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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) for the period 2018-2024. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Office’s responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Office of the Prime Minister, and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2024;
- the Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2024;
- the Public Sector Investment Programme 2024; and
- the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2022.
Head 13: Office of the Prime Minister

Departmental Overview¹

Vision Statement
To be the hallmark of excellence in the Public Service.

Mission Statement
To provide unstinting support to the Prime Minister in executing his constitutional responsibilities to Trinidad and Tobago.

The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) provides administrative and other support to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet and is responsible for coordinating the implementation of decisions taken by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet in order to ensure and promote the effective and efficient conduct of the business of Government.

Prime Minister: The Honourable Dr. Keith Rowley, MP
Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister: The Honourable Stuart Young, MP
Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Communications): The Honourable Symon de Nobriga, MP
Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs): The Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP
Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister and Head of the Public Service: Mr. Maurice Suite
Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister: Mr. Ian Ramdahin
Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister Gender and Child Affairs: Mr. Vijay Gangapersad
Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister Central Administrative Services Tobago: Mr. Ritchie Toppin

The Office of the Prime Minister is responsible for the following Business and Departments of Government:

- Cabinet
- Central Administrative Services, Tobago (CAST)
- Citizen Facilitation
- Civil Society Engagement
- Commissions of Enquiry
- Constitutional Matters
- Ecclesiastical Affairs
- Economic Advisory Board
- Foreign Policy Oversight
- Freedom of Information
- Gender and Child Affairs
- Government Communications Oversight
- National AIDS Coordinating Committee (NACC)
- National Awards Committee
- National Security Council
- Parliamentary Affairs
- Protocols of the State
- Public Holidays
- Sport and Culture Fund

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Organisational Chart of the Office of the Prime Minister

The principles which underpin the execution of the Children’s Authority’s functions – the promotion of and respect for children’s rights – are enshrined within the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Declaration and Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Consistent with these principles, a Package of Children’s Legislation initiated in 2000 formed the basis for the creation of the Children’s Authority. The pieces of legislation complement each other and provide for a robust system which brings Trinidad and Tobago in conformity with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The mandate of the Children’s Authority is derived directly from the legislation. As such, the organisation will be responsible for, *inter alia*:

- Receiving and investigating reports of mistreatment of children
- Making applications to the Court for the protection and placement of children received into the care of the Authority
- Establishing and maintaining places of safety, assessment and support centres, and reception centres
- Establishing and operating a foster care system
- Assuming conduct of the adoption process
- Establishing standards for community residences, foster care and nurseries
- Monitoring children’s community residences, foster care providers, and nurseries
- Issuing and revoking licences for community residences and nurseries
- Supporting the youth justice system
- Providing assistance to the Counter-Trafficking Unit in respect of child victims
- Maintaining complete records

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**Sport and Culture Fund**

The Sport and Culture Fund was established by Act No. 31 of 1988 with amendments articulated in Act. No. 25 of 1993. The purpose of the Fund, as stated in Section 4 of the Act is as follows:

- To facilitate the provision of sporting and cultural facilities;
- To enable grants and loans to be made to deserving individuals, groups and organisations according to criteria prescribed by the Board;
- To undertake any other activity related to Sport and Culture; and
- To undertake or do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes.

The goals and objectives of the Fund are:

- To encourage and to facilitate the promotion of excellence in Sport and Culture by individuals and organisations involved in activities related thereto;
- To assist in the nurturing and development of human and technical resource capabilities in Sport and Culture;
- To encourage self-reliance of groups, associations and individuals;
- To facilitate the provision and upgrading of facilities for sporting and cultural activities; and
- To facilitate the promotion or research and development and to determine the feasibility of undertaking projects relating to Sport and Culture.

The Board will from time to time determine priority areas which it may wish to pursue in the development of Sport and Culture. Such priority areas include but are not limited to:

1. Groups

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• Community Development – Cultural and Sporting activities beneficial to wider community
• Training and Development in areas of Sport and Culture
• Facilities – Construction of buildings to facilitate Sporting and Cultural activities

2. Individuals
   • Education
   • Youth
   • National Development

Assistance will be given solely in the form of grants as deemed appropriate by the Board. Funding is received from the Instant Lottery Surplus of the National Lotteries Control Board, a Board established under Section 3 of the National Lotteries Act. The Instant Lottery Surplus is the amount realised after defraying all the expenses and payments of prize money from the proceeds received from each instant lottery – Scratch game.
Auditor General Report Findings for the Fiscal year 2022

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS - $9,684,443,938.19

2.53 The balances of the Deposits and Funds accounts presented hereunder are liabilities as they represent monies held by the Treasury pending application for payment in accordance with the purposes for which the relevant deposits/funds were created.

