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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Office of the Prime Minister for the period 2023-2027. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry'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 2027;
- the Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2027;
- the Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly 2027; and
- the Public Sector Investment Programme 2027.

Overview of Head 13: Office of the Prime Minister

$445,718,600 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	$17,050,000 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
$462,768,600 2027 Total Allocation[1]	0.63% % of National Budget[2]

[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 Fiscal year. Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Office of the Prime Minister does not include the IDF funding.
Therefore, Percentage of the National Budget = [(Office of the Prime Minister 's Recurrent Expenditure + Office of the Prime Minister 's Consolidated Fund) ÷ (National Budget)] × 100

About the Office of the Prime Minister[3]

Executive Leadership

Prime Minister: The Honorable Kamla Persad-Bissessar S.C
Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister: The Honourable Barry Padarath
Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister: Senator the Honourable Darrell Allahar
Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister and Head of the Public Service: Ms. Natasha Barrow
Permanent Secretary of Central Administrative Services Tobago (CAST): Mr. Karl Murray

Mission:

To provide professional, coordinated, administrative and other support services to the Prime Minister in executing his/her constitutional responsibilities for Trinidad and Tobago.

Departments:

- Communications
- Government Printery
- National Archives
- Freedom of Information Unit
- Office of Information Commissioner
- Central Administrative Services, Tobago

State Enterprises:

Wholly Owned Enterprises:

- Golden Grove-Buccoo Limited
- National Commission for Self Help Limited
- TTT Limited (formerly CNMG)

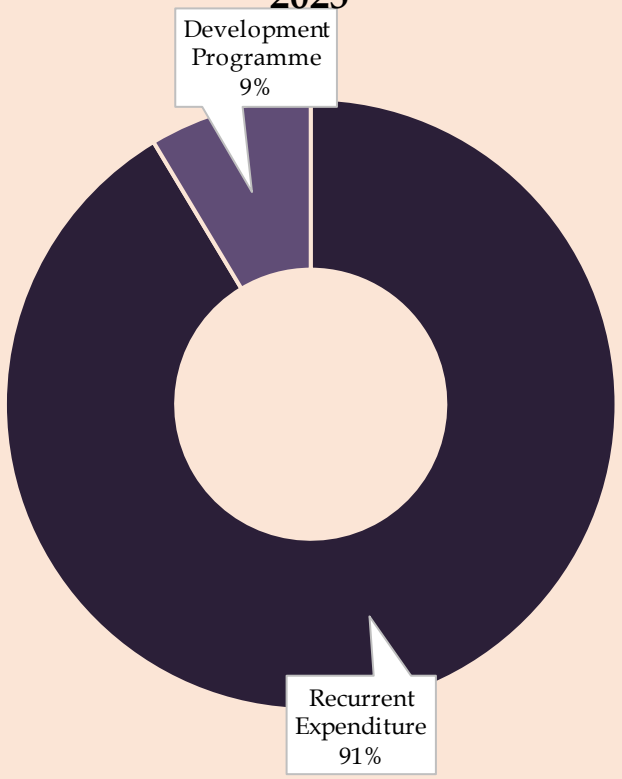
Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS)

[3] Gazette No. 146 dated October 4, 2025. Assessed on: https://printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2025/Gazette/Gazette_No._146_of_2025.pdf

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	$445,718,600
Development Programme	$17,050,000
Total	$462,768,600

Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026[4]

➢ Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026[5]

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 Prime Minister requested and was granted the following supplementations:

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16 – CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, TOBAGO

Recurrent Expenditure - $465,940

02/05/22: Short-Term Employment - Meteorological Services – $85,940

To supplement the provision to facilitate the payment of Salaries under short-term employment to the end of the fiscal year

02/005/23: Fees – Meteorological Services- $380,000

To meet the cost of subscription fees for the maintenance support of the Capella - GR GOES - 16 Satellite and the Vaisala Xweather Cloud base severe weather alert platform, for the period September 2024 to September 2026.

[4]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

[5]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

➢ Variation of Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026[6]

During fiscal year 2026, it was necessary to have a Variation 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 Ministry of Finance. The Office of the Prime Minister requested and was granted the following variations:

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Recurrent Expenditure: $2,703,000

01/001/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - Central Administrative Services, Tobago

(i) To replenish funds utilized to pay an advance on the arrears of Salaries owed to officers - $2,545,000; and

(ii) To facilitate the payment of allowances to monthly paid officers - $158,000.

