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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Education 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 in the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of Education and provide readers with an analysis of that information. 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;
- the Public Sector Investment Programme 2027;
- Social Sector Investment Programme; and
- the State Enterprises Investment Programme 2027.

Overview of Head 26: Ministry of Education

$4,646,760,300 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	$288,700,000 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
$4,935,460,300 2027 Total Allocation[1]	6.6% % 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 Ministry does not include the IDF funding.
Therefore, Percentage of the National Budget = [(Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure + Ministry's Consolidated Fund) ÷ (National Budget)] × 100

About the Ministry of Education[3]

Executive Leadership

Minister: Dr. The Hon. Michael Dowlat
Permanent Secretary: Ms. Simone Williams

Mission:

To nurture confident critical thinkers by creating enabling conditions and diverse educational pathways that engineer social consciousness and sustainable development.

Departments:

- Curriculum Planning and Development Division (CPDD)
- Distance Learning (DLS)
- Division of Educational Research and Evaluation (DERE)
- Division of School Supervision & Management (DSSM)
- Educational Facilities Planning & Procurement Division
- Educational Planning Division
- Human Resource Management Division (EFPPD)
- Local School Board Project Unit (LSBPU)
- Secretariat for the Implementation of Spanish (SIS)
- Student Support Services Division (SSSD)
- Teacher Education Performance and Professional Development Division (TEPPDD)

Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

Local School Boards

National Commission for UNESCO

State Enterprises:

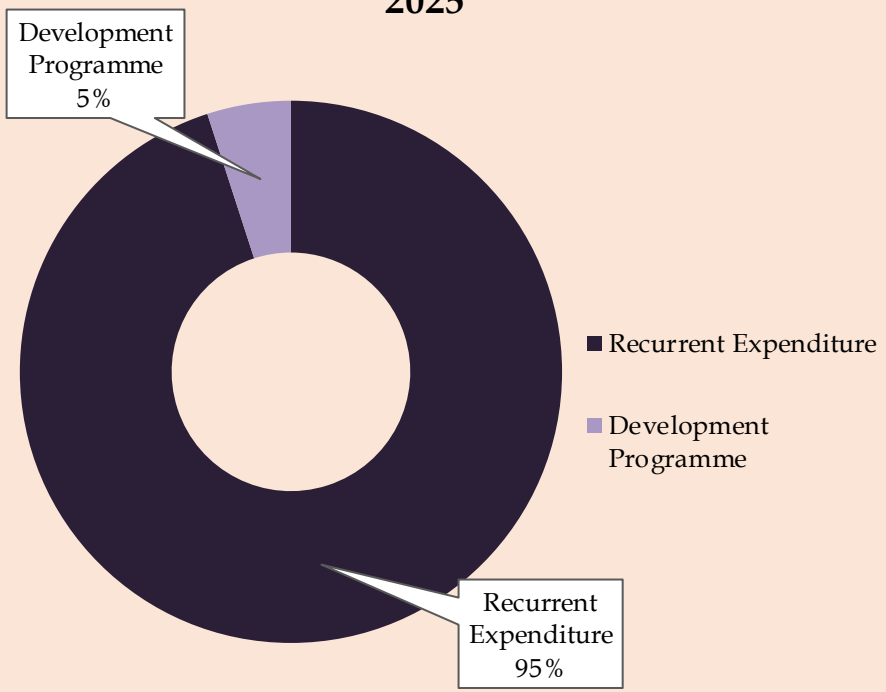
Wholly Owned Enterprises:

- National Schools Dietary Services Limited

[3] Ministry of Education Website. Accessed on: September 30, 2026: https://www.moe.gov.tt/about-us/

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	$5,080,280,354
Development Programme	$266,888,000
Total	$5,614,056,354

Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026

➢ Supplementation[4]

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 Ministry of Education requested and was granted the following supplementations:

HEAD: 26 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - the sum of **$97,779,300** is required to:-

Recurrent Expenditure

(i) 02/001/16 – Contract Employment

To supplement the provision to facilitate payment of Salaries to persons employed on contract to the end of fiscal 2026 - $3,806,000

(ii) 02/001/28 – Other Contracted Services

To supplement the provision to enable payment to the Public Transport Service Corporation (PTSC) for the provision of maxi taxi school transportation services to the end of fiscal 2026 - $2,976,000

(iii) 04/007/40 – Gratuities to Contract Officers

To supplement the provision to facilitate the payment of contract gratuities to persons whose contracts expired - $21,998,000.

(iv) 04/007/41 Remedial Education

To supplement the provision under the Sub-Item: Remedial Education to facilitate payment of Salaries to officers to the end of fiscal 2026 - $5,292,000

(v) 04/007/42 – School Supplies and Book Grants

To supplement the provision to enable the acquisition of school supplies and the award of book grants to needy students of Primary and Secondary schools - $20,000,000

[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

(vi) 04/007/02 – National Schools Dietary Services Ltd.

To supplement the provision under the Sub-Item: National Schools Dietary Services Ltd. to facilitate the supply of meals to students to the end of fiscal 2026 - $1,397,300

(vii) **04/007/ 15 - NMTS- Interest Payment TT$200Mn. 2yr. 3.00% Fixed Rate Syndicated Loan due 2028**

04/007/20 - NMTS- Principal Payment on TT$174Mn. 4Yr. Non-Revolving Fixed Rate Loan Facility due 2027- Financing critical works at Twenty Seven (27) Government Secondary Schools

04/007/22 - NMTS Principal Payment on TT$250Mn. Fixed Rate 7yr. Term Loan Facility for School Construction and Repairs

04/007/23 - NMTS- Interest Payment on TT$250Mn. Fixed Rate 7Yr. Term Loan Facility for School Construction and Repairs

To supplement the provision to enable the payment of Principal and Interest on loans totaling $42,310,000 to the end of fiscal 2026.