2.55 Financial Instruction 212 (1) requires all Accounting Officers or Heads of Departments to reconcile the balance of each Deposit Account with the corresponding balance in the accounts of the Comptroller of Accounts. Financial Instruction 212 (2) requires departments to prepare reconciliation statements with details of the composition of balances. A copy of all such reconciliations is required to be submitted to the Comptroller of Accounts and the Auditor General at the end of the year concerned. The submission of such reconciliations provides documentary support to the balances contained in the ministries’ and departments’ deposit ledgers. However, many ministries and departments do not submit such reconciliations in a timely manner. Presented below are ministries and departments that did not submit the required reconciliations of deposit accounts to the Auditor General.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ministry/Department</th>
<th>No. of Accounts not Submitted</th>
<th>Value as per Treasury Records/Trial Balance</th>
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<td>13 - Office of the Prime Minister</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>10,200.00</td>
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3.10 Sub-head 07 - Debt Servicing records the yearly portion of debt repayments of public debts in respect of two (2) Heads of Expenditure that is Head 18 - Ministry of Finance and Head 19 - Charges on Account of the Public Debt. The actual expenditure under these two (2) Heads totalled $10,840,234,035.98 and constitutes 18.00% of total expenditure.

3.11 The total of principal and interest repayments under Head 18/Sub-head 07 - Debt Servicing was $1,291,959,842.18. This sum represents repayments of principal and interest on loans guaranteed which were previously secured by the State for some State Enterprises either through Letters of Comfort or Loans or Credits Guaranteed by the State and were not repaid by these agencies.

3.12 Principal and interest repayments in respect of loans shown on the Statement of Public Debt are serviced under Head 19 - Charges on Account of the Public Debt. Total amounts repaid under Head 19 totalled $9,548,274,193.80 and of this sum principal repayments totalled $5,246,257,727.13.

3.13 Other yearly Debt Servicing payments for certain State agencies and Statutory Authorities are brought to account under several Heads of Expenditure. These debt payments of $3,024,463,612.28 are recorded under 04/Current Transfers and Subsidies. Details of debt payments by relevant Heads of Expenditure are presented in Table 3.2 below:

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<th>Head</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Total ($)</th>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Office of the Prime Minister</td>
<td>68,389,595.10</td>
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</table>
Current Transfers

3.15 With effect from October 1, 2019, a Treasury decision was taken to decentralise the payment of contract gratuities to ministries and departments. Ministries and departments are now required to bring to account contract gratuities under 04 - Current Transfers and Subsides/007 - Households/40 - Gratuities to Contract Officers. Ministries and Departments Appropriation Statements recorded $183,345,509.83 expended to meet the payments of contract gratuities.

Table 3.3 Contract Gratuity Payments as per Appropriation Account 2022

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<tr>
<th>Head</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>2022 ($)</th>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Office of the Prime Minister</td>
<td>4,477,480.44</td>
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Commitments

3.16 Commitments are recorded in the vote books of Ministries and Departments to record future payment obligations and to reserve funds to meet such payment obligations during the financial year. Therefore, in a financial year uncommitted balances of budgeted funds are available to meet expenditures that are supported by invoices. At the start of a new financial year, commitments recorded in the previous financial year that remained unpaid are brought forward in the vote books.

3.17 Comptroller of Accounts Circular No. 15 dated July 27, 2022 required ministries and departments to present in the Notes to the accounts at Note 21(i) of the Appropriation Accounts a statement showing total outstanding commitments in respect of each sub-head of expenditure as at September 30, 2022. Presented below in Table 3.4 are the commitments recorded by Ministries and Departments at Note 21(i) of their Appropriation Accounts.
Table 3.4 Commitments as per Note 2l(i)

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<th>Head</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Commitments as per Note 2l(i) ($)</th>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Office of the Prime Minister</td>
<td>566,676.02</td>
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Head 15 - The Office of the Prime Minister, Central Administrative Services Tobago (CAST)

Section D - Notes to the accounts

Note 7 - Total value ($) of Unpresented cheques as at September 30, 2022

3.24 A nil balance for unpresented cheques was disclosed at Note 7 to the Appropriation Account. This disclosure was not in agreement with the balance of $10,000,000.00 recorded on the Treasury Cards and Reconciliation of ‘Monthly Abstract of Payments and the List of Unpaid Cheques’ as at September 30, 2022.

