



2018-2019

Head 48: Ministry of Trade and Industry

A summary of the Ministry's Expenditure, Divisions and Projects.
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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Trade and Industry for the period 2013-2019. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry's responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure;
- the Estimates of Development Programme;
- the Public Sector Investment Programme; and
- the Auditor General's Report on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2017.

Head 48: Ministry of Trade and Industry

Overview

Vision

A dynamic, client oriented organisation delivering integrated, quality services for business growth, trade and investment expansion and consumer empowerment.¹

Mission

To work as an innovative team, championing business growth, trade and investment for enhanced global competitiveness and promoting consumer interests for improved wellbeing.²

Minister: Senator the Honourable Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon

Accounting Officer: Mr. Norris Herbert

Permanent Secretary (Ag.): Ms. Frances Seignoret

The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) is leading the drive to position Trinidad and Tobago as a manufacturing base, and the business, trade, and financial hub of the Americas. The Ministry's core responsibility is to grow trade, business and investment, particularly

¹ Ministry of Trade and Industry Website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. <https://tradeind.gov.tt/vision-mission/>

² Ministry of Trade and Industry Website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. <https://tradeind.gov.tt/vision-mission/>

through driving the non-energy sectors of the economy. As the pivotal agency for trade promotion and development, MTI manages and coordinates the trade process to ensure access to international markets for companies located here.

This is closely tied to another critical mandate – the aggressive development of business and industry. In this regard, MTI is formulating more appropriate industrial and services, policies, designed to enhance the capability of the local industrial sector to compete in the global marketplace.

Much of MTI's activities are geared towards creating a facilitatory and supportive environment for business, especially through developing the most appropriate legislative framework to support business and investment activities. MTI is also responsible for stimulating domestic and foreign investment and is working to upgrade the entire framework for attracting investment – the lifeblood of industrial activity.

MTI conducts its affairs and provides required services with the highest regard and esteem for all clients and customers. The Ministry's stakeholders are located within Trinidad & Tobago, as well as regionally and internationally, and are drawn from government circles, the private sector, and civil society.³

The Ministry of Trade and Industry is assigned the following areas of responsibility as published in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette:⁴

³ Ministry of Trade and Industry website, accessed Wednesday September 26, 2018. <https://tradeind.gov.tt/vision-mission/>

⁴ Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 108 of 2017, pg. 1378, accessed on September 26, 2018: <http://news.gov.tt/sites/default/files/E-Gazette/Gazette%202017/Gazettes/Gazette%20No.%20108%20of%202017.pdf>

- Incubating local industries
- Commerce
 - Anti-Dumping
 - Competition Policy
- Consumer Affairs
 - Consumer Empowerment
 - Consumer Protection
 - Consumer Research
- eCommerce
- Export Processing Zones
- Industry
- Industrial Parks
- Metrology
- Piarco Aero Park
- Product Information
- Product Quality Development
- Technology Park
- Trade
 - Trade Agreements
 - Trade Policy
- Venture Capital Incentive Programme

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies
The Fair Trading Commission ⁵
The Trinidad & Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) ⁶
Premier Quality Services Limited ⁷
Prices Council

⁵ Fair Trading Act, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. http://rgd.legalaffairs.gov.tt/laws2/alphabetical_list/lawspdfs/81.13.pdf

⁶ The Trinidad & Tobago Bureau of Standards website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. http://www.ttbs.org.tt/?page_id=1043#what_we_do

⁷ The Trinidad & Tobago Bureau of Standards website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. <http://gottbs.com/pqsl/#>

Betting Levy Board⁸

Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority⁹

State Enterprises

Wholly Owned Enterprises

- Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (e Teck)
- The Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK)¹⁰
- Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited¹¹
- The Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited (TTFZ)¹²
- NAPA Hotel

Majority Owned

- The National Export Facilitation Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago (ExporTT)¹³

Indirectly Owned Enterprises

- National Flour Mills Limited (NFM)¹⁴
- Caribbean Leasing Company Limited
- Trinidad and Tobago Fashion Company Limited
- Trinidad and Tobago Film Company Limited
- Trinidad and Tobago Music Company Limited

Where the Ministry spends its money

⁸ Betting Levy Board Act, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. https://rgd.legalaffairs.gov.tt/laws2/Alphabetical_List/lawspdfs/21.53.pdf

⁹ The Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. <http://www.ttra.net/>

¹⁰ EXIMBANK website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018 <http://www.eximbanktt.com/about.html#miss>

¹¹ Creative TT, web, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. <http://www.creativett.co.tt/>

¹² TTFZ website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018. <http://ttfzco.com/index.php/about-us/>

¹³ ExporTT website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018 <https://exporTT.co.tt/about-us/>

¹⁴ National Flour Mills website, accessed on Wednesday September 26, 2018 <http://nfm.co.tt/About/Who-We-Are>