Development Programme – $30,000,000

(i) 09/005/06/A042 – Acquisition and Delivery of Laptops and Tablets

The sum of $30,000,000 is required to supplement the provision for the acquisition of laptops for Form One (1) students for the 2026/2027 Academic year.

➢ Variation [5]

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 Ministry of Education requested and was granted the following variations:

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01 Personnel Expenditure $166,449,000

001 General Administration

01 Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - $54,822,000

005 Secondary Education

01 Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - $$40,906,000

006 Primary Education

01 Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - $54,822,000

To replenish funds utilized to pay an advance on the arrears of Salaries owed to officers - **$113,399,000**

001 General Administration

05 Government's Contribution to N.I.S - $4,867,000

005 Secondary Education

05 Government's Contribution to N.I.S - $24,973,000

006 Primary Education

[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 on: July 02, 2026. Available: https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf

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05 Government's Contribution to N.I.S - $23,210,000

To meet the cost of an increase in NIS contributions - **$53,050,000.**

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

Year [6]	Total Allocation[7]	National Budget[8]	Percentage of National Budget
2023	$5,467,660,400.00	$69,379,928,103.00	7.9%
2024	$6,162,950,215.00	$63,674,007,590.00	10.0%
2025	$5,863,195,115.00	$65,450,506,594.00	9.0%
2026	$5,523,830,200.00	$76,782,919,774.00	7.2%
2027	$4,876,760,300.00	$73,542,254,357.00	6.6%

[6] 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.
[7] Total Allocation for the Ministry of Education =Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure
[8] The National Budget =Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

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

6.5% Recurrent Expenditure[9]	9.05% Consolidated Fund[10]
6.6% Total Percentage[11]	

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

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

[11] 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 Ministry spends its money



01 Personnel Expenditure:

$2,999,350,300



03 Minor Equipment Purchases:

$1,150,000



06 Cuurent Transfers to Stat. Brds and SimilarBodies:

$659,000



IDF Infrastructure Development Fund:

$58,700,000



02 Goods and Services:

$776,232,900



04 Current Transfers and Subsidies:

$869,368,100

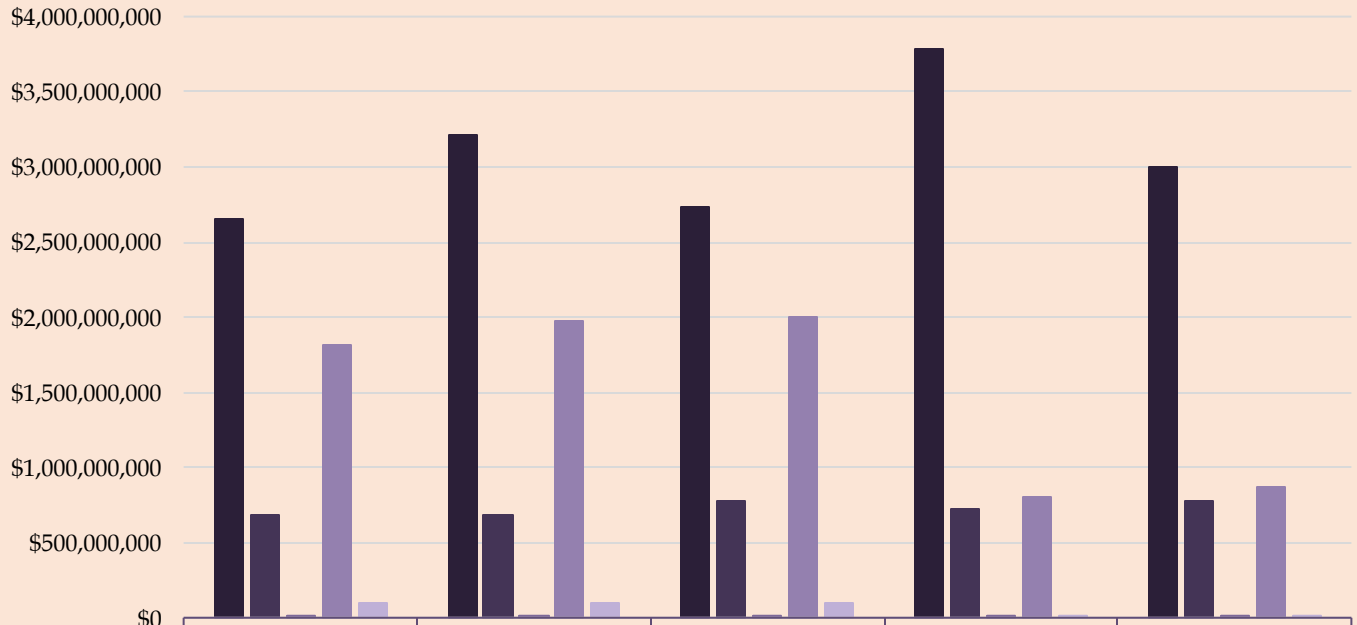


Consolidated Fund (DP):

$230,000,000

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the 2023-2027[12]

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of the Education Recurrent Expenditure for the Fiscal Years 2023 – 2027.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
01 Personnel Expenditure	$2,649,428,858	$3,210,704,545	$2,737,852,981	$3,788,637,700	$2,999,350,300
02 Goods and Services	$684,826,643	$688,493,576	$778,722,122	$722,273,700	$776,232,900
03 Minor Equipment Purchases	$2,317,159	$2,451,081	$1,671,668	$524,000	$1,150,000
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies	$1,818,087,454	$1,968,408,741	$2,002,721,377	$806,884,700	$869,368,100
06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards & Similar Bodies	$100,815,092	$100,230,064	$101,939,189	$374,700	$659,000