Head 13 - Office of the Prime Minister

Project 701/13/004/14/C/008 - Refurbishment Works at the St. Jude’s Home for Girls

5.25 An error was noted in the Expenditure Statement in respect of disbursements made under the Infrastructure Development Fund for the financial year 2022, at Part A – Summary of Releases and Expenditure. There was an adjustment of $183,000.00 to the Estimate figure, however, under the Adjustment column the amount was erroneously stated as $833,000.00. As a result, the Revised Allocation of $96,657,000.00 should have been stated as $96,007,000.00. This resulted in the surplus reflected in the Financial Statement to be overstated by $650,000.00.
Key Statement from 2022/2023 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the reading of the Appropriation (Financial Year 2023) Bill, 2022, the following statements were made in relation to the emphases of the Office of the Prime Minister:

“The Office of the Prime Minister is responsible for the provision of professional and coordinated support services to the Prime Minister, as well as the execution of the operational business of key portfolios which includes: Government Communications; Gender and Child Affairs; Central Administrative Services, Tobago; Ecclesiastical Affairs; and the coordination of the national response to HIV/AIDS… The Office of the Prime Minister has positioned itself to provide centralized communication and critical support services for addressing the needs of the most vulnerable in our society.

Thus, in alignment with this year’s budget theme: Tenacity and Stability in the Face of Global Challenges, the Office of the Prime Minister will prioritize its key activities, programmes and projects that promote services and partnerships with key actors to ensure the well-being of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. It is without a doubt that this year has been a challenging one for men, women and children. It is against this backdrop that I want to remind this House of the unwavering commitment of the Government in the area of care and protection of our nation’s children…

The Government tackled this problem head on with the appointment of the team appointed to conduct an independent investigation into the abuse of children at children’s homes, rehabilitation centres and other institutions, which provide residential care for children. An interministerial task force was appointed soon after to examine the report of the team and to put forward action items for recommendations contained in the report. I am happy to point out that a special line Item was created and an allocation provided to allow us at GCA to commence

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implementation. It is anticipated that the child protection system would be significantly enhanced offering our children the best care and protection in 2023…

This year’s budget allocation allows the Office of the Prime Minister to maintain focus and commitment towards:

1. Improving a Government provision of public information and communication services to keep our citizens properly informed and abreast with all that is happening in the country;
2. Working with key stakeholders to improve the protection of our children and the vulnerable men and women as well as those living with HIV and AIDS; and
3. Expanding the in-place systems and support services for supporting those vulnerable persons in need. ”

- Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
  Hon. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP
Supplementation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2023

During fiscal 2023, 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 Office of the Prime Minister requested and was granted the following supplementations:

Recurrent Expenditure - $125,502,845

02/001/65 – Expenses of Cabinet Appointed Bodies - $9,000,000
Supplementary funding is required to meet expenditure incurred by the Commission of Enquiry established to examine and enquire into the incidents which occurred on February 25, 2022 at facilities owned by the Paria Fuel Trading Company Limited (Paria).

02/001/66 – Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and other Functions - $14,500,000
The sum is required to meet payments to the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (UDeCOTT) for its execution of activities associated with the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) of the Independence of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; to meet the cost of hosting the recently concluded ‘Regional Symposium on Crime and Violence as a Public Health Issue’; as well as expenditure projected to September 30, 2023.

04/007/03 – Children’s Authority - $62,500,000
This sum is required to meet costs associated with the revision of the organizational structure of the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago. This revision will result in increased personnel costs, accommodation requirements, procurement of additional goods and

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services and items of minor equipment as well as the creation of an Internal Security Department to provide oversight and security to all Children’s residences.

04/011/10 – UDECOTT – Principal Payment on TT$226.461Mn Fixed Rate Loan - $22,646,143
Funding is required to meet the 1st installment on the principal payment on a Loan secured for the San Fernando Waterfront Redevelopment Project.

