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on the Consideration of Proposals for the Variation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2018

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THE COMMITTEE

Mandate of the Committee

1. The Standing Finance Committee is established by House of Representatives Standing Order 82(1) of the House of Representatives Standing Orders. It is the duty of the Committee to consider the Estimates and the Appropriation Bill. The Committee is also empowered by House of Representatives Standing Order 87(1) to consider and report on all proposals for expenditure which are not included in the Annual Estimates including proposals for supplementary and unforeseen expenditure.

<u>Membership</u>

2. In accordance with the House of Representatives Standing Order 82(1), this Committee is a Committee of the Whole House of Representatives and is chaired by the Speaker.

Meeting

- 3. The Committee held a public meeting on Monday January 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. The Minutes of the Meeting and the Verbatim Notes are attached at Appendices II and III respectively.
- 4. The purpose of this meeting was to consider proposals for the variation of the appropriation provided in the Appropriation (Financial Year 2018) Act, 2017 and varied by the Finance (Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation) (Financial Year 2018) Act, 2018. The Schedule relating to the variation of estimates for fiscal 2018 is at Appendix IV.

Variation

- 5. The increases and decreases in the Appropriation for the fiscal year 2018 reflect the re-assignment in Ministerial responsibilities as assigned by Her Excellency, the President acting on the advice of the Prime Minister in accordance with the provisions of Section 79(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- 6. The variation further reflects the provision of additional funds in the sum of Five Hundred and Seventeen Million Dollars (\$517,000,000) to bring to account Debit Advices for the period December 2017 to September 2018 in order to meet the payment of the Interest on the Overdraft with the Central Bank.
- 7. The Committee noted that it was necessary to have a Variation of the Appropriation of resources under the Recurrent and Capital Expenditure totalling Sixty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars (\$69,161,666) to realign the provisions in line with the re-assignment of responsibilities to Ministers.¹
- 8. The Standing Finance Committee noted savings in fiscal 2018 under the following Heads of Expenditure (See Appendix V for further details):

Ministry of National Security
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Public Utilities
Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries
Ministry of Works and Transport
\$100,000,000
\$100,000,000
\$100,000,000
\$44,000,000

¹ Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 108 Vol. 56 dated October 11, 2017 and No. 77 Vol. 57 dated June 12, 2018. http://news.gov.tt/sites/default/files/E-

Gazette/Gazette%202017/Gazettes/Gazette%20No.%20108%20of%202017.pdf

http://news.gov.tt/sites/default/files/E-Gazette/Gazette%202018/Gazette%20No.%2057%20of%202018.pdf

Write-offs

- 9. The Standing Finance Committee considered and approved write-offs in the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$272,180.38):
 - The write-off of an Overpayment of Foreign Duty Allowance and Arrears of Rental
 of Government Quarters to Mr. Aziz Khan, former Accounting Executive I, Ministry
 of Labour and Small Enterprise Development in the sum of One Hundred and ThirtyFour Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars and Three Cents (\$134,644.03);
 and
 - The write-off of an Overpayment of Salary to Ms. Julie Samuel, former Messenger I, Ministry of Planning and Development in the sum of One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$137,536.35).

Transfers

- 10. The Standing Finance Committee noted that the Minister of Finance approved the transfer of funds in the sum of:
 - One Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,457,501,437) between Sub-Heads under the same Head of Expenditure for fiscal year 2017 (See Appendix VI and VII); and
 - One Billion, One Hundred and Eighty-Three Million, Five Hundred and Thirty-Two
 Thousand and Six Dollars (\$1,183,532,006) between Sub-Heads under the same Head
 of Expenditure for fiscal year 2018 (See Appendix VIII and IX).

Summary of Changes to Heads of Expenditure

11. The Standing Finance Committee considered and approved a variation of the Appropriation for fiscal year 2018 in the sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, One

Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars (\$586,161,666). The details of the Variation are provided in Table 1 below and Appendix V.

Table 1
Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2018

Head	Head of Expenditure	Amount	
	T	\$	
22	Ministry of National Security	100,000,000	
28	Ministry of Health	211,000,000	
31	Ministry of Public Administration and Communications	61,161,666	
39	Ministry of Public Utilities	62,000,000	
40	Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries	100,000,000	
42	Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government	8,000,000	
43	Ministry of Works and Transport	44,000,000	
Duamacala f	TOTAL	586,161,666	
Proposals fo	TOTAL or the Variation of Appropriation for fiscal Head of Expenditure	year 2018 - Increase	
Head	or the Variation of Appropriation for fiscal	year 2018 – Increase Amount \$	
<u>-</u>	The Variation of Appropriation for fiscal Head of Expenditure Ministry of Finance	Amount \$ 517, 000,000	
Head	or the Variation of Appropriation for fiscal	year 2018 – Increase Amount	
Head	The Variation of Appropriation for fiscal Head of Expenditure Ministry of Finance Ministry of Communications	Amount \$ 517, 000,000 69,161,666 586,161,666	
Head	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Communications TOTAL Write-off of Losses for fiscal year 2	Amount \$ 517, 000,000 69,161,666 586,161,666	
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Recommendations

Variation

12. The Committee recommends the Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2018 in the sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, One Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars (\$586,161,666).

