



BUDGET GUIDE

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HEAD 67: MINISTRY OF
PLANNING, ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT

ALLOCATION: \$459,156,800

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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and 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 Planning, Economic Affairs and 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;](#) and
- [the Public Sector Investment Programme 2027;](#)

Overview of Head 67: Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development

\$293,055,300 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	\$166,101,500 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
\$459,156,800 2027 Total Allocation ¹	0.57% % 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 financial 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 Planning, Economic Affairs and Development ³

Executive

Leadership

Minister: Senator the Honorable Dr. Kennedy Swaratsingh

Minister in the Ministry: The Honorable Davendranath Tancoo, MP

Permanent Secretary: Mr. Sanjay Singh

Permanent Secretary: Mrs. Aartic Bedassie- Maharaj



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development

Focus:

The Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development is where vision becomes strategy and strategy becomes reality. The Ministry is committed to building a nation that is sustainable, inclusive, forward-thinking and prepared for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

Departments:

- Central Statistical Office- National Statistics
- Coordinating and Monitoring of Strategic Plans
- Economic Priority Setting
- Environmental Policy, Planning and Management
- Green Fund Management
- Management of Climate Change Issues
- National Framework for Sustainable Development

- National Manpower Planning National Monitoring and Evaluation
- Public Sector Investment Programme
- Public Sector Maintenance Programme
- Social Planning, Development and Monitoring
- Technical Cooperation Projects and Programmes
- Town and Country Planning
- Urban Planning
- United Nations

Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies:

- Advisory Town Planning Panel
- Archaeological Committee
- Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Caribbean (BCRC)
- Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI)
- Council for Innovation and Competitiveness
- Economic Development Advisory Board
- Environmental Management Authority (EMA)
- Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA)
- Green Fund Advisory Committee
- National Planning Authority
- National Population Council
- National Economic Council
- Trinidad and Tobago Council for Urban and Regional Planners

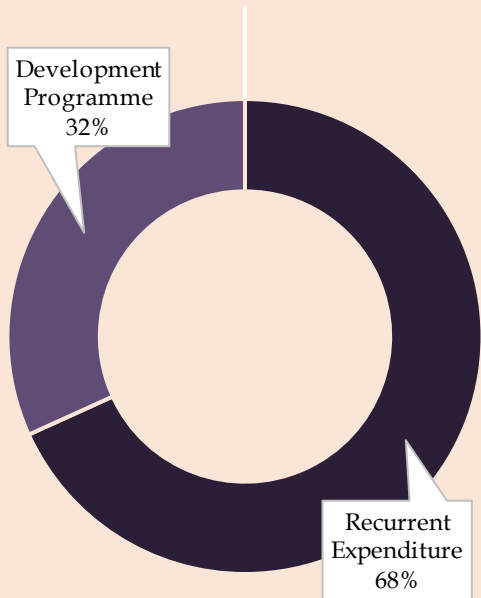
³ Ministry Website. <https://www.planning.gov.tt/newsite/about-planning/> and Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 166 dated October 02, 2026: Accessed on October 12, 2026: https://www.printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2026/Gazette/Gazette_No.%20166_of_2026.pdf



Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025

Summary of Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	\$241,100,000
Development Programme	\$112,303,000
Total	\$353,403,000

Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026⁴

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 Planning, Economic Affairs and Development requested and was granted the following supplementations:

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Recurrent Expenditure - \$1,628,803

02/001/16: Contract Employment- \$1,628,803

To supplement the provision to enable the payment of Salaries to contract officers to the end of fiscal 2026.

⁴Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2026/2027), Thirteenth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary and Variation Appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed: July 02, 2026. Available: <https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf>

Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2026⁵

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 Planning, Economic Affairs and Development requested and was granted the following variations:

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Recurrent Expenditure: \$8,361,190

01/001/01: Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - \$8,361,190

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

⁵ Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2026/2027), Thirteenth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary and Variation Appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 June 12, 2026. Accessed: July 02, 2026. Available: <https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/p13-s2-H-20260615-SFC-R.pdf>

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	\$284,351,520	\$69,379,928,103	0.41%
2024	\$310,373,938	\$63,674,007,590	0.49%
2025	\$284,499,000	\$65,450,506,594	0.43%
2026	\$323,403,000	\$76,782,919,774	0.42%
2027	\$422,156,800	\$73,542,254,357	0.57%

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 and 2027.