04/011/11 – UDECOTT – Interest Payment on TT$226.461Mn Fixed Rate Loan - $3,256,702
The sum is required to meet the 1st installment on the interest payment on a Loan secured for the San Fernando Waterfront Redevelopment Project.

06/004/53 – National Library and Information System (NALIS) - $13,600,000
This sum is required to enable the National Library and Information System (NALIS) to meet operational expenses to September 30, 2023 under the following sub-items:

- Telephones - $1,600,000;
- Rent/Lease - Vehicles & Equipment - $1,500,000;
- Repairs & Maintenance - Buildings. - $4,500,000;
- Security Services - $6,000,000.
Overview of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2023

SOCIAL PROTECTION

Child Development

A total of $9.4 million was provided to the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CATT) for the implementation of projects geared towards the care and protection of children. Of this sum, $4.0 million was utilised for the following:

- expansion of the Database Management System under the project Records Management System – Phase 2;
- review of the backlog of cases by the Child Service Associates; and
- commencement of the refurbishment of a property in Piparo for the Establishment of a Consolidated Child Support Centre at Piparo.

In an effort to provide facilities for children with behavioural challenges and poor mental health, the CATT identified a property located at #58 Studley Park in Tobago, for the establishment of a Reception Centre. The scope of works for the proposed Reception Centre was revised by the CATT in fiscal 2023.

A sum of $9.0 million was allocated to the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) for the design and construction of a Drug Rehabilitation Centre Community Residence in Tobago. The tendering phase for the project has been completed and the approval for the award of the contract is pending. The Drug Rehabilitation Centre will accommodate a total of forty (40) boys, who are required to participate in substance abuse programmes as mandated by the Children’s Court.

The safety and security of residents at children’s homes remain a top priority of the OPM. As such, the OPM continued the reconstruction of a perimeter wall and upgrade of the flooring at the St. Dominic’s Home for Children in Belmont. Additionally, the sum of $0.8 million was utilised for the completion of the electrical upgrade at the St Jude’s School for Girls in Belmont.

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Refurbishment of Safe Houses

The Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) was engaged by the OPM to conduct a feasibility study and develop the scope of works for the reconstruction of the sewerage systems at two (2) safe houses. Both activities have commenced. Additionally, the Gender Affairs Division of the OPM initiated the development of the scope of works for a Domestic Violence Shelter and a Rehabilitative Centre for Male Perpetrators of Domestic Violence.

Historical Buildings

Investments totalling $67.2 million were provided for the restoration of historical buildings, which seeks to preserve the features of various historical buildings. A total of $20.5 million was utilised for the payment of outstanding commitments for the restoration of the President’s House, the Prime Minister’s Residence in Tobago, Queen’s Royal College and the Whitehall.
The Office of the Prime Minister’s total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2018 to 2024

<table>
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<th>Total Allocation</th>
<th>National Budget</th>
<th>Percentage of National Budget</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>$241,032,641</td>
<td>$54,211,726,813</td>
<td>0.44%</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$244,825,694</td>
<td>$54,581,467,181</td>
<td>0.45%</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>$301,792,850</td>
<td>$57,388,076,726</td>
<td>0.53%</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>$466,595,017</td>
<td>$56,498,472,820</td>
<td>0.83%</td>
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<td>2022</td>
<td>$534,807,676</td>
<td>$58,974,346,470</td>
<td>0.91%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2023</td>
<td>$610,934,965</td>
<td>$67,063,358,456</td>
<td>0.91%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2024</td>
<td>$662,649,524</td>
<td>$68,384,229,740</td>
<td>0.97%</td>
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- Total allocation for the Office of the Prime Minister as a percentage of the National Budget illustrated an increase in the allocation by 0.06% between fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

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10 For the Fiscal Years 2018-2022, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024.

11 Total Allocation for the Office of the Prime Minister = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund

12 The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme: Consolidated Fund
Where the Office of the Prime Minister Spends Its Money

2024 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of $734,626,524 for the Office of the Prime Minister is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of $600,192,524\(^\text{13}\);
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum of $134,434,000\(^\text{14}\):
  - Consolidated Fund in the sum of $62,457,000; and
  - Infrastructure Development Fund\(^\text{15}\) of the sum of $71,977,000.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure – $47,611,550;
- 02 Goods and Services - $96,086,070;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases - $740,000;
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies - $315,754,904; and
- 06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies - $140,000,000.