[12] 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[13]

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the expenditure which are in during the day-to-day operations of the Assembly for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **$4,646,760,300.**

- Recurrent Expenditure (Revised) for Fiscal Year 2026 was **$5,318,694,800**. Comparing this figure with the estimated allocation for Fiscal Year 2027, recurrent expenditure decreased by **$671,934,500** or **13**%.
- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received **$2,999,350,300**, representing **65**% of the Ministry's recurrent allocation and the **largest share** of recurrent expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027. Compared to the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$3,788,637,700**, this reflects a decrease of **$805,581,600** or **21**%.
- Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** remained relatively stable between 2023 and 2024, increasing marginally from **$684.8 million** to **$688.5 million**. It rose further to **$778.7 million** in 2025 before declining to **$722.3 million** in 2026. The 2027 allocation of **$776.2 million** represents an increase of **$54.0 million (7.5%)** over the 2026 revised estimate.
- Sub-Head 03 **Minor Equipment Purchases** received **$1,150,000**, accounting for approximately **0.2**% of recurrent expenditure. Although allocations have fluctuated over the review period, this category continues to receive the smallest share of the Ministry's recurrent allocation. Compared with the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$524,000**, the allocation increased by **$626,000** or **119**%.
- Sub-Head 04 **Current Transfers and** Current Transfers and Subsidies increased steadily from **$1.818 billion** in 2023 to a peak of **$2.003 billion** in 2025. However, the allocation declined significantly to **$806.9 million** in 2026, representing a reduction of **59.7**% from the 2025 actual expenditure. For Fiscal Year 2027, the allocation is projected to increase to **$869.4 million**, an increase of **$62.5 million (7.7%)** over the revised estimate for 2026.

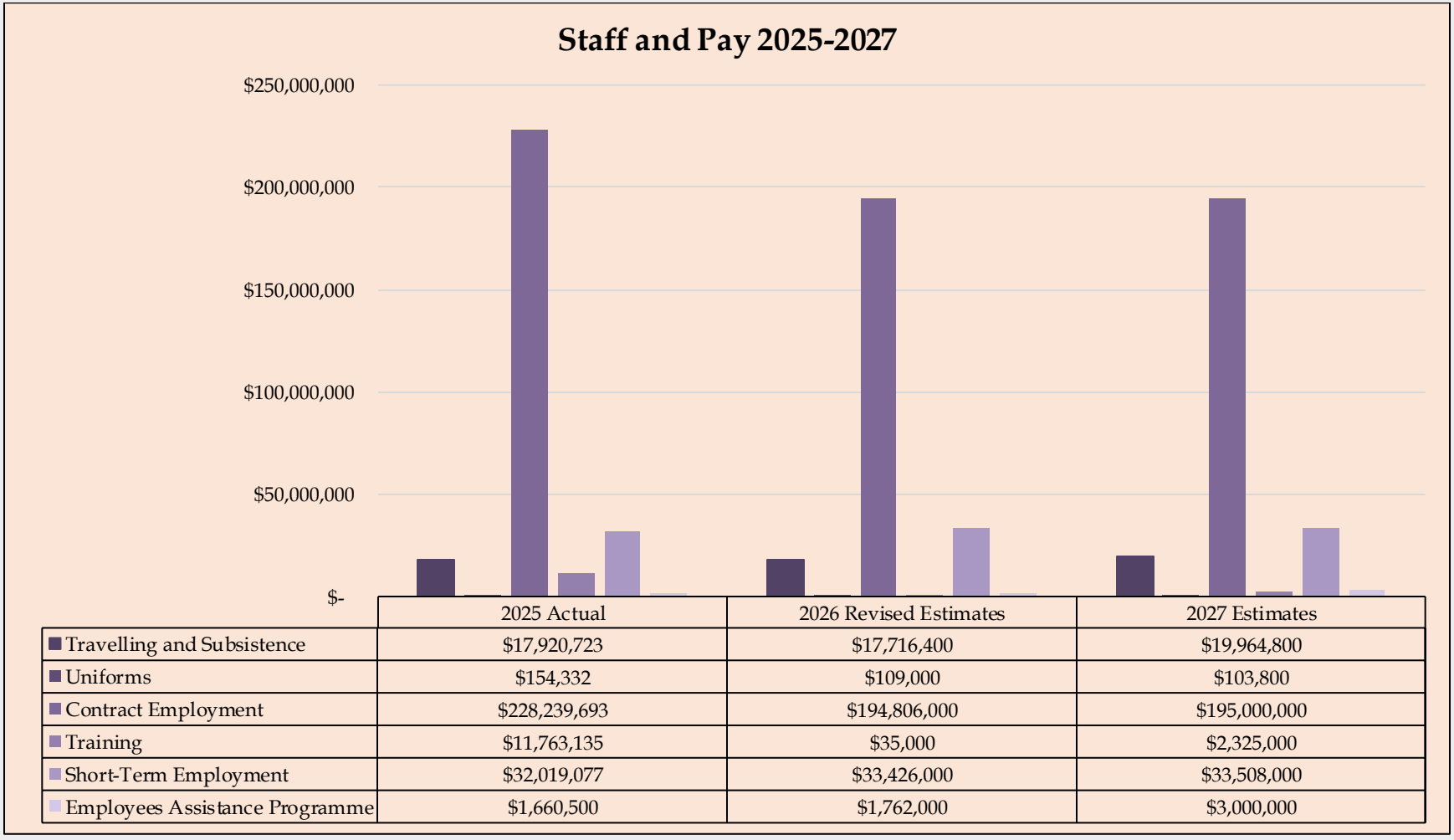
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- Sub-Head 06 **Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies** received **$659,000**, accounting for **0.01**% of recurrent expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027. Compared with the Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Allocation of **$374,700**, this represents an increase of **$284,300** or **76**%.