Write-off of Losses

- 13. The Committee recommends the write-off of losses in the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$272,180.38).
- 14. The Committee respectfully submits this Report for the consideration of the House of Representatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd. Hon. Bridgid Mary Annisette-George, MP Chairman

January 14, 2019

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

Requests for Additional Information from Ministries/Departments

Head 28 - Ministry of Health

28/02/004/39 - Drugs and Other Related Materials and Supplies \$119,000,000

- 1. Provide a list of the 150 drugs removed from the Formulary List;
- 2. Provide a list of the HIV drugs available;
- 3. Provide the percentage decrease in the final cost of drugs as a result of the use of the PAHO purchasing facility;

04/007/01 - Medical Treatment of Nationals in Institutions \$20,000,000

4. Provide the number of patient cases handled in the Public Health Care Institutions versus private institutions;

04/009/01 - Regional Health Authority \$26,000,000

- 5. Provide the list of Ministry requirements for the virtual provider of library services;
- 6. Provide the number of claims arising from legal matters yet to be finalized;

09/004/07/D/007 - Waiting List for Surgery \$7,000,000

- 7. Provide the number of surgeries done in house at the Eric Williams Medical Complex;
- 8. How many cardiac surgery cases were done at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex by the inhouse team of cardiac surgeons?

09/005/06/C/234 - Hospital Refurbishment Programme \$10Mn

9. Provide the current status of the labour ward at the San Fernando General Hospital inclusive of the expected completion date;

Head 39 - Ministry of Public Utilities

39/06/004/51 - Water and Sewerage Authority \$62,000,000

10. Provide the list of contractors removed as a result of the rationalization of its engagement of contractor labour; and

Head 18- Ministry of Finance

Increase \$517,000,000

11. What is the extent of the Central Bank overdraft on which this interest was paid for fiscal 2018?

APPENDIX II

Minutes of Meeting

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE FOURTH SESSION (2018/2019), ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY JANUARY 14, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER,
MEZZANINE FLOOR, OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENT, TOWER D,
INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT CENTRE, 1A WRIGHTSON ROAD,
PORT OF SPAIN

Members of the Standing Finance Committee

Present

1.	Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP	-	Chairman
2.	Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Minister of Planning and Development (Member for Arouca/Maloney)
3.	Hon. Dr. Keith Rowley, MP	-	Prime Minister (Member for Diego Martin West)
4.	Hon. Faris Al-Rawi, MP	-	Attorney General (Member for San Fernando West)
5.	Hon. Colm Imbert, MP	-	Minister of Finance (Member for Diego Martin North/East)
6.	Hon. Stuart Young, MP	-	Minister of National Security, Minister of Communications, Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
7.	Hon. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP	-	(Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West) Minister of Health (Member for St Joseph)
8.	Hon. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	-	Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Member for Laventille West)
9.	Hon. Randall Mitchell, MP	-	Minister of Tourism (Member for San Fernando East)
10.	Hon. Anthony Garcia, MP	-	Minister of Education (Member for Arima)
11.	Hon. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn, MP	-	Minister of Social Development and Family Services (Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)
12.	Mr. Esmond Forde, MP	-	Deputy Speaker (Member for Tunapuna)
13.	Hon. Maj. Gen. (Ret.)Edmund Dillon, MP	-	Minister of Housing and Urban Development (Member for Point Fortin)

14. Hon. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP	-	Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister
15. Hon. Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, MP	-	(Member for Tobago East) Minister of Community Development Culture,
		and the Arts
16. Hon. Marlene Mc Donald, MP		(Member for St. Ann's East) Minister of Public Administration
10. 110H. Mariene Mc Donaid, Mi	=	(Member for Port of Spain South)
17. Hon. Dr. Lovell Francis, MP	_	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
17. TIOIL DI. LOVEII FIARCIS, IVII	_	(Member for Moruga/Tableland)
18. Mrs. Glenda Jennings-Smith, MP	_	Parliamentary Secretary in the
10. Wild. Glerida Jerumigo Oriatri, Wil		Ministry of National Security
		(Member for Toco/Sangre Grande)
19. Ms. Nicole Olivierre, MP	_	Parliamentary Secretary in the
17. IVIS. TVICOR OTIVICITE, IVII		Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries
		(Member for La Brea)
20. Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Ancil Antoine, MP	_	Member for D'Abadie/O'Meara
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21. Mr. Adrian Leonce, MP	-	Member for Laventille East/Morvant
22. Mr. Darryl Smith, MP	-	Member for Diego Martin Central
22 Mr. Mayia Cuffia MD		Dayliam antawa Coomatawa in the
23. Mr. Maxie Cuffie, MP	=	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Public Administration
		(Member for La Horquetta/Talparo)
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24. Mr. David Lee, MP	-	Member for Pointe-a-Pierre
25. Mr. Rodney Charles, MP	-	Member for Naparima
26. Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan, MP	-	Member for Tabaquite
27. Mr. Fazal Karim, MP	-	Member for Chaguanas East
28. Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, MP	=	Member for Caroni Central
29. Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP	-	Member for Oropouche East
30. Mrs. Christine Newallo-Hosein, MP	-	Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla
31. Dr. Tim Gopeesingh, MP	-	Member for Caroni East
32. Mrs. Vidia Gayadeen-Gopeesingh, MP	-	Member for Oropouche West
33. Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP	-	Member for Couva South
34. Dr. Fuad Khan, MP	-	Member for Barataria/San Juan
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35. Mr. Barry Padarath, MP	-	Member for Princes Town
36. Dr. Lackram Bodoe, MP	-	Member for Fyzabad
37. Mr. Rushton Paray, MP	-	Member for Mayaro

