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AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES

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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries 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 Energy and Energy Industries and provide readers with an analysis of that information. This guide is based primarily on:

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

Overview of Head 40: Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries

\$949,627,000 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	1.34% Recurrent Expenditure¹
\$949,627,000 2027 Total Allocation²	1.29% % of National Budget³

¹ Recurrent Expenditure as a Percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure}}{\text{Total Recurrent Expenditure}} \right) \times 100$

² Total Allocation = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme

³ National Budget is calculated by adding the Total Recurrent Expenditure and Total Consolidated Fund. Head 18 -Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 - Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry does not include the IDF funding.

Therefore, Percentage of the National Budget = $[(\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure} + \text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund}) \div (\text{National Budget})] \times 100$

About the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries⁴

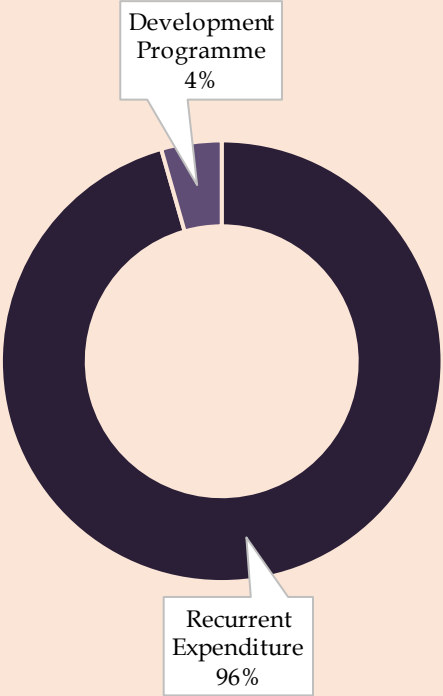
Executive Leadership		Mission:	
Minister: The Hon. Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP Minister in Ministry: The Hon. Ernesto Kesar, MP Permanent Secretary: Ms. Karinsa Tulsie		To provide strategic leadership and effective regulation and management of the energy and mineral sectors to create sustainable value for Trinidad and Tobago.	
Divisions and Units: - Office of the Permanent Secretary - Contract Management - Commercial Evaluation - Downstream - Petroleum Management - Energy Research and Planning - Petroleum Operations and Management - Legal - LNG and Gas Exports - Minerals - Resource Management - Corporate Communications - Financial Service - General Administration - GIS/Draughting - Human Resources - Information Technology - Internal Audit - Library - PSC Audit - Subsidy verification Unit	State Enterprises: Wholly Owned Enterprises: - Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited - Trinidad and Tobago Upstream Downstream Energy Operations Company Limited - Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited - The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited Majority Owned Enterprises: - Alutrint Limited Minority Owned Enterprises: - Alutech Limited Indirectly Owned Enterprises: - Atlantic 1 Holdings LLC - Atlantic 4 LNG Company of Trinidad Tobago Unlimited - Atlantic LNG 4 Holdings Limited - Eastern Caribbean Gas Pipeline Company Limited - EIF Exploration Trinidad B.V. - La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited	- Liquid Fuels Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited - Heritage Petroleum Company Limited - Paria Fuel Trading Company Limited - Guaracara Refining Company Limited - NGC Green Company Limited - National Agro Chemical Limited - National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited - NATPET Investment Company Limited - NATSTAR Manufacturing Company Limited - NGC CNG Company Limited - NGC E&P (Barbados) Limited - NGC E&P Investments (Barbados) Limited - NGC E&P Investments Limited - NGC E&P Netherlands Cooperative U.A. - NGC NGL Company Limited - NGC Petrochemicals Limited - NGC Pipeline Company Limited	- NGC Trinidad and Tobago LNG Limited - Petrotrin EAP Services Limited - Petrotrin Panama Incorporated - Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited - Southeast Coast Consortium National Reafforestation Programme - Teak Samaan Poui - Total E&P Trinidad B.V. - Trinidad and Tobago LNG Limited [formerly NGC LNG (Train 4) Limited] - Trinidad and Tobago Marine Petroleum Company Limited - Trinidad and Tobago NGL Limited - Trinidad Northern Areas Limited - Trinidad Nitrogen Company Limited - Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