2018-2019 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **\$192,710,000.00**¹⁵ for the Ministry of Trade and Industry is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of **\$115,000,000.00**; and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum of **\$77,710,000.00** which includes:
 - Consolidated Fund in the sum of **\$43,690,000.00**; and
 - Infrastructure Development Fund¹⁶ in the sum of **\$34,020,000.00**.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

01 Personnel Expenditure - \$24,088,000.00 ;	04 Current Transfers and Subsidies \$49,708,862.00 ; and
02 Goods and Services - \$31,868,600.00 ;	06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards and Similar Bodies \$9,200,000.00
03 Minor Equipment Purchases \$134,538.00 ;	

Percentage Allocation of the Ministry of Trade and Industry is as follows:

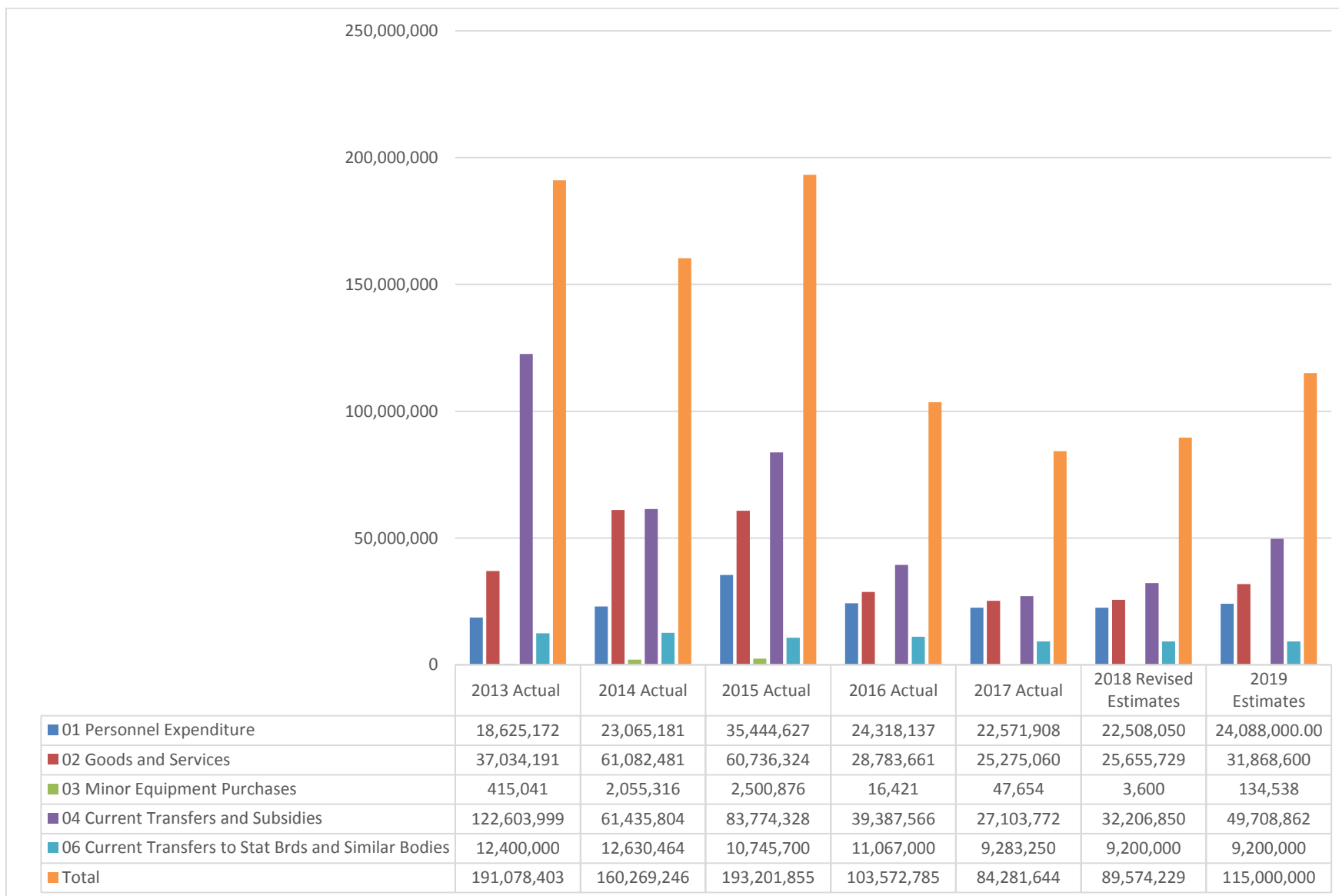
- Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget is **0.35%**;
- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure is **0.22%**;
- Consolidated Fund Expenditure as a percentage of total Consolidated Fund Expenditure is **1.82%**; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund Expenditure as a percentage of total Infrastructure Development Fund Expenditure is **1.22%**

¹⁵ Ministry of Finance website – Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the financial year 2019 accessed on October 02, 2018:

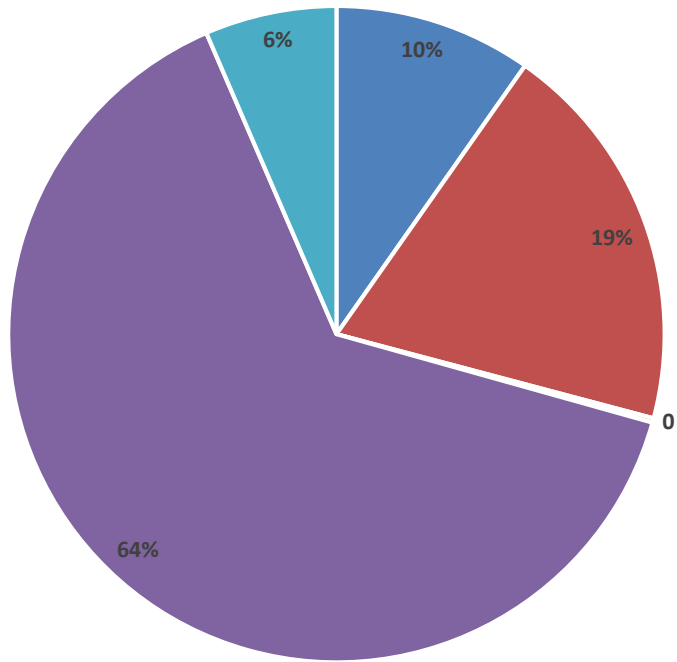
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¹⁶ Head 18 –Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. *Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry of Trade and Industry does not include IDF funding.*

Ministry of Trade and Industry Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2013-2019

