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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Office of the President for the period 2023-2027. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Office of the President's responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information in the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Office of the President and provide readers with an analysis of that information. This guide is based primarily on:

- [the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2027](#); and
- [the Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2027](#);

Overview of Head 01: Office of the President

\$22,075,800 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	\$500,000 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
\$22,575,800 2027 Total Allocation¹	0.03 % % of National Budget²

¹ Total Allocation = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme

² National Budget is calculated by adding the Total Recurrent Expenditure and Total Consolidated Fund. 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 President does not include the IDF funding. Therefore, Percentage of the National Budget = [(Office of the President's Recurrent Expenditure + Office of the President 's Consolidated Fund) ÷ (National Budget)] × 100

About the Office of the President

Executive Leadership

Secretary to Her Excellency: Mrs. Cheryl-Ann Jackman-Waldron³



Overview

The Office of the President is the Department in the Public Service responsible for providing support services to the President in the execution of his/her functions and duties as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (the Constitution). This group of public service professionals, headed by the Secretary to the President (the Accounting Officer), is responsible for the management of the public funds at the Office of the President.

The Office of President is quasi-ceremonial in nature. Many, but not all of the roles and functions of the President are enshrined in the Constitution. Below are some of the main functions of the President:⁴

Main roles and functions

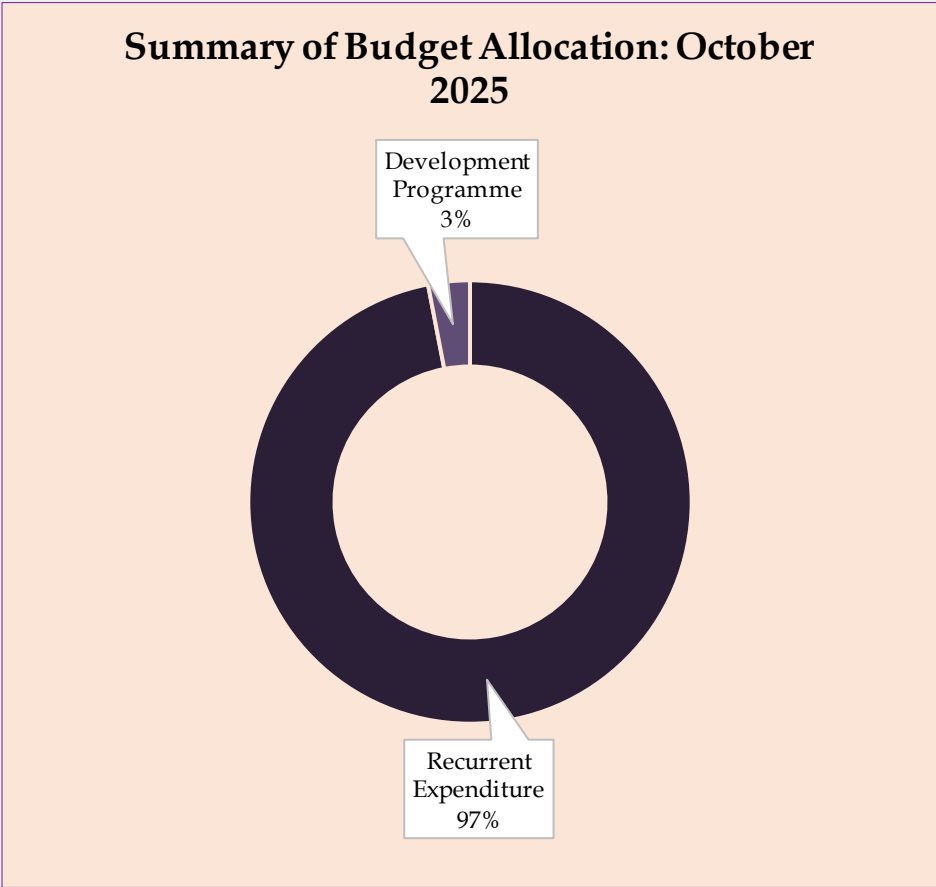
- Head of State;
- Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces;
- Executive authority of Trinidad and Tobago;
- Appointment of the Prime Minister;
- Appointment of the Leader of the Opposition;
- Appointment of the Executive (inclusive of Senators) upon advice of the Prime Minister and the Opposition Members, upon the advice of the Leader of the Opposition;
- Assents Bills passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate before they can become law

³ Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 81 of 2025 dated May 23, 2025, accessed August 13, 2026, https://defence.gov.tt/documents/d/ministry-of-defence/gazette_no-81_of_2025

⁴ Office of the President website. Accessed on August 24, 2026: <https://otp.tt/the-president/roles/>.