⁴ Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries Website <https://www.energy.gov.tt/about-us/> and Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 166 dated October 02, 2026: Accessed on October 12, 2026: https://www.printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2026/Gazette/Gazette_No.%20166_of_2026.pdf

Review of Budget 2025/2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025

Summary of Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	\$2,742,074,800
Development Programme	\$201,500,000
Total	\$2,943,574,800

Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026⁵

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

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Recurrent Expenditure - \$454,000,000

04/007/01: Shortfall in subsidy re: Sale of Petroleum Products - \$454,000,000

The sum is required to settle subsidy liabilities owed to: -

- the National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NPMC); and
- United Independent Petroleum Marketing Company (UNIPET)

⁵Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2026/2027), Thirteenth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary and Variation Appropriation for the fiscal year 2026, June 12, 2026. Accessed: 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 ⁶	Total Allocation ⁷	National Budget ⁸	Percentage of National Budget
2023	\$2,054,237,693	\$69,379,928,103	2.96%
2024	\$718,166,824	\$63,674,007,590	1.13%
2025	\$634,056,585	\$65,450,506,594	0.97%
2026	\$553,924,800	\$76,782,919,774	0.72%
2027	\$949,627,000	\$73,542,254,357	1.29%

⁶ For the Fiscal Years 2023-2027, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.

⁷ Total Allocation for the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure. In FY2027, the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries did not have a Development Programme Allocation.

⁸ The National Budget = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

Where the Ministry spends its money



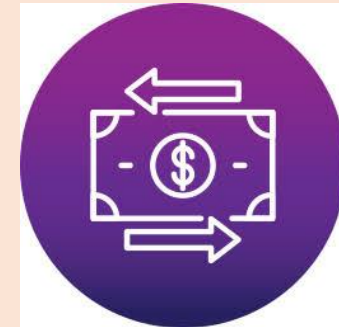
01 Personnel Expenditure: **\$59,165,700**



03 Minor Equipment Purchases: **\$43,900**



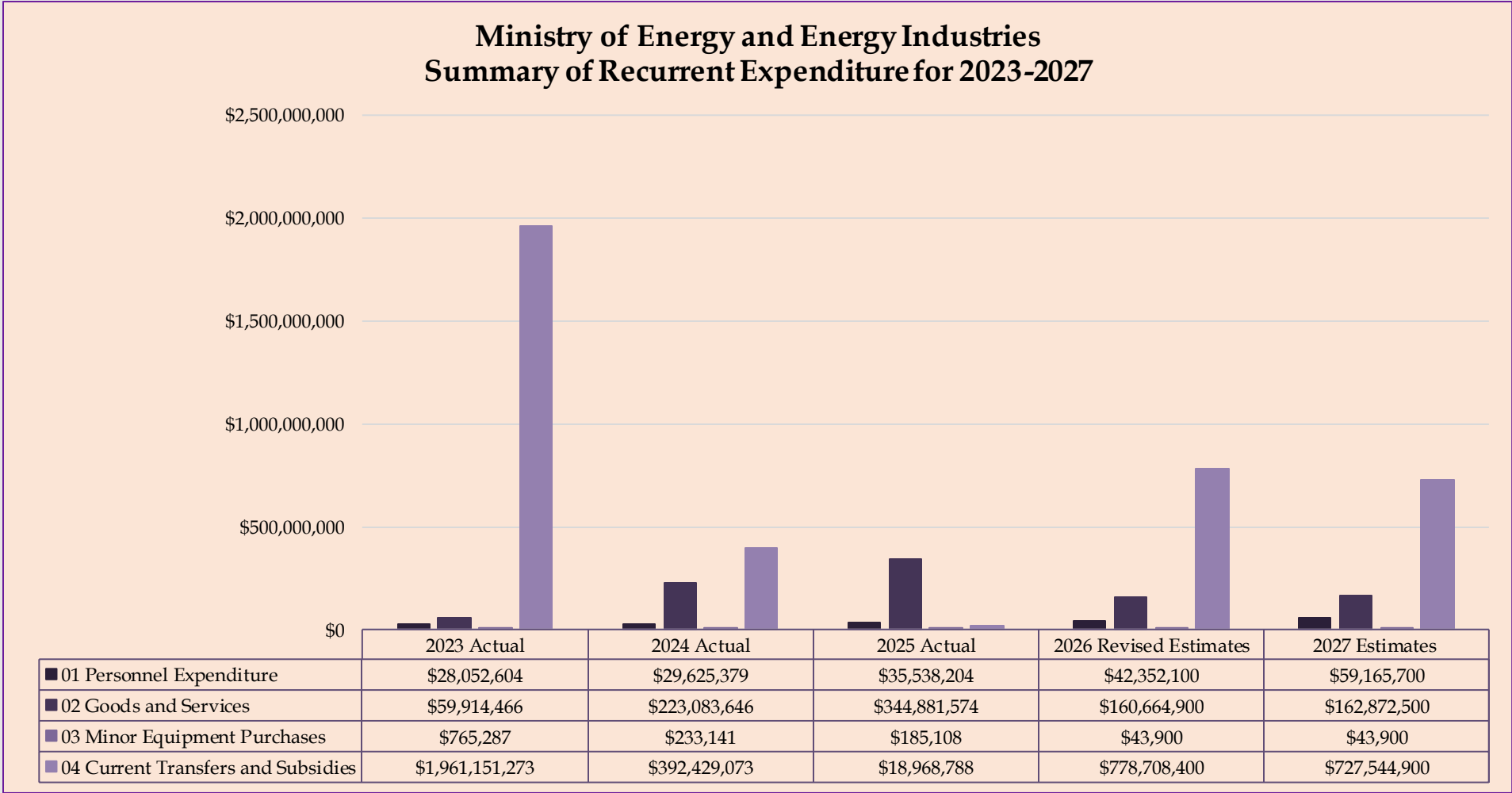
02 Goods and Services: **\$162,872,500**



