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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development 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 Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development 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; and
- the State Enterprises Investment Programme 2027.

Overview of Head 30: Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development

$191,304,700 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	$15,980,000 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
$207,284,700 2027 Total Allocation[1]	0.28% % 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 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 Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development[3]

Executive

Minister: Sen. the Hon. Leroy Baptiste
Permanent Secretary: Ms. Natalie Willis

Leadership

Mission:

To champion equity and opportunities for all stakeholders through a collaborative approach to labour administration, the empowerment of employers and employees, and entrepreneurship/

Areas of Responsibility:

- Employment and Manpower Placement
- Factories
- Labour Education
  - Health and Safety Awareness
  - HIV/AIDS in the Workplace
  - Labour Laws
  - Small and Micro Enterprise Development
- Labour Inspectorate
- Labour Registry
- Labour Relations
- Labour Standards
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Overseas Employment
- Trade Disputes
- Trade Unions
- Wages Council

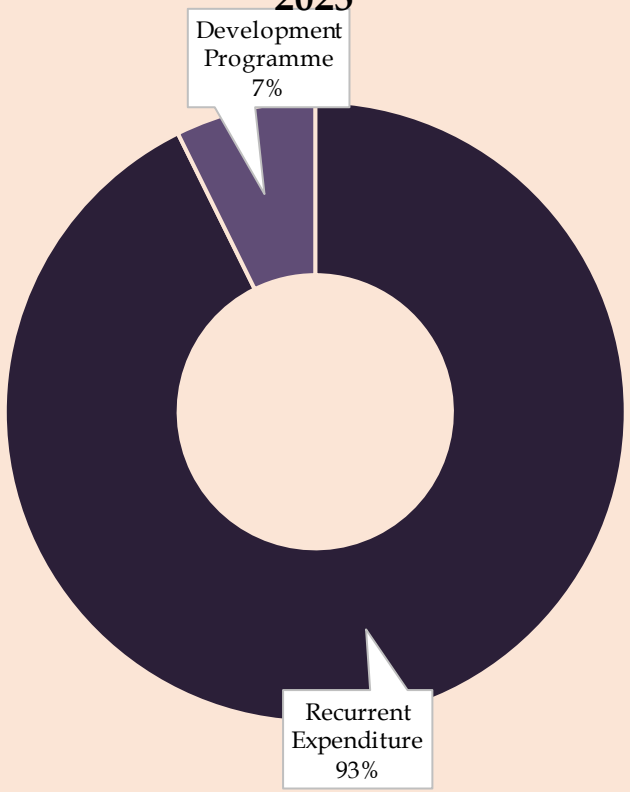
Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

- Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperative Studies
- Occupational Safety and Health Authority
- Boilers Examiners Board
- Minimum Wages Board
- National Productivity Council
- Registration, Recognition and Certification Board
- National Entrepreneurship Development Company (NEDCO)

[3] The areas of responsibility, programmes and state enterprises of the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development are outlined in *Gazette No. 168* of October 06, 2026: https://www.printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2026/Gazette/Gazette_No._168_of_2026.pdf

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	$168,930,500.00
Development Programme	$13,301,000.00
Total	$182,231,500.00

Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026

➢ Supplementation of Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026[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 Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development requested and was granted the following supplementations:

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Recurrent Expenditure - $4,969,800

02/001/22: Short-term Employment - $2,668,000

To supplement the provision to meet cost of Salaries under short-term employment to the end of Fiscal 2026.

06/004/017: Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies - $2,301,800

To supplement the provision to meet operational costs of the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies.

[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 Fiscal Year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed: August 10, 2026. Available at: https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf

➢ Variation of Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026[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 Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development requested and was granted the following variations:

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Recurrent Expenditure: $6,808,600

01/001/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - $5,810,000

To replenish funds utilised to pay an advance on the arrears of Salaries and Cost of Living Allowances owed to officers in accordance with the Minister of Finance Circular No. 08 dated December 05, 2025.

01/001/02: Government's Contribution to N.I.S. - $418,000

To meet the cost of the increase in National Insurance Scheme (N.I.S.) contributions from 13.2% to 16.2% effective January 05, 2026, as per the Finance Act No. 14 of 2025.