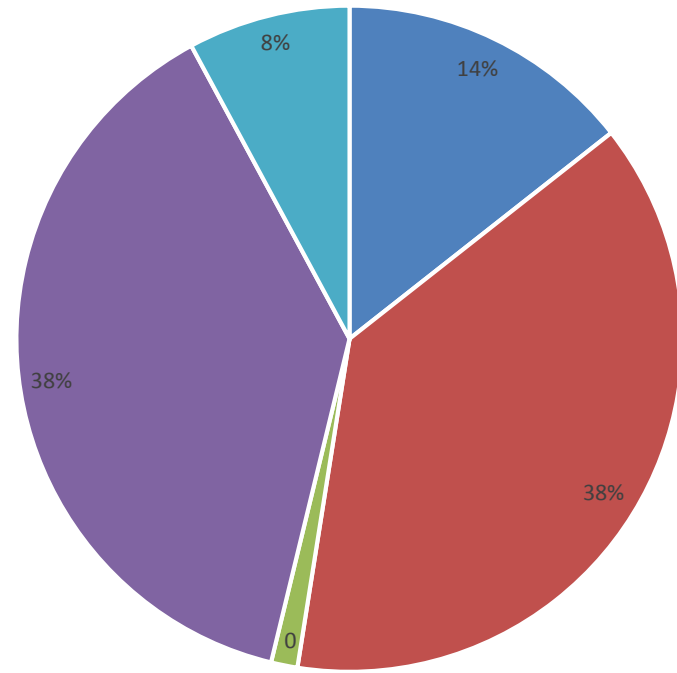


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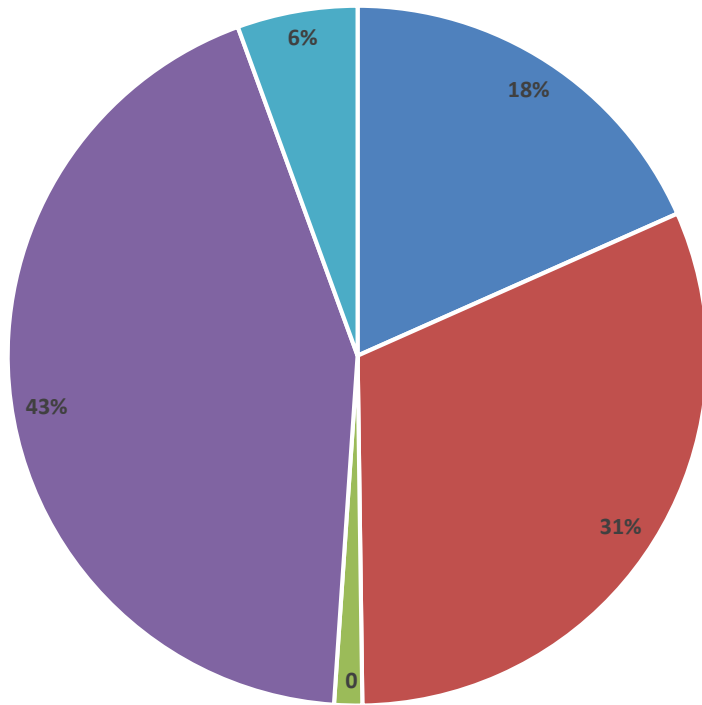
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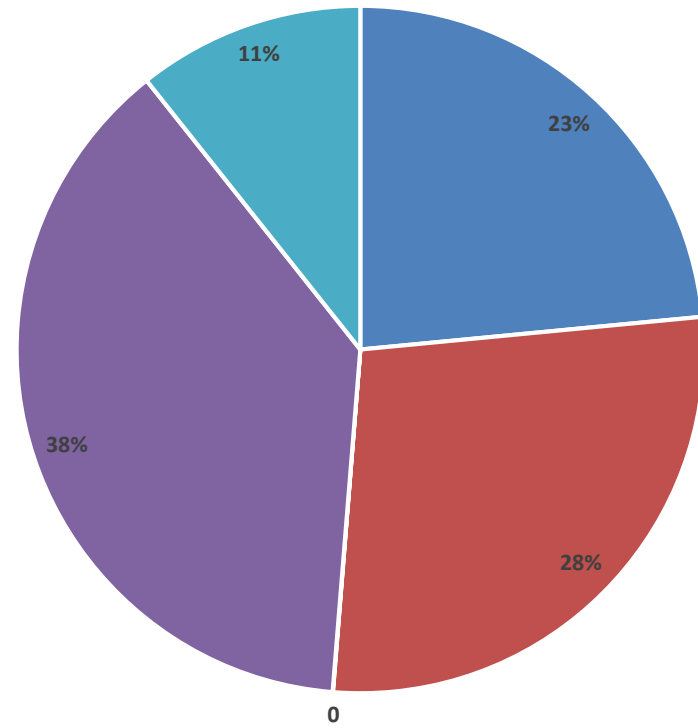
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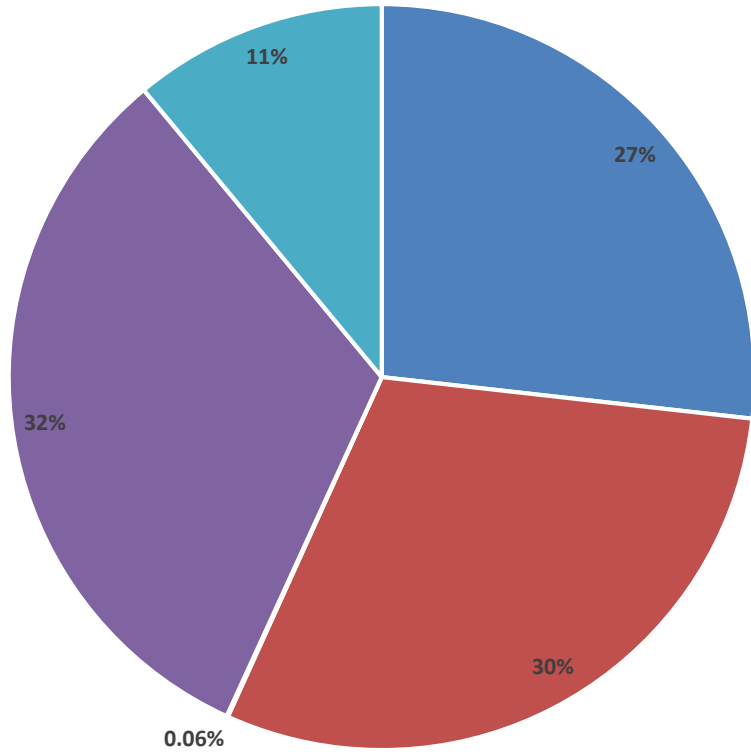
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2016 Actual