[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 Ministry'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	$613,719,154	$68,722,894,573	0.89%
2024	$607,931,080	$63,674,007,590	0.95%
2025	$857,541,477	$65,450,506,594	1.31%
2026	$443,368,500	$76,782,919,774	0.58%
2027	$460,268,600	$73,542,254,357	0.63%

[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 Prime Minister =Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure
[9] The National Budget =Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

The Ministry's Total Allocation as a Percentage of the National Budget by Subhead

0.63%	0.57%
Recurrent Expenditure[10]	Consolidated Fund[11]

0.63%

Total Percentage[12]

[10] Recurrent Expenditure as a Percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure}}{\text{Total Recurrent Expenditure}}\right) \times 100$

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

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

Where the Office of the Prime Minister spends its money



01 Personnel Expenditure: **$97,875,400**



03 Minor Equipment Purchases: **$4,665,000**



06 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds and Similar Bodies: **$162,211,900**



Consolidated Fund (DP): **$14,550,000**



02 Goods and Services: **$104,092,800**



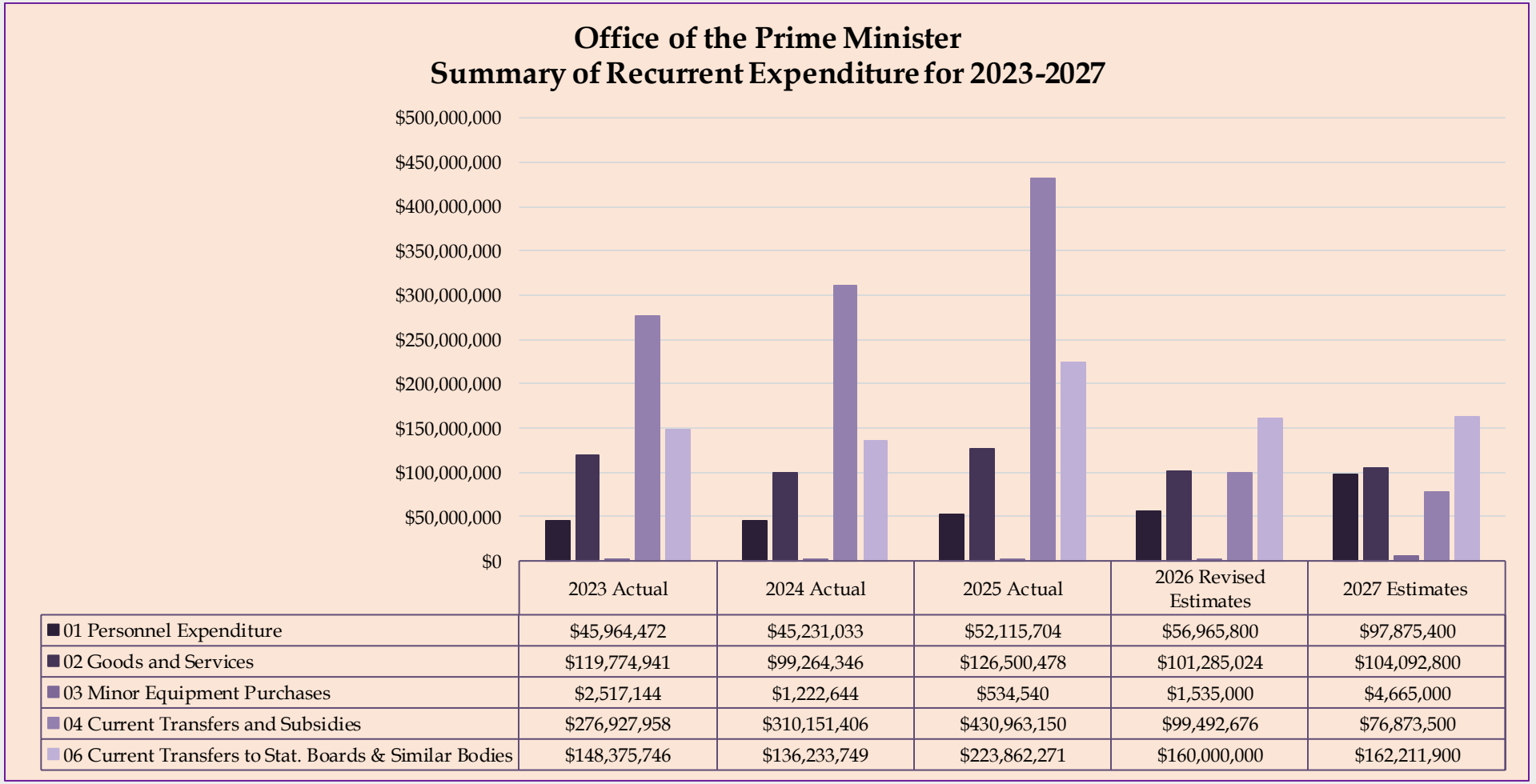
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: **$76,873,500**