04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: **\$727,544,900**

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2023-2027⁹

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries Recurrent Expenditure for the fiscal years 2023 to 2027.



⁹ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 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 Expenditure¹⁰

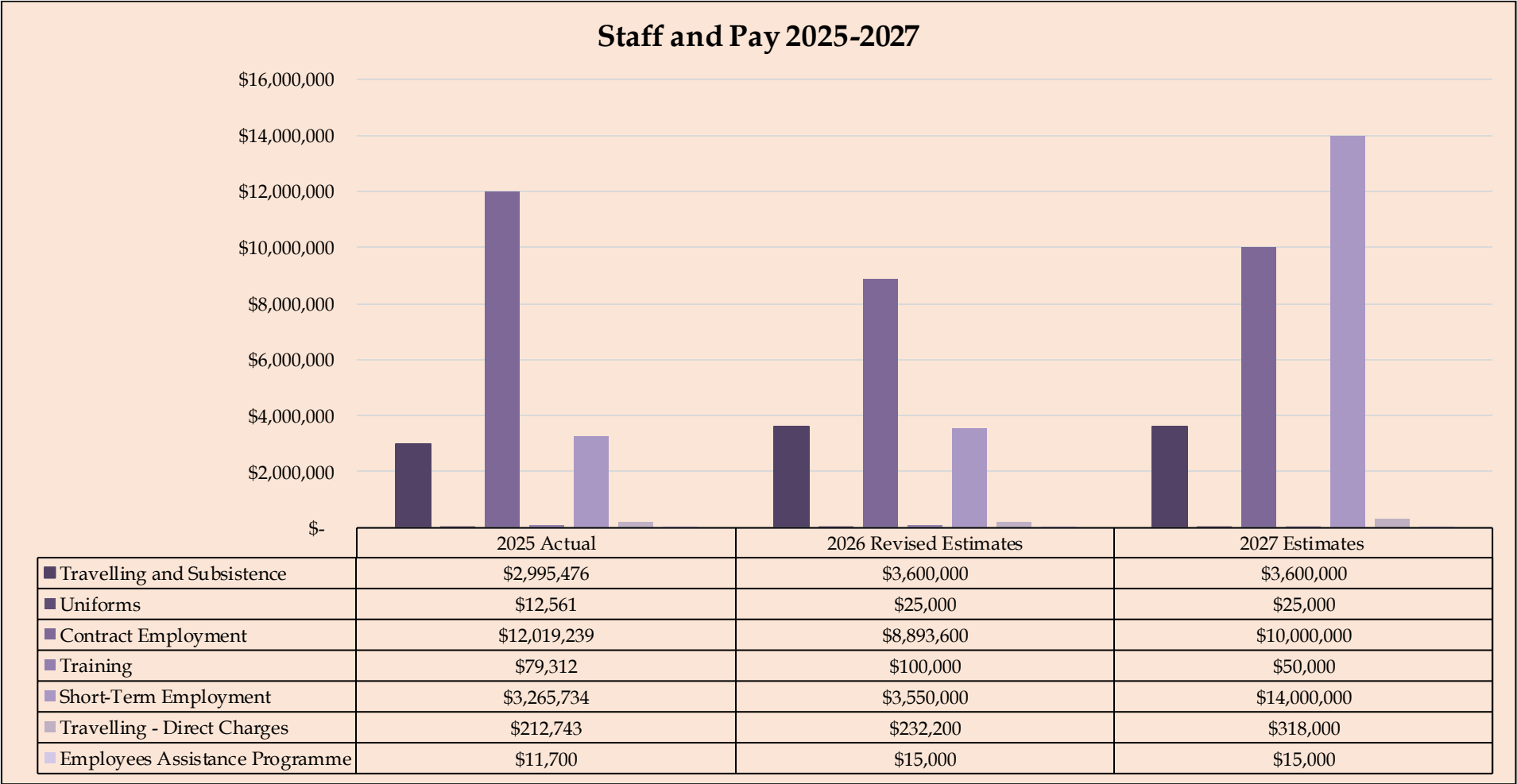
Recurrent Expenditure refers to expenditure incurred in the day-to-day operations of the Ministry for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **\$949,627,000**