01/002/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - $579,800

To replenish funds utilised to pay an advance on the arrears of Salaries and Cost of Living Allowances owed to officers in accordance with the Minister of Finance Circular No. 08 dated December 05, 2025.

[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 Fiscal Year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed: July 02, 2026. Available at: 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 [6]	Total Allocation[7]	National Budget[8]	Percentage of National Budget
2023	$378,909,341	$69,379,928,103	0.55%
2024	$455,959,387	$63,674,007,590	0.72%
2025	$457,546,863	$65,450,506,594	0.70%
2026	$176,609,100	$76,782,919,774	0.23%
2027	$207,284,700	$73,542,254,337	0.28%

[6] For Fiscal Years 2023-2025, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026.
[7] Total Allocation for the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development =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

0.27%	0.63%
Recurrent Expenditure[9]	Consolidated Fund[10]
0.28%	
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:

$58,552,000



03 Minor Equipment

Purchases: **$188,300**



06 Current Transfers to Stat.

Brds and SimilarBodies:

$29,000,000



Consolidated Fund (DP):

$15,980,000



02 Goods and Services:

$64,829,200



04 Current Transfers and

Subsidies: **$38,735,200**

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

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of the Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2023-2027.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
01 Personnel Expenditure	$23,277,548.00	$23,795,289.00	$26,620,310.00	$40,563,300.00	$58,552,000.00
02 Goods and Services	$314,848,596.00	$376,550,661.00	$392,798,550.00	$67,115,900.00	$64,829,200.00
03 Minor Equipment Purchases	$330,307.00	$201,823.00	$-	$84,700.00	$188,300.00
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies	$8,519,447.00	$8,433,533.00	$7,701,100.00	$36,925,200.00	$38,735,200.00
06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards & Similar Bodies	$26,571,200.00	$44,858,600.00	$28,378,300.00	$28,834,900.00	$29,000,000.00

[12] Draft Estimates for Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027-COMPRESSED.pdf Accessed on October 13, 2026.

Analysis of Summary of Recurrent Expenditure[13]