38. Ms. Ramona Ramdial, MP - Member for Couva North

39. Mr. Ganga Singh, MP - Member for Chaguanas West

EXCUSED

1. Hon. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP - Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(Member for Tobago West)

2. Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar SC, MP - Leader of the Opposition

(Member for Siparia)

ABSENT

1. Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP - Member for St. Augustine

ALSO PRESENT

1. Sen. the Hon. Robert Le Hunte - Minister of Public Utilities

Sen. the Hon. Franklin Khan
 Sen. the Hon. Kazim Hosein
 Minister of Energy and Energy Industries
 Minister of Rural Development and Local

Government

4. Sen. the Hon. Rohan Sinanan - Minister of Works and Transport

5. Sen. the Hon. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus - Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise

Development

COMMENCEMENT

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

- 1.2 The Chairman indicated that in accordance with Standing Order 82 (6) and 87, a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee was convened to consider proposals for the Variation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2018.
- 1.3 Members were advised that in accordance with Standing Order 45(1) the speaking time in Standing Finance Committee shall not exceed five (5) minutes on each intervention.
- 1.4 The procedure for the consideration of the Heads of Expenditure was outlined.

TRANSFERS

2.1 The Committee noted that the Minister of Finance approved the transfer of funds in the sum of \$1, 457,501,437 between Sub-Heads under the same Head of Expenditure for fiscal year 2017 and the transfer of funds in the sum of \$1,183,532,006 between Sub-Heads under the same Head of Expenditure for fiscal year 2018. These transfers reflect changed circumstances in Ministries and Departments and a consequential re-ordering of priorities.

PROPOSALS FOR THE VARIATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

Head 22: Ministry of National Security - Decrease

- 3.1 The Chairman announced Head 22, Ministry of National Security, a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.
- 3.2 The Minister of National Security was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.3 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 22, Ministry of National Security be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.
- 3.4 The Members for Oropouche East, Naparima, Barataria/San Juan, Cumuto/Manzanilla, Chaguanas West, Couva South, Caroni Central, Tabaquite, and Caroni East sought clarification from the Minister. Thereafter the Minister of National Security and the Minister of Finance provided an explanation for the decrease.
- 3.5 The question was put and agreed that Head 22, Ministry of National Security be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.

Head 28: Ministry of Health - Decrease

- 3.6 The Chairman announced Head 28, Ministry of Health, a decrease in the sum of \$211,000,000.
- 3.7 The Minister of Health was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.8 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 28, Ministry of Health be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$211,000,000.
- 3.9 The Members for Caroni East, Fyzabad, Barataria/San Juan, Tabaquite, Cumuto/Manzanilla, Chaguanas West, Princes Town, and Caroni East, sought clarification. The Minister of Health and Minister of Finance provided an explanation for the decrease.
- 3.10 The question was put and agreed that Head 28, Ministry of Health be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$211,000,000.

Head 31: Ministry of Public Administration and Communications - Decrease

- 3.11 The Chairman announced Head 31, Ministry of Public Administration and Communications to be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$61,161,666.
- 3.12 The Minister of Public Administration was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.13 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 31, Ministry of Public Administration and Communications be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$61,161,666.
- 3.14 The question was put and agreed that Head 31, Ministry of Public Administration and Communications be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$61,161,666.

Head 39: Ministry of Public Utilities - Decrease

- 3.15 The Chairman announced Head 39, Ministry of Public Utilities to be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$62,000,000.
- 3.16 The Minister of Public Utilities was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.17 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 39, Ministry of Public Utilities be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$62,000,000.
- 3.18 The Members for Chaguanas West, Mayaro, Tabaquite, Barataria/San Juan, Oropouche East, Princes Town and Chaguanas East sought clarification from the Minister. Thereafter the Minister of Public Utilities provided an explanation for the purpose of the decrease.
- 3.19 The question was put and agreed that Head 39, Ministry of Public Utilities be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$62,000,000.

Head 40: Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries - Decrease

- 3.20 The Chairman announced Head 40, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.
- 3.21 The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.22 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 40, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.
- 3.23 The Members for Naparima, Caroni East and Barataria/San Juan sought clarification from the Minister. The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and the Minister of Finance provided an explanation for the purpose of the decrease.
- 3.24 The question was put and agreed that Head 40, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.

Head 42: Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

- 3.25 The Chairman announced Head 42, Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, a decrease in the sum of \$8,000,000.
- 3.26 The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.27 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 42, Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$8,000,000.
- 3.28 The question was put and agreed that Head 42, Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$8,000,000.

Head 43: Ministry of Works and Transport - Decrease

- 3.29 The Chairman announced Head 43, Ministry of Works and Transport, a decrease in the sum of \$44,000,000.
- 3.30 The Minister of Works and Transport was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.31 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 43, Ministry of Works and Transport be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$44,000,000.
- 3.32 The Members for Caroni East, Oropouche East, Chaguanas West, Barataria/San Juan, Chaguanas East and Tabaquite sought clarification from the Minister. The Minister of Works and Transport provided an explanation for the purpose of the decrease.
- 3.33 The question was put and agreed that Head 43, Ministry of Works and Transport be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$44,000,000.