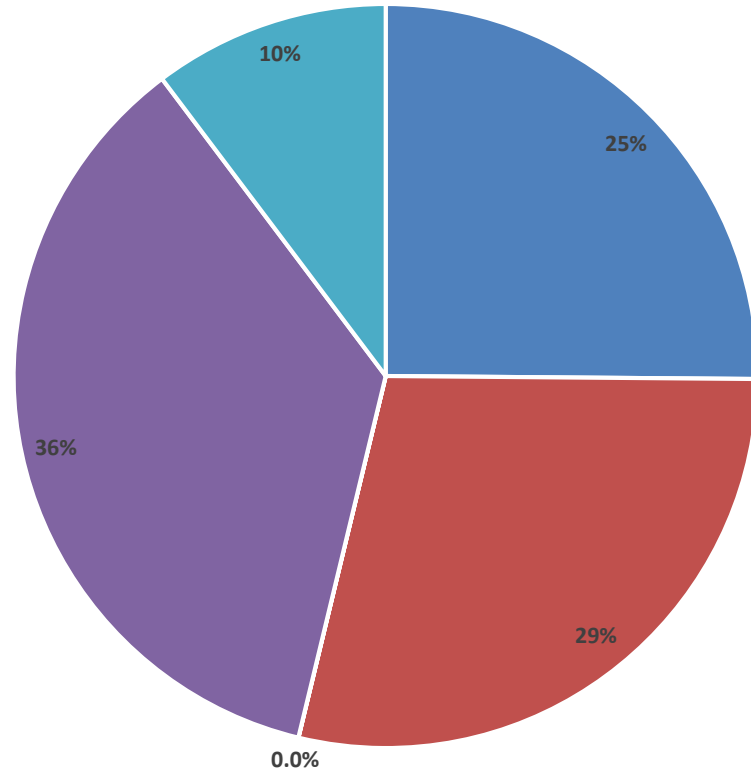
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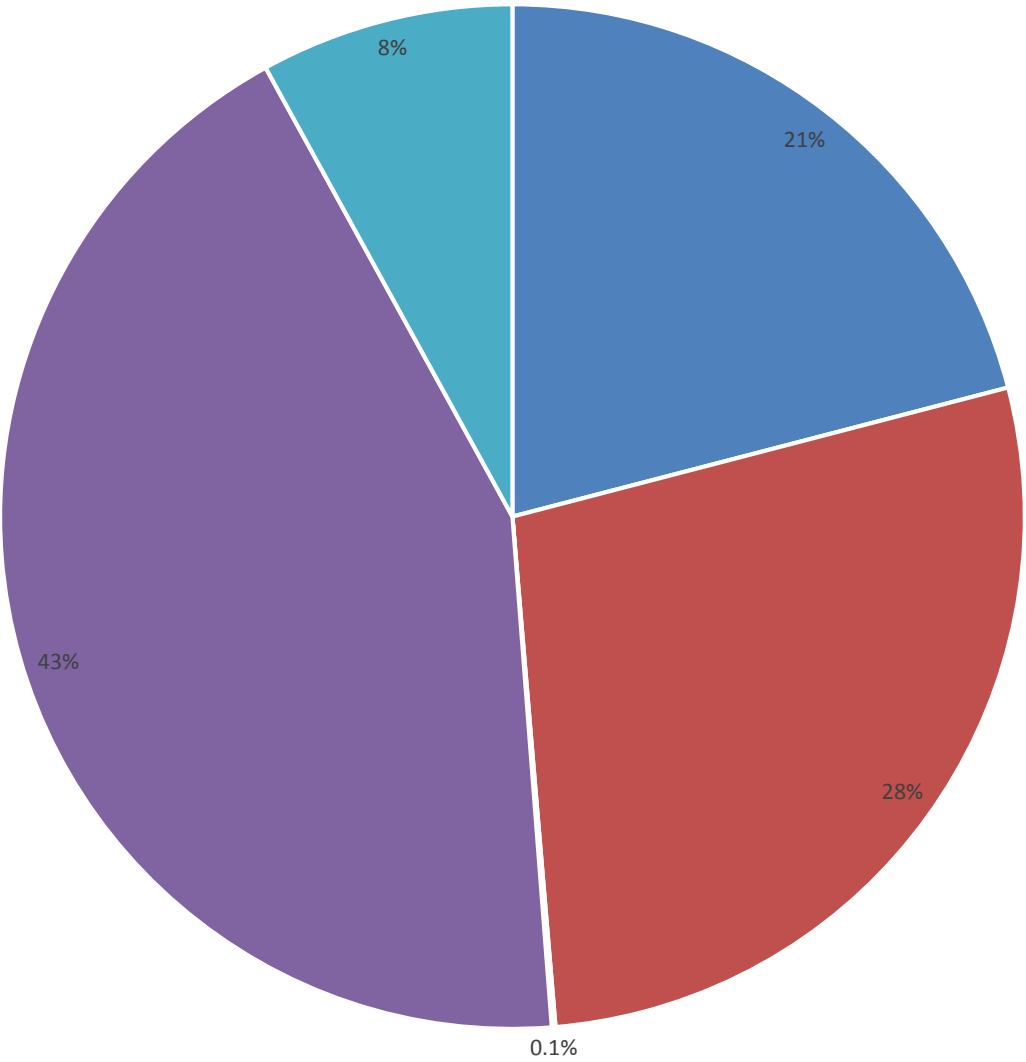
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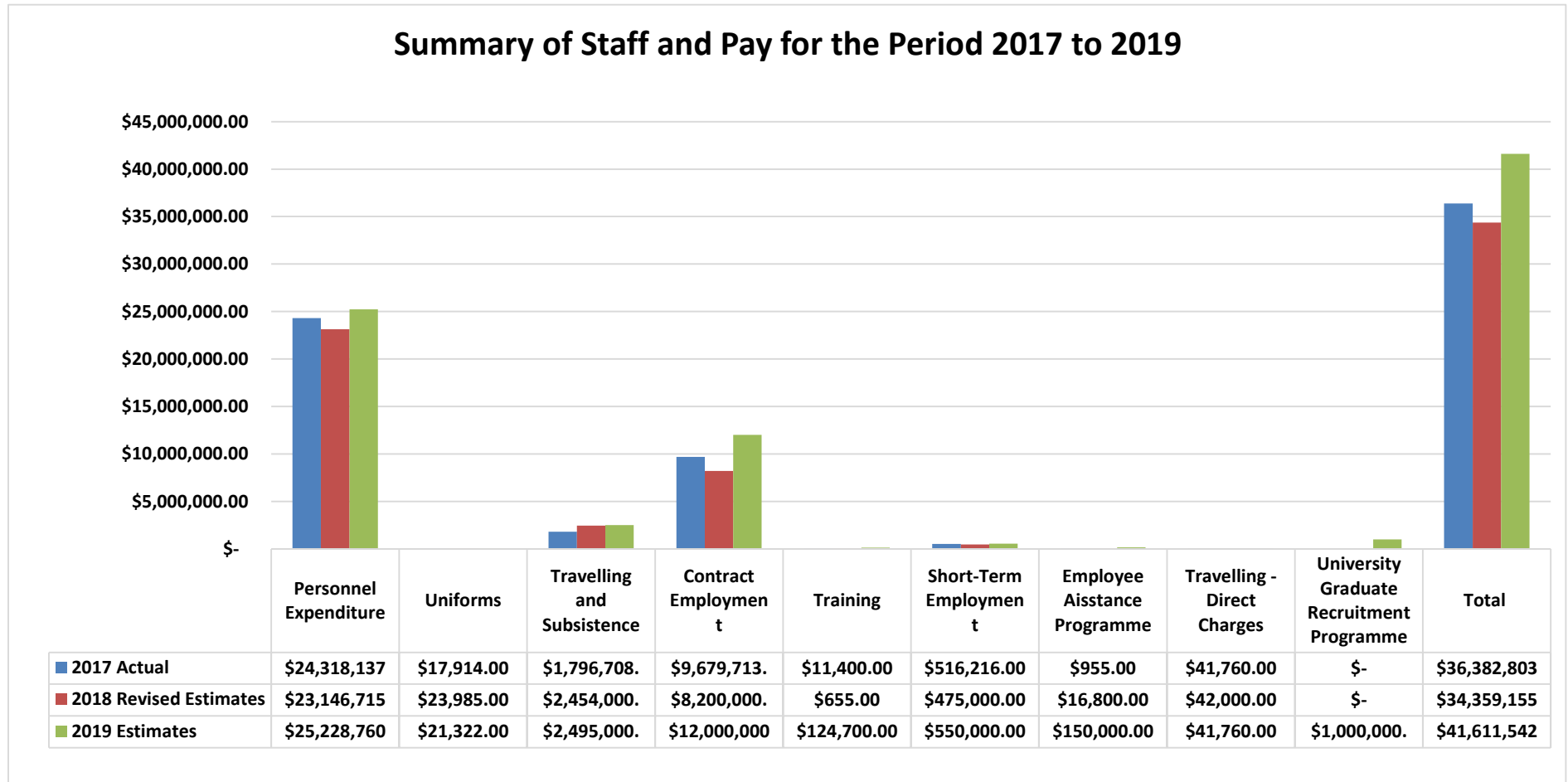
2019 Estimates