⁷ Total Allocation for the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and 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

0.41%	5.08%
Recurrent Expenditure ⁹	Consolidated Fund ¹⁰
0.57%	
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 = $\left[\frac{(\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure} + \text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund})}{\text{National Budget}} \right] \times 100$

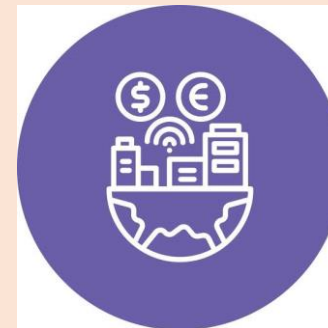
Where the Ministry spends its money



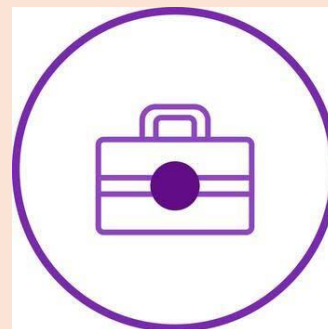
01 Personnel Expenditure:
\$122,015,900



03 Minor Equipment
Purchases: **\$359,000**



Consolidated Fund (DP):
\$129,101,500



06 Current Transfers to Stat.
Brds and Similar Bodies:
\$22,000,000



02 Goods and Services:
\$69,395,400



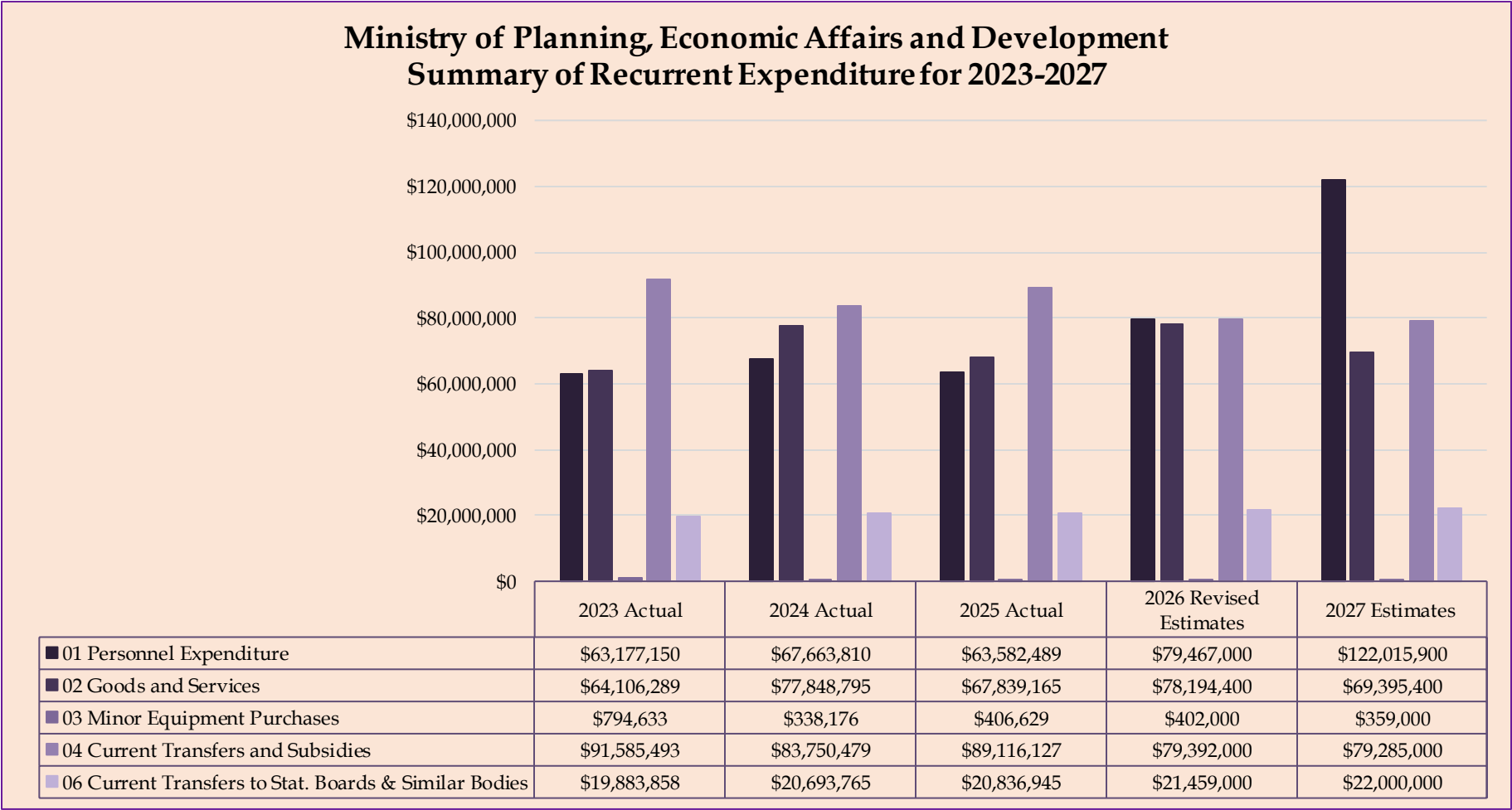
04 Current Transfers and
Subsidies: **\$79,285,000**



Infrastructure Development
Fund (DP): **\$37,000,000**

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the 2023-2027¹²

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development Recurrent Expenditure for the financial years 2023-2027.