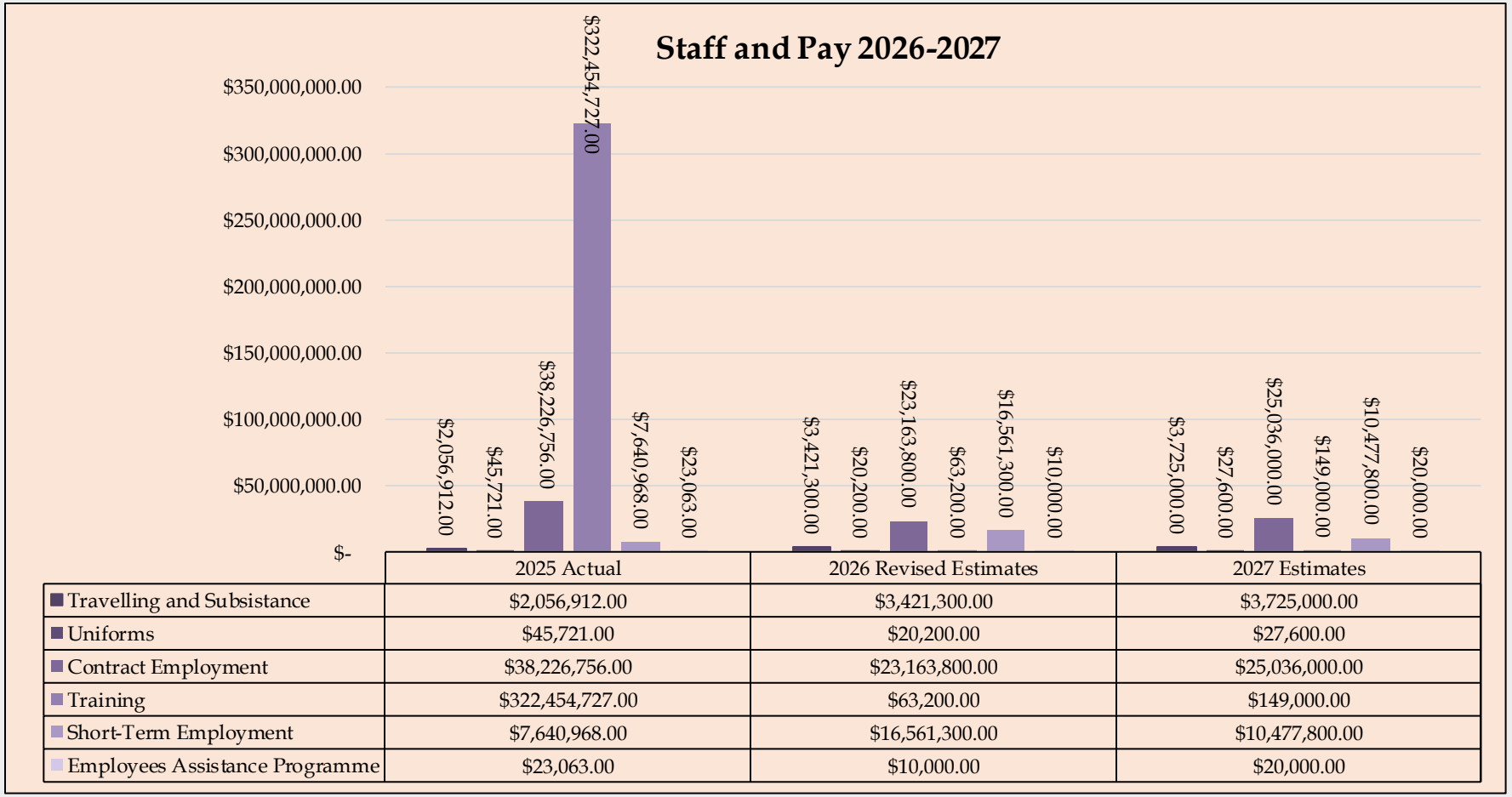
Recurrent Expenditure refers to the expenditure incurred in the day-to-day operations of the Ministry for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies.

- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **$191,304,700,** which represents **0.27**% of the total Estimated Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Revised** Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2026 was **$173,524,000**. Comparing this figure with the estimated figure for Recurrent Expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the allocation increased by **$17,780,700** or **10%.**
- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received **30**% of the 2027 budgetary allocation**.** Comparing this with the **revised** Fiscal Year 2026 allocation, there is an increase of **$17,988,700** or **44**%.
- Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** has consistently received the **largest** allocation for the Ministry, accounting for **33**% of the allocation for Fiscal 2027. Comparing this with Fiscal Year 2026 (Revised), there is a decrease of **$2,286,700** or **3.4**%.
- Sub-Head 03 **Minor Equipment Purchases** has consistently received the **lowest** allocation for the period 2023-2027. It has fluctuated over the period and it represents **0.09**% of the total allocation for Fiscal 2027.
- Sub-Head 04 **Current Transfers and Subsidies** has fluctuated over the period 2023 to 2027 and accounts for **20**% of the allocation for Fiscal 2027.
- Sub-Head 06 **Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies** received **30**% of the allocation for Fiscal 2027.

[13] Draft Estimates for Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027-COMPRESSED.pdf Accessed on October 13, 2026.