Total Decreases

3.34 The question was put and agreed that the Appropriation for fiscal year 2018 be varied by a total decrease of \$586,161,666.

Head 18: Ministry of Finance - Increase

- 3.35 The Chairman announced Head 18, Ministry of Finance, an increase in the sum of \$517,000,000.
- 3.36 The Minister of Finance was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.37 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 18, Ministry of Finance be varied by an increase in the sum of \$517,000,000.
- 3.38 The Members for Caroni Central, Caroni East, Pointe-a-Pierre, Tabaquite and Naparima sought clarification from the Minister. The Minister of Finance provided an explanation for the purpose of the increase.
- 3.39 The question was put and agreed that Head 18, Ministry of Finance be varied by an increase in the sum of \$517,000,000.

Head 70: Ministry of Communications - Increase

- 3.40 The Chairman announced Head 70, Ministry of Communications, an increase in the sum of \$69,161,666.
- 3.41 The Minister of Communications was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.42 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 70, Ministry of Communications be varied by an increase in the sum of \$69,161,666.

- 3.43 The Members for Naparima and Fyzabad sought clarification from the Minister. The Minister of Communications and the Minister of Finance provided an explanation for the purpose of the increase.
- 3.44 The question was put and agreed that Head 70, Ministry of Communications be varied by an increase the sum of \$69,161,666.

Total Increases

3.45 The question was put and agreed that the Appropriation for fiscal year 2018 be varied by a total increase of \$586,161,666.

PROPOSALS FOR THE WRITE OFF OF LOSSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

Head 30: Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

- 3.46 The Chairman announced Head 30, Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development, a write-off of losses in the sum of \$134,644.03.
- 3.47 The Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.48 The Chairman proposed the question that losses in the sum of \$134,644.03 for Head 30, Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development be written off.
- 3.49 The question was put and agreed that losses in the sum of \$134,644.03 for Head 30, Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development be written-off.

Head 67: Ministry of Planning and Development

- 3.50 The Chairman announced Head 67, Ministry of Planning and Development, a write-off of losses in the sum of \$137,536.35.
- 3.51 The Minister of Planning and Development was invited to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 3.52 The Chairman proposed the question that losses in the sum of \$137,536.35 for Head 67, Ministry of Planning and Development be written off.
- 3.53 The question was put and agreed that losses in the sum of \$137,536.35 for Head 67, Ministry of Planning and Development be written off.

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.1 Requests for additional information to Ministries/Departments are listed in Appendix I of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 The Chairman informed Members that the debate for the adoption of the Committee's Report will take place on Friday January 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

5.2 The adjournment was taken at 3:34 p.m.

We certify that these Minutes are true and correct.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

Monday January 14, 2019

APPENDIX III Verbatim Notes

VERBATIM NOTES OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HELD IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, LEVEL 2, TOWER D, THE PORT-OF-SPAIN INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT CENTRE, #1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 AT 1.30 P.M.

Madam Chairman: I now call to order the Standing Finance Committee of Monday, January 14, 2019.

Hon. Members, in accordance with Standing Order 82(6) and 87, this meeting of the Standing Finance Committee was convened to consider proposals for the variation of appropriation for fiscal year 2018. Hon. Members, in accordance with Standing Order 45(1), the speaking time for Standing Finance Committee shall not exceed five minutes on each intervention. The proposals for variations which constitute decreases will be considered first, then proposals for variations which are increases. Thereafter, the proposals for write-off of losses for fiscal 2018 shall be considered.

The procedure shall be as follows: The Head and the amount to be varied will be announced. The Minister with responsibility will then be invited to explain the purpose for the variation. The Chair shall then propose the question that the Head be varied. Members may then seek clarification from the Minister. Once this is concluded, the Chairman will then put the question that the sum to be varied be approved. The procedure will be repeated for each Head. A similar procedure will be followed for the approval of the write-off of losses. This Committee is being asked to note that the Minister of Finance has approved the transfer of funds in the sum of \$1,457,501,437 between Sub-Heads under the same Head of Expenditure for fiscal year 2017, and transfer of funds in the sum \$1,183,532,006 between Sub-Heads under the same Head of Expenditure for fiscal year 2018. These transfers do not require the approval of the Committee.

We shall now go to the variations. As we said, we would consider decreases. Member for Pointea-Pierre.

Mr. Lee: Thank you. Just for some clarification as we continue. When Members seek clarification on certain Heads and the response might not be readily available today, what sort of time frame? — because I know Friday we would be debating.

Mr. Imbert: I had hoped that we can have the answers by Wednesday. That is the plan. So, once the information is readily available, it will be provided to the Parliament by Wednesday.

Mr. Lee: Thank you.

Madam Chairman: Okay. Hon. Members, we shall now consider the proposals for variation for fiscal year 2018. The proposals for decreases will be considered first, followed by the proposals for increases. Decreases. Hon. Members, we shall we shall now consider the proposals for decreases for fiscal year 2018. Head 22, Ministry of National Security.

Head 22: Ministry of National Security, a decrease of \$100,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of National Security to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes. Minister.