¹² 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 Expenditure¹³

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

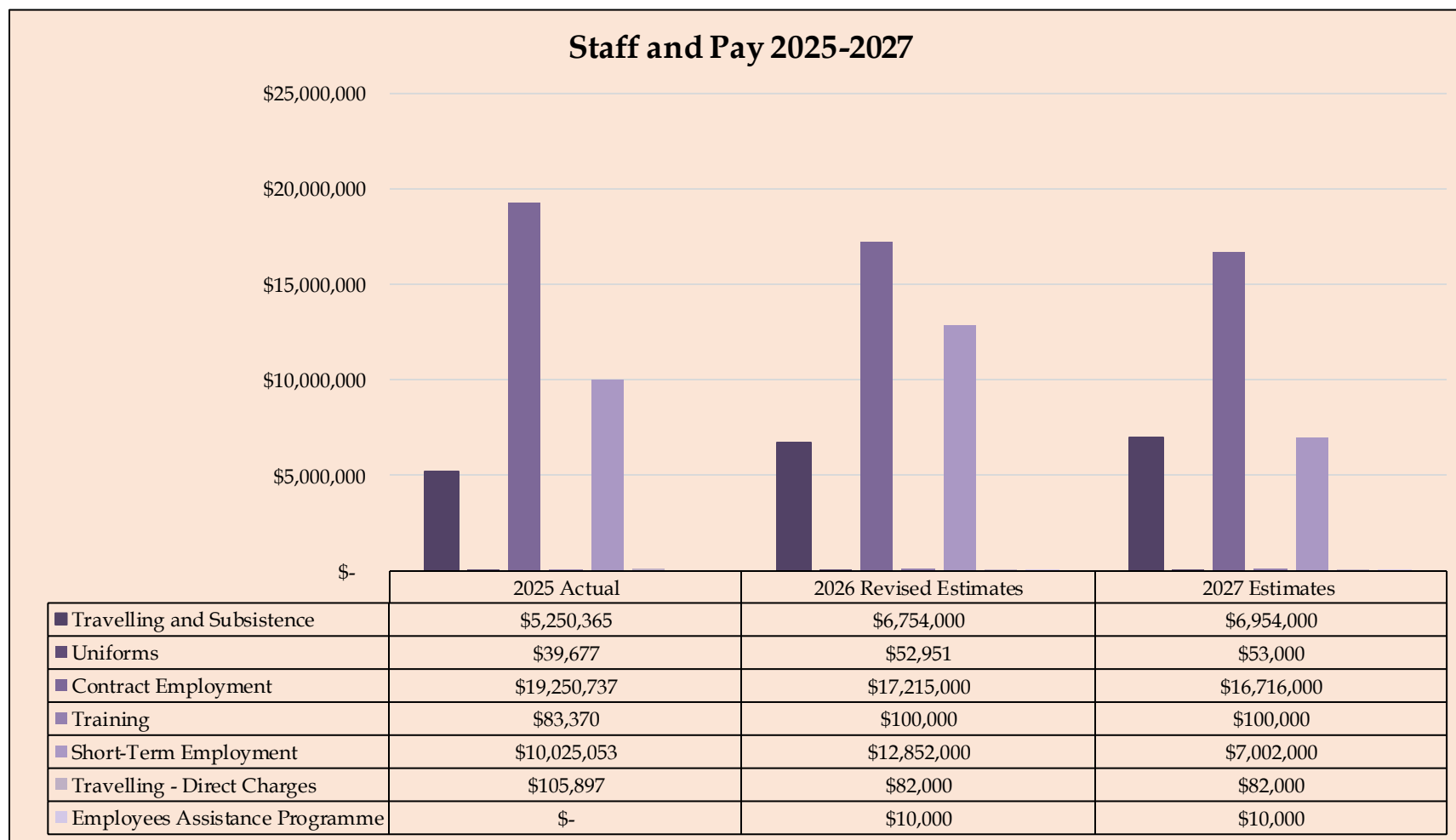
Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **\$293,055,300**