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	\$21,556,400
Development Programme	\$675,000
Total	\$22,231,400

Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026⁵

During fiscal year 2026, it was necessary to have a Supplementation of Appropriation of resources to fund urgent and critical Recurrent in areas where insufficient allocation was provided. The source of these additional funds was the Consolidated Fund. The Office of the President requested and was granted the following supplementations:

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Recurrent Expenditure: \$1,000,000

01/001/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - \$1,000,000

To facilitate the payment of Salaries to the end of the fiscal year.

⁵Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2026/2027), Thirteenth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary and Variation Appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed: August 05, 2026. Available: <https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf>

Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026⁶

During fiscal year 2026, it was necessary to have a Variation of Appropriation of resources to fund urgent and critical recurrent expenditure in areas where insufficient allocation was provided. The source of these additional funds was the Ministry of Finance. The Office of the President requested and was granted the following variation:

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Recurrent Expenditure: \$1,000,000

01/001/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - \$1,000,000

To replenish funds utilized to pay an advance on the arrears of Salaries owed to officers.

⁶ Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2026/2027), Thirteenth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary and Variation Appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed: July 02, 2026. Available: <https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf>

The Office of the President's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2023-2027

Year ⁷	Total Allocation ⁸	National Budget ⁹	Percentage of National Budget
2023	\$25,592,220	\$69,379,928,103.00	0.04%
2024	\$19,021,540	\$63,674,007,590.00	0.03%
2025	\$18,797,975	\$65,450,506,594	0.03%
2026	\$18,890,100	\$76,782,919,774	0.02%
2027	\$22,575,800	\$73,542,254,357	0.03%

⁷ For the Fiscal Years 2023-2025, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2026 (Revised) and 2027.

⁸ Total Allocation for the Office of the President = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure

⁹ The National Budget = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

The Office of the President’s Total Allocation as a Percentage of the National Budget by Subhead

0.03% Recurrent Expenditure¹⁰	0.02% Consolidated Fund¹¹
0.03% Total Percentage¹²	

¹⁰ Recurrent Expenditure as a Percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure = $\left(\frac{\text{Office of the President's Recurrent Expenditure}}{\text{Total Recurrent Expenditure}}\right) \times 100$

¹¹ Consolidated Fund as a Percentage of Total Consolidated Fund = $\left(\frac{\text{Office of the President's Consolidated Fund Allocation}}{\text{Total Consolidated Fund}}\right) \times 100$

¹² Percentage of the National Budget = $\left[\frac{(\text{Office of the President's Recurrent Expenditure} + \text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund})}{\text{National Budget}}\right] \times 100$

Where the Office of the President spends its money



01 Personnel Expenditure:

\$4,447,700



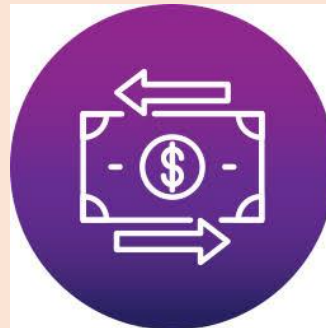
03 Minor Equipment Purchases:

\$417,900



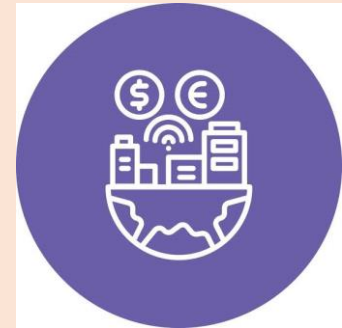
02 Goods and Services:

\$16,710,200



04 Current Transfers and Subsidies:

\$500,000

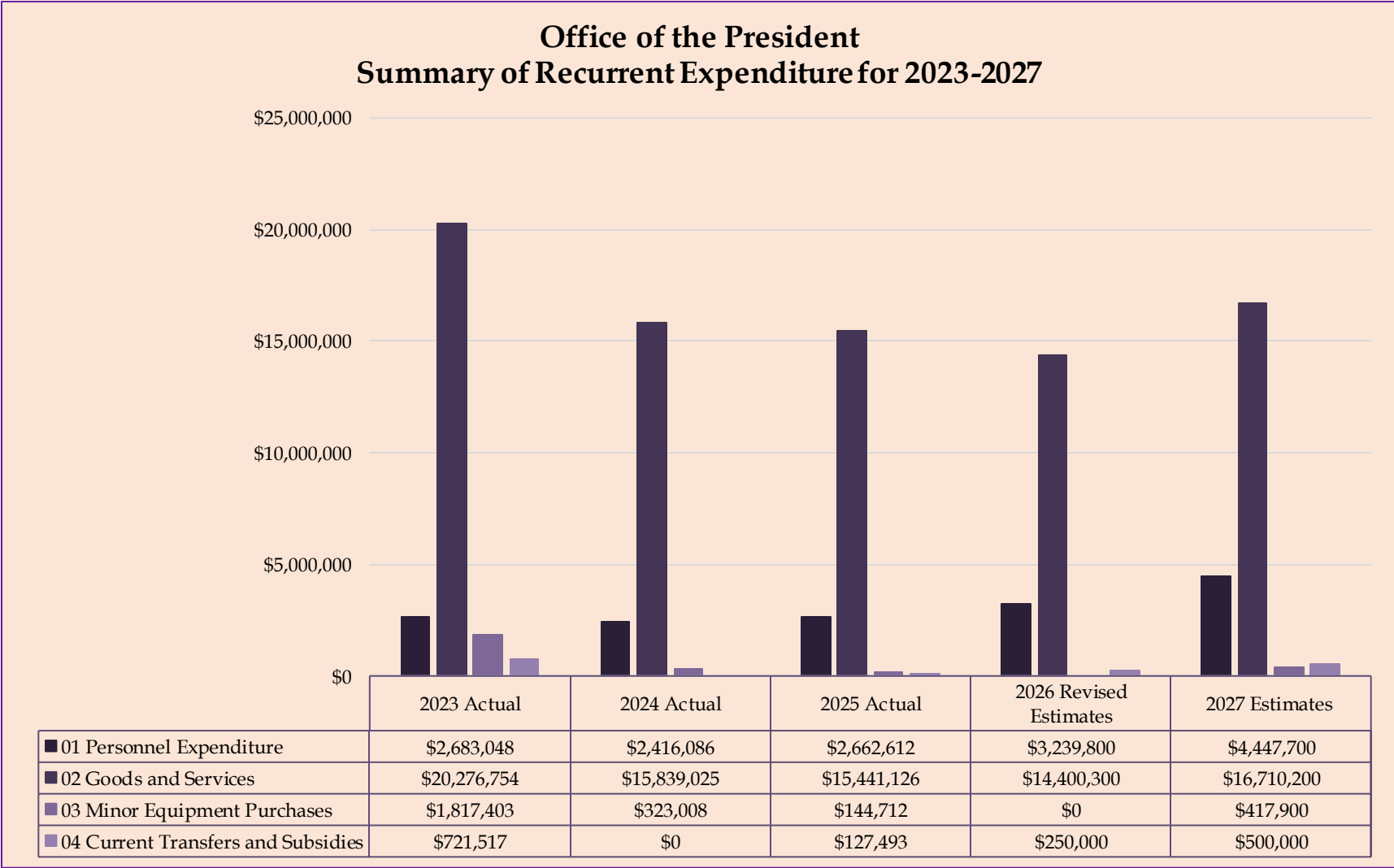


Consolidated Fund (DP):

\$500,000

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2023 - 2027¹³

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Office of the President’s Recurrent Expenditure for the fiscal years 2023 - 2027.



