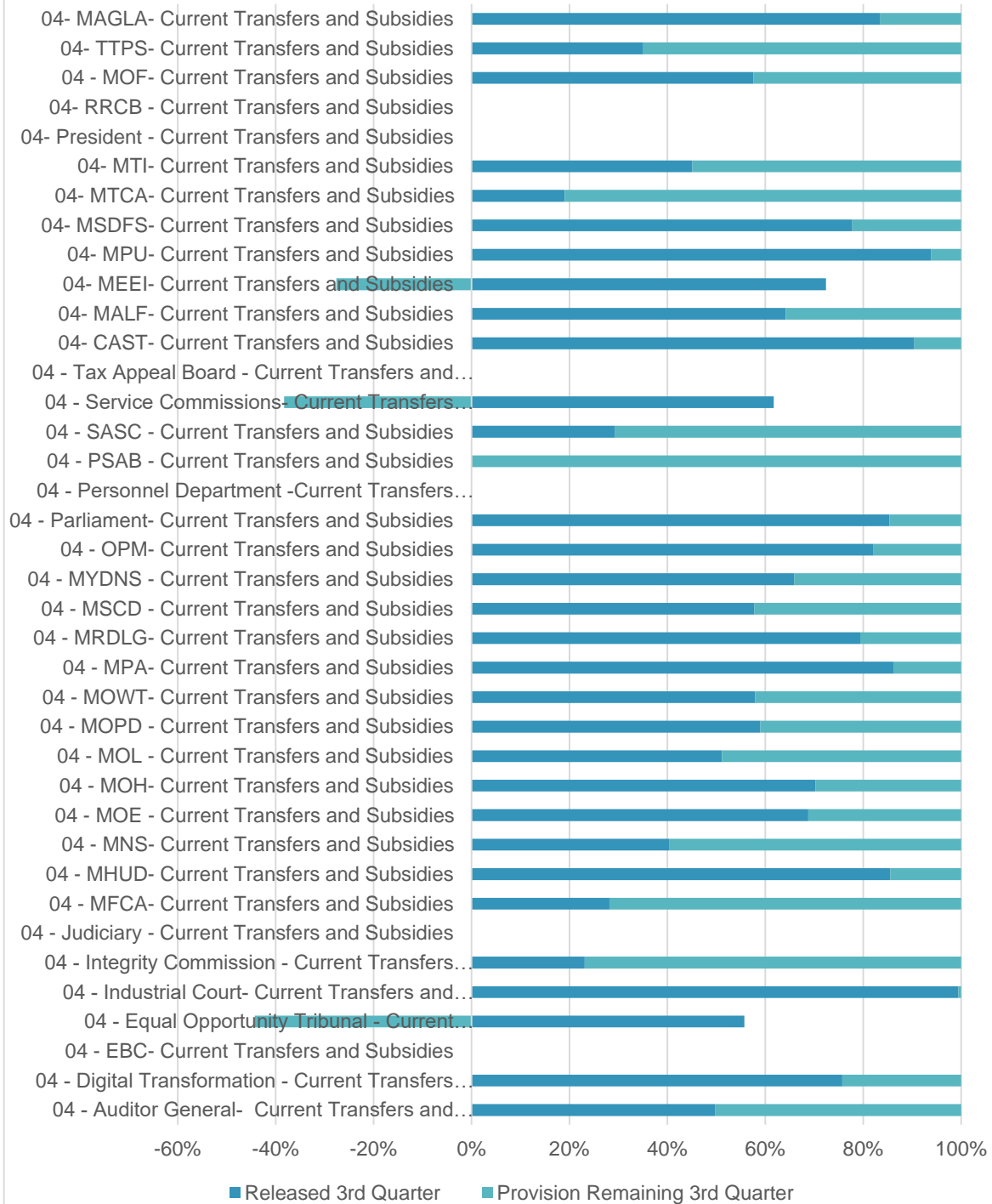
² The Ministry of Labour's 1st Quarter Releases exceeded the 1st Quarter Provision

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³ The Ministry of Labour's 2nd Quarter Releases exceeded the 2nd Quarter Provision

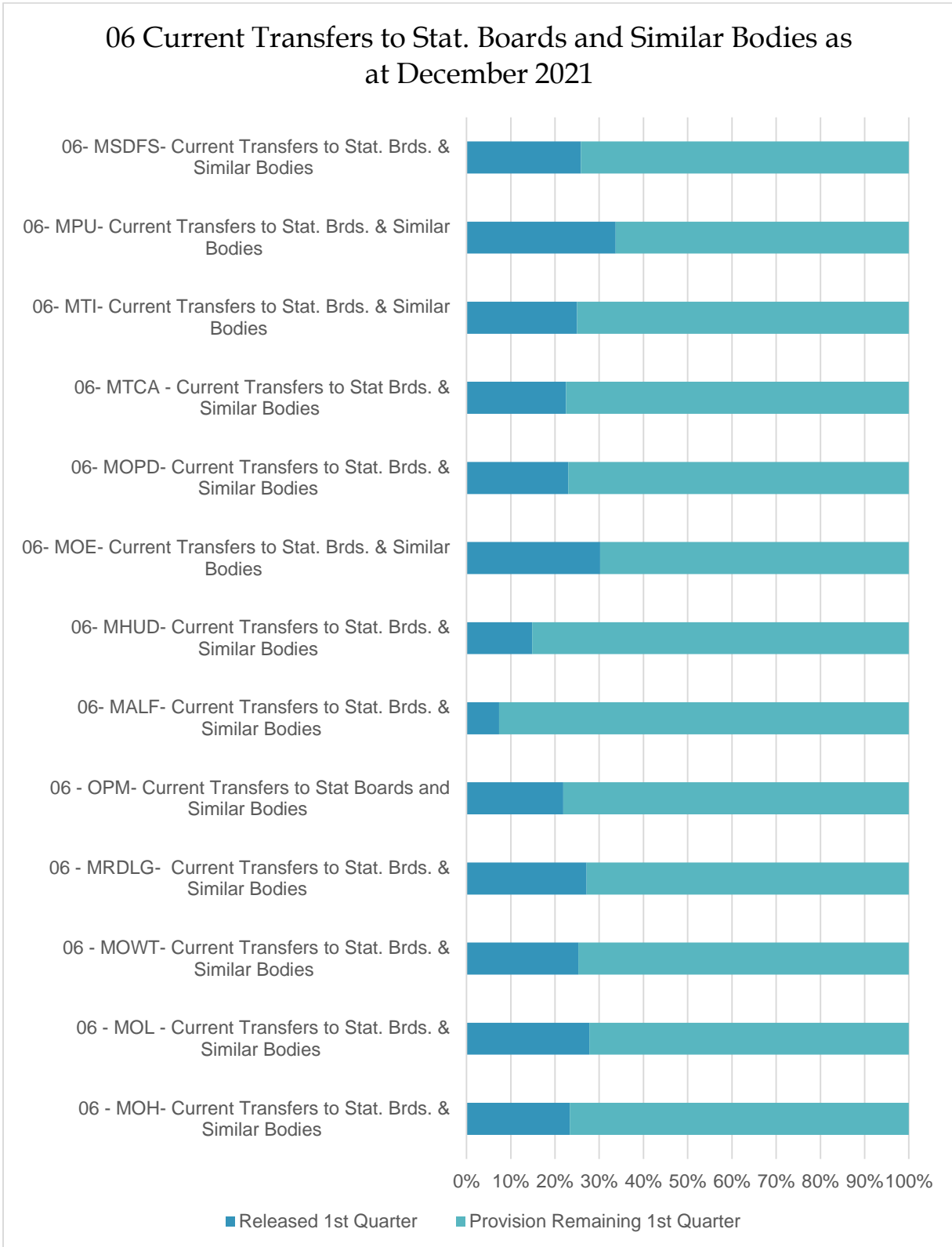
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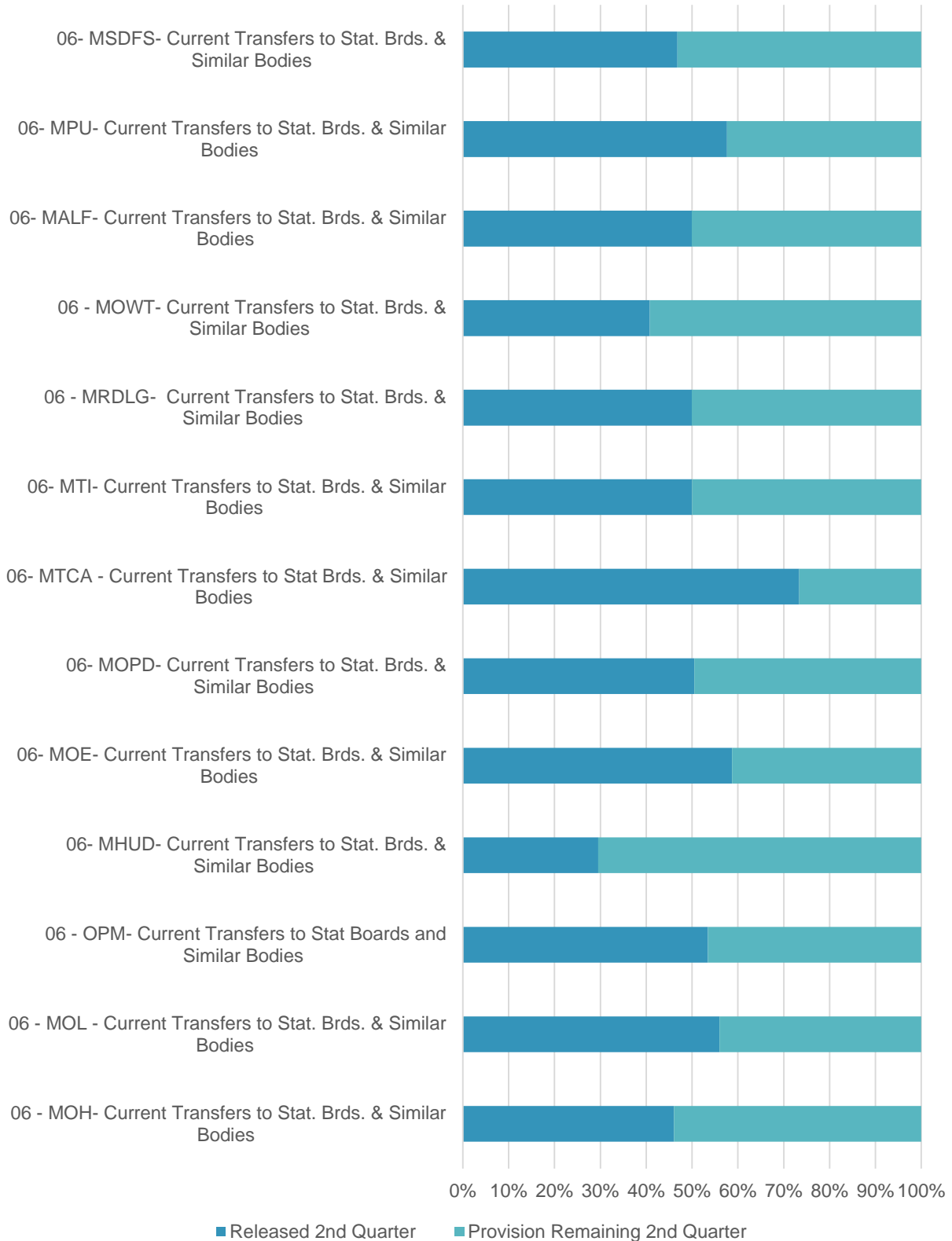