- Recurrent Expenditure (Revised) for Fiscal Year 2026 was **\$981,769,300**. Comparing this figure with Fiscal Year 2027, there is a decrease of **\$32,142,300 or -3.27%**.
- The **largest** portion of the allocation has consistently been distributed to **Sub Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies** between 2023 and 2027. This figure accounted for approximately **76.61%** of total funding for the Ministry for fiscal 2027.
- **Sub Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases** consistently received the **lowest** portion of the total allocation for the Ministry over the period 2023 to 2027. However, the Sub-Head received no funding for fiscal year 2027.
- Comparing the allocation for **Sub Head 02 Goods and Services** in Fiscal Year 2027, with the allocation for the Sub-Head in Fiscal Year 2026 (Revised), there was an increase of **\$2,207,600 or 0.22%**.
- **Sub Head 01 Personnel Expenditure** received the **second lowest** portion of the allocation and fluctuated over the period 2023-2027. The Sub-Head received approximately **6.23%** of the Ministry's total funding for fiscal year 2027.
- The actual/estimated expenditure for the Recurrent Expenditure over the five (5) year period is at its highest of **\$2,049,883,630** in fiscal 2023. An average amount allocated over the five (5) year period is **\$1,005,244,968.60**.

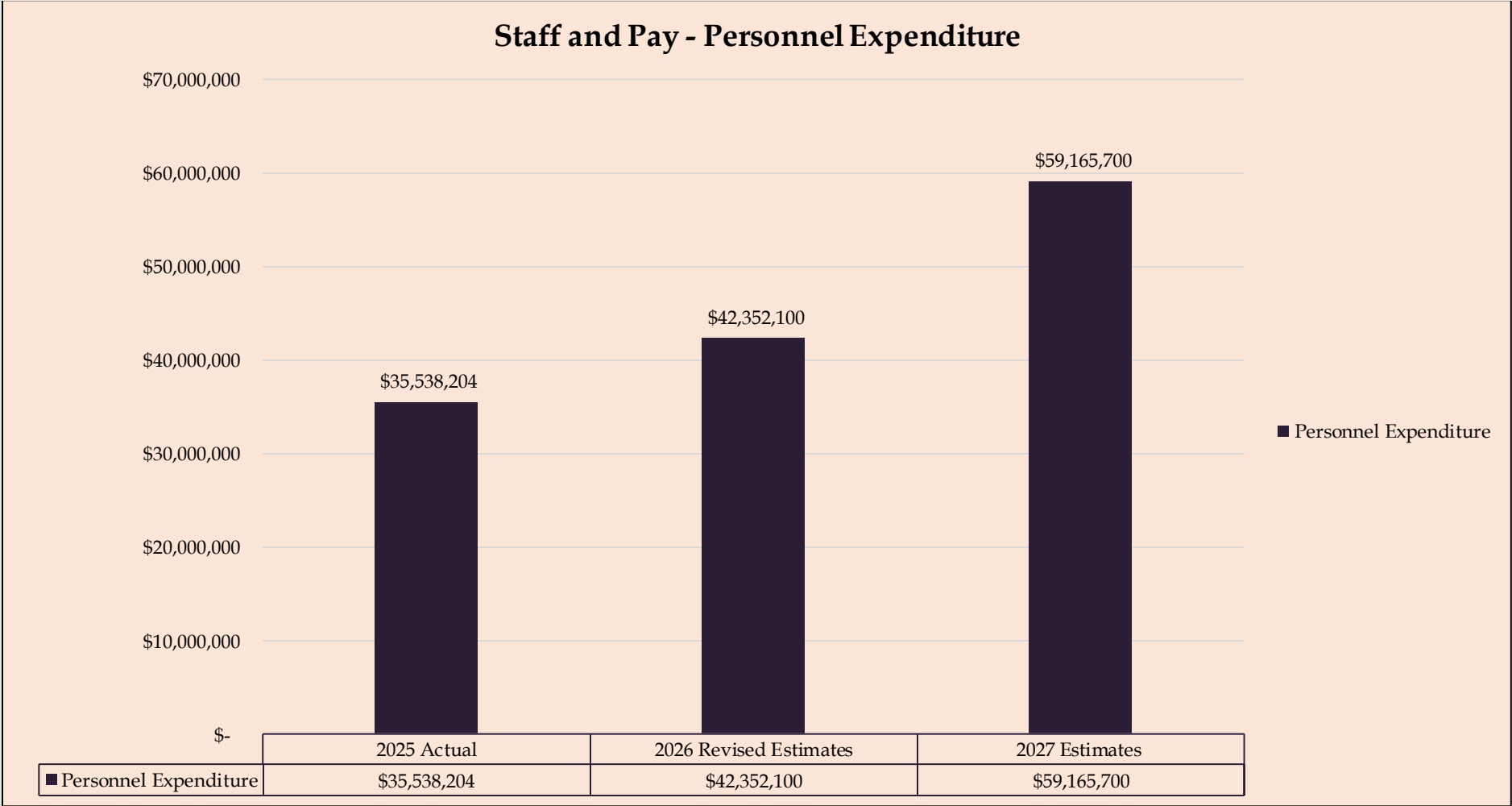
¹⁰ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of the Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2026. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>

Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is \$87,173,700 which represents an increase of \$28,405,800.00 or approximately 48% from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised). The following charts provide a breakdown of all staff related expenditure for the period 2025 to 2027¹¹.



¹¹ Draft Estimates for Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>



Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2023-2027

Development Programme is capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes; human resources, economic and social development. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