Staff and Pay

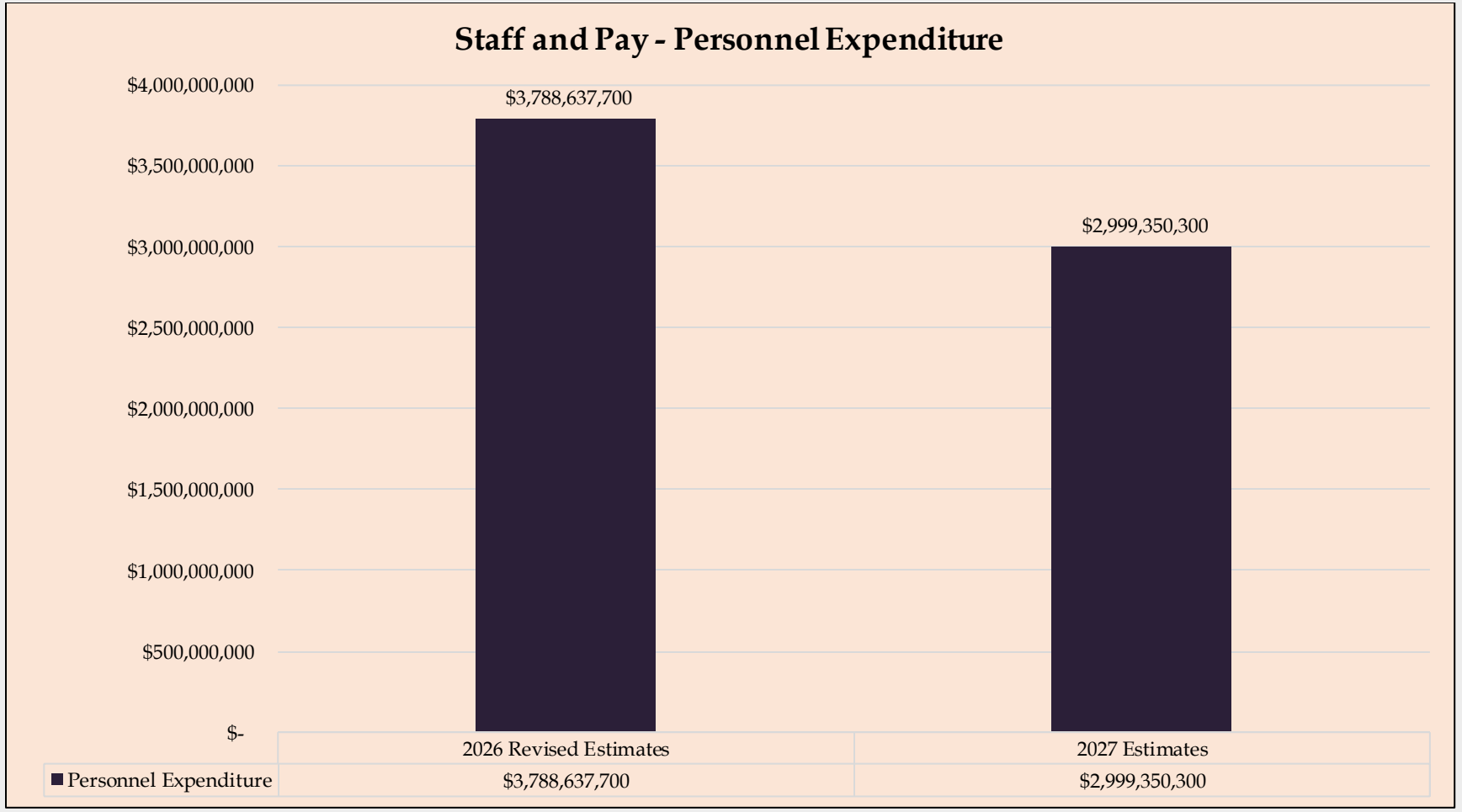
The allocation for Staff and Pay in Fiscal Year 2027 is **$3,253,251,900**, representing a decrease of **$783.2 million (19.4%)** when compared with the revised allocation of **$4,036,492,100** in Fiscal Year 2026.

The following charts provide a breakdown of staff-related expenditure for the period 2025 to 2027[14].