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⁴ The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, Service Commissions and Equal Opportunity Tribunal's 3rd Quarter Releases exceeded the 3rd Quarter Provision

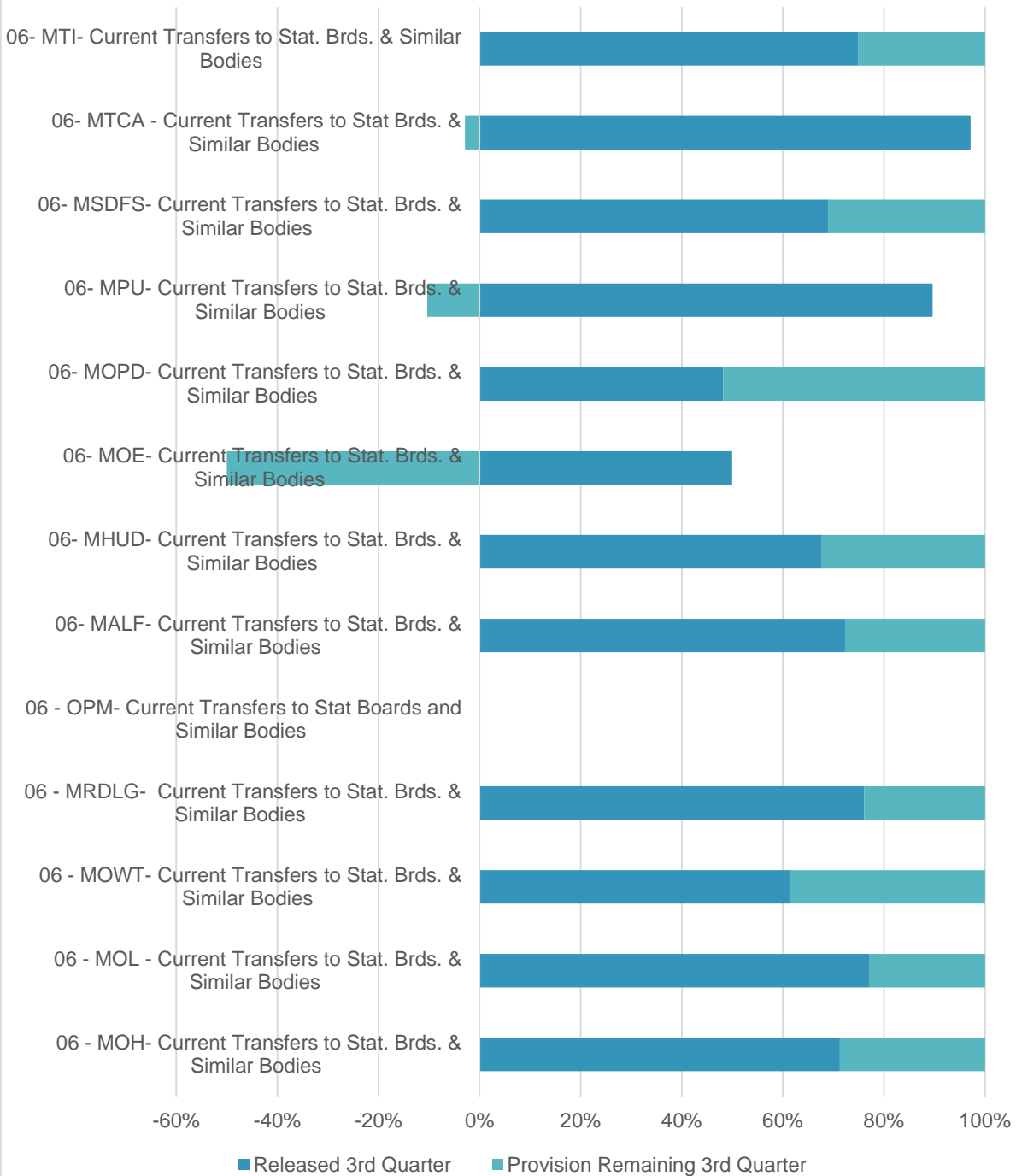
Charts illustrating Current Transfers to Stat. Boards and Similar Bodies releases to Ministries/Departments