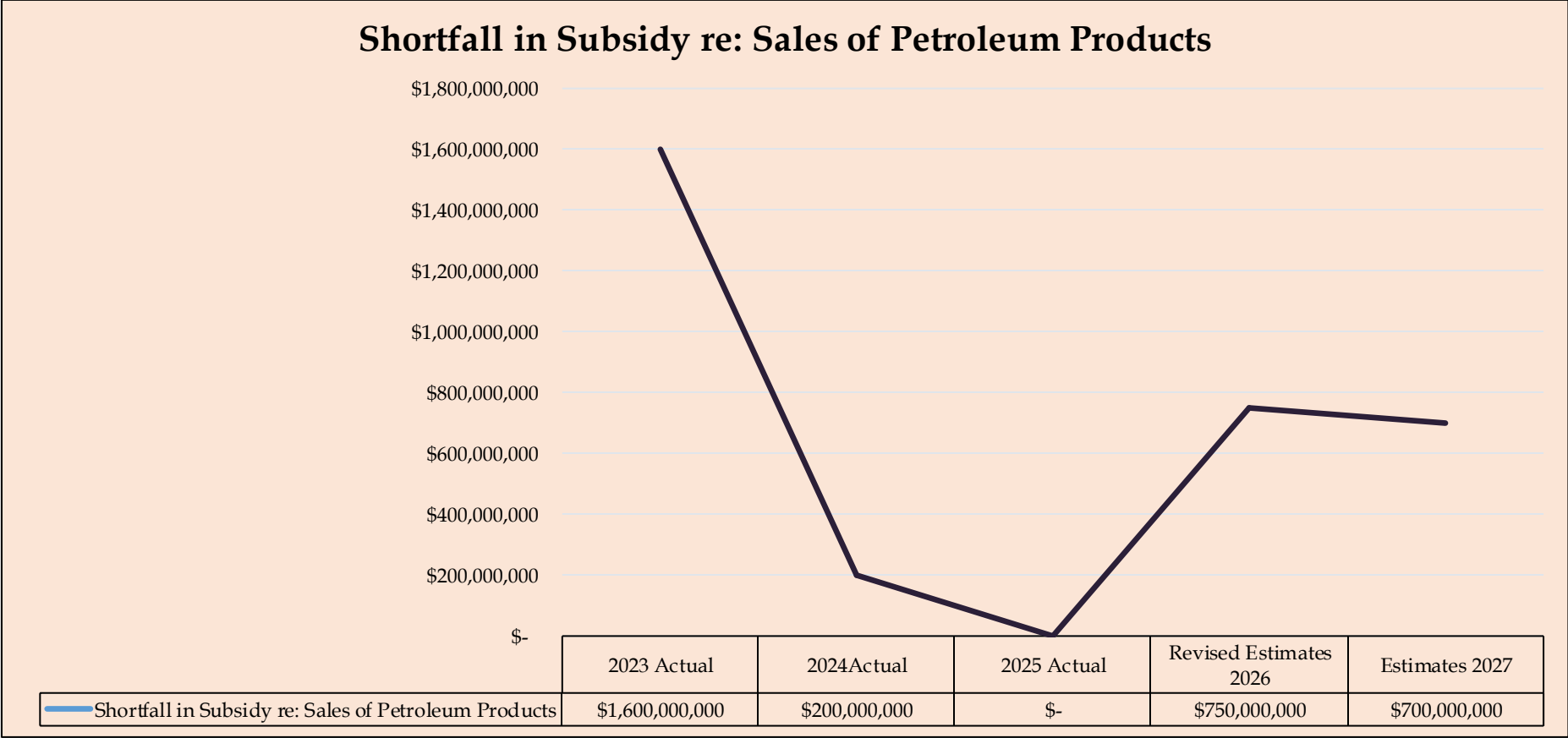
- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund.