- Recurrent Expenditure **(Revised)** for Fiscal Year 2026 was **\$258,914,400**. Comparing this figure with the estimated figure for Recurrent Expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the allocation increased by **\$34,140,900** or **13.19%**.
- The larger portion of the allocation has consistently gone to **Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies** for the years **2023 to 2026**. However, in Fiscal Year 2027 it received the second largest allocation of **\$79,285,000** or **27.05%** of the recurrent allocation.
- Comparing the allocation for **Sub-Head 01 Personnel Expenditure** in Fiscal Year **2027** with Fiscal Year **2026(Revised)**, there is an increase of **53.54%** or **\$42,548,900**.
- In **2026(Revised)**, **Sub-Head 02 Goods and Services** was **\$78,194,400** or **30.2%** of the Ministry's total recurrent expenditure. Comparing this with the allocation in Fiscal Year **2027**, there is a decrease of **11.25%** or **\$8,799,000**.
- **Sub-Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases** received the lowest percentage of the allocation for the period **2023 to 2027**. However, there was a decrease by **\$43,000** or **10.7%** in Fiscal **2027** compared to the allocation in Fiscal Year **2026 (Revised)**.
- **Sub-Head 06 Current transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies** represented approximately **7.51%** of the total recurrent allocation for fiscal **2027** which is an increase in the percentage of **2.52%** in comparison to last fiscal year's percentage (Revised).
- The allocation of expenditure for the five (5) Sub-Heads has fluctuated over the five (5) year period.

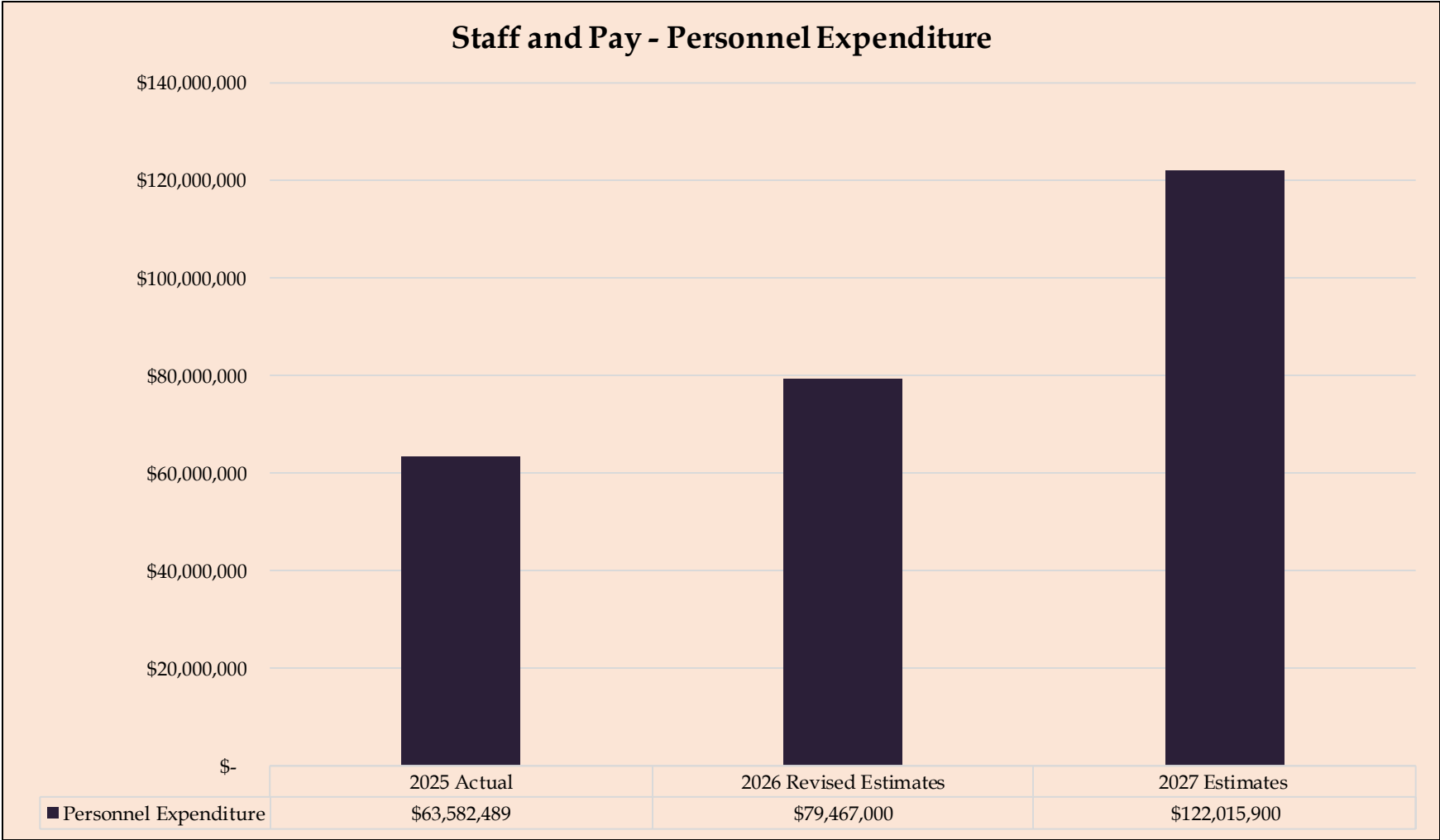
¹³ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and the Tobago House of Assembly for the Financial Year 2026. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf>