¹³ Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>

Analysis of Summary of Recurrent Expenditure¹⁴

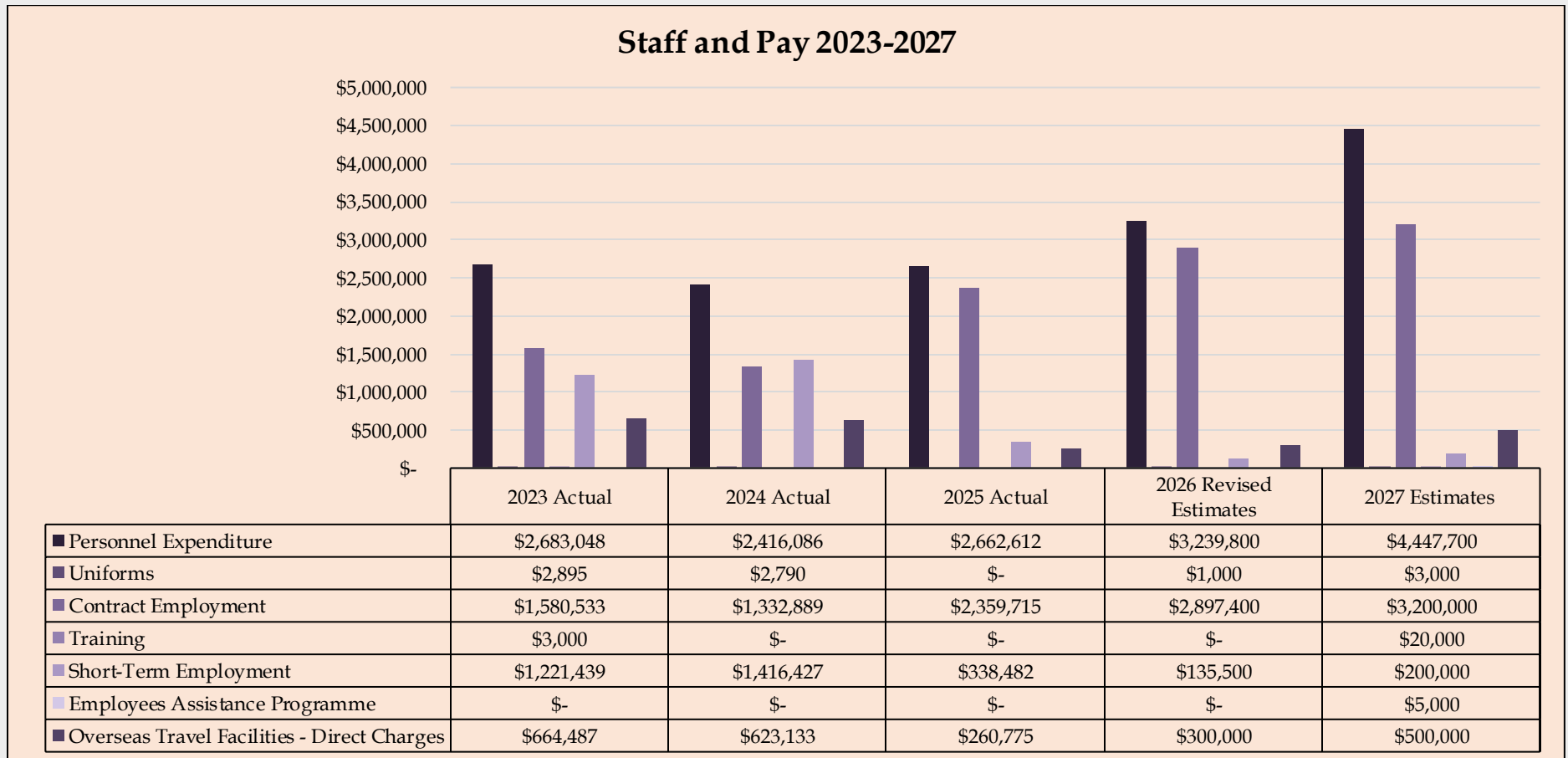
Recurrent Expenditure refers to the expenditure incurred in the day-to-day operations of the Office of the President for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies.

- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **\$22,075,800**.
- Recurrent Expenditure (**revised**) for Fiscal Year 2026 was **\$17,890,100**. A comparison between Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 shows that there was an **increase** of **23.40%** in allocation in FY 2027.
- **Sub-Head 01 Personnel Expenditure** received the **second largest** portion of the allocation, receiving approximately **20.15%** of the Office of the President's Recurrent Expenditure.
- The **largest** portion of the allocation has consistently gone to **Sub-Head 02 Goods and Services**. In Fiscal Year 2027, this Sub-Head accounted for approximately **75.70%** of the Office of the President's total recurrent funding. Over the period 2023-2027, this allocation has fluctuated between **85.26%** (2024) and **75.70%** (2027) of recurrent expenditure.
- **Sub-Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases** received the **lowest** portion of the total recurrent allocation for the Office of the President's in Fiscal Year 2027 accounting for **1.89%**.
- **Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies** accounted for **2.26%** of the Office of the President's recurrent allocation for Fiscal Year 2027.