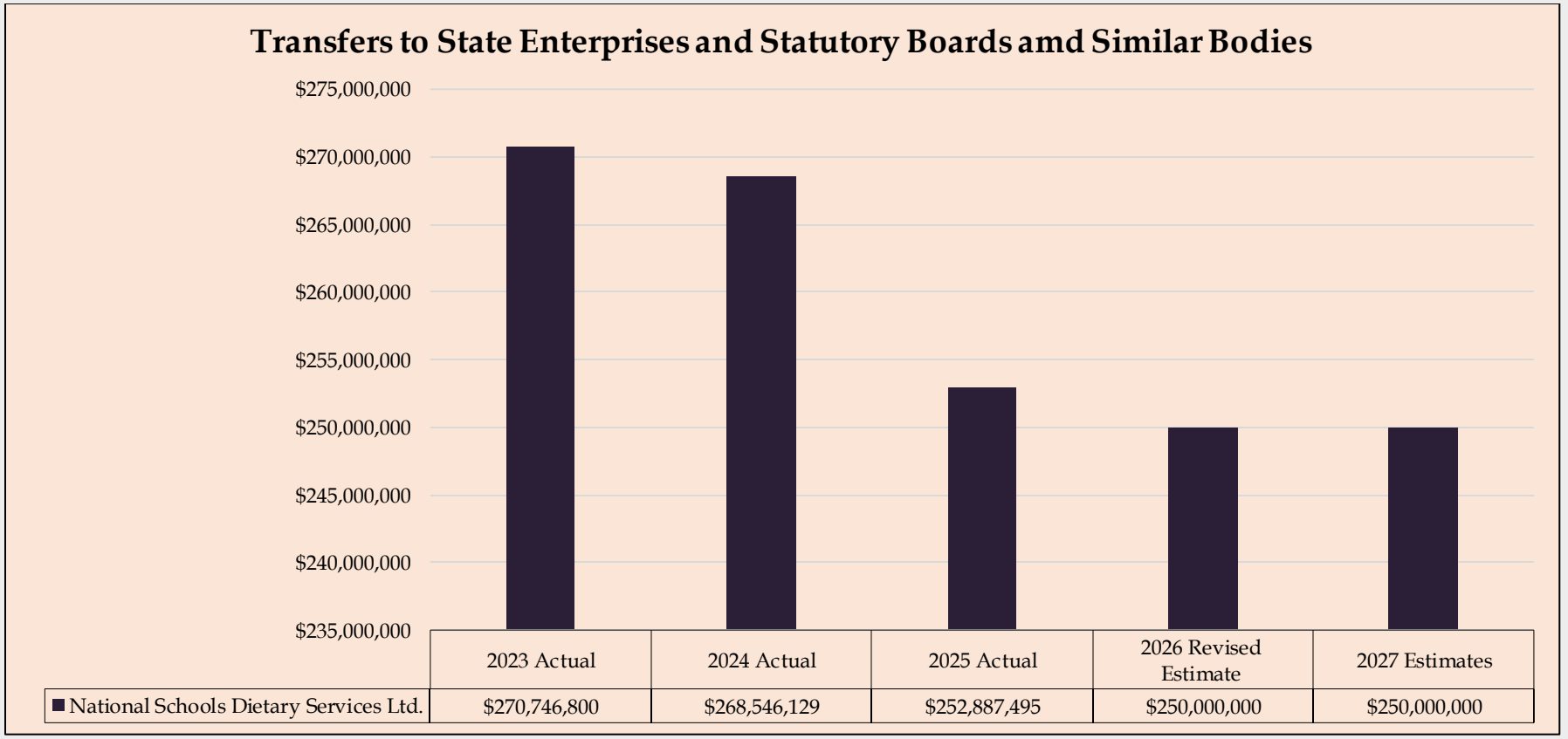
	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Travelling and Subsistence	$17,920,723	$17,716,400	$19,964,800
Uniforms	$154,332	$109,000	$103,800
Contract Employment	$228,239,693	$194,806,000	$195,000,000
Training	$11,763,135	$35,000	$2,325,000
Short-Term Employment	$32,019,077	$33,426,000	$33,508,000
Employees Assistance Programme	$1,660,500	$1,762,000	$3,000,000

[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 - Personnel Expenditure
$4,000,000,000
$3,500,000,000
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$2,500,000,000
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$3,788,637,700
$2,999,350,300
2026 Revised Estimates
2027 Estimates
Personnel Expenditure
$3,788,637,700
$2,999,350,300

Current Transfers to State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

- The National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL)[15] was incorporated as a limited liability company by Cabinet Minute No. 943 of May 16, 2002 to manage the School Nutrition Programme on behalf of the Ministry of Education.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
National Schools Dietary Services Ltd.	$270,746,800	$268,546,129	$252,887,495	$250,000,000	$250,000,000

[15] Ministry of Education website, *The National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL).* Accessed on October 15, 2026. Available on: https://www.moe.gov.tt/national-schools-dietary-services-limited-nsdsl/