Staff and Pay

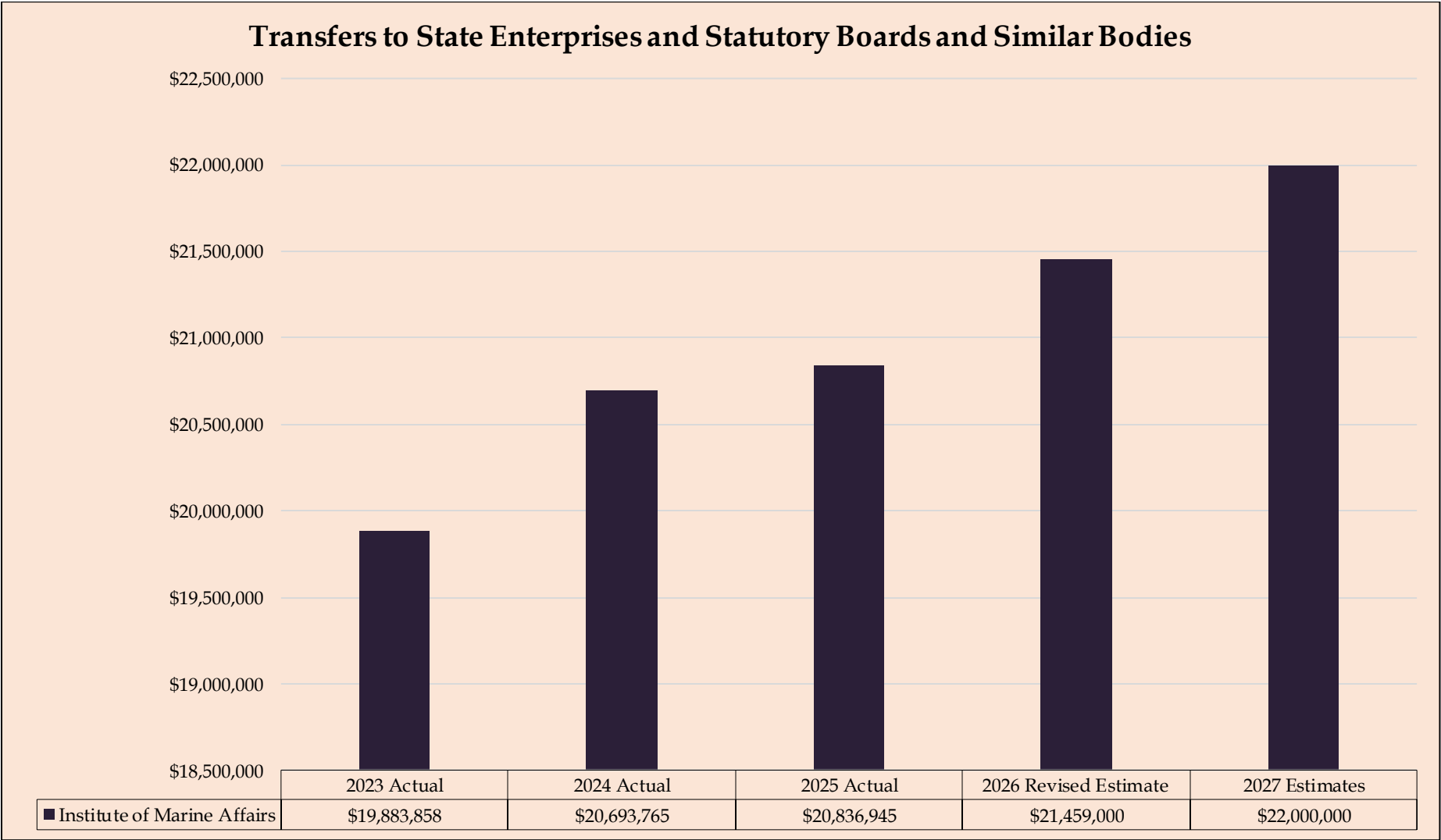
The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is **\$152,932,900** which represents an increase of **\$36,399,949** approximately **31.2%** from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised) of **\$116,532,951**. The following charts provide a breakdown of all staff related expenditure for the period 2025 to 2027¹⁴.