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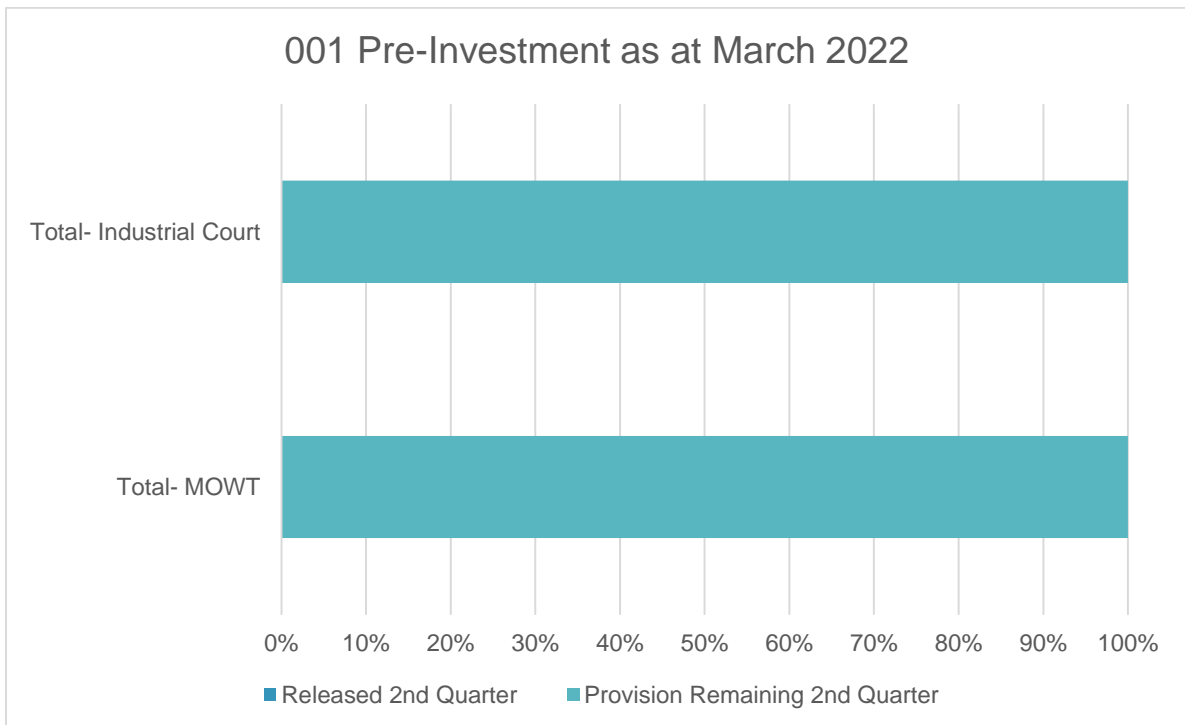
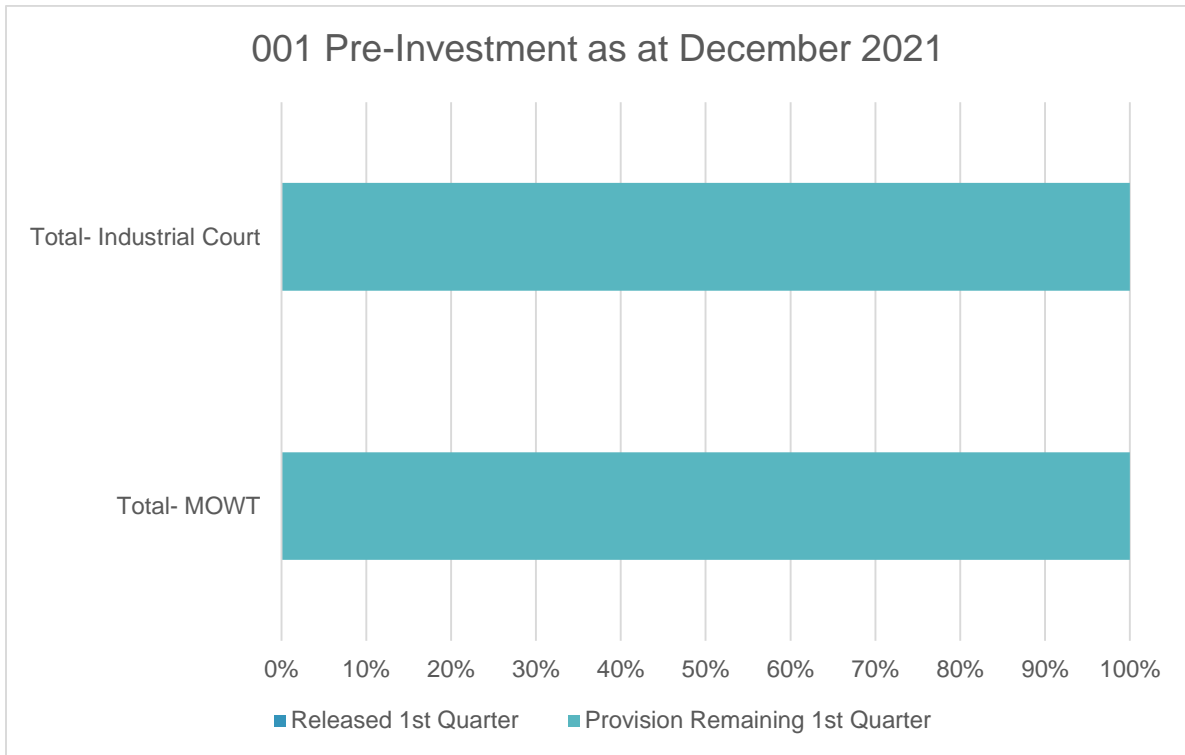
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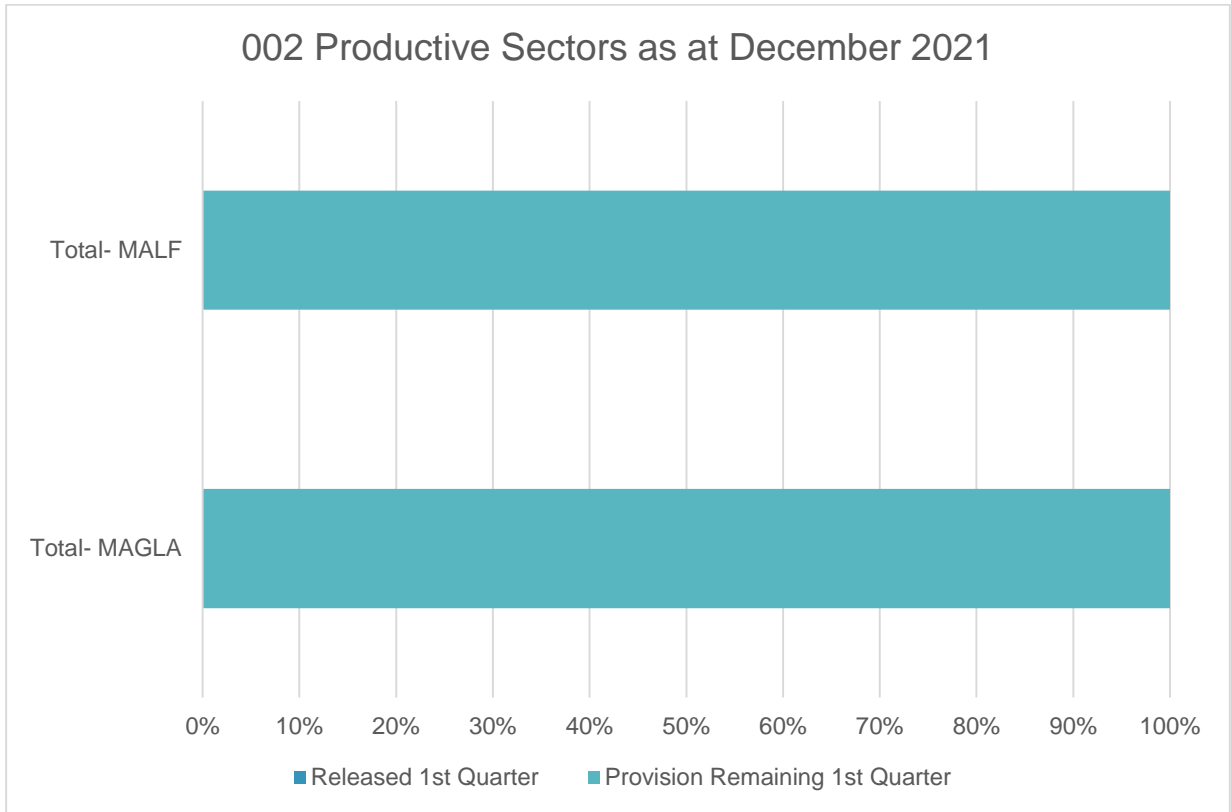
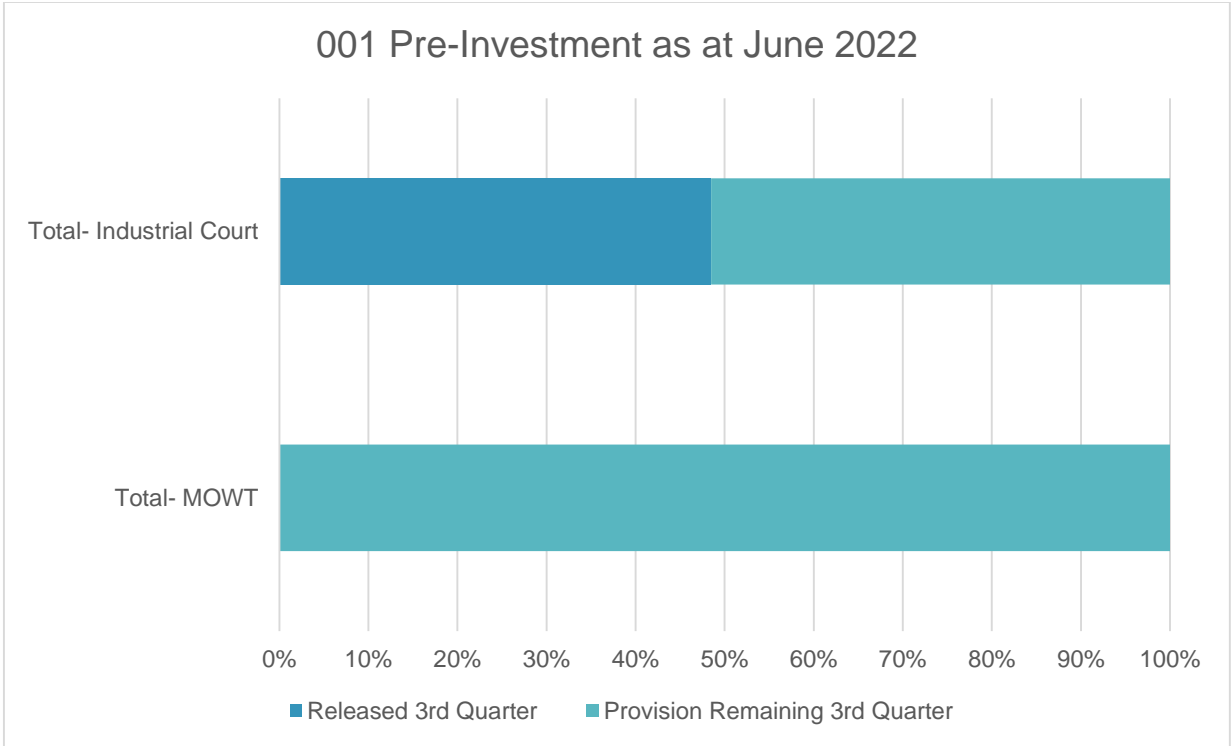


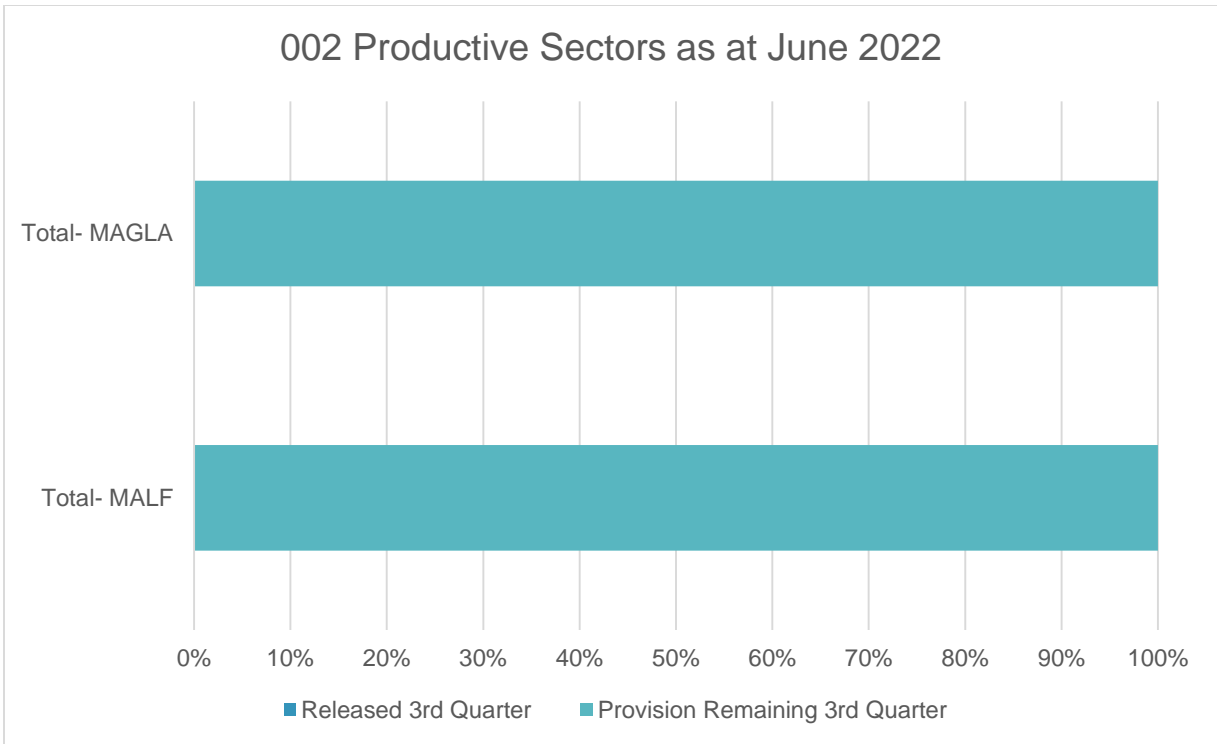
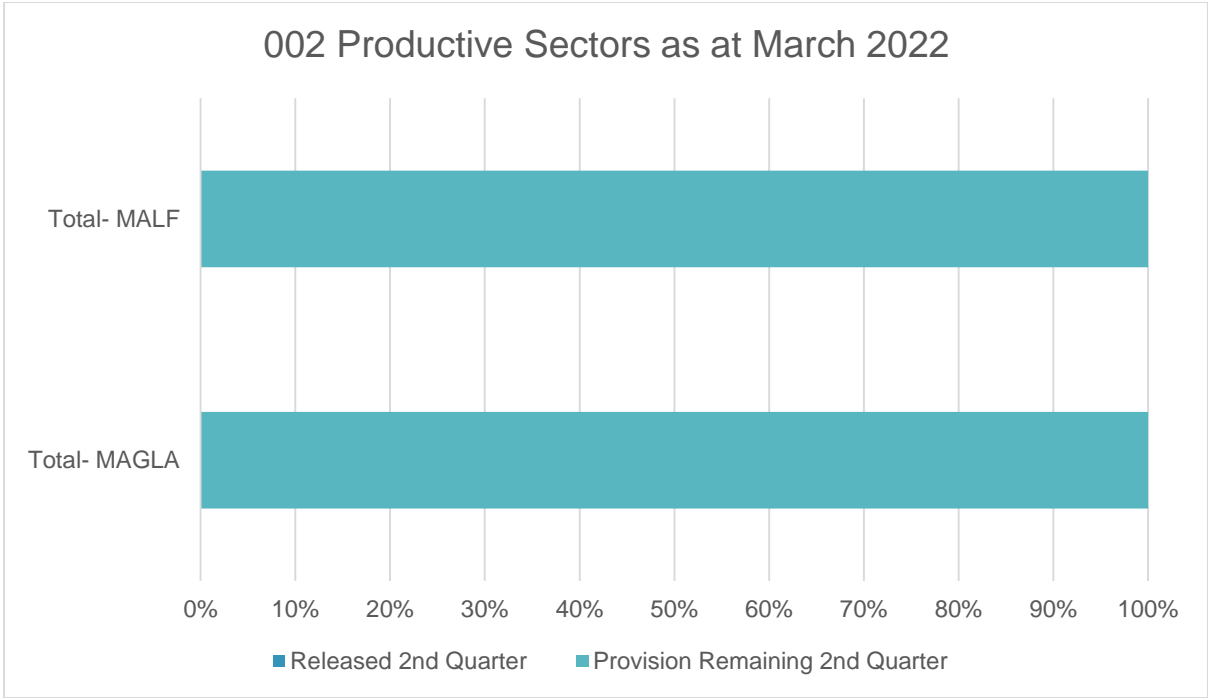
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⁵ The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Ministry of Public Utilities and Ministry of Education's 3rd Quarter Releases exceeded the 3rd Quarter Provision

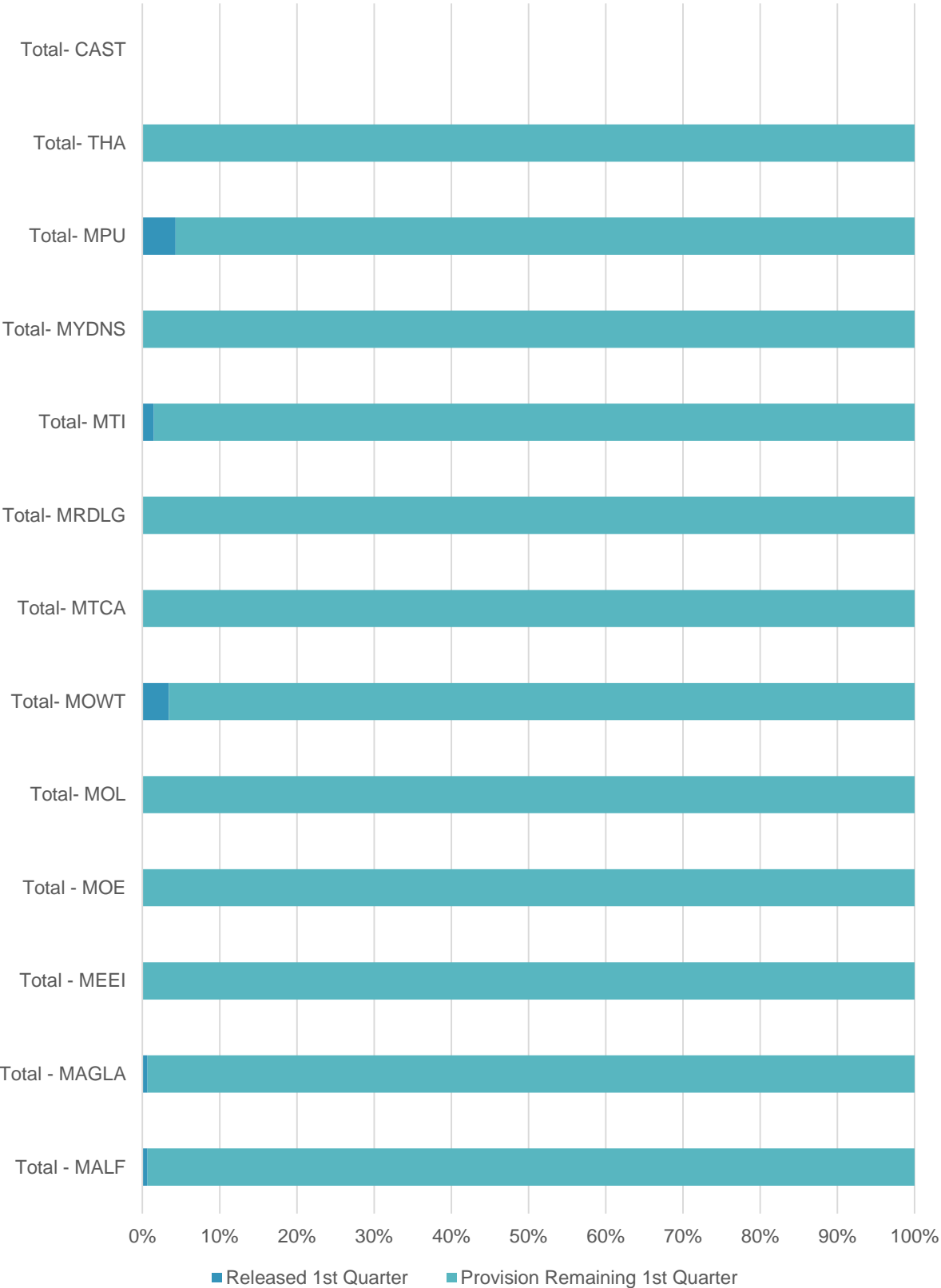
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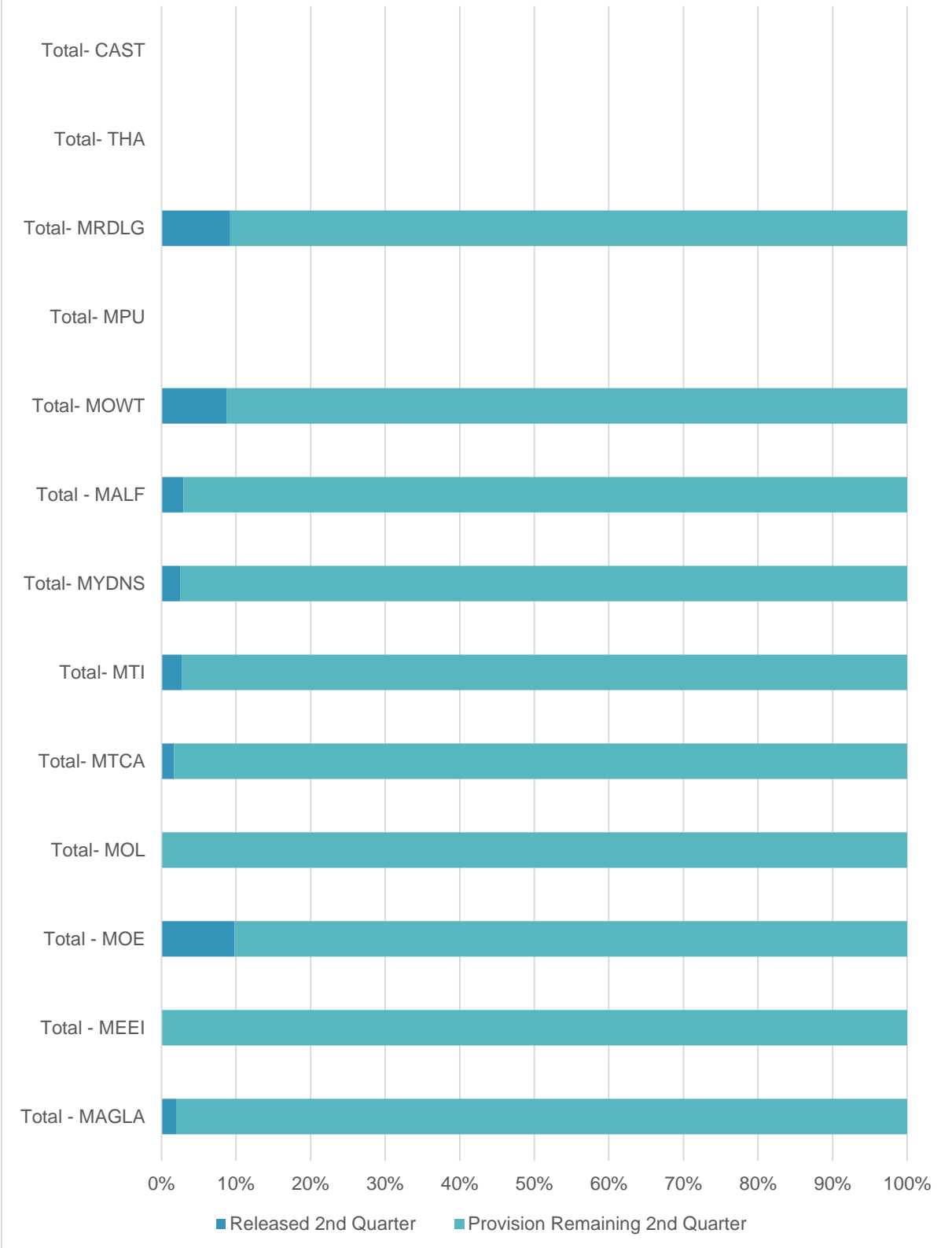




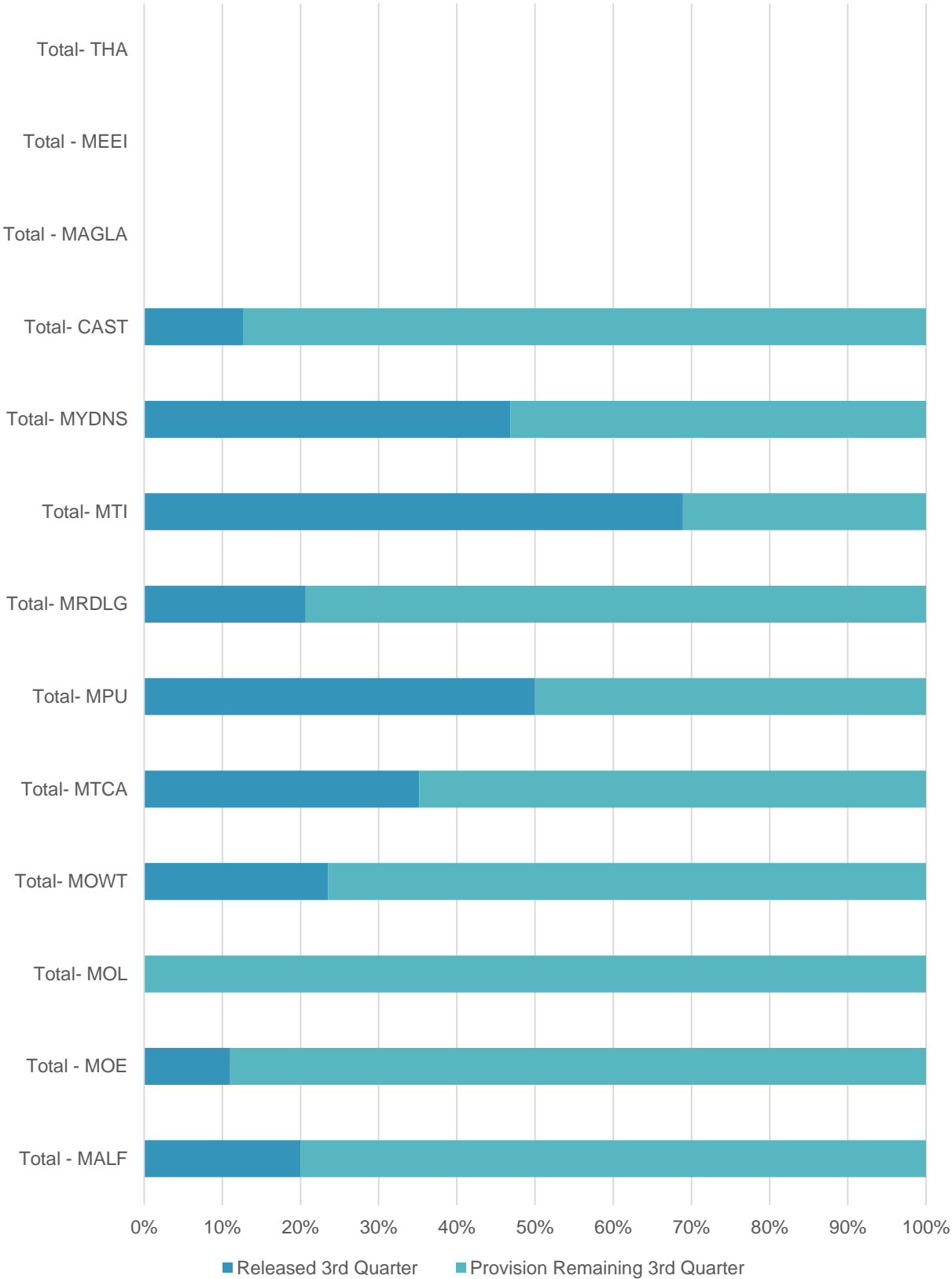
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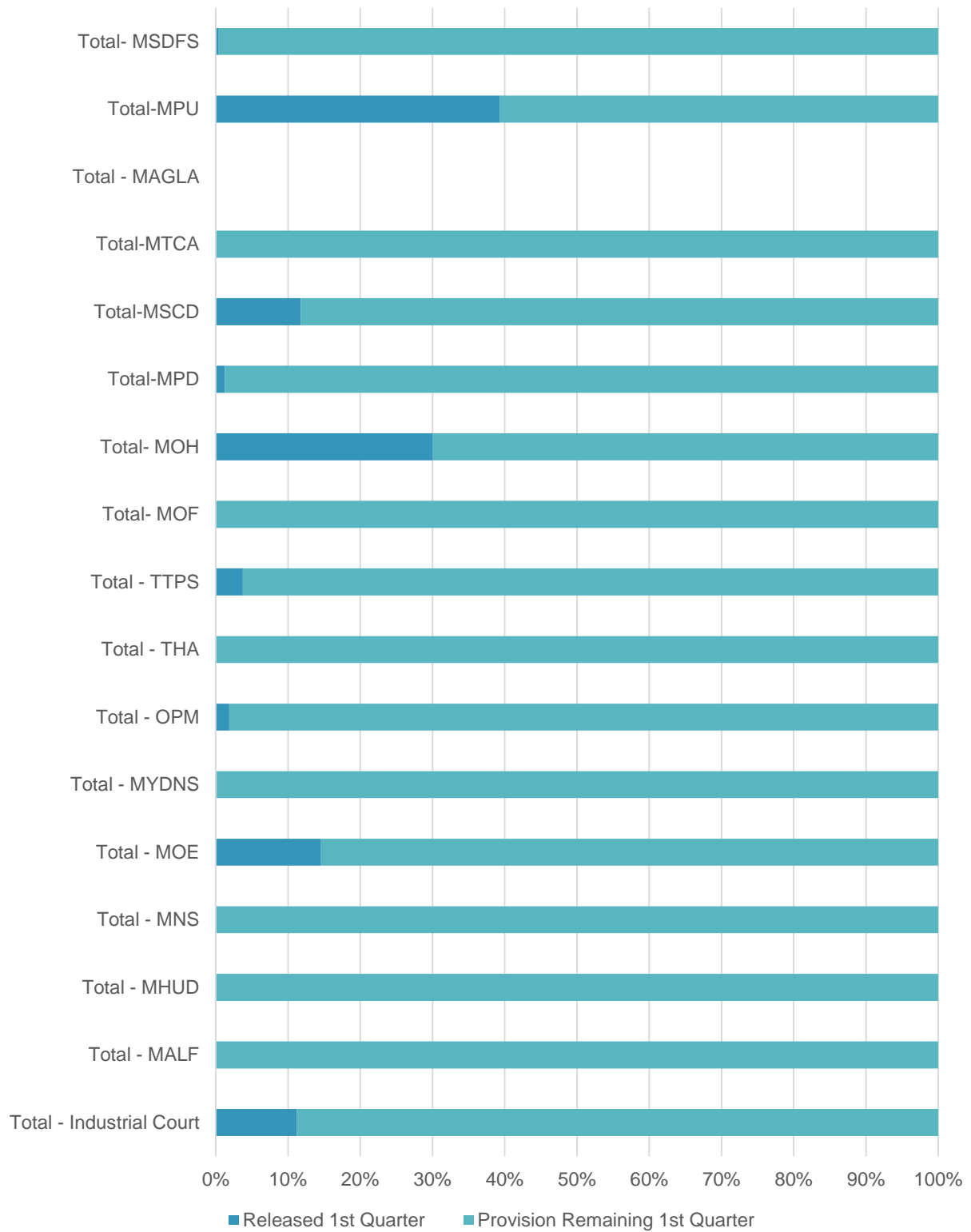