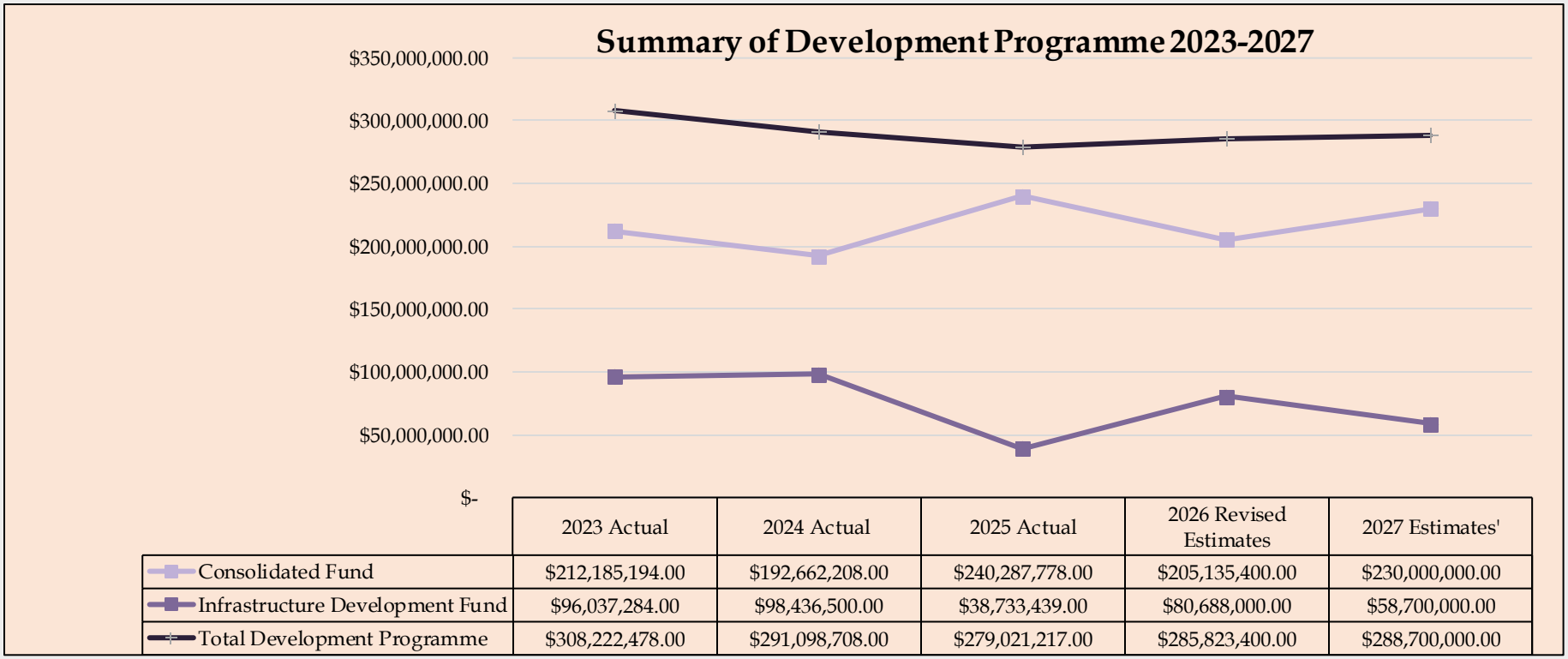
- The allocation to **National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL)** has shown a **consistent downward trend** over the five-year period, declining from **$270.7 million in Fiscal 2023** to **$250 million in Fiscal 2027**.
- Funding decreased by **$20.75 million** between Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2027, representing an overall reduction of approximately **7.7%**.
- The most significant year-on-year decline occurred between **Fiscal 2024 and Fiscal 2025**, when the allocation fell by **$15.66 million (5.8%)**.
- The **Fiscal 2027 allocation remains unchanged from the Fiscal 2026 revised estimate**, suggesting that funding has stabilized at **$250 million**.
- The allocations for **Fiscal 2026 and Fiscal 2027 are the lowest recorded during the 2023-2027 period**.

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2023-2027

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 allocation to the Ministry of Education for development programmes and projects for fiscal year **2027 = $288,700,000**[16]. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **$230,000,000** and represent 80% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **$58,700,000** and represent 20% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.
- The Ministry of Education's total Development Programme allocation declined from **$308.2 million in 2023** to **$279.0 million in 2025**, representing a cumulative reduction of **$29.2 million (9.5%)** over the period.
- Funding in **2026**, increasing by **$6.8 million (2.4%)**, and is projected to increase further by **$2.9 million (1.0%)** in **2027**.
- Although the **2027 allocation of $288.7 million** represents an increase over the previous two years, it remains **$19.5 million (6.3%) below the 2023 level**.
- Allocations from the **Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF)** fell sharply from **$96.0 million in 2023** to **$58.7 million in 2027**, a reduction of **38.9%**.
- Funding from the **Consolidated Fund** increased from **$212.2 million in 2023** to **$230.0 million in 2027**, an increase of **$17.8 million (8.4%)**, making it the Ministry's primary source of development funding.
- For Fiscal 2027, approximately **80%** of development expenditure is financed through the Consolidated Fund, while **20%** is financed through the Infrastructure Development 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



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates'
Consolidated Fund	$212,185,194.00	$192,662,208.00	$240,287,778.00	$205,135,400.00	$230,000,000.00
Infrastructure Development Fund	$96,037,284.00	$98,436,500.00	$38,733,439.00	$80,688,000.00	$58,700,000.00
Total Development Programme	$308,222,478.00	$291,098,708.00	$279,021,217.00	$285,823,400.00	$288,700,000.00

Details of the Consolidated Fund by Item[17]



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services:

$230,000,00

Details of Infrastructure Development Fund[18]



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services: **$3,250,000**



004 Social Infrastructure: **$55,450,000**

[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

[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]

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
School Repair Programme	The Ministry of Public Utilities will receive a total allocation of $311.1 million for the implementation of two (2) school repair programmes, namely the Vacation Repair Programme and the Emergency Repair Programme, aimed at ensuring safe and healthy learning environments for students and teachers. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Public Utilities will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a governance framework for the effective delivery of the programmes.
Resilient Schools Infrastructure Programme	The MOE, funded through a loan agreement with the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), will receive the sum of $70.0 million to commence the reconstruction, modernisation, and/or expansion of seven (7) school facilities in fiscal 2027, out of a total of 24 schools to be completed over a four-year period. The Programme aims to restore safe and adequate learning environments consistent with national education sector goals.
Special Education	In fiscal year 2027, a total of $3.0 million will be provided for the following two (2) projects for special education schools: • Repairs

[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

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	and Maintenance of Special Schools – a total of $2.0 million will be allocated for payments for work completed at nine (9) schools: ◊ Lady Hochoy – Gasparillo ◊ Lady Hochoy – Cocorite ◊ Lady Hochoy – Arima ◊ Cascade School for the Deaf ◊ Princess Elizabeth Special School ◊ School for Blind Children ◊ Audrey Jeffers School for the Deaf ◊ Wharton Patrick Special School ◊ Lady Hochoy – Penal; and Development of a School for Special Education at Pointe-a-Pierre – a provision of $1.0 million will be made to facilitate payments for work completed in fiscal year 2026.
Digitisation of the Education Sector	In fiscal year 2027, the MOE will further its Digital Education Programme, which is geared towards modernising the education system, enhancing digital learning outcomes and exposing students to new technology. A total of $115.0 million will be allocated for key activities as follows: • Acquisition and Delivery of Laptops and Tablets – an allocation of $100.0 million will support the procurement of laptops and accessories for students and educators;