¹⁴ Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>

Staff and Pay

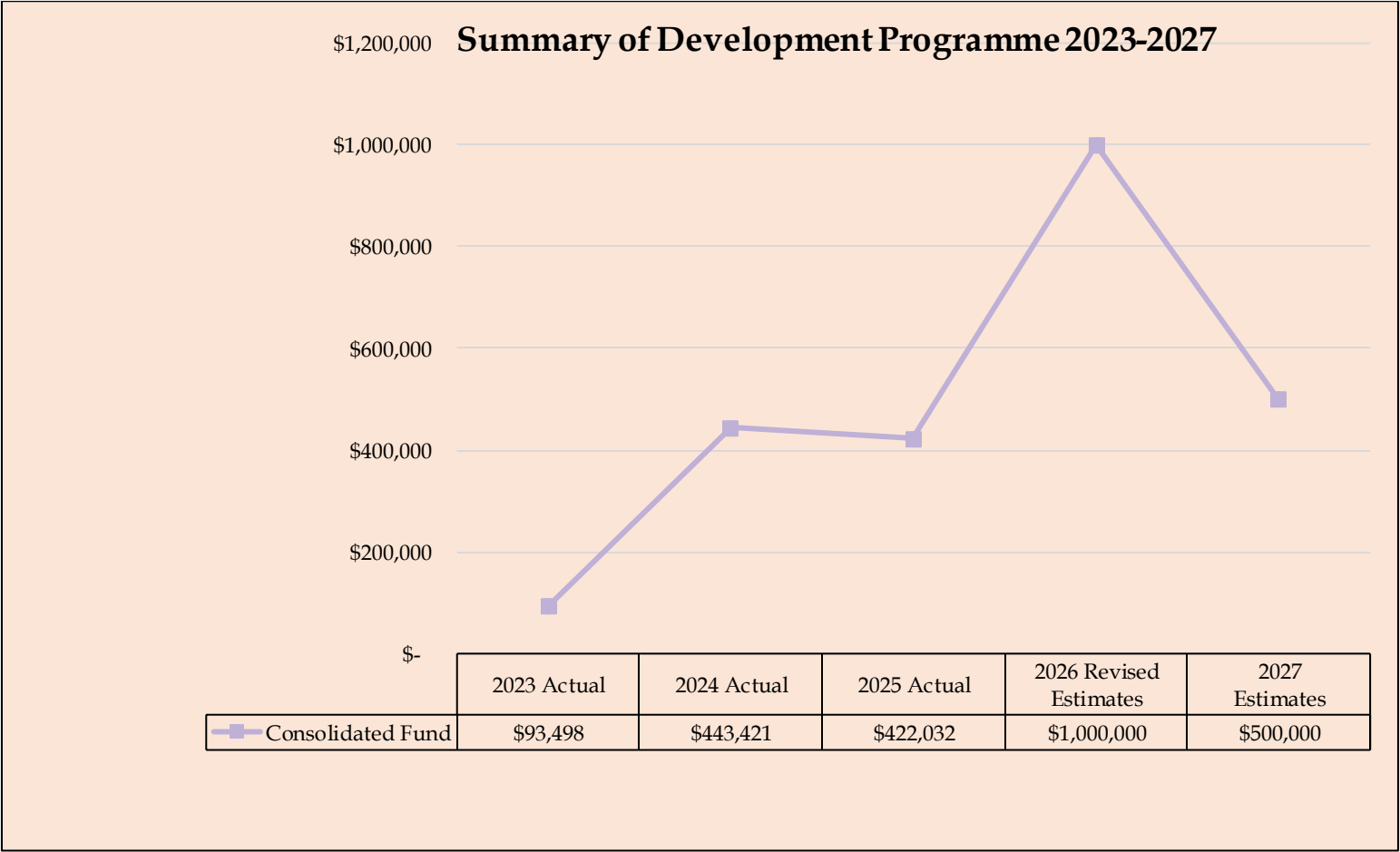
The allocation of staff related expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is \$ 8,408,100 which represents an **increase** of approximately **27.32%** or **\$1,804,100** from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised). The following chart provides a breakdown of staff-related expenditure for the period 2023 to 2027¹⁵.



¹⁵ Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2023-2027

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 to the Office of the President for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2027 = \$500,000¹⁶. These funds are disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund.