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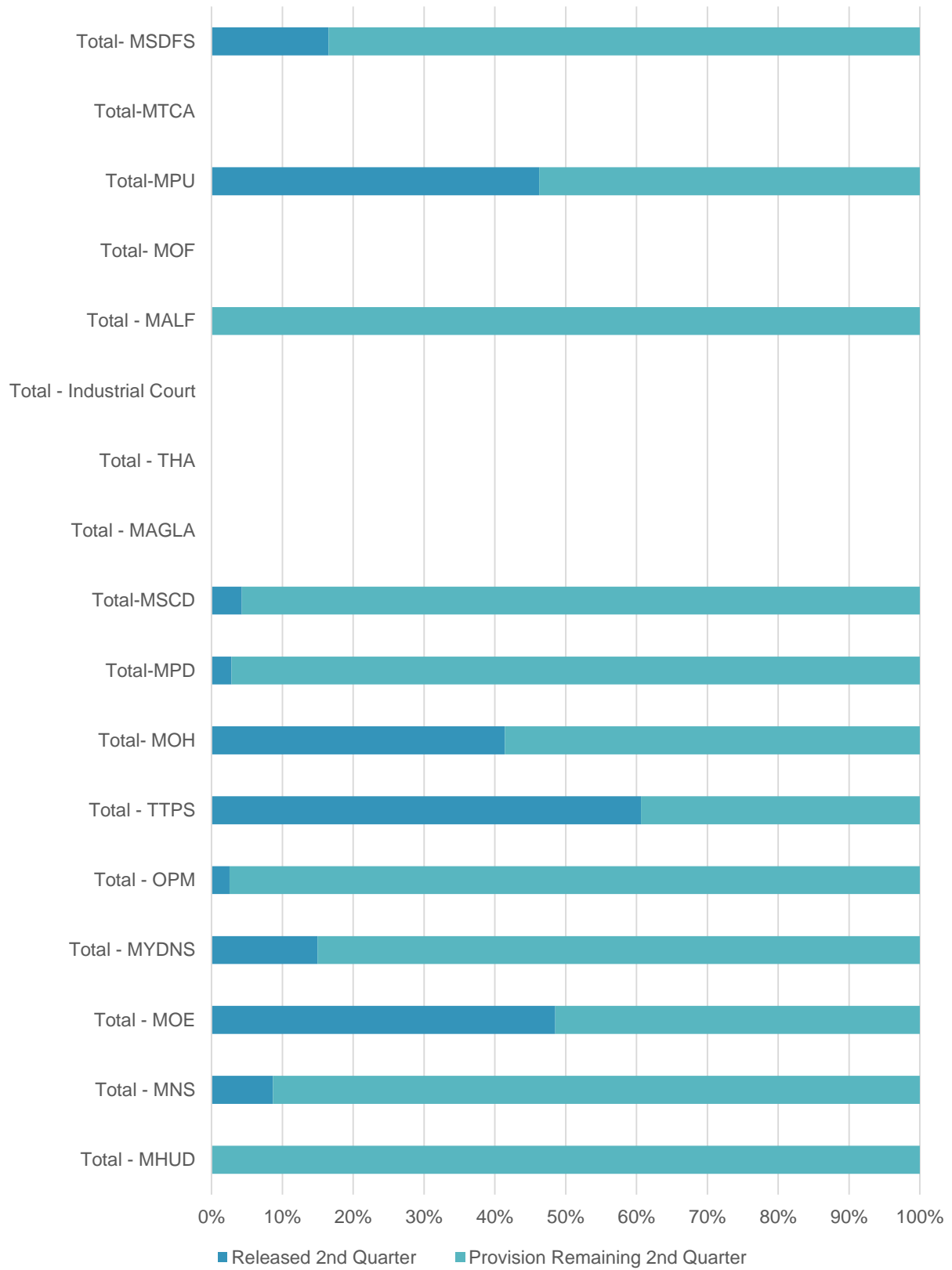
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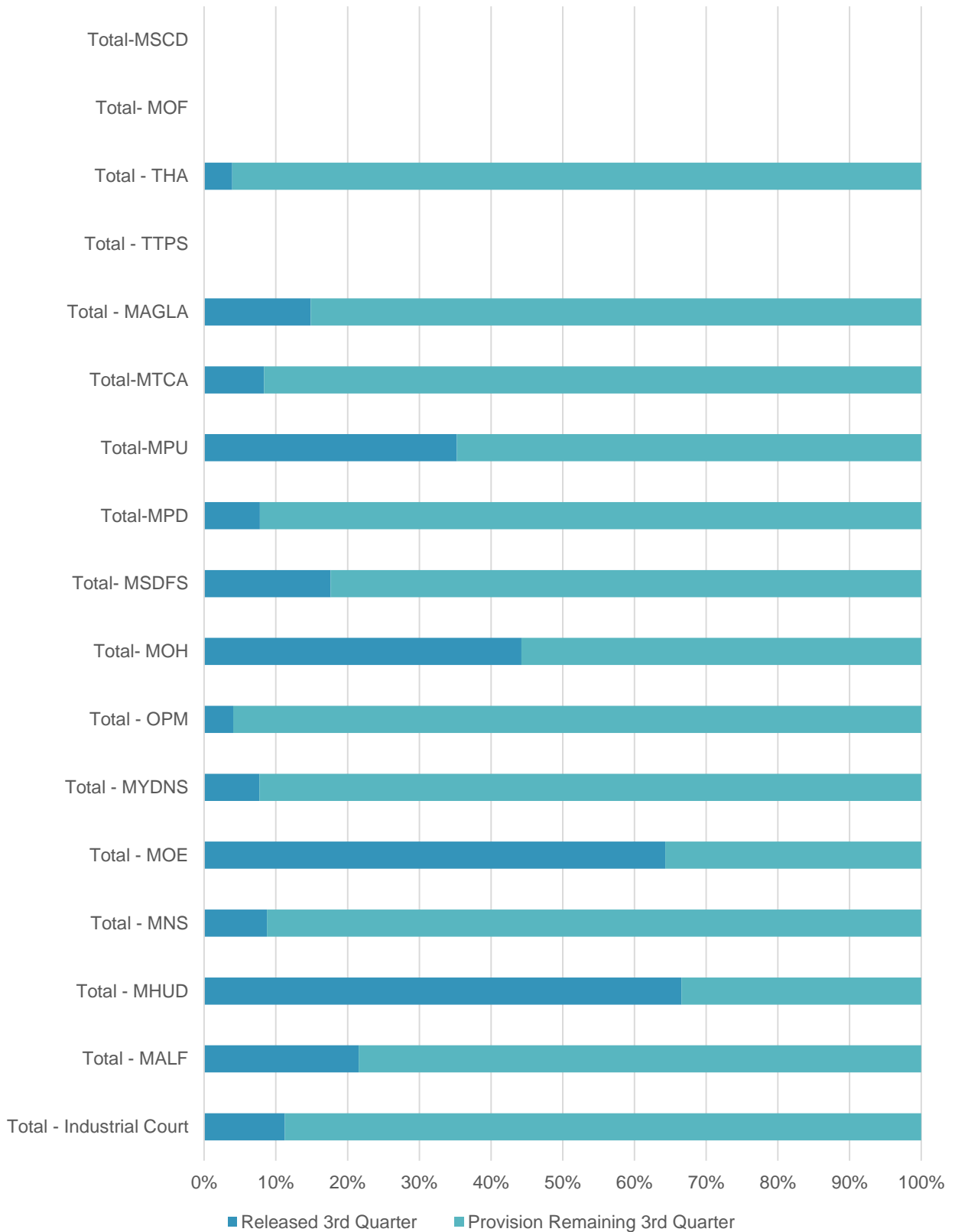
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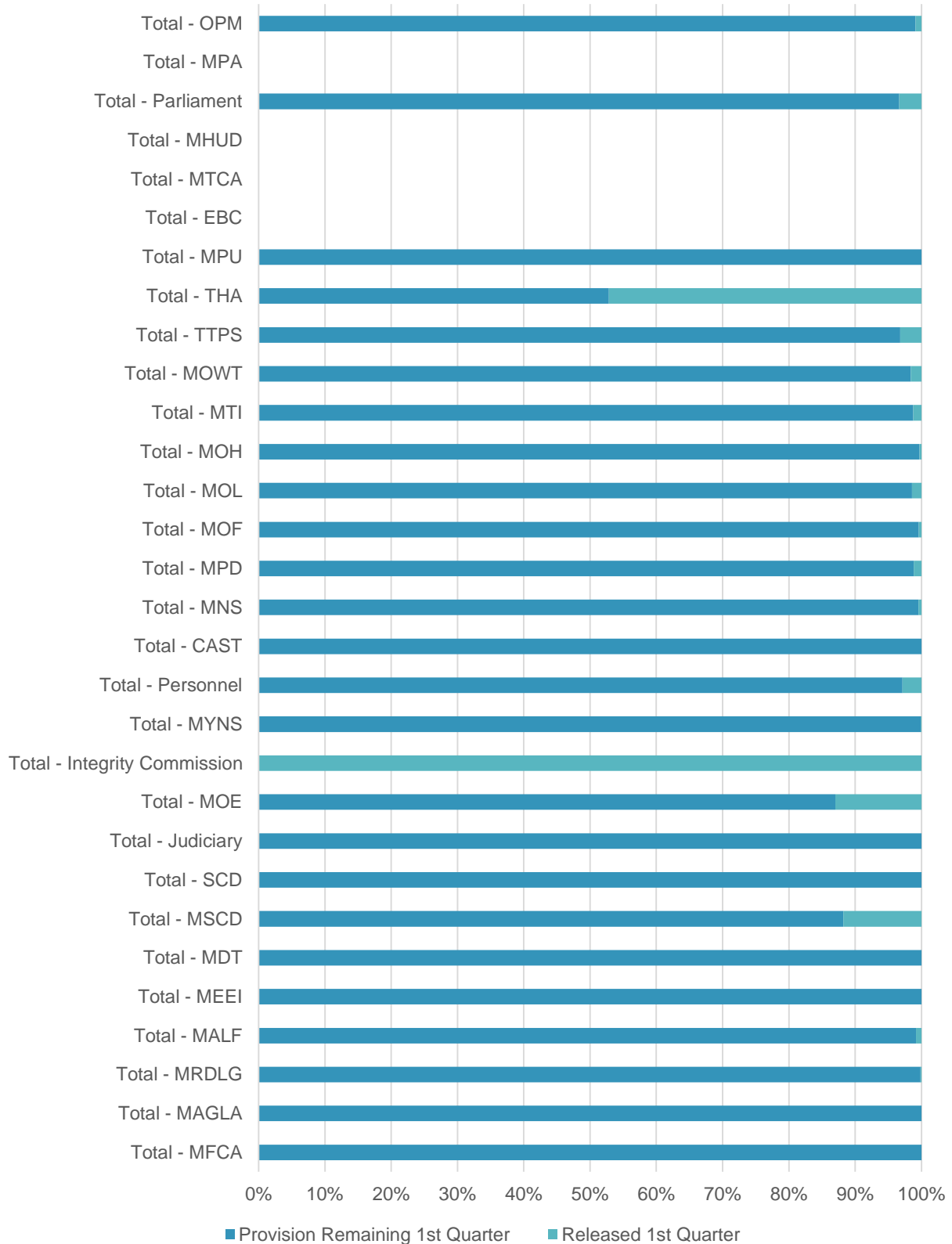
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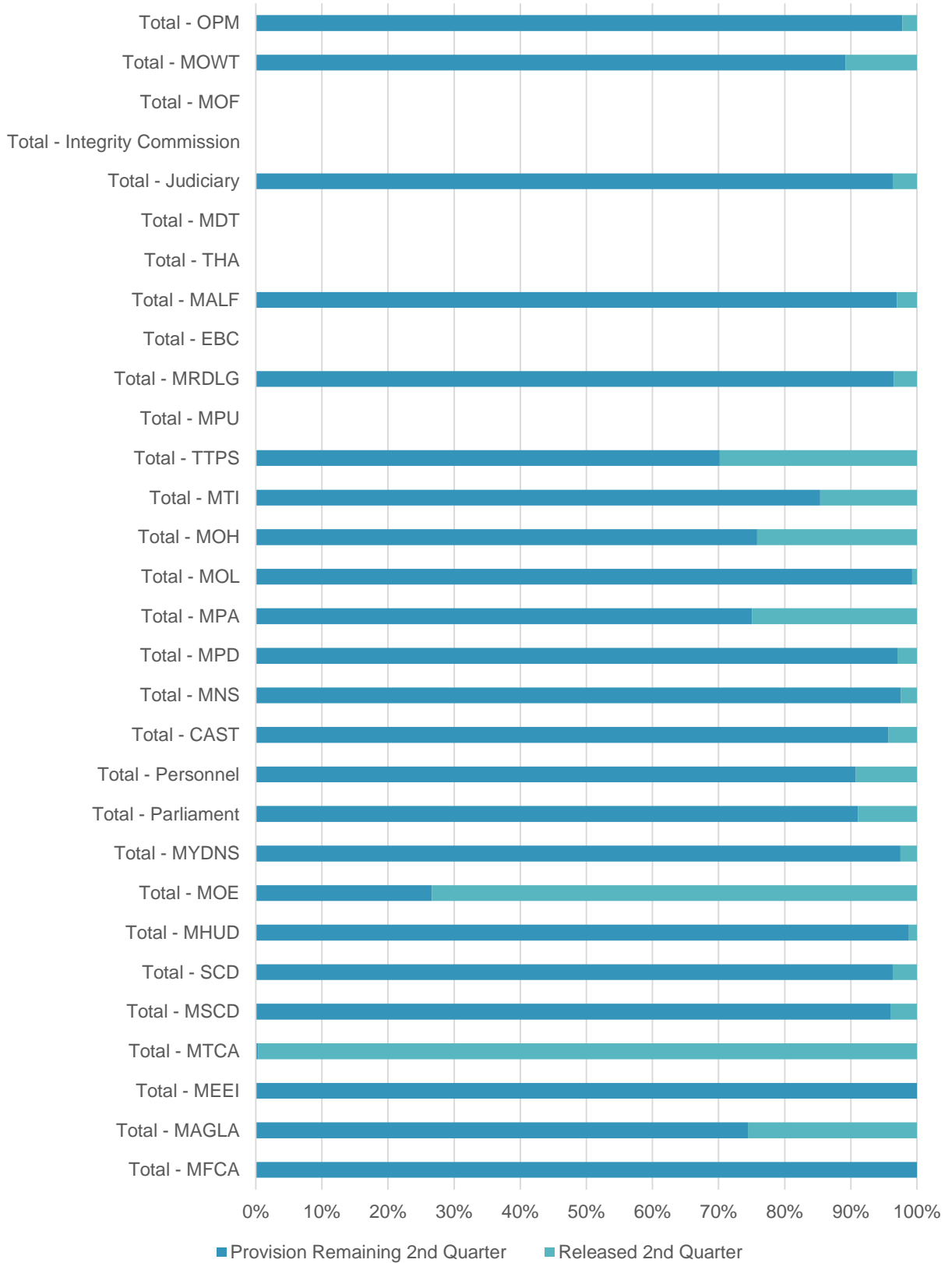