IDF Infrastructure Development Fund:**$2,500,000**

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the 2023-2027[13]

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Office of the Prime Minister Recurrent Expenditure for the Fiscal years 2023-2027.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
01 Personnel Expenditure	$45,964,472	$45,231,033	$52,115,704	$56,965,800	$97,875,400
02 Goods and Services	$119,774,941	$99,264,346	$126,500,478	$101,285,024	$104,092,800
03 Minor Equipment Purchases	$2,517,144	$1,222,644	$534,540	$1,535,000	$4,665,000
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies	$276,927,958	$310,151,406	$430,963,150	$99,492,676	$76,873,500
06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards & Similar Bodies	$148,375,746	$136,233,749	$223,862,271	$160,000,000	$162,211,900

[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 Expenditure[14]

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Prime Minister for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases, Current Transfers and Subsidies and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **$445,718,600**.

- Recurrent Expenditure **(Revised)** for Fiscal Year 2026 was **$419,278,500**. Comparing this figure with the estimated figure for Recurrent Expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the allocation increased by **$26,440,100** or **6.3%.**

- Sub-Head 06 **Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies** received the **largest percentage (36%)** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.

- Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** received the **second largest percentage (23%)** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.

- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received **22%** of the 2027 budgetary allocation**.**

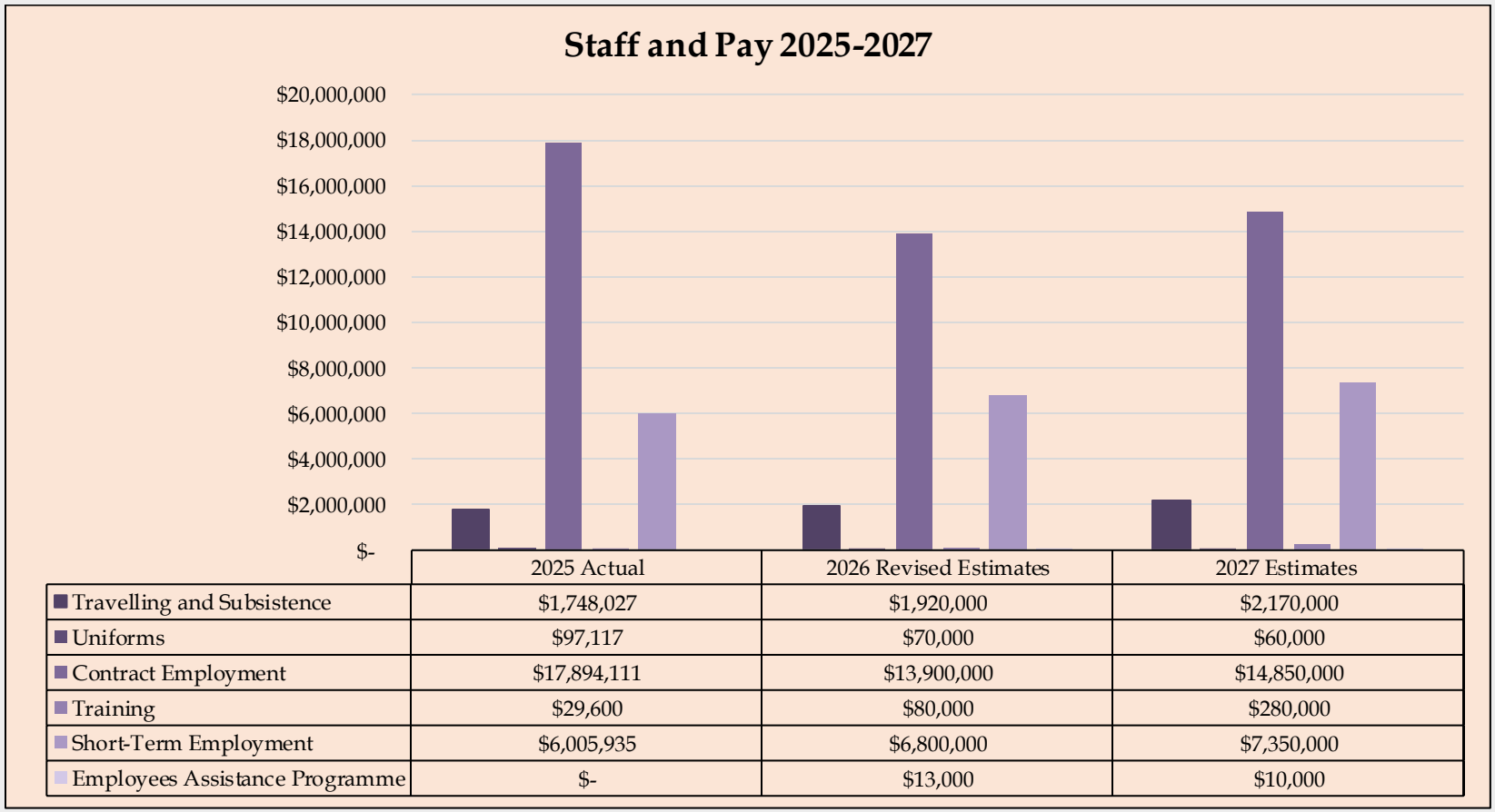
- Sub-Head 04 **Current Transfers and Subsidies** received **17%** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.