Mr. Young: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, the Ministry of National Security, as it is well known, is the Ministry with the responsibility for the safety and security of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, overseeing a number of arms of national security, including Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Probation Officers, Life Guards, the Prison Service, the Immigration, Fire Services; and whilst there is a constitutional independence to an extent with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, they also operate under the Ministry of National Security. Those are the main Heads, Ma'am.

Madam Chairman: Member for Oropouche East.

Dr. Moonilal: Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and Minister thank you for reminding us of the nature of the Ministry of National Security. But Minister, this seems to be a specific matter of the reduction of a \$100 million under the Sub-heading: Rent/Lease - Vehicles Equipment, but dealing specifically with the CCTV cameras. Just a few short questions that you could probably answer now. Are we interpreting this correctly that you are going to decrease by \$100 million for the provision of CCTV because a contract expired and was not renewed in time? One.

And secondly, I just wanted for you to give a brief—you can do that now or if you prefer in writing, as to the coverage of CCTV cameras throughout the country. I do not need details as to where cameras are, but to what extent? Like what percentage may be operational? What percentage you may have to repair? Because we have had this problem in the past where incidents take place—criminal incidents and others—and you look for the CCTV camera there, you have cameras in the vicinity, but we are told at times that they are not operational, or they are defective, they were not fixed or repaired and so on. So, just to give us an idea, either now or in writing, as to the percentage really. How much cameras are up? How much are operational? What percentage are not operational? Not where they are or anything like that, and whether action has been taken at the level of the Ministry of National Security in collaboration with the relevant law enforcement agency, to have some system for repair quickly. Basically that is the question.

Madam Chairman: Minister of Finance.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, I would just like—sorry Minister of National Security. I would just like clarification. This particular Item, the explanation given in the notes that are before Members of Parliament is that the contract has expired and the Ministry is awaiting Cabinet's approval for a new contract. Therefore, I am wondering about the relevance of the question asked by the Member for Oropouche—East? I cannot remember if it is East or West. Could I get a ruling from you on that? Is this the type of question that is applicable under the Standing Orders for this reduction which is based on Cabinet approval of a contract?

Madam Chairman: Okay, so as far as repairs, location, or numbers, amounts and so on, it is not a relevant question based on the Item and the nature of the variation. I had allowed it because it seems that the Minister was willing.

Mr. Imbert: He may not have known.

Madam Chairman: But, this is something, I guess, the Member can get by another form of interrogation. Okay?

Mr. Young: Thank you.

Madam Chairman: Member for Naparima.

Mr. Charles: Thank you, Madam Chair. Given the critical nature of the challenges we face with national security, and given the importance of the CCTV coverage, the question is: Why it is that appropriate

mechanisms were not put in place beforehand to ensure that the contract was renewed in time, to ensure continuous coverage of CCTV Trinidad and Tobago?

Madam Chairman: Minister of National Security.

Mr. Young: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, when we came in as an administration we found that a contract had been entered into with TSTT that was not a contract that was favourable by any stretch of the imagination to taxpayers. In fact, when we did the mathematics and we worked out the cost per camera it was phenomenally more expensive than it should have been. So at the National Security Council, we took a decision not to renew the contract. We gave instructions that before the contract expired there should be a competitive RFP process undertaken for the continuation and upgrade of CCTV cameras. Unfortunately, that was not done, and what we have done is we took steps to have the contract terminated, put on a month-to-month basis, and we have gone out for a RFP that is currently being evaluated for us to award a contract for the improvement of the CCTV camera system, the enhancement of the CCTV camera system, but more importantly, to ensure that taxpayers get value for money. The costing that had been entered into previous to us was working out in some instances to between 14 and \$11,000 a camera a month, whereas, there was another provider, Columbus Communications, that was doing a certain sector of cameras for \$3,000 a month. So just on that comparison alone, as the National Security Council, we decided not to renew the contract. So this sum of money is really a sum of credit whilst that is being worked out.

Madam Chairman: Supplemental, Member for Naparima.

Mr. Charles: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Given the fact that when you came into power in September 2015 you identified that the arrangement was expensive, why in three years did you not have procedures and systems in place knowing full well that you were not going to renew the contract, so that we would not be in the position we are in today?

Mr. Young: Madam Chair, first of all it is not factually correct to say that we were aware of it when we came into office. Because, of course, when we came into office the CCTV camera system was continual and operating. It is when it came time close to renewal and we asked to look at it, and to do an assessment, and we asked for a report on it that this was discovered. As soon as that was found out we immediately put things in place, and I think to date we have actually saved a few hundred million dollars on the decisions that we took not to pursue the continuation of this particular arrangement.

Madam Chairman: Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla.

Mrs. Newallo-Hosein: Thank you, Chair. I just want to ask, in light of all that the Minister has indicated, what is the current status of the approval for the CCTV coverage at the Cabinet's level? Is it that you plan to move on to another contract? Is there a procurement request in place? I do not know. Because at the end of the day we cannot have proper management of a security system without the CCTV in operation. So what is in fact happening right now?

Mr. Young: Okay, thank you. As I had indicated, well first of all let me say that the CCTV camera system is operational and is currently in use and being utilized, and fully functional. When I say fully functional, there is a percentage of cameras that are continuously needing to be maintained that may not be working, et cetera. I think that is somewhere around the 15 per cent. What is happening is exactly what I just said. We went out for procurement, there were certain companies, I think about eight of them selected to put in competitive tenders. Those tenders are currently being evaluated for the improvement and enhancement of the CCTV camera system.