¹⁴ 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>



Current Transfers to State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

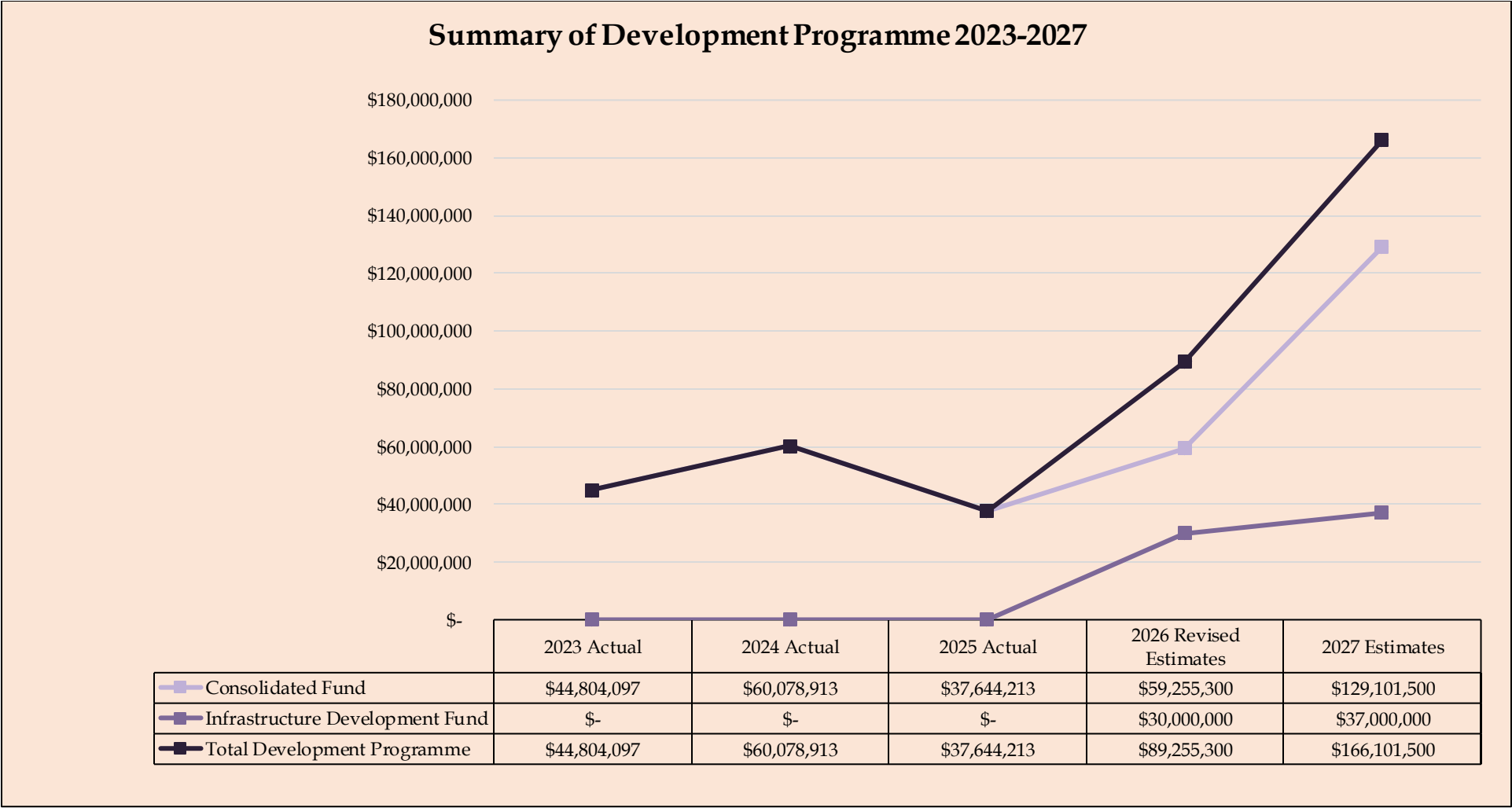


Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2023-2027

Development Programme is capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes; human resources, economic and social development. The allocation to the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development for development programmes and projects for fiscal year **2027 = \$166,101,500¹⁵**. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **\$129,101,500** and represent **77.72%** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **\$37,000,000** and represent **22.28%** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.