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	• Digital Education Programme – the sum of $10.0 million will facilitate the installation of broadband and wireless infrastructure; and • Enhancing the Information Technology Infrastructure of the Ministry – an allocation of $5.0 million will be budgeted for the expansion of the core server infrastructure and the procurement of a network attached storage server for the data and cybersecurity platform. Additionally, the MOE will undertake several new interventions to address existing gaps in the education system. A total of $20.0 million will be allocated for the following projects: • Acquisition and Installation of an Enterprise Artificial Intelligence Computer Cluster at the Head Office; and • Reintroduction of the Continuous Assessment Component (CAC) as part of the SEA framework
Education: Tobago In fiscal year 2027, the THA will receive a total of $15.3 million to advance initiatives that span the various levels of education in Tobago. Some of these initiatives include training, infrastructure upgrade, refurbishment, outfitting and digitisation, and are listed below:	
Early Childhood Education	• Establishment of Early Childhood Centres; • Extension and Improvement to Existing Childhood Centres; and • Establishment of Early Childhood Care and Educational Unit.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Primary Education -	• Improvement/Refurbishment/Extension to Primary Schools; • Teacher Training Programme; • Programme for the Computerisation of Primary Schools; • Development of Physical Education and Sport in Primary Schools; and • Installation of CCTV Security in Primary Schools.
Secondary Education –	• Reconstruction of Scarborough Secondary; • Furniture and Equipment Replacement and Upgrades in Schools; • Improvement/Refurbishment/Extension to Secondary Schools; • Curriculum Development; and • Secondary School Computerization Programme. Investments will also be provided for skills and development training to advance the following activities: • Establishment of Skills Development Centre at Whim - $0.5 million will be provided to cover outstanding costs associated with the construction of the Whim Multipurpose and Indoor Complex; • Upgrade of Roxborough Trade Centre –$0.2 million will be allocated for general upgrades and repainting of the Centre; • Information Communication Technology Programme – a provision of $0.2 million will be budgeted for digitisation initiatives; and

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	Tobago Literacy Unit Project - $0.3 million will be allocated for the provision of subventions to the Literacy Unit to aid in adult literacy education.

Social Sector Investment Programme 2027[20]

4.3 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

In FY 2027, the Ministry of Education will continue to strengthen the education system through initiatives focused on early identification and intervention, equitable access to learning opportunities, parental engagement, student-support services and digital transformation. Particular attention will be given to supporting children with diverse educational needs, addressing disparities in student achievement and equipping educators, students and parents with the resources required to improve educational and developmental outcomes.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
4.3.1 Focus on Children: Preparing All Children to Maximise Educational Opportunities	
• **Promoting Early Assessment for Resilient Learners (PEARL) Initiative**	Expansion of early identification of learning hurdles through screening for early developmental, vision, hearing, and growth challenges and intervention will be achieved through the PEARL Initiative, targeting approximately 15,881 children between the ages of 4 and 6. This initiative will include developmental, vision and hearing screening, procurement of screening instruments and digital devices, and the establishment of referral pathways to ensure that children requiring additional support are identified and assisted at an early stage.
• **Computerised Development Tracking System**	Implementation of a cloud-based system will integrate student registration, developmental assessments, referrals and intervention data. This platform will enable continuous monitoring of student progress across ECCE, primary and secondary levels, supporting

[20] Social Sector Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SSIP-2027-for-web-1.pdf

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	timely, evidence-based interventions and improved educational planning.
• **Expansion of the School Learning Management System (SLMS)**	The SLMS will be expanded into a scalable national e-learning ecosystem serving over 200,000 students and 12,000 teachers across ECCE centres, primary and secondary schools. Continued grant support to 13 registered Private Special Schools will further enhance access to specialised education and individualised programmes for students with disabilities.
• **After School Study Centres and Student Support Services:**	Phased implementation of After School Study Centres will provide supervised academic support, homework assistance and targeted interventions in Mathematics and English Language Arts for students from Standard One to Form Three. In addition, ongoing services through the Student Support Services Division—including counselling, home visits, special education interventions and Special Assessment Arrangements—will continue to support students with diverse educational needs.
4.3.2 Focus on Parents: Preparing Parents and Guardians to Assist Children	
• **National Parental Training and Support Programme (NPTSP)**	National rollout of the NPTSP across all seven Educational Districts and Tobago will strengthen parental engagement and capacity-building. This will include the appointment of a National Programme Coordinator,

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	establishment of a Parent Training Management Unit, training of approximately 300 facilitators and the creation of Parent Support Teams to deliver structured parenting interventions.
• **Strengthening Parenting Programmes and Partnerships:**	Consolidation of existing parenting initiatives will be undertaken through the development of a national inventory of programmes, standardisation of training materials, and strengthened collaboration with PTAs. Integration of core parenting initiatives into the NPTSP framework will ensure a more coordinated and effective approach to parental support.
• **National Parent Portal**	**:** Introduction of a secure digital platform will enable parents and guardians to register for workshops, access online training modules and child development resources, and communicate with schools. This initiative is expected to enhance parental engagement and strengthen support for children's academic and developmental needs.
4.3.3 Transformation of the Education System	
• **AI in Education and Digital Platforms:**	Professional development will be strengthened through the AI in Education Training Programme, which will support the responsible and ethical use of AI in teaching and learning. Complementary platforms such as NEXTCLASS TT and ELEVATE TT will provide Ministry-approved AI tools for lesson planning, Continuous