¹⁶ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf>

Details of the Consolidated Fund by Item¹⁷



004 Social Infrastructure:

\$ 500,000

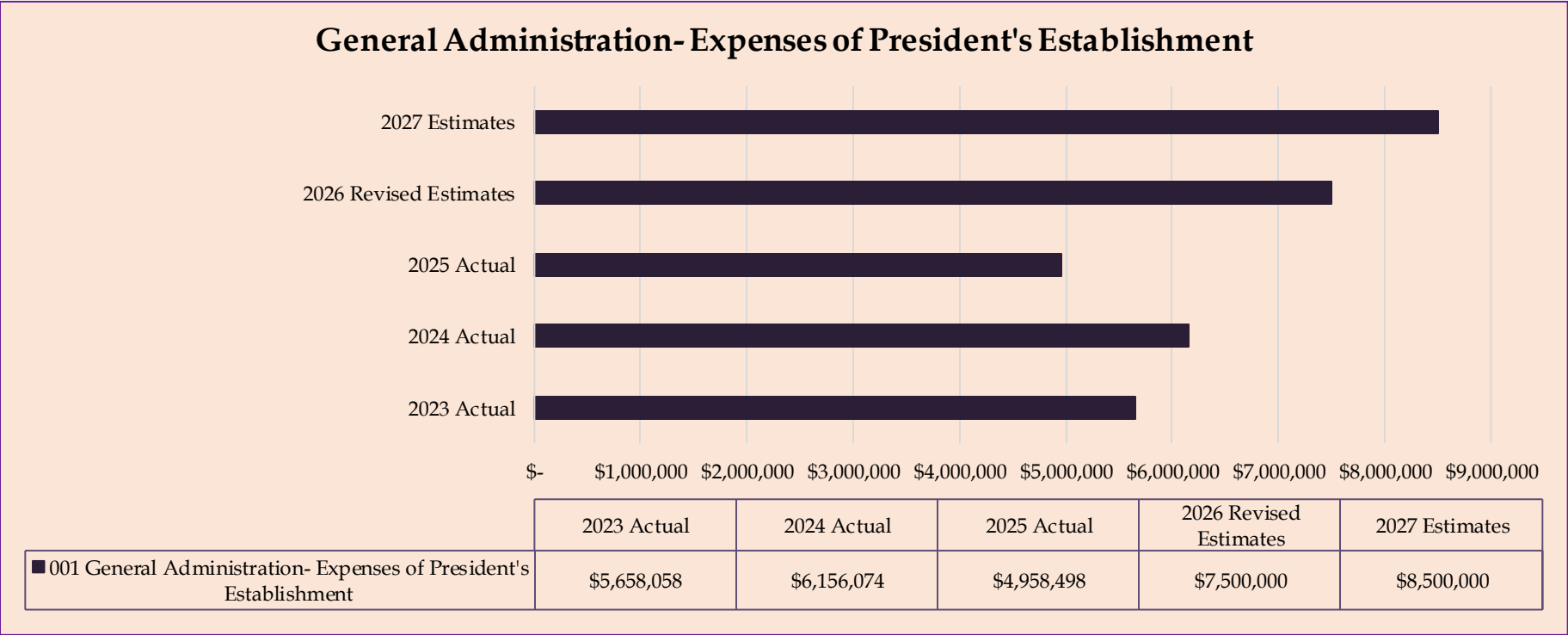
¹⁷ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf>