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



Details of the Consolidated Fund by Item¹⁶



001 Pre-Investment: **\$1,584,000**



004 Social Infrastructure: **\$57,000,000**



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services: **\$70,517,500**

Details of Infrastructure Development Fund¹⁷



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services: **\$37,000,000**

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>

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>

Public Sector Investment Programme 2027¹⁸

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Automation of the Construction Permit Process	In fiscal 2027, the Town and Country Planning Division (TCPD) of the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development will further enhance the DevelopTT online construction permitting system, with a provision of \$1.0 million to improve the efficiency of services to development application clients. Planned software and system design upgrades will streamline workflows and strengthen operational efficiency. In addition, a dedicated DevelopTT Helpdesk will be established at each of the TCPD's Regional Offices.
Implementation of the Automated Workflow Process	An allocation of \$3.8 million will support the continued digitisation of the TCPD's development records, improving accessibility and facilitating greater interoperability with the DevelopTT solution. Phase II, which focuses on records held at the TCPD's Tobago and Eastern Regional Offices, will continue with the following activities: • scanning and indexing; and • GIS vectorisation
Conduct of the Population and Housing Census	An allocation of \$50.0 million will be provided to the CSO for the conduct of the 2027 Population and Housing Census. During fiscal year 2027, the CSO will also undertake the following activities: • continuation of the recruitment and onboarding of staff to support census operations; • commencement and completion of the Pilot Census; • establishment of the Census Call Centre to support census operations; • communications and public awareness activities to promote participation in the Census; and • conduct of the Population and Housing Census.

¹⁸ Public Sector Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 13, 2026. <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/PSIP-Trinidad2025-Final-Digital.pdf>

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Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI)	Investment in the CARIRI will continue in fiscal year 2027, a total allocation of \$5.7 million will be provided to facilitate the implementation of five (5) key initiatives aimed at expanding the Institute's technical capacity, fostering enterprise development and advancing applied research. These projects are as follows: • Procurement of Equipment for CARIRI; • Implementation of Critical Infrastructure Works at CARIRI Facilities; • Development of Downstream, Value-Added Products from Rubber Crumbs; • Aquifer Water Quality Assessment and Remedial Action Plan for Trinidad; and • Food Enterprise Accelerator Programme.
Environmental Management Authority (EMA)	The EMA will receive a total of \$7.6 million to advance the following projects and associated activities: • Establishment of an Ambient Air Quality Management Programme; • Development of Ambient Water Quality Standards (Watershed assessment programme for the Rest West, Talparo, Tumpuna and Aripo Watersheds); • Strategic Data Collection for Environmental Permits; and • National Environmental Literacy/ Awareness Survey.
Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA)	In fiscal year 2027, \$5.5 million will be provided to the IMA to continue the implementation of projects aimed at enhancing the Institute's infrastructure, advancing marine research capabilities and optimising operational efficiency through the integration of ICT as follows: • Establishment of Marine Research Field Station in Tobago; • Update of the Oil Spill Fingerprinting Database at the Institute of Marine Affairs; • Digitisation of Institute of Marine Affairs Records; • Development of the Mariculture Industry in Trinidad and Tobago; and • Marine Space Remote Sensing.

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 Planning, Economic Affairs and Development, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion¹⁹:

Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/004/06/M057 Population and Housing Census: Conduct of the 2022 Population and Housing Census	1,612,840	24,574,086	10,087,542	20,000,000	50,000,000
09/004/06/M058 Conduct of a Survey to Rebase the Gross Domestic Product of Trinidad and Tobago	9,315	56,220	153,976	200,000	-
09/005/03/C008 Procurement of Equipment for CARIRI	7,999,593	3,380,064	1,487,063	1,214,000	2,200,000
09/005/03/D044 Electrical Upgrade of CDA's Head Office	93,780	1,466,202	Transferred to Head 24²⁰		
09/005/06/A111 Sustainable Development Goals	43,222	118,958	699,090	1,000,000	2,011,700
09/005/06/A112 Establishment of the National Planning Authority	-	821,478	1,502,029	537,000	500,000
09/005/06/A113 Implementation of an ArcGIS Enterprise Solution at TCPD	910,180	212,350	443,263	600,000	2,170,000
09/005/06/A114 Establishment of a Digital Enterprise Content Management System for the IMA	-	45,876	361,418	100,000	746,000
09/005/06/F021 Electrical Upgrade of the IMA Headquarters	-	-	56,250	200,000	2,000,000

¹⁹ 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>

²⁰ Responsibility for projects in relation to the Chaguaramas Development Authority was transferred to Head 24 - Ministry of Land and Legal Affairs.

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Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/005/06/F023 Upgrade of the Drainage, Fence and Sewer System of the IMA Headquarters	-	-	559,511	600,000	2,150,000
09/005/06/F024 Upgrade of the Chillwater System at IMA's Research Building	263,222	242,346	344,720	500,000	1,500,000
09/005/06/F026 Outfitting of the EMA's Offices for the Differently Abled	17,350	1,099,968	433,000	668,000	-
09/005/17/B012 Designation and Management of the Red Howler and White Fronted Capuchin Monkey	165,525	252,895	150,000	140,000	-
09/005/17/B013 Revision of Priority Actions of the Management and Recovery of the PAWI	158,378	215,369	11,450	232,325	-
09/005/17/B015 Marine Space Remote Sensing	149,280	752,132	208,351	500,000	1,000,000