- Sub-Head 03 **Minor Equipment Purchases** received the **lowest percentage (1%)** of the total allocation for fiscal 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

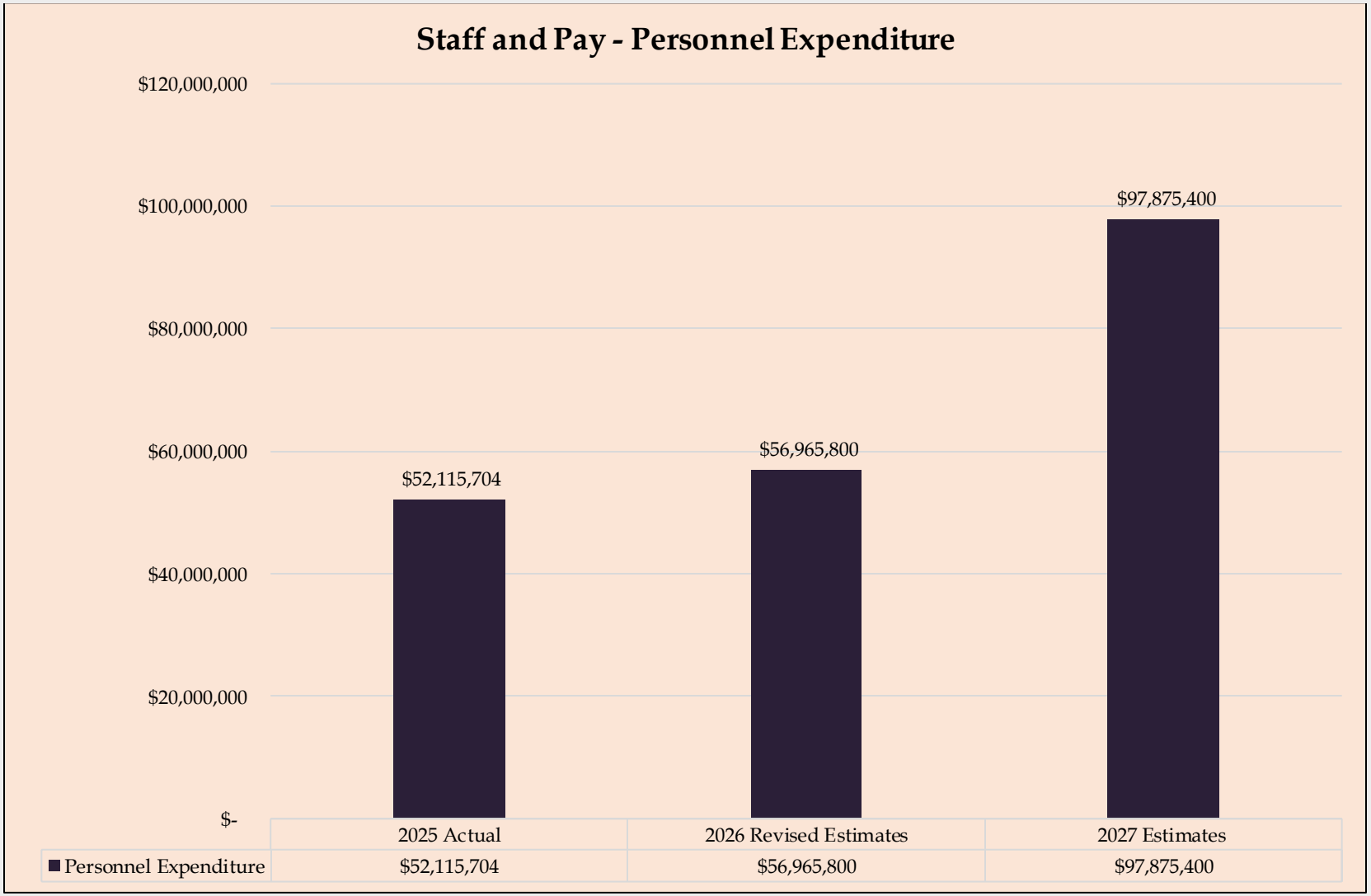
Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff related expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is **$122,595,400** which represents an increase of approximately **53.72%** from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised). This increase reflects the Ministry's higher provision for staff-related costs in fiscal year 2027. The following charts provide a breakdown of staff-related expenditure for the period 2025 to 2027[15].