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Staff and Pay¹⁷

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2018/2019 is **\$41,611,542.00** which represents an increase of approximately **21%** from the last fiscal year, 2017/2018. The following table provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2017-2019.



¹⁷ Ministry of Finance website – Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the financial year 2019 accessed on October 02, 2018: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Recurrent-Expenditure-2019.pdf>

Analysis and Summary of Expenditures

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during 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 2018/2019 is **\$115,000,000.00**.
- ✓ The **Revised** Estimate for Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 was **\$89,574,229.00**. Comparing this figure with Fiscal Year 2018/2019, there was an overall increase of **28%**.
- ✓ The **largest** portion of the allocation has consistently gone to Sub-Head **Current Transfers and Subsidies**. This sub-head has been fluctuating at an average of **42%** of the Ministry's total allocation for the years 2013 to 2019, with fiscal year 2013, receiving the highest allocation of **64%**.
- ✓ For the years 2013 to 2019, **Goods and Services** received the **second largest** of the total allocation to the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
- ✓ **Minor Equipment Purchases** received the **lowest** portion of the allocation for the period 2013 to 2019.
- ✓ In 2018/2019 **Personnel Expenditure** accounts for **21%** of the Ministry's total allocation. This sub-head has been fluctuating at an average of **20%** of the total allocation for the years 2013 to 2019.
- ✓ **Current transfers to State Boards and Similar Bodies** represents approximately **8%** of the Ministry's total recurrent allocation in comparison to last fiscal year's **10%** allocation indicating a **2%** decrease in 2018/2019.

- ✓ The percentage allocation of expenditure for the five (5) different Sub-Heads has fluctuated over the seven (7) year period with fiscal year 2017 receiving the lowest allocation of **\$84,281,644.00** and fiscal year 2015 receiving the highest allocation of **\$193,201,855.00**.