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 Planning, Economic Affairs and Development, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion²¹:

Projects/Programmes	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/004/06/M059 Conduct of the 2019 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)	-	622,879	500,000	-
09/005/03/C010 Implementation of Critical Infrastructure Works at CARIRI Facilities	1,302,231	1,238,129	1,575,000	1,375,000
09/005/03/D045 Refurbishment Works to the Boardwalk Phases 1 and 2	2,341,076	325,547	1,000,000	Transferred to Head 24²²
09/005/06/A115 Establishment of the Urban and Regional Planners Council (TCPD)	-	239,902	100,000	491,000
09/005/06/A116 Development of the Ministry's Strategic Plan and Manpower Audit	492,270	4,610	200,000	-
09/005/06/A117 Communication System for the TCPD and Advisory Town Planning Panel	114,177	144,872	300,000	-

²¹ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf>

²² Responsibility for projects in relation to the Chaguaramas Development Authority was transferred to Head 24 - Ministry of Land and Legal Affairs.

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2025

For the fiscal year 2025 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion²³:

Projects /Programmes	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/005/03/C011 Development of Downstream, Value-added Products from Rubber Crumbs	-	250,000	275,000
09/005/03/D046 Tracking Station Road Repair	-	-	Transferred to Head 24²⁴
09/005/03/D047 Refurbishment of Macqueripe Beach Facilities	472,754	1,000,000	
09/005/03/F001 Update of the Oil Spill Fingerprinting Database at the Institute of Marine Affairs	76,585	100,000	1,300,000
09/005/03/F002 Digitisation of Institute of Marine Affairs	-	600,000	613,000
09/005/06/F027 Outfitting and Refurbishment of the Ministry of Planning and Development	259,046	-	-
09/005/17/B016 National Environmental Literacy/ Awareness Survey	11,850	206,000	224,000
09/005/17/B017 Strategic Data Collection for Environmental Permits	11,850	450,000	3,544,000
09/005/17/B018 Digital Transformation of the Environmental Management Authority's Procurement and Finance Department	-	-	700,000

²³ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf>

²⁴ Responsibility for projects in relation to the Chaguaramas Development Authority was transferred to Head 24 - Ministry of Land and Legal Affairs.

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2026

For the fiscal year 2026 the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development, and therefore warrant further inquiry regarding implementation status and progress towards completion²⁵:

Projects /Programmes	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
09/004/06/M060 National Agriculture Survey	300,000	-
09/004/13/A007 Development of the Steel Pan Manufacturing Sector	2,000,000	6,000,000
09/005/03/F003 Critical Upgrade of the Institute of Marine Affairs' ICT	1,000,000	2,250,000
09/005/06/A118 Establishment of the Economic Development Board (EDB)/ Council for Competitiveness and Innovation (CCI)	-	1,000,000
701/005/06/F001 Amphitheatre/ Botanical Gardens	\$10,000,000	\$15,000,000
701/005/06/F002 La Romaine Waterfront Project	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

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 Initiated in Fiscal Year 2027

The following new projects received funding in the 2027 fiscal year²⁶:

Projects /Programmes	2027 Estimates
09-004-06-M-061 Conduct of 2027 Business Census	1,000,000
09-005-03-C-012 Aquifer Water Quality Assessment and Remedial Action Plan for Trinidad	900,000
09-005-03-C-013 Food Enterprise Accelerator Programme	984,000
09-005-06-A-119 Development of Local Area Plans for Freeport, Southwest Tobago and Sangre Grande	843,800
09-005-06-A-120 Establishment of the Economic Reorganization Plan (ERP) Project Executing Team	5,000,000
09-005-06-A-121 Establishment of an ICT System Management and Maintenance Unit for the Development of the DevelopTT System	230,000
09-005-17-B-019 Development of an Integrated Management System with ISO 14001 and ISO 9001	1,000,000
09-005-17-B-020 Consultancy Services for the Development of the EMA's Strategic Plan 2027-2031	600,000
09-005-17-B-021 Review and Amendment of the Environmental Management Act, Chapter 35:05 and its Subsidiary Legislation	470,000
701-005-06-F-016 Construction of a Building for the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development	2,000,000

²⁶ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on October 12, 2026. Available on: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf>

Terms to Know

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

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

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

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

General Useful Information

Documents	Web Link
Parliament Website	https:// www.ttparliament.org/
Parliament YouTube Channel	https:// www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvTAc3t8yEAlIM-Ck49lg
Budget Statement 2027	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/publications/national-budget/budget-statements/
Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027.	https:// www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf
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
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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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State Enterprises Investment Programme 2026.	https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/SEIP-2026-for-web.pdf
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