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	Assessment and classroom administration, alongside modular professional development opportunities and certification tracking.
• **Institutional and Leadership Reforms:**	Transformation of education management will be supported through restructuring of the Teacher Education, Performance and Professional Development Division, implementation of the Master Principal Initiative, delivery of the School Practitioner Enhancement Series, and expansion of mentoring through the Teacher Induction Programme. The Strategic School Operations Framework will also be implemented to strengthen school supervision, administration and management
4.3.4 School Priority Project (INSPIRE)	
• **Targeted School Interventions:**	The INSPIRE School Priority Project will deliver targeted, multi-tiered interventions to 56 Priority Secondary Schools and 189 primary Schools of Interest. The initiative will focus on improving academic performance, strengthening school culture, and addressing the specific needs of underperforming schools.
• **Strengthening Outcomes and Reducing Disparities:**	Through more strategic allocation of resources and enhanced collaboration among educators, school leaders, students, parents and stakeholders, the programme is expected to improve educational outcomes and reduce disparities in student achievement across the education system.

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The Ministry of Education's planned legislative measures will support its wider efforts to strengthen the education system, including parental responsibility, school regulation and alignment with disability legislation (see **Box 5**).

Box 5: Legislative Agenda for the Ministry of Education

- Parental Responsibility Act, 2026
- Legislative Updates to the Education Act (Chapter 39:01)
- Registration of Private Schools & Special Education
- Persons with Disabilities Legislative Alignment

State Enterprise Investment Programme 2027[21]

Project Name	Allocation 2027
• **National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL)**	National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL) was incorporated on July 3, 2002 and is a wholly owned State Enterprise. The primary responsibility is managing the School Nutrition Programme which includes the establishment of criteria for the selection of caterers, development of quality control mechanisms and planning of new initiatives. The main objectives of the Programme are to: o provide approximately one-quarter and one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDAs) of nutrients for the child through breakfast and lunch respectively as weekly averages; o contribute to the improvement of the nutritional status of the child and to enhance learning ability; and o further stimulate the agricultural sector by utilizing local produce wherever possible in the meal plan.

[21] State Enterprises Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/state-enterprise-investment-programme-2027/

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2023

For the Fiscal Year 2023 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Education, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[22]:

Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
IDF-004-04-B394 Construction of Temporary Pre-Engineered Classrooms (re-activated)	587,672	1,131,434	5,000,000	-	-
IDF-004-04-B397 Construction of Curepe Presbyterian (re-activated)	-	2,094,911	600,000	-	2,500,000

[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 2024

For the Fiscal Year 2024 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Education, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[23]:

Projects/Programmes	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09-004-04-J037 St. Bedes Technology Centre (re-activated)	157,690	25,777	-	-
09-004-04-J059 MIC-IT Administrative Centre	547,853	964,521	-	-
09-004-04-J061 Analysis of Low Academic Performance of Students	90,578	381,917	-	*
09-004-04-J063 Upgrading of Facilities (YTEPP)	109,553	785,745	-	-
09-005-06-F038 Wireless coverage in the Faculty of Science and Technology and Faculty of Food and Agriculture	737,686	210,000	-	-
09-005-06-F040 Replacement of HVAC System and Associated Works at the UWI Sports and Physical Education Centre	-	$2,306,745	-	-

[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

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2025

The following new projects that received funding in the 2025 Fiscal Year[24]:

Projects /Programmes	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09-004-04-J049 COSTAATT Campuses Health and Safety Compliance	14,681	-	-
09-005-06-A047 Digitizing of Administrative and Personal Files of the Ministry of Education	-	-	1,500,000
IDF- 004-04-B443 Expansion of Maraval R.C. Primary School (removed)	1,000,000	-	-

[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

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2027

For the Fiscal Year 2027, the following new projects are scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Education, and as such require further inquiry[25]

Projects/Programmes	2027 Estimates
09-005-06-A047 Digitizing of Administrative and Personal Files of the Ministry of Education	1,500,000
09-005-06-A051 New Era of eXperential Teaching with Classroom Learning AI Support System (NEXTCLASS)	800,00
09-005-06-A052 Education Learning, Empowering and Valuing Advancement Through Engagement: A National Learning Platform (eLEVATE TT)	800,000
09-005-06-A053 Reintroduction of the Continuous Assessment Component (CAC) as part of the SEA framework	15,000,000
09-005-06-A054 The Integrated Student Registration and Assessment Data Analytics System (National Examination Management System)	1,000,000
09-005-06-A055 Acquisition and Installation of an Enterprise Artificial Intelligence Computer Cluster at the Ministry of Education Head Office	5,000,000
09-005-06-A056 Upgrade of the Ministry of Education Main Conference Room and Hybrid Collaboration Infrastructure	1,000,000
09-005-06-A057 Advanced ICT Innovation and Cybersecurity Programme	1,500,000
IDF-004-04-B364 Construction of Chatham Government **(Re-activated Project)**	180,000

[25] 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

Projects/Programmes	2027 Estimates
IDF-004-04-B418 Construction of San Juan Boys' Government **(Re-activated Project)**	570,000
IDF-004-04-B419 Construction of Marabella Girls' and Boys' A.C **(Re-activated Project)**	1,700,000
IDF-004-04-C333 Replacement /Construction of Blocks Within Secondary Schools **(Re-activated Project)**	8,500,000

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

Term	Definition
	Expenditure Sub-items under the Personnel Expenditure, Goods & Services and Minor Equipment Purchases Sub-Heads.
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

Term	Definition
	by ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and other state agencies. Importantly, monies utilized from this Fund must be approved by of the Parliament.
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

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	employment, maintenance of vehicles etc.; Minor Equipment Purchases includes wireless equipment, cell phones, vacuum cleaners, etc.; Current Transfers and Subsidies includes allocations 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

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