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2012-2018

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 Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP), which represents the capital expenditure component of the National Budget, is the instrument used by Government to effect its vision and policies. It is a budgeting and strategic planning tool made up of projects and programmes, designed to realise the goals set out in the Government's overarching policy.

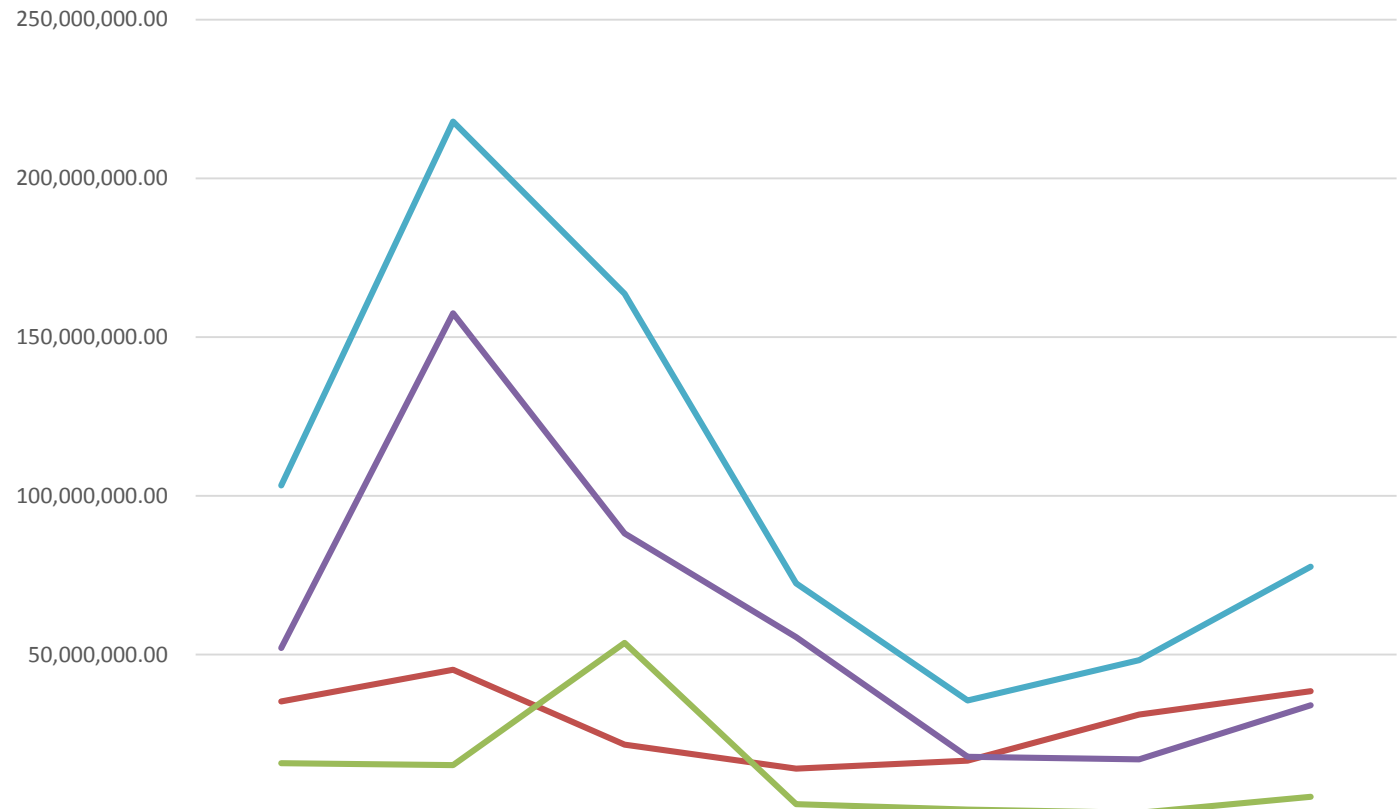
The PSIP budget document provides a detailed description of the programmes and projects and includes a review of the implementation of projects and programmes in the previous financial year and highlights the major projects and programmes to be implemented in the upcoming financial year.

- The Public Sector Investment Programme is intended to achieve:
 - ✓ the country's social and economic development goals; and
 - ✓ enhance the quality of life of all citizens.

The allocation of **\$77,710,000.00** for development programmes are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds appropriated by Parliament and disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund which represents **56.22%** of the total allocation for development programmes; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund represents **43.78%** of the total allocation for development programmes.

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2013-2019



	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Revised Estimate 2018	Estimates 2019
003 Economic Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund	35,304,095.00	45,221,374.00	21,673,691.00	14,065,584	16,631,958	31,096,500	38,500,000
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund	15,836,155.00	15,218,994.00	53,745,912.00	2,924,228	1,166,341	200,000	5,190,000
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Infrastructure Development Fund	52,118,076.00	157,453,764.00	88,188,615.00	55,470,494	17,781,475	17,000,000	34,020,000
Total	103,258,326.00	217,894,132.00	163,608,218.00	72,460,306.00	35,579,774	48,296,500	77,710,000

The Ministry's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2013 to 2018.