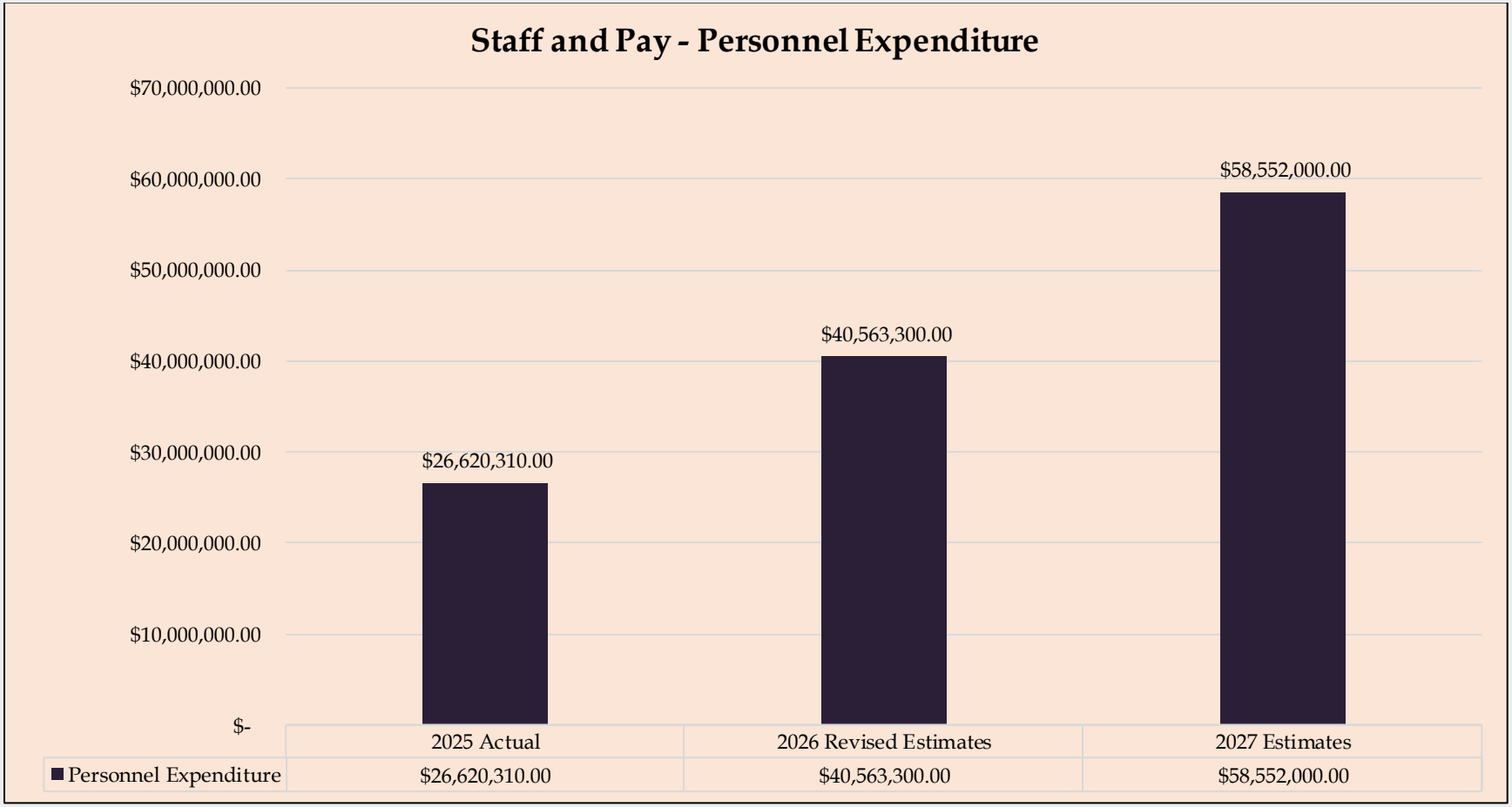
Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **$97,987,400.00 which** represents an increase of approximately **17%** from the last Fiscal Year 2026 (Revised). The following charts provide a breakdown of all staff-related expenditure for the period 2025-2027.[14]