Expenditure Unique to the Office of the President¹⁸

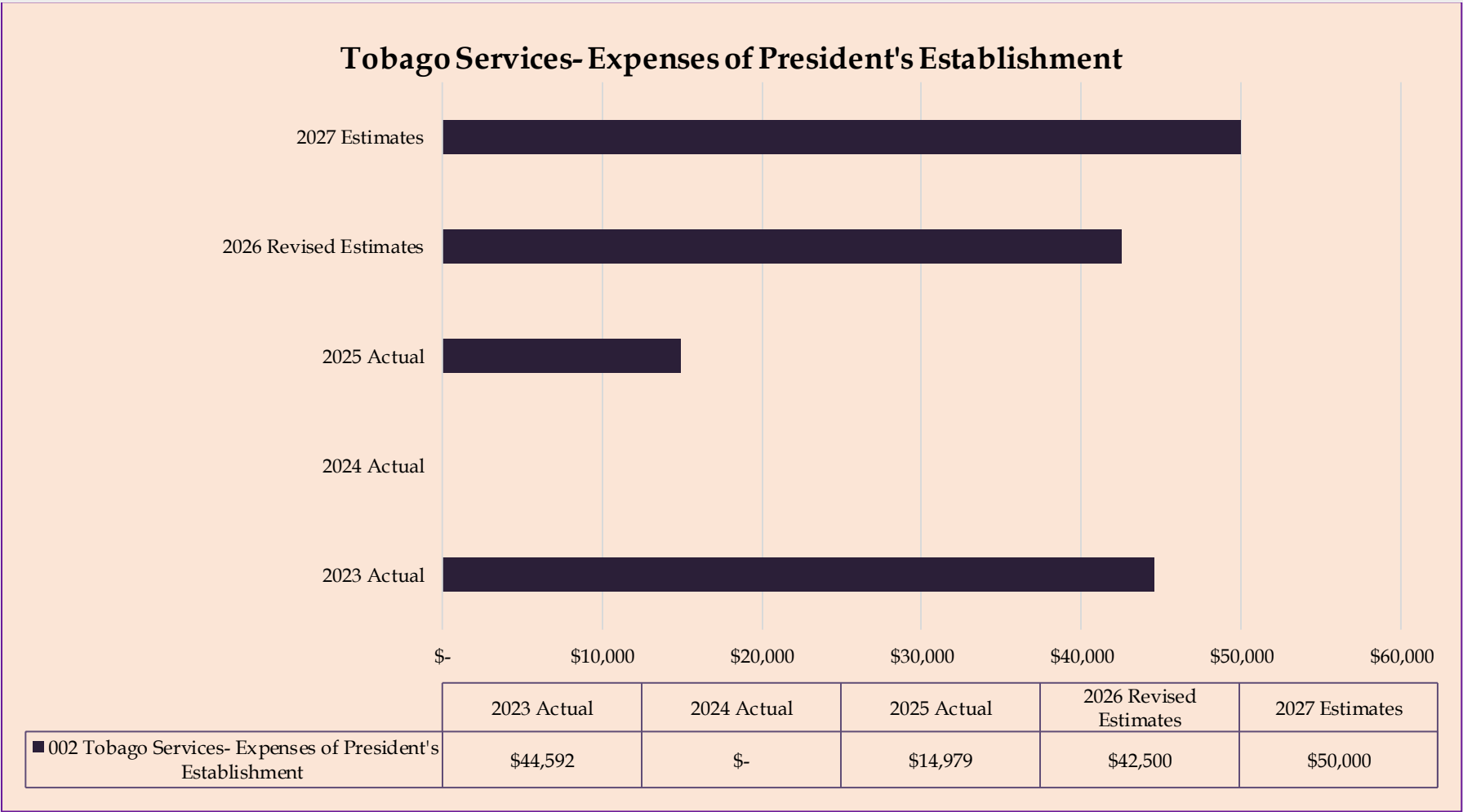
Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Office of the President that may not feature in other Ministries or Departments.

Allocations for Expenses of President's Establishment under Sub-Head 02 -001 General Administration and 002 Tobago Services have fluctuated over the period 2023-2027:

- 001 General Administration: For Fiscal Year 2027 there is an **increase** of **\$1,000,000** or **13.33%** from the previous fiscal 2026 (Revised).
- 002 Tobago Services: For Fiscal Year 2027 there is an **increase** of **\$7,500** or **17.65%** from the previous fiscal 2026 (Revised).



¹⁸ Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>



Term	Definition
Budget	An itemized summary of estimated or intended expenditures for a given period along with proposals for financing them. The budget is the main economic policy tool of the government and indicates how it plans to use public resources to meet policy goals.
Budget Statement	A listing of planned revenue and expenditure for a given period of time.
Consolidated Fund	This fund refers to all revenues (taxes, custom duties and interest) or other monies raised or received by Trinidad and Tobago. Funds appropriated by Parliament and authorized for meeting expenditure for the service of Trinidad and Tobago are taken from the Consolidated Fund.
Departments	Departments refer to governmental organizations not headed by a Minister that deal with a particular area of interest that may cover matters where direct political oversight is inappropriate or unnecessary
Development Programme	Development Programme refers to capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes human resources, economic and social development. The monies used to fund Development Programme expenditure are derived from two sources namely the Consolidated Fund and the Infrastructure Development Fund
Draft Estimates Details of Recurrent Expenditure	This document provides details at sub-item level for a three-year period of the Recurrent Expenditure Budget for each Head of Expenditure and a Summary of Recurrent Expenditure totals by Head. It also includes a Chart of Accounts and classification of Expenditure Sub-items under the Personnel Expenditure, Goods & Services and Minor Equipment Purchases Sub-Heads.