Madam Chairman: Member for Chaguanas West.

Mr. Singh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister ,you indicated that the Cabinet was of the view that you were not getting value for money on the basis of this contract. Minister, are you aware that this contract was entered into by the previous PNM administration, and the People's Partnership, it was merely a continuum. So that therefore I just want to clarify that for purposes of the record.

Mr. Young: Actually, Ma'am, if I may.

Mr. Singh: Sure.

Mr. Young: CCTV camera systems in Trinidad and Tobago initially started under a PNM regime when there were those two conferences, the CHOGM conference as well as the Summit of the Americas, and that is where it started from. So, he is right. The Member for Chaguanas West is right. It started under a PNM regime. But, having said that, the escalation in cost was under the UNC regime. There is no doubt about that. The UNC regime took a conscious decision to increase the cost per camera in an unjustifiable way in our opinion.

Madam Chairman: Member for Chaguanas West, supplemental.

Mr. Singh: Yeah, yeah. Madam Chair, increased the cost or increased the coverage that increased the cost? [*Desk thumping*] But this was between one state enterprise and another state enterprise? Madam Speaker, I just want to—

Mr. Young: To answer that question, Madam Chair, he asked a question, to increase the cost, and as I just said, increasing the cost per camera, not by coverage, because the cost per camera agreed to under the UNC regime ranged from \$14,000 a camera to \$11,000 a camera, where there is a comparable cost by a similar service provider of \$3,000 a camera per month. [Desk thumping]

Madam Chairman: Member for Barataria/San Juan.

Dr. Khan: Just one question—well two questions. Number one, would there be one supplier for the total country or it will be regional suppliers? Two, the type of camera that is going to be used for \$3,000, is it equivalent to the camera that was in place for \$15,000 based on the HD significant finding—processes? And two—

Madam Chairman: And three.

Dr. Khan: Would private individuals be allowed to place cameras where they are not placed, and link it to the general system?

Madam Chairman: Okay, so I would allow the first two questions.

Dr. Khan: Okay.

Madam Chairman: Right. You counted them as two but there were three so I would allow the first two.

Mr. Young: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, the evaluations and the tenders that have been put in — the tenders that have been put in are currently before an evaluation committee, so at our level we do not know what has been put in. What we did ask for in our RFP were best in class. What is state in the art, and as I say, an enhancement of what exists because a lot of the cameras that exist — well not a lot. Some of the cameras that existed are outdated technology. So we have asked for an update in technology, an enhancement of the system, and a wider coverage. But we left it open for persons to put in in their tenders how they would expect to cover it. I think that answers both one and two.

Madam Chairman: Member for Oropouche East.

Dr. Moonilal: Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and thank you Minister for this explanation. Just for absolute clarification, the current status—because you said the cameras are operational by and large, notwithstanding a 15 per cent more or less, that need repairing at all times. The current arrangement as I understand you to be saying, it is on a month-by-month basis, because you, having discovered that you were not getting value for money, took steps to have another provider that may be more efficient and less costly. That arrangement has been in place on a month-to-month basis, can I say from July 2017 to today? On that month-by-month arrangement, is that also with TSTT? And is that also at the same cost that was contractual before?

Mr. Young: The vast majority of camera systems on the national CCTV grid are provided by TSTT at this time. So yes, it is a continuation. One of the —I would not call it a dispute as yet, but one of the issues that is being raised with TSTT is that the payments on a month-to-month basis will not be at the prevailing rates that were the prevailing agreed contractual rates, but rather that would be on a value for money on a quantum merit basis. So that is one of the conversations currently taking place with TSTT. So to answer you, no we have not accepted the continuum of cost at the previous contractual rates.

Dr. Moonilal: Sir, you are confirming that since July 01, 2017 to January 2019 the monthly cost has indeed reduced?

Mr. Young: The monthly cost is currently being negotiated.

Dr. Moonilal: Oh, it is being negotiated. It has not been reduced as yet?

Mr. Young: We have refused to pay the previous cost.

Dr. Moonilal: You have refused to pay TSTT?

Mr. Young: Yes.

Dr. Moonilal: Okay, thanks.

Madam Chairman: Member for Tabaquite.

Dr. Rambachan: My colleague asked the question that I was about to ask. But what I am saying, then under law do you not have a legal obligation to pay the existing rates rather than what you refused to pay, or the known estimation?

Mr. Young: No. On a month-to-month basis you could argue this on a quantum merit.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Thank you for all the explanations you are giving. As of now, would you say that there are varied types of providers providing – there are various providers providing the CCTV coverage? With various providers are you able, from a national security stand point, to be able to coalesce all those providers' cameras to bring it under one mainstream?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman.

Mr. Young: The answer is yes.

Madam Chairman: Yes, but Member for Caroni East and for the guidance of all of us, that sort of question is really outside the ambit of what our remit is here today. Member for Chaguanas West.

Mr. Singh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hon. Minister, there has always been a challenge between the live analysis of the CCTV and the deployment on the ground. Have you put measures in place so as to further enhance that?

Mr. Imbert: That question also is out of order.

Mr. Singh: Fine. Fine. Fine.

Madam Chairman: Member, again. Member, and I uphold that is out of order.