Year ¹⁸	Total Allocation ¹⁹	National Budget ²⁰	Percentage of National Budget
2013	\$242,218,653.00	\$59,174,226,196.00	0.41%
2014	\$220,709,614.00	\$65,020,886,424.00	0.34%
2015	\$268,621,458.00	\$61,966,922,675.00	0.43%
2016	\$120,562,597.00	\$56,573,913,053.00	0.21%
2017	\$102,079,943.00	\$54,883,153,410.00	0.19%
2018	\$120,870,729.00	\$54,330,404,592.00	0.22%
2019	\$158,690,000.00	\$55,582,977,415.00	0.29%

- ✓ Total allocation for the Ministry to the national budget illustrated a growth of **0.07%** between the period 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

¹⁸ For the Fiscal Years 2013-2017, actual figures were used to calculate total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

¹⁹ Total Allocation for the Ministry of Trade and Industry = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure

²⁰ The National Budget = Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme Consolidated Fund

Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates in 2017-2019

The table below lists the projects that have experienced irregular variances in estimates for funding received under the Ministry of Trade and Industry: ²¹

Project	2017	2018	2019
	Actual	Revised Estimate	Estimate
09/003/11/R011 Support to Enabling Competitive Business in Trinidad and Tobago	\$625,975	-	-
09/003/11/R014 Business Development of the Creative Industries	\$4,111,000	-	-
09/003/11/R016 Enhancement of the Single Electronic Window (IDB Loan)	\$2,426,983	\$15,800,000	\$30,000,000.00
09/003/11/R017 New Economic Zones Development -Moruga	\$2,620,000	\$7,774,500	-

²¹Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2019, <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Of-Development-Programme-New-2019.pdf>

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2016/2017

The following new projects that received funding in the 2016/2017 financial year²²:

Project -Item	2017 Estimate	2017 Actual	2018 Revised Estimate	2019 Estimate
09/003/11/R017 New Economic Zones Development -Moruga	\$2,620,000	\$2,620,000	\$7,774,500	-

²² Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2019, <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Of-Development-Programme-New-2019.pdf>

Status of New Projects for the Financial Year 2017-2018

The following new projects received funding in the 2017/2018 financial year²³:

Project -Item	2018 Estimate	2018 Revised Estimate	2019 Estimate
09/003/11/R019 Development of the Music Industry	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$1,000,000
09/003/11/R021 Development of the Film Industry	\$2,500,000	\$1,037,000	\$1,000,000
09/003/11/R023 Development of the Fashion Industry	\$4,500,000	\$4,400,000	\$2,000,000
09/005/03/B220 Enhancing the Quality Infrastructure for Trinidad and Tobago (TTBS)	\$300,000	-	\$1,500,000
09/005/06/A018 Feasibility Study of Export Financing Mechanism for Services Providers and Pilot Programmes	\$400,000	-	\$600,000
09/005/06/F01 Upgrade of NAPA Hotel Facilities (IDF)	\$1,000,000	-	-

²³ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2019, <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Of-Development-Programme-New-2019.pdf>

New Projects for the Financial Year 2018/2019

The following new projects that received funding in the 2018/2019 financial year²⁴:

Project -Item	2019 Estimate
09/005/06/A020 Implementation of the National e-Commerce Strategy	\$500,000
09/005/06/A022 Consumer Profile Study	\$300,000
IDF/005/03/Q305 Construction of Moruga Agro-Processing and Light Industrial Park	\$23,000,000

²⁴ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2019, <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Of-Development-Programme-New-2019.pdf>

Major Programmes and Development for the Period 2017 to 2019

The following table shows a list of the significant expenditure items, based on the proportion of the budgetary allocation assigned.²⁵

Development Programme 2017	PROJECTS	2017 Actual	2018 Revised Estimate	2019 Estimate
003-11-R014	Business Development of the Creative Industries	\$4,111,000.00	\$500,000.00	-
09-003-11-R016	Enhancement of the Single Electronic Window (IDB Loan)	\$2,426,983.00	\$15,800,000.00	\$30,000,000.00
005-03-Q293	Wallerfield Industrial and Technology Park (IDF)	\$23,051,890.00	-	\$1,500,000.00
005-03-Q303	Single Electronic Window for Trade and Business Facilitation (IDF)	\$17,781,995.00	\$17,000,000.00	\$9,520,000.00

²⁵ Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2019, <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Of-Development-Programme-New-2019.pdf>

General Useful Information

- Department for International Trade, UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-trade-investment>
- Ministry of Trade and Enterprise, New Zealand: <https://www.nzte.govt.nz/>
- Department of Trade and Industry, Republic of South Africa: <http://www.thedti.gov.za/>
- Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia: <http://www.miti.gov.my/>