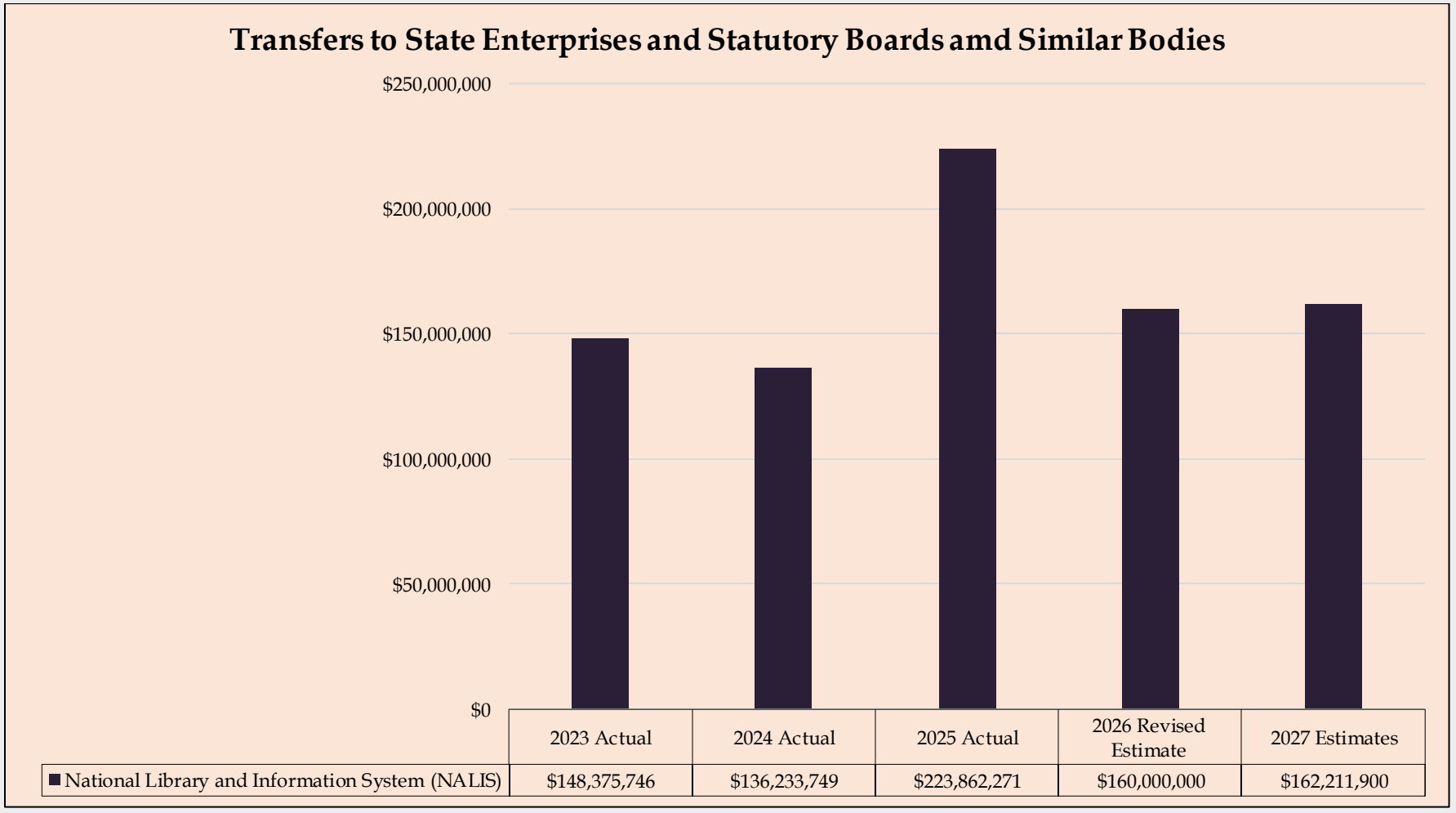
	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Travelling and Subsistence	$1,748,027	$1,920,000	$2,170,000
Uniforms	$97,117	$70,000	$60,000
Contract Employment	$17,894,111	$13,900,000	$14,850,000
Training	$29,600	$80,000	$280,000
Short-Term Employment	$6,005,935	$6,800,000	$7,350,000
Employees Assistance Programme	$-	$13,000	$10,000