1.50 p.m.

Mr. Singh: Okay, fine. I will go on to supplemental.

Madam Chairman: Do you have another question?

Mr. Singh: Yes. Minister, you indicated that you have gone out for an RFP, Request for Proposal, for the best in class outlining the specifications as to what is required for the CCTV, because of the considerable sum of \$100 million on an annual basis. Why you did not take that approach with respect to the acquisition of vessels for the coast guards?

Mr. Imbert: Chairman, out of order.

Madam Chairman: Again, [Laughter] all right, okay. Member for Oropouche East.

Dr. Moonilal: Madam Chair, just for the public record I wanted to ask the Minister, given this revelation that the Government believes that TSTT, in particular, had been providing a service and goods and services and it was over cost and you were not getting value for money, is the Government also contemplating suing TSTT as you did other contractors who provided service —

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, question out of order.

Dr. Moonilal: – that you believe were in excess of the cost. For example, road contractors.

Mr. Imbert: Out of order.

Madam Chairman: Member for Oropouche East, again I cannot allow that question. Member for Naparima.

Mr. Charles: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, you indicated in your response to an earlier question I had asked that you were not aware of the exorbitant prices until the contract came for renewal. The information we have is that it came for renewal—or the contact expired on July the 1st, 2017. So between July the 1st, 2017 to now, which is approximately 19 months, could you give us an idea of the timelines involved? For example, when you went for—you were aware that the contract had expired on July the 1st, 2017. You were aware. You were aware that the price was exorbitant and you were going into a new arrangement. So at that point—on July the 1st, what is the timeline from then to now to give us a sense that you have acted expeditiously in the situation?

Madam Chairman: Again, again –

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, out of order.

Madam Chairman: Again, Member, I cannot allow that question under the remit of what we are doing. Member for Couva South.

Mr. Indarsingh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, could you, based on this expiration of the contract and the relationship between the Ministry and TSTT, how much money is owed to TSTT at this point in time?

Mr. Young: That is in dispute.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni Central.

Dr. Tewarie: Yes. Could I ask, Minister, will TSTT have an opportunity to apply under the RFP?

Mr. Young: Yes.

Dr. Tewarie: Okay.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 22 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I wish to thank the Minister of National Security and his team.

Head 28: Ministry of Health, a decrease of \$211,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Health to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, the Ministry of Health is responsible for the administration of approximately 10 hospitals of varying specialties across the country; approximately 110 health centres. Madam Chair, we estimate at the Ministry of Health that together, between the hospitals and the health centres, we conduct approximately 1.5 to 2 million patient interactions per year. That is not patient seen, because you have a population of 1.3. One patient may be seen several times per year. This is a phenomenal number between 1.5 to 2 million patient interactions and for that I want to sincerely thank all health care workers for the excellent work that they have been doing and I stand ready to answer any questions.

Question proposed: That Head 28 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$211,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, there obviously is a rationalization of the drug issue. Could you indicate how this rationalization took place to bring it down from 730 to 580 in terms of — what were some of the main factors to determine that?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sure. Thank you very much and that is an excellent question. One would admit that over the years the national drug formula re-galloped out of control because there was no rationale put. What we have done, we have targeted the main areas of specialties. For instance, oncology, central nervous system, HIV/AIDS, which takes up the bulk of the formulary. We set up a team under the Chief Medical Officer in conjunction with specialists recommended by the Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association, plus the specialists at the RHAs to rationalize the drug supply system. It is because of that process which can stand scrutiny we have been able to whittle down, not whittle down, substantially decrease the formulary from approximately 730 to 580. May I also add 580 is still above WHO recommendations and we are moving slowly to WHO recommendations. But we are not going to do it cold turkey because the system will rebel; the system will collapse if we try to do it overnight.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Could I ask a follow-up on that?

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Minister, the CDAP drugs which you had spoken about in Parliament that you were going to rationalize, have you made changes to the type of drugs that are being dispensed now by CDAP as opposed to what was originally there?

Mr. Deyalsingh: You would remember hon. Member I spoke specifically about two drugs. One, to treat diabetes, one to treat hypertension. And I am happy to report that we took those off completely and substituted it with other drugs.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Other drugs of a better quality?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Better quality, yes. And the feedback we are getting so far is that patients are being better controlled.

Dr. Bodoe: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, can you provide us, perhaps in writing, with the list of the 150 drugs that were removed from the formulary?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Of course. Yes, yes.

Dr. Bodoe: And the second question regards the purchasing facility through PAHO. Can you perhaps indicate what sort of percentage decrease in the prices you would have achieved for those drugs?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sure. So I can assist you with that now. We are making use of the PAHO Strategic Fund much more in the past two years, especially in the area of HIV, anti-retroviral. Because we have done that, we have been able to accomplish two things. One, a significant increase in the amount of drugs as we seek to achieve our 90-90-90 targets by 2020; and two, we have been able to save this country in the area of HIV drugs alone, close to \$73 million by using the strategic fund and by passing the normal tender procedures.

Dr. Bodoe: Can you provide again, perhaps in writing, a list of what drugs might be available through that facility.

Mr. Devalsingh: I will do that for you. Yes. Thank you very much.

Dr. Bodoe: And again, to come back to the percentage. I know you quoted a figure, but in terms of the percentage on a drug for drug basis can you perhaps indicate?