The Office of the Prime Minister’s:

- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure is 0.92%;
- Consolidated Fund as percentage of the total Consolidated Fund is 1.94%; and


\(^{15}\) 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 Office of the Prime Minister does not include the IDF funding.
- Infrastructure Development Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Infrastructure Development Fund is 2.4%.
### Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the Period 2018-2024

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<td>01 Personnel Expenditure</td>
<td>$21,802,369</td>
<td>$22,124,117</td>
<td>$21,986,100</td>
<td>$44,583,056</td>
<td>$45,995,070</td>
<td>$46,738,100</td>
<td>$47,611,550</td>
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<tr>
<td>02 Goods and Services</td>
<td>$7,375,820</td>
<td>$6,796,231</td>
<td>$8,029,989</td>
<td>$8,158,540</td>
<td>$8,817,191</td>
<td>$11,945,823</td>
<td>$9,608,670</td>
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<td>03 Minor Equipment Purchases</td>
<td>$230,370</td>
<td>$115,4802</td>
<td>$109,7406</td>
<td>$137,5063</td>
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<td>04 Current Transfers and Subsidies</td>
<td>$14,008,406</td>
<td>$14,853,314</td>
<td>$19,1863,817</td>
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<td>06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies</td>
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<td>$0</td>
<td>$12,397,481</td>
<td>$14,007,120</td>
<td>$14,877,200</td>
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**2022 Actual - $524,159,266**

- **$249,319,308; 47%**  
- **$88,171,791; 17%**  
- **$140,071,120; 27%**  
- **$45,995,070; 9%**  
- **$601,977; 0%**

**01 Personnel Expenditure**
**02 Goods and Services**
**03 Minor Equipment Purchases**
**04 Current Transfers and Subsidies**
**06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies**

**2023 Revised Estimates - $589,744,930**

- **$273,634,095; 47%**  
- **$119,458,235; 20%**  
- **$148,772,000; 25%**  
- **$46,738,100; 8%**  
- **$114,2,500; 0%**

**01 Personnel Expenditure**
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**06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies**
2024 Estimates - $600,192,524

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: $140,000,000
- 02 Goods and Services: $47,611,550
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: $96,086,070
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: $740,000
- 06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies: $315,754,904
Analysis of Recurrent Expenditure

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses, which are incurred during the day-to-day operations for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2024 is $600,192,524.

- Recurrent Expenditure (Revised) for Fiscal Year 2023 was $589,744,930. Comparing this figure with Fiscal Year 2024, there is an increase of $10,447,594 or 1.8%.

- The 2024 estimates of Personnel Expenditure represent 8% of the Office of the Prime Minister’s total recurrent allocation.

- The largest portion of the allocation has consistently gone to Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers & Subsidies over the period 2018-2024. Comparing Fiscal Year 2023 to 2024, there was an increase of $42,120,809 or 15.4%.

- Sub Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases received the lowest portion of the total allocation over the period 2018 to 2024, Comparing 2023 to 2024, there was a decrease of $402,500 or 35.2%.

- Sub Head 02 Goods and Services received the second largest portion of the allocation over the period 2018-2020. However, Sub-Head 06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies received the second largest portion of the allocation over the period 2021-2024. This allocation experienced a decrease of $8,772,000 or 5.9% in fiscal 2024 compared to fiscal 2023. No allocation was given to Sub-Head 06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies during the period 2018-2020.
Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for fiscal year 2024 is $68,142,030 which is a decrease of $5,471,605 or approximately 7.4% from the last fiscal year 2023. The diagram below provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff and pay for 2022-2024.

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Unique Expenditure to the Office of the Prime Minister

Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Office of the Prime Minister that may not feature in other ministries or departments\(^{18}\)

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Expenses of Prime Minister's Establishment

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Item 02-001-31
Expenses of Cabinet Appointed Bodies: National Security Council and Commissions and Committees

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Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2018-2024

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 $134,434,000 for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2024 is presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund in the sum of $62,457,000 and represent 46.5% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund in the sum of $71,977,000 and represent 53.5% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.