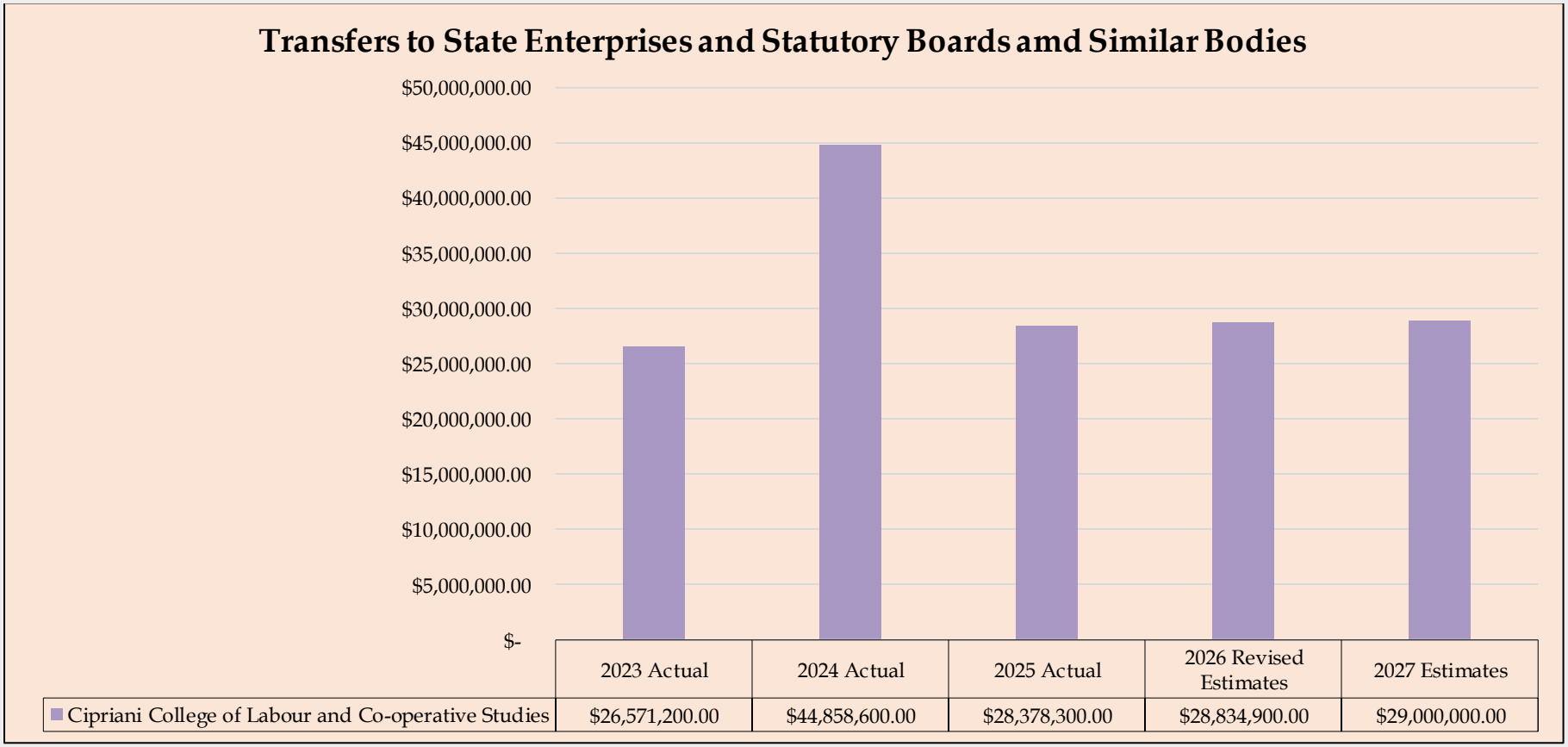
	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Travelling and Subsistance	$2,056,912.00	$3,421,300.00	$3,725,000.00
Uniforms	$45,721.00	$20,200.00	$27,600.00
Contract Employment	$38,226,756.00	$23,163,800.00	$25,036,000.00
Training	$322,454,727.00	$63,200.00	$149,000.00
Short-Term Employment	$7,640,968.00	$16,561,300.00	$10,477,800.00
Employees Assistance Programme	$23,063.00	$10,000.00	$20,000.00

[14] Draft Estimates for Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027-COMPRESSED.pdf Accessed on October 13, 2026.