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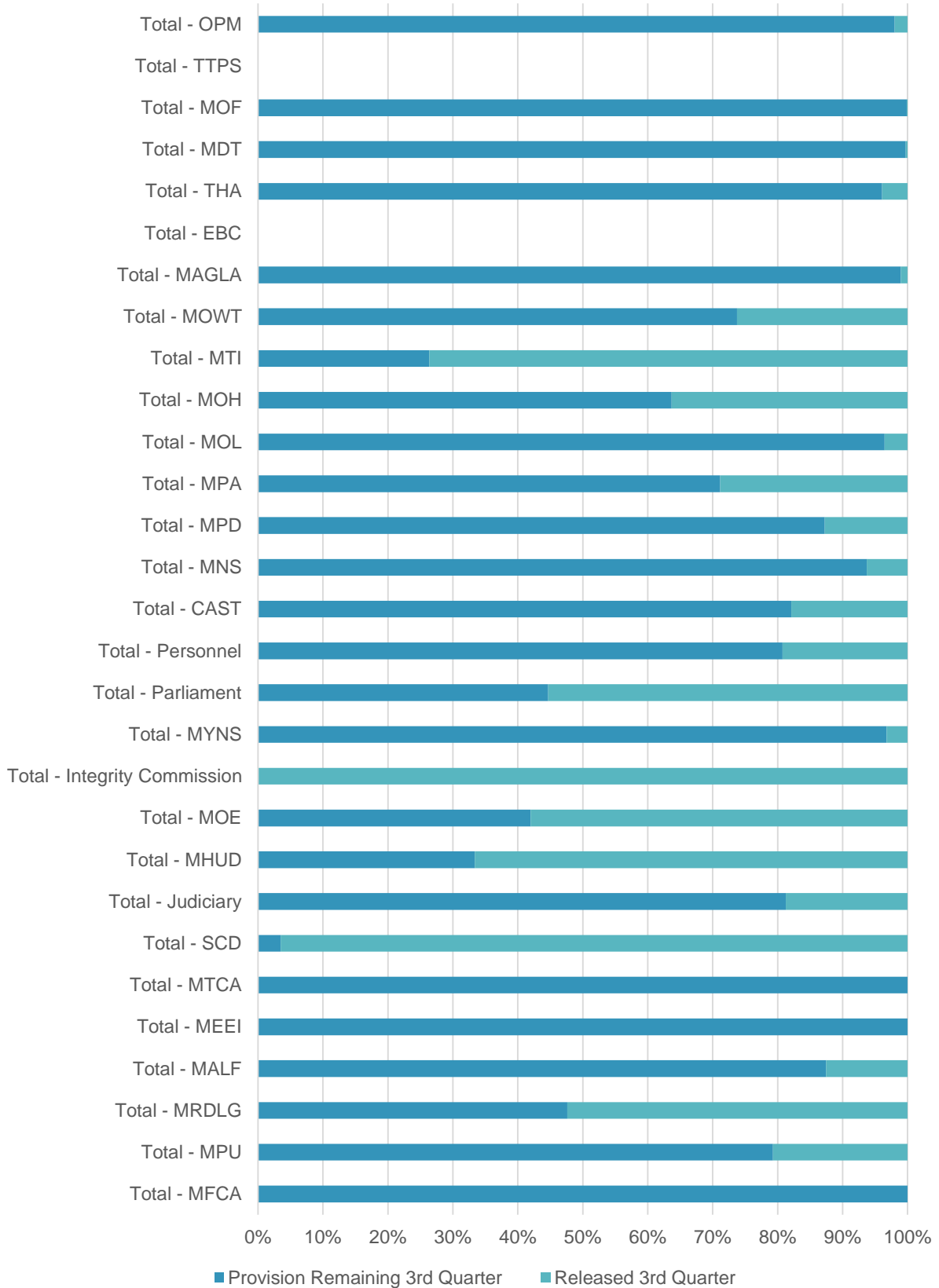
005 Multi Sectoral and Other Services as at December 2021



005 Multi Sectoral and Other Services as at March 2022



005 Multi Sectoral and Other Services as at June 2022



CONCLUSION

In support of the PAAC's mandate to monitor the budgetary expenditure of Government agencies as it occurs; and to keep Parliament informed of how the budget allocation is being implemented, the Committee engaged in quarterly tracking of the expenditure of all Ministries and Departments during the Second Session of the Twelfth Parliament. The Statements of Expenditure received for the first, second and third quarter for fiscal 2022 were used to develop a database of which the relevant graphs and charts presented above were populated.

The Committee presents this data to the House as information that would be useful to gain an appreciation of the spending patterns of Government agencies over the examined periods during fiscal 2022.

This Committee respectfully submits this Report for the consideration of the Parliament.

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