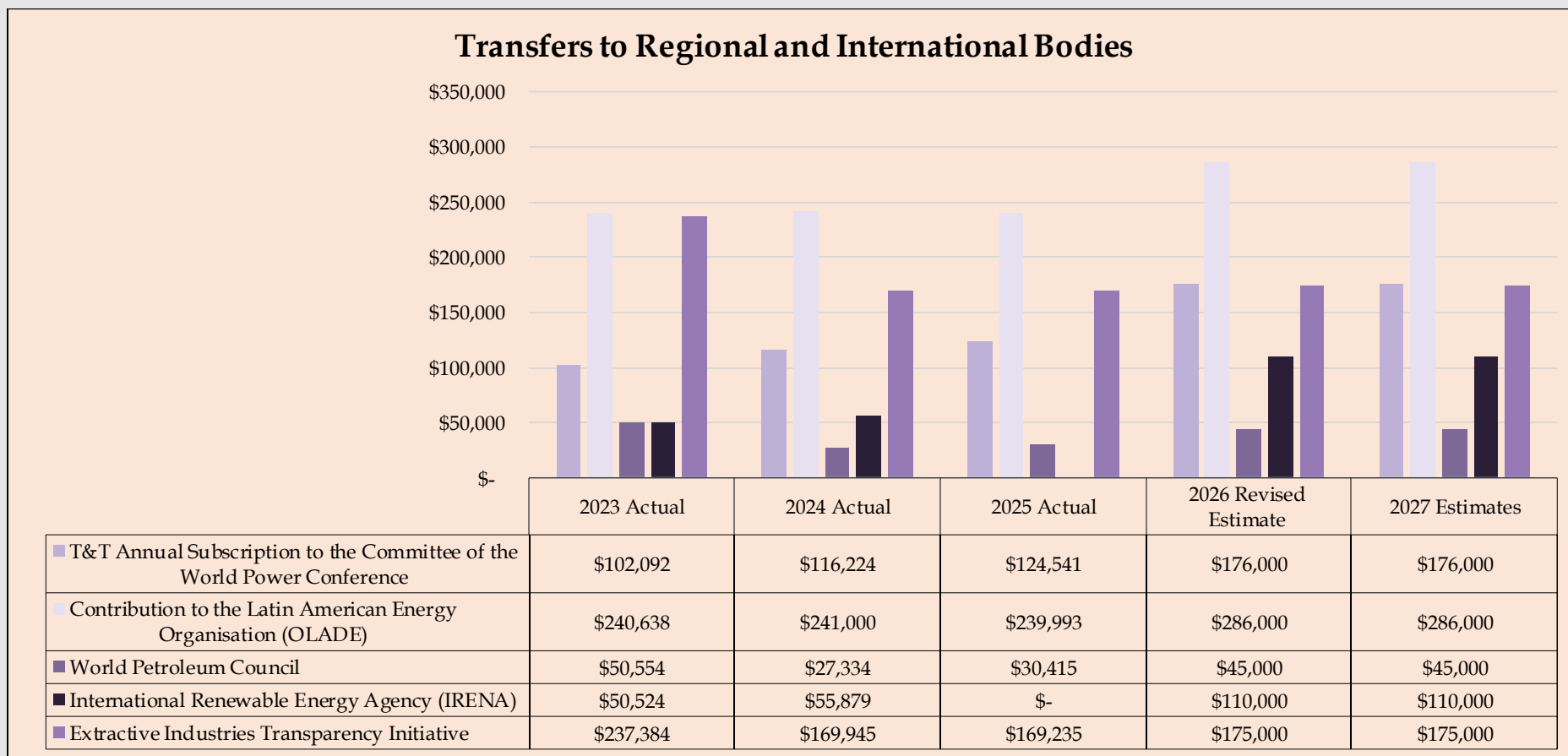
Expenditure Unique to the Ministry:

Shortfall in Subsidy re: Sales of Petroleum Products

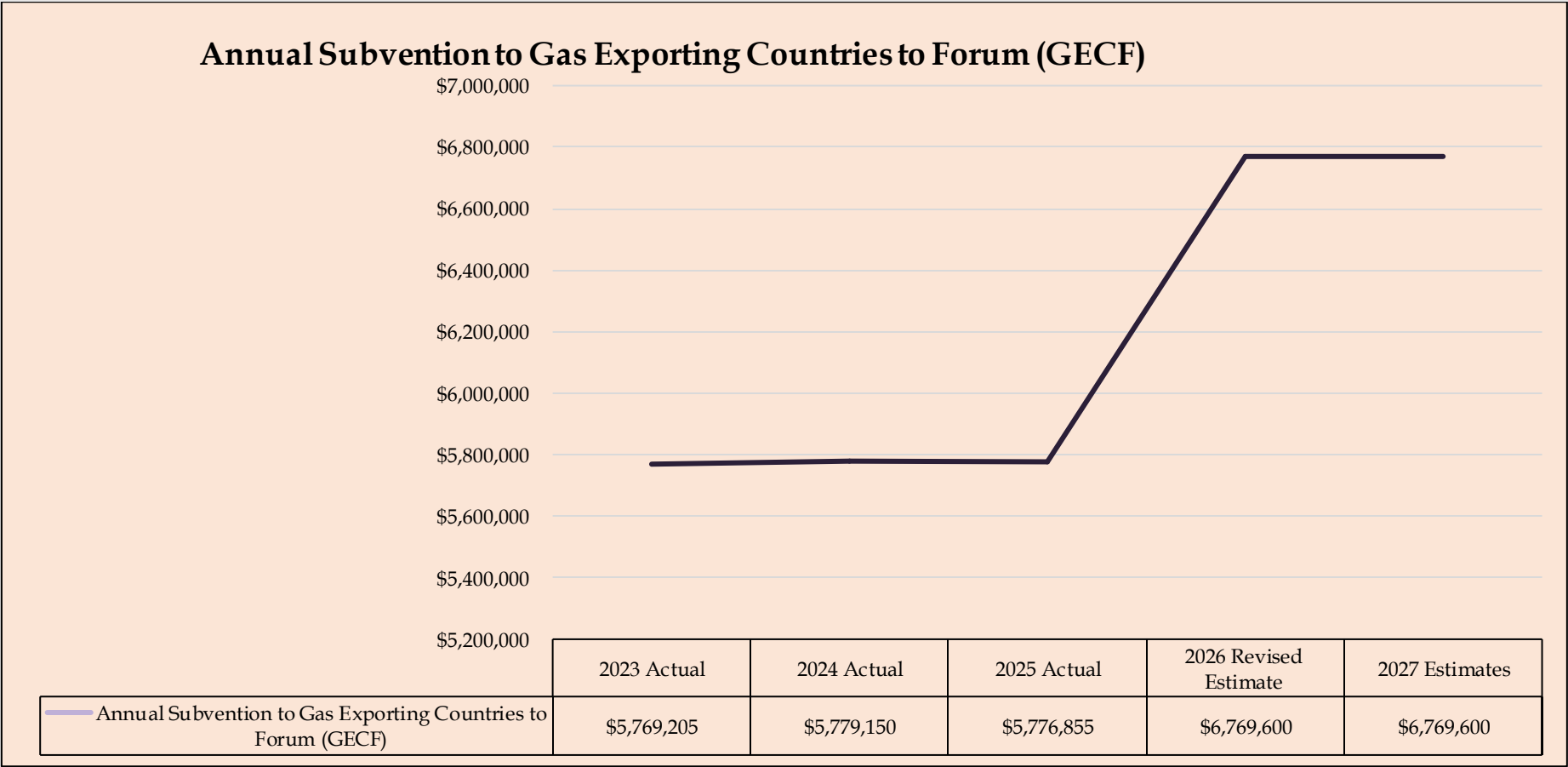
Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries that may not feature in other Ministries or Departments.



Expenditure Unique to the Ministry: Transfers to Regional and International Bodies



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Status of Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2026

The following lists the projects scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for the period 2024-2027, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion¹²:

Projects/Programmes	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/005/06/ A003 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiatives	534,000	590,625	5,315,000	-
09/005/06/G001 Acquisition of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) for the Detection of Oil Spills	53,352	208,992	482,000	-
701/003/05/D011 Dredging of Sea- Lots Main Channel and Turning Basin	868,813	2,407,946	117,000	-

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

Term	Definition
Budget	An itemized summary of estimated or intended expenditures for a given period along with proposals for financing them. The budget is the main economic policy tool of the government and indicates how it plans to use public resources to meet policy goals.
Budget Statement	A listing of planned revenue and expenditure for a given period of time.
Consolidated Fund	This fund refers to all revenues (taxes, custom duties and interest) or other monies raised or received by Trinidad and Tobago. Funds appropriated by Parliament and authorized for meeting expenditure for the service of Trinidad and Tobago are taken from the Consolidated Fund.
Departments	Departments refer to governmental organizations not headed by a Minister that deal with a particular area of interest that may cover matters where direct political oversight is inappropriate or unnecessary
Development Programme	Development Programme refers to capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes human resources, economic and social development. The monies used to fund Development Programme expenditure are derived from two sources namely the Consolidated Fund and the Infrastructure Development Fund
Draft Estimates Details of 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.
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.

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

Term	Definition
	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 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

Term	Definition
	the Government's vision to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through its programmes and projects. The SSIP is guided by the Government's National Policy Framework.
Statutory Authority	"Statutory Authority" means a local authority and any commission, board, committee, council or body (whether corporate or unincorporated) established by or under an Act other than the Companies Act declared by the President under section 3 to be subject to the provisions of this Act.
State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP)	The State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP) focuses on capital infrastructure projects undertaken by State Enterprises and Statutory Authorities in the following areas: energy, electricity, transport, tourism, communication, education and training, community, housing, health, public order and safety and public administration. The SEIP is financed through internally generated funds and loans serviced by either the Agencies or Government.

General Useful Information

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

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Public Sector Investment Programme Tobago 2027.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TOBAGO-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf
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
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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
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