Staff and Pay - Personnel Expenditure
$70,000,000.00
$60,000,000.00
$50,000,000.00
$40,000,000.00
$30,000,000.00
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$26,620,310.00
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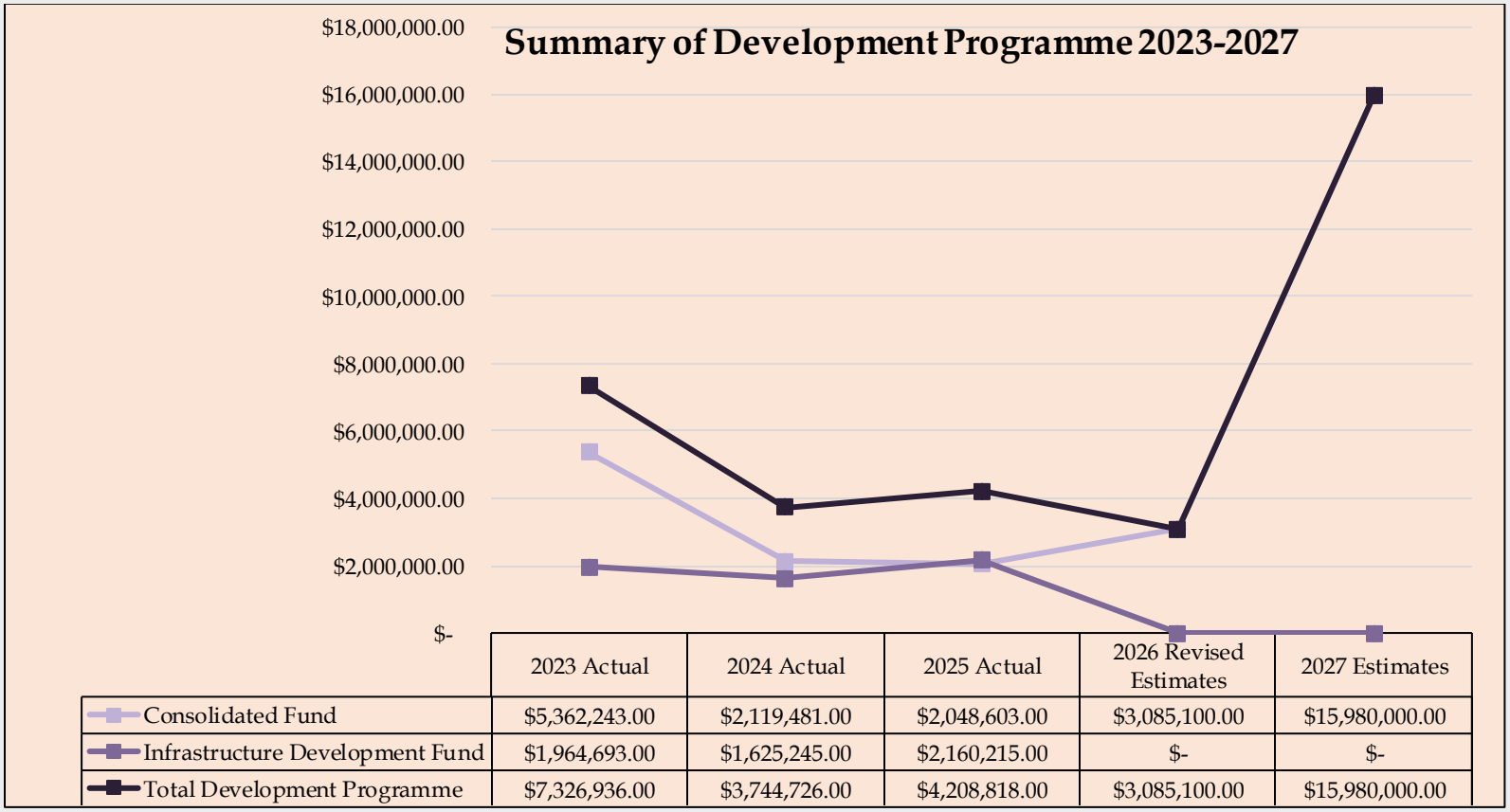
Current Transfers to State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

Current Transfers to Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies increased significantly from **$26.57** million in 2023 to **$44.86** million in 2024, before declining to **$28.38** million in 2025. The allocation subsequently increased marginally to **$28.83** million in 2026 (Revised) and is estimated at **$29.00** million in 2027, representing an increase of **$165,100** or **0.57**% over the 2026 Revised Estimate.