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Preview of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2024

SOCIAL PROTECTION

Refurbishment of Safe Houses

The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) will continue the renovation of residential properties for the establishment of two (2) safe houses for survivors of domestic violence, for the design and reconstruction of the sewerage systems at the two (2) properties. A total of $2.2 million will be allocated for the reconstruction of the sewerage systems at the two (2) properties. Furthermore, a total of $3.0 million will be allocated for the reconstruction of two (2) domestic violence shelters. Once operational, the safe houses will provide accommodation and social support services for survivors to ensure their smooth reintegration into society.

Child Development

A total of $10.8 million will be provided to the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CATT) for the following:

- the continued refurbishment and purchase of furniture and vehicles for the property at Piparo for the establishment of a Consolidated Child Support Centre.
- the establish a Reception Centre in Tobago for children with behavioural challenges and poor mental health. An allocation of $1.0 million will be provided for the refurbishment of a property located at Studley Park in Tobago, as well as for outfitting with IT equipment.
- in addition, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) will continue the construction of a perimeter wall at the St. Dominic’s Home for Children in Belmont, with an allocation of $0.9 million.

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HIV and AIDS

The National AIDS Coordinating Committee (NACC) of the OPM will undertake activities for the finalisation of the National HIV and AIDS Policy in fiscal 2024. The sum of $0.1 million will be allocated for the project **Finalization, Launch and Dissemination of the National HIV and AIDS Policy** and also to facilitate payment of the final fees to the consultant.

Regional Development Initiatives

The revitalisation of Port of Spain is a priority development initiative aimed at establishing the capital city as a premier location for commerce, culture and entertainment. The restoration of Port of Spain will improve the residential and commercial environment and the economic viability of both the capital city and the country. The GORTT, through the UDeCOTT, will continue to undertake the project with an allocation of $12.0 million under the OPM for the following:

- Memorial Plaza Development;
- Salvatori Development;
- Piccadilly Housing Development;
- Powergen Development;
- the Redevelopment of City Gate;
- Inter-City Transit Tram System; and
- Foreshore Green Space.

Historical Buildings

The restoration of historical buildings continues to play an integral role in the preservation of the rich culture and heritage of Trinidad and Tobago. As such, the sum of $5.4 million will be provided for the restoration of two (2) historical buildings in Port of Spain - Hayes Court and the Trinity Cathedral. An allocation of $0.3 million will be provided for the payment of retention fees for the restoration of the Hayes Court, located at #21, Maraval Road, Port of Spain. The restoration of the Trinity Cathedral, located at #30, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain, will receive an allocation of $5.0 million for construction works and the payment of project management fees.
## Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates 2022-2024

The table below lists the projects that have been noted due to uncharacteristic variances in estimates for funding over the period 2022-2024:21

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<td>Refurbishment of Two (2) Safe Houses</td>
<td>$128,181</td>
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<td>CF-09-004-14-C108</td>
<td>Retraining of Women in Small and Micro Enterprise Development</td>
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<td>CF-09-005-06-A009</td>
<td>Upgrade and Outfitting of National Archives Facility</td>
<td>$890,097</td>
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<td>Construction of Prime Minister’s (Tobago) Residence</td>
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<td>Construction of Diego Martin Library</td>
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<td>IDF-13-005-06-F024</td>
<td>Construction of La Horquetta Library</td>
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New Projects for the Financial Year 2023

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<td>Training Wards for Self Sufficiency</td>
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<td>One-off Grant for Community Residences</td>
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<td>CF-09-005-06-A018</td>
<td>Administration of Motion Picture Exhibition in Trinidad and Tobago</td>
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<td>Upgrade of Transmission and Broadcasting Systems</td>
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<td>Digitisation of Agriculture</td>
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<td>Develop and Deploy an Integrated Web-based Application System</td>
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<td>Enhance ICT Service Delivery</td>
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<td>Implement a Visitor Management System at OPM</td>
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<td>Public Library Refurbishment</td>
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<td>Pilot Implementation of the Revised Operations and Management Model for State-Owned Domestic Violence Shelters</td>
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<td>Strengthening the Research and Data Analytical Capacity of the ITAC in support of the Strategic Early Warning Process</td>
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<td>Institutional Strengthening of TTT Limited</td>
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