[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


Staff and Pay - Personnel Expenditure
$120,000,000
$100,000,000
$80,000,000
$60,000,000
$40,000,000
$20,000,000
$-
$52,115,704
$56,965,800
$97,875,400
2025 Actual
2026 Revised Estimates
2027 Estimates
Personnel Expenditure
$52,115,704
$56,965,800
$97,875,400

Current Transfers to State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

Transfers to the National Library and Information System (NALIS) increased from **$148.4 million in 2023** to **$162.2 million in 2027**, representing an overall increase of **$13.8 million (9.3%)**. For 2027, the allocation is projected to increase marginally by **$2.2 million (1.4%)** to **$162.2 million**.



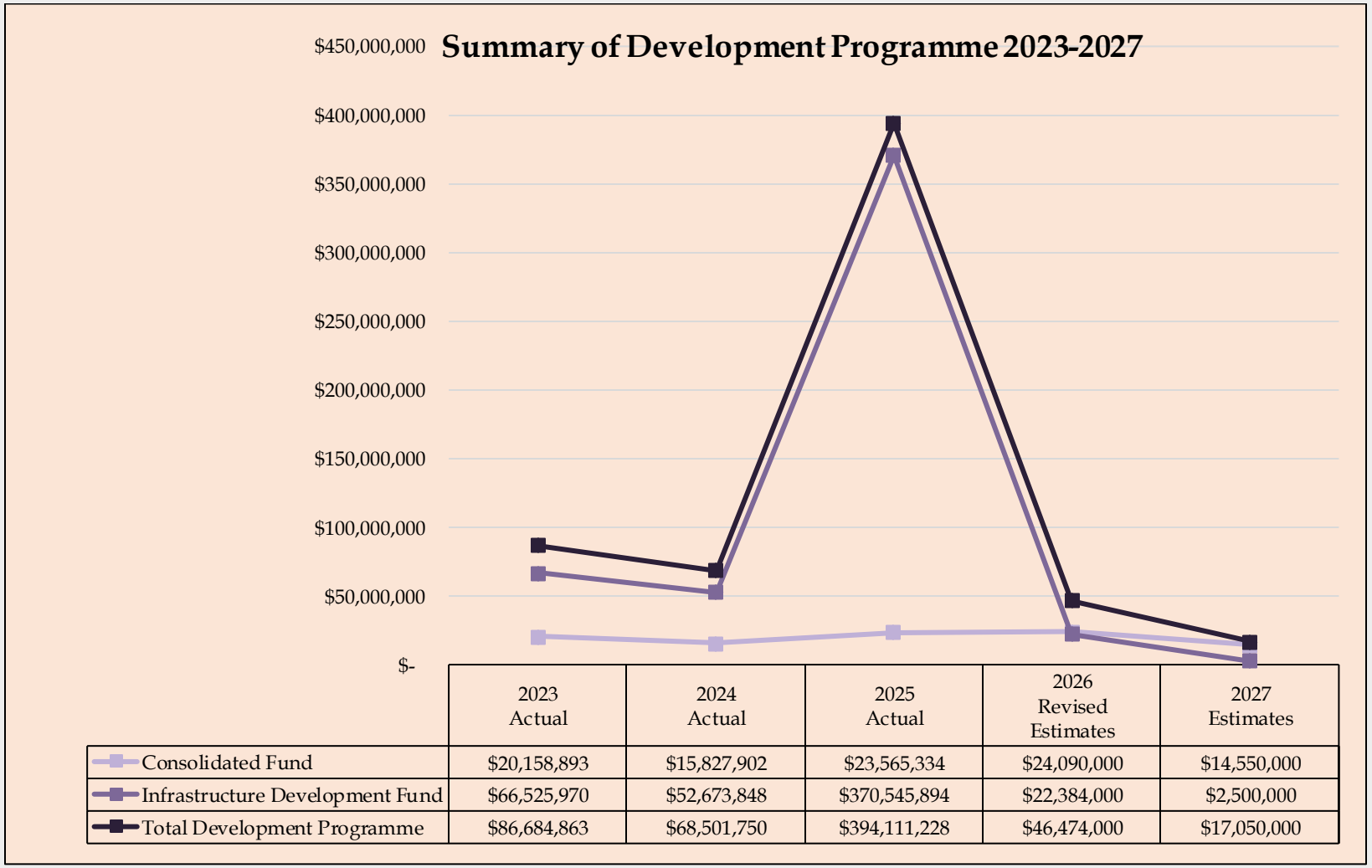
	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
National Library and Information System (NALIS)	$148,375,746	$136,233,749	$223,862,271	$160,000,000	$162,211,900

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 Prime Minister for development programmes and projects for fiscal year **2027** = **$17,050,000**[16]. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **$14,550,000** and represent **85**% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **$2,500,000** and represent **15**% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.

[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



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Consolidated Fund	$20,158,893	$15,827,902	$23,565,334	$24,090,000	$14,550,000
Infrastructure Development Fund	$66,525,970	$52,673,848	$370,545,894	$22,384,000	$2,500,000
Total Development Programme	$86,684,863	$68,501,750	$394,111,228	$46,474,000	$17,050,000

Details of the Consolidated Fund by Item[17]



004 Social Infrastructure:

$1,500,000



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services:

$13,050,000

[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

Details of Infrastructure Development Fund[18]



004 Social Infrastructure: **$500,000**



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services: $2,000,000

[18] 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

Public Sector Investment Programme 2027[19]

The Office of the Prime Minister will continue to undertake the following projects to strengthen the Communication Sector in fiscal year 2027:

Project Name/Priority Area	Planned Activities for 2027
Upgrade of Transmission and Broadcasting Systems	An allocation of $0.3 million will support the stabilisation of radio transmission infrastructure through the implementation of a comprehensive transmitter replacement programme to facilitate the transition from analogue to digital Free-to-Air technology.
Institutional Strengthening of TTT Limited	A provision of $0.5 million will support the implementation of the E-Hub Video on Demand platform as a core digital transformation initiative, to respond to the growing demand for on-demand and mobile-based media consumption. The platform will serve as a centralised digital hub for local and regional films, television programmes, documentaries, cultural productions and archival content, thereby improving access to Caribbean content while enhancing its commercial and cultural value.