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 and economic and social development. The allocation to the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development for development programmes and projects for Fiscal Year **2027 = 15,980,000**[15]. For Fiscal 2027, these funds are disbursed **entirely** from the **Consolidated Fund** – no provisions were made for disbursement from the Infrastructure Development Fund.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Consolidated Fund	$5,362,243.00	$2,119,481.00	$2,048,603.00	$3,085,100.00	$15,980,000.00
Infrastructure Development Fund	$1,964,693.00	$1,625,245.00	$2,160,215.00	$-	$-
Total Development Programme	$7,326,936.00	$3,744,726.00	$4,208,818.00	$3,085,100.00	$15,980,000.00

[15] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for Fiscal Year 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf Accessed on October 13, 2026.

Details of the Consolidated Fund by Item[16]



003 Economic Infrastructure: **$2,240,000**



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services:

$12,240,000



004 Social Infrastructure: **$1,500,000**

[16] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for Fiscal Year 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf Accessed on October 13, 2026.

Public Sector Investment Programme 2027[17]

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Labour Legislation Reform	This project entails a review of key labour legislation to support the modernisation and strengthening of the legislative framework. An allocation in the sum of $0.2 million will be provided for the review of the Workmen's Compensation Act, Chapter 88:05; the Employment Exchange Act, Chapter 88:09; Minimum Wages Act, Chapter 88:04; and the Employment Standards Bill;
Regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority	The project focuses on the development and amendment of subsidiary legislation to strengthen the occupational safety and health framework. A provision of $0.6 million will be made to support consultations towards the development of regulations for the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences and Manual Handling;
Strengthening Occupational Safety and Health in the Construction Sector in Trinidad and Tobago	This project in the construction sector through a six-phase approach. Activities will include project planning and mobilisation, sector diagnostic assessment and stakeholder engagement, a national construction safety awareness campaign, construction safety roadshows and industry engagement, and safety leadership.
Operationalisation of the Statutory Functions of the OSH Authority under Section 66 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Chapter 88:08	This project will address longstanding statutory and institutional gaps in Trinidad and Tobago's occupational safety and health framework. Funding will support a legislative and policy assessment and the development of a National Occupational Safety and Health Strategy.

[17] Public Sector Investment Programme 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TRINIDAD-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf Accessed on: October 14, 2026.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Refurbishment of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres	Conduct of a forensic audit investigation.
Junior Achievement Initiative 2026-2028	For the delivery of training and development activities, programme implementation, business showcases within schools and trade fairs to support the development of entrepreneurial skills among young persons.
Youth Workplace Readiness Programme	To commence the delivery of standardised workshops through mobile facilitator teams across schools and institutions nationwide. Project activities will entail the procurement of equipment and materials, branding and handbook development and production to support the effective delivery of the programme.

Social Sector Investment Programme 2027[18]

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
PEDW and ILO SCORE Programme	Continued implementation of the PEDW Initiative, alongside the pilot phase of the International Labour Organisation's SCORE Programme, will target selected enterprises within the hotel and food and beverage subsectors. Key activities will include training of trainers, enterprise diagnostics, development of Enterprise Improvement Plans, workplace training, stakeholder consultations and public awareness initiatives. These interventions are expected to improve productivity, workplace practices and enterprise competitiveness.
National Productivity Council	Efforts will be undertaken to re-establish the National Productivity Council, including the creation of a supporting Secretariat and initiation of processes towards the establishment of a National Productivity Centre. This will provide an institutional framework to drive national productivity improvements.
Strategic Planning and Institutional Strengthening	The College will develop a new evidence-based Strategic Plan to guide its long-term direction, strengthen resource allocation and stakeholder engagement, and support enhanced institutional performance and sustainability.
Infrastructure and ICT Upgrades	The College will continue to invest in ICT systems and physical infrastructure, including upgrades to network systems, distance-learning facilities, classrooms, washrooms, perimeter fencing, driveways and car parks. These investments are intended to strengthen institutional capacity and improve the teaching and learning environment.