Term	Definition
Draft Estimates of Development Programme	This document provides a summary and details of all projects for the Consolidated Fund covering a three-year period for the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries/Departments and the THA. It also includes a summary and details of projects falling under Head 701 - IDF for the same three-year period.
Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly	This document provides details of the Budget (Revenue/Income and Expenditure) at sub-item level for all Statutory Boards and other Similar Agencies and the Tobago House of Assembly (THA). It also includes a Chart of Accounts and classification of Expenditure Sub-items under the Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services and Minor Equipment Purchases Sub Heads.
Expenditure	Spending to fulfil a government obligation, generally by issuing a cheque or disbursing cash. Expenditure is sometimes distinguished between capital and current. Capital expenditures are investments in physical assets, such as roads and buildings that can be used for a number of years. Current expenditures reflect spending on wages, benefit payments, and other goods or services that are consumed immediately.
Head of Expenditure	This refers to all Ministries / Departments or State Agencies that make up the Schedule to the Appropriation Bill.
Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF)	This fund refers to the mechanism used, in the main, to finance capital projects being implemented by existing and newly established special-purpose state entities to execute projects assigned to them by ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and other state agencies. Importantly, monies utilized from this Fund must be approved by of the Parliament.

Term	Definition
Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP)	The Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) is a strategic investment management tool used by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to transform its vision and policies into tangible programmes and projects. The PSIP is aligned to the Policy Framework of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. This Framework articulates the Government's strategic vision to create a nation where families thrive, young people succeed, and communities grow stronger through responsible governance and forward-thinking policies. This vision is to be achieved through socio-economic transformation driven by strategic diversification, targeted investments, technological advancements, innovation, safer communities, sustainable employment opportunities, and robust public-private sector collaboration. In accordance with the Policy Framework of the Government of Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the planned programme of works will focus on advancing programmes and projects in the following priority sectors: • Agriculture and Food Security; • Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation, New Media, and Social Media; • Ease of Doing Business; • Economic Diversification; • Education Policy Direction; • Government Efficiency; • Healthcare Reform; • Crime and Justice Reform; • Housing; • Regenerative Economy; • Sports Development; • Tourism Growth; • Transport; • Youth Development; and • Workers Agenda.
Recurrent Expenditure	Recurrent expenditure refers to all payments other than for capital assets. Recurrent Expenditure for Trinidad and Tobago is broken down into the following subheads: Personnel Expenditure includes salaries of employees in the Public Service; Goods and Services includes office supplies, contract employment, maintenance of vehicles etc.; Minor Equipment Purchases includes wireless equipment, cell phones, vacuum cleaners, etc.; Current Transfers and Subsidies includes allocations

Term	Definition
	to non-profit institutions, regional organizations, state enterprises, etc.; and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies includes allocations to the Tobago House of Assembly, statutory boards and all local government bodies.
Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP)	The Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) delivers a people-first, systems-strong agenda, protecting vulnerable incomes, unlocking human capital, speeding healthcare throughput, building safe and resilient communities, and tightening value-for-money across the social sector. The SSIP is anchored in the Government's vision to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through its programmes and projects. The SSIP is guided by the Government's National Policy Framework.
Statutory Authority	"Statutory Authority" means a local authority and any commission, board, committee, council or body (whether corporate or unincorporated) established by or under an Act other than the Companies Act declared by the President under section 3 to be subject to the provisions of this Act.
State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP)	The State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP) focuses on capital infrastructure projects undertaken by State Enterprises and Statutory Authorities in the following areas: energy, electricity, transport, tourism, communication, education and training, community, housing, health, public order and safety and public administration. The SEIP is financed through internally generated funds and loans serviced by either the Agencies or Government.

General Useful Information

Documents	Web Link
Parliament Website	https:// www.ttparliament.org/
Parliament YouTube Channel	https:// www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvTAc3t8yEAlIM-Ck49lg
Budget Statement 2027	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/publications/national-budget/budget-statements/
Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf
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Public Sector Investment Programme 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TRINIDAD-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
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Public Sector Investment Programme Tobago 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TOBAGO-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
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