[19] Public Sector Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TRINIDAD-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2023

For the Fiscal year 2023 the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Office of the Prime Minister, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[20]:

Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-09-005-06-A017 Government Printery – Mass Printing and Binding Equipment	-	-	-	$1,575,000	$1,000,000
CF-09-005-06-A019 Upgrade of Transmission and Broadcasting Systems	$925,313	-	$925,313	$1,000,000	$300,000
CF-09-005-06-A022 Enhance ICT Service Delivery	-	$65,000	-	-	-
CF-09-005-06-A023 Implement a Visitor Management System at OPM	-	-	$77,339	$400,000	$500,000
CF-09-005-06-F003 Public Library Refurbishment	$4,999,215	$658,915	$2,359,535	$2,500,000	$2,000,000
CF-09-005-06-F004 Upgrade of TTT Limited Building, Maraval Road, POS	$491,763	$1,635,501	$946,527	$1,000,000	$550,000

[20] 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

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2024

For the Fiscal year 2024 the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Office of the Prime Minister, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[21]:

Projects/Programmes	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-09-005-06-A025 Strengthening the Research and Data Analytical Capacity of the ITAC in support of the Strategic Early Warning Process	-	-	$375,000	-
CF-09-005-06-A026 Media Consumption and Aptitude Survey	-	-	$750,000	$650,000
CF-09-005-06-A027 Acquisition and Digital Repatriation of Trinidad and Tobago Archives	-	-	$700,000	$350,000
CF-09-005-06-A028 Institutional Strengthening of TTT Limited	-	$240,123	$500,000	$500,000

[21] 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

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2025

For the Fiscal year 2025 the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Office of the Prime Minister, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[22]:

Projects /Programmes	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-09-004-14-C117 **Establishment of the St Mary's Children's Village**	-	-	-
CF-09-004-14-C118 **Strengthening of Programmes used in the Public Sector and Judiciary to Curb Youth Indiscipline**	-	-	-
CF-09-004-14-C119 **Strengthening of the Childcare and Child Protection System in Trinidad and Tobago**	-	-	-
CF-09-005-06-F007 **Restoration and Upgrade of the La Brea Public Library**	$80,000	$150,000	$1,000,000

Note that Projects Nos. CF-09-004-14-C117, CF-09-004-14-C118 and CF-09-004-14-C119 were removed from the DP in the 2027 Fiscal.

[22]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

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2026

For the Fiscal year 2026 the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Office of the Prime Minister, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[23]:

Projects /Programmes	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF-09-005-06-A037 Commercial Website for Government Printery	$650,000	$300,000
CF-09-005-06-A038 OPM ICT Improvement Plan	$685,000	$500,000
IDF-004-13-B001 Queen's Park Savannah UNESCO World Heritage Initiative	$375,000	$500,000

[23] 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

New Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2027

For the Fiscal year 2027, the following new projects are scheduled for implementation under the Office of the Prime Minister[24]:

Projects /Programmes	2027 Estimates
CF-09-004-13-A003 Nelson Island and Five Islands Heritage Site	$700,000
CF-09-004-13-A004 Establishment of a Heritage Site at Banwari Trace	$300,000
CF-09-005-06-A039 NALIS' Accounting Software Migration	$200,000
CF-09-005-06-F008 Restoration of Mille Fleurs Heritage House	$500,000
IDF-005-06-F040 Whitehall Companion Building	$500,000

[24] 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

Terms to Know

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 Estimates 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 fulfill 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

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	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/UCDvTAcd3t8yEAIiM-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
Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf
Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and the Tobago House of Assembly for Financial Year 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Statutory-Board-2027.pdf
Public Sector Investment Programme 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TRINIDAD-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
Social Sector Investment Programme 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SSIP-2027-for-web-1.pdf
State Enterprises Investment Programme 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/state-enterprise-investment-programme-2027/

Public Sector Investment Programme Tobago 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TOBAGO-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Estimates-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2026.pdf
Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2026.pdf
Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and the Tobago House of Assembly for Financial Year 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Estimates-of-the-Revenue-and-Expenditure-of-the-Statutory-Boards-and-Similar-Bodies-and-of-the-Tobago-House-of-Assembly-2026.pdf
Public Sector Investment Programme 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/PSIP-Trinidad2025-Final-Digital.pdf
Social Sector Investment Programme 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SSIP-2026.pdf
State Enterprises Investment Programme 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/SEIP-2026-for-web.pdf
Public Sector Investment Programme Tobago 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TOBAGO-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
Auditor General Report	https://auditorgeneral.gov.tt/sites/default/files/Auditor%20General%27s%20Report%202025.pdf