[18] Social Sector Investment Programme 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SSIP-2027-for-web-1.pdf Accessed on: October 14, 2026.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Regulatory and Systems Development	The OSH Agency will develop a computerised Management Information System and advance new and updated regulations addressing working at height, injury reporting, manual handling and commercial diving. These measures are intended to strengthen regulatory oversight and improve data management.
Institutional Strengthening and National Programme	The Ministry will advance the operationalisation of the statutory functions of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority through institutional strengthening, the establishment of a Secretariat Headquarters and implementation of a National OSH Programme. A targeted construction-sector safety initiative will also be introduced to address sector-specific occupational safety and health risks
Digital Transformation Plan	The Ministry will advance its digital transformation agenda, through the redesign of its official website and implementation of a comprehensive Digital Transformation Plan. Key components will include the expansion of online and mobile services, business process re-engineering, document management systems, business continuity planning, software development and upgrades to ICT infrastructure. Collectively, these initiatives are intended to modernise internal operations and improve access to government services.
LaunchPad TT and Enterprise Support	LaunchPad TT will be introduced as a national incubation and acceleration programme providing stage-specific support to entrepreneurs. This will include business diagnostics, finance readiness, market access, digital transformation support and mentoring, aimed at strengthening enterprise growth and sustainability.
Institutional and Sector Development Initiatives	Additional initiatives will include the establishment of an Administrative Centre for NEDCO, implementation of NEDCO's Digital Transformation Programme, the

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	Quality Infrastructure Capacity Building Project for Small Enterprises, the National Baseline Survey on Micro and Small Enterprises, the Junior Achievement Initiative, and broader institutional strengthening of the MSE sector.
Regulatory and Institutional Strengthening	The Ministry will enhance the governance and sustainability of the cooperative sector, through capacity-building initiatives, development of a Management Information System, establishment of prudential standards, auditing of cooperative accounts, and consultations on amendments to the Co-operative Societies Act.
National Tripartite Advisory Council (NTAC)	Reconstitution and operationalisation of the NTAC, including the establishment of a Secretariat and public sensitisation activities, will strengthen tripartite dialogue and stakeholder engagement in national decision-making.
"Disability ≠ Inability" Initiative	The continued implementation of this initiative will focus on reducing workplace barriers and improving employment opportunities for persons with disabilities through consultations, employer engagement, training and awareness campaigns, thereby promoting inclusive labour market participation.
Employability Skills Development	The Youth Workplace Readiness Programme will provide structured training to secondary school students (Forms 4 – 6) and tertiary entrants. Through workshops delivered across educational institutions, participants will develop competencies in key areas including: communication, professionalism, teamwork, time management, problem-solving, and an understanding of workplace rights and responsibilities, thereby enhancing youth employability and workforce readiness.

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2023

For Fiscal Year 2023, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion[19]:

Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/005/06/A105 – Regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority	141,568	56,840	68,691	100,000	600,000

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2026

For Fiscal Year 2026, the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion[20]:

Projects /Programmes	2026 Estimates	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/003/11/G018 – National Baseline Survey on Micro and Small Enterprise Sector	450,000	-	500,000
09/004/14/D001 – Junior Achievement Initiative 2026 – 2028	1,500,000	200,000	500,000

[19] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for Fiscal Year 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf Accessed on October 13, 2026.

Projects /Programmes	2026 Estimates	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/005/06/A108 – Implementation of a Computerised Management Information System (MIS) for the OSH Agency	200,000	-	500,000

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2027

For Fiscal Year 2027, the following projects are scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion[21]:

NEW Projects /Programmes	2027 Estimates
09/003/11/G021 – LaunchPadTT	1,500,00
09/004/14/D002 – Youth Workplace Readiness Programme	1,000,000
09/005/06/A114 – Strengthening Occupational Safety and Health in the Construction Sector in Trinidad and Tobago	200,000
09/005/06/A115 – Operationalisation of the Statutory Functions of the OSH Authority under Section 66 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Chapter 88:08	4,000,000
09/005/06/A116 – Comprehensive Review and Modernisation of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Chapter 88:08	1,500,000

[21] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for Fiscal Year 2027: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf Accessed on October 13, 2026.

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

Term	Definition
	also includes a Chart of Accounts and classification of 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

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	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

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
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