Mr. Deyalsingh: I will get that for you. Thank you.

Dr. Khan: Minister, just two questions. If there is an increase in the amount of HIV drugs that are being obtained from PAHO as you just said, is there an increase in the HIV people – amount of people with HIV in Trinidad and Tobago? That is one. If there is an increase in drugs being used? Is this correlated with an increase in HIV infections? And two, the rationalization of the formulary list, could you give us an indication what year did this begin?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sure. So let us deal with the first question first. To achieve the 90-90-90 targets, we have significantly increased our testing because we estimate there are about 11,500 persons in Trinidad and Tobago with the virus. Of that we currently have about close to 80 per cent of those who know their status. So as we take up the amount of people who know their status we have to provide more drugs. So that is part of the rationale for doing that. And the second part is —just remind me, please. The second part of your question.

Dr. Khan: The year the rationalization of the formulary began.

Mr. Deyalsingh: I do not know the exact year. What I can tell you, since becoming Minister of Health it was significantly accelerated. And what we did also, for the first time, we actually banned advocates for particular drugs from appearing before the committees. That was never done before. So decisions to put a drug on a formulary is objectively based.

Dr. Khan: Can I just get a supplemental?

Madam Chairman: I want to move on, I will bring you back, please.

Dr. Khan: It is on what the Minister just said.

Madam Chairman: All right. Go ahead Member for Barataria /San Juan.

Dr. Khan: The amount of HIV drugs that have been—as you say, increased, were there people then in this country that were not being treated and had HIV infestations?

Mr. Deyalsingh: No, what I said was there were people who were possibly HIV positive but did not know their status. When I came into office, and I have the figures, to achieve 90-90-90 targets we had to significantly ramp-up testing, and I will compliment you, you did that. But to achieve the 90-90-90 targets we have to significantly ramp-up testing again and encourage people to come and get tested. Because if we do not do that and we fail at getting 90 per cent of 11,500 who we believe have the virus but do not know their status, then we would not achieve our targets.

Dr. Khan: Thank you.

Dr. Rambachan: Thank you. Minister, in the rationalization of the formulary list from 730 to 580, yesterday there was a report in the newspaper of patients' families having to go to private drugstores to buy drugs for the treatment of H1N1 cases. Is this rationalization caused, or what is causing people to have to go and buy drugs privately to be used in the public hospitals?

Mr. Deyalsingh: The issue of H1N1 you can do this two ways. One, via vaccines which we have provided free of charge. If a patient has symptoms of headache and fever and they want to go and buy paracetamol privately, fine. So what we do at the health centres we will provide you with the vaccines absolutely free of charge. If there is a need to get antipyretics we would give you that. But if the patient goes to a private physician or prefers to go to a pharmacy we cannot stop that.

Dr. Rambachan: I am talking about the public hospital in yesterday's *Guardian*. There are three patients on one —

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, Madam Chairman –

Dr. Rambachan: From one family –

Mr. Imbert: Just a minute.

Dr. Rambachan: And they have been asked to go and buy drugs at \$44 per tablet.

Madam Chairman: One minute, Minister, one minute.

Mr. Imbert: This is the Standing Finance Committee. This is a finance matter, not an operational matter in the public health sector. Madam Chairman, could I get a ruling on that, please? That question is out of order.

Madam Chairman: Minister, just because it is something in the public domain, I would allow it. Member for Tabaquite.

Dr. Rambachan: Thank you, Madam Chairman, thank you. The reality is that it was reported in the newspaper. Three patients in the hospital, one who they said cannot even breathe and the families reported publicly that they were asked by the hospital authorities to go and buy this drug at \$44 per tablet which is not available in the hospital. All I am asking, is this as a result of the way you have done the reformulation?

Mr. Devalsingh: Absolutely not.

Dr. Rambachan: Well then why are there no drugs to treat patients?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Because the drug to treat that—a question was asked in Parliament on Friday on Tamiflu. The Member for Barataria/San Juan asked it. And I made it publicly known there is more than enough Tamiflu in the country. People have to go to the public facilities, they would be given a prescription for Tamiflu and it is available. If somebody decides to go privately that is their right or that is their concern.

Mrs. Newallo-Hosein: Just a follow-up to —really and honestly just to ask the question. How will the decrease in the drugs, the 150 drugs that were ultimately removed; how will it impact upon the patients who depend on these drugs?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sure. So the impact is going to be a positive impact. Let me tell you what used to happen to the formulary, as the three doctors across me will know. You would have a class of drugs, let us say Angiotensin II inhibitors to treat high blood pressure. What would happen is that each drug company will pay an advocate to get their particular drug on the formula. The Member for Caroni East is nodding his head. And then you have duplication, triplication, and you will have four and five drugs doing the same thing. So your money has to be spent to buy four or five brand names. What we have done—we said, no. We will put two or three drugs per category, therefore we can guarantee the supply of drugs per category and the Member for Caroni East knows exactly what I am speaking about. So that is part of the rationalization. So that, you can guarantee patients a consistent supply of cost effective pharmaceuticals throughout the year.

Mr. Singh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Could the Minister indicate as to a listing of the suppliers of pharmaceuticals to the Ministry?

Mr. Deyalsingh: That has already been provided through a previous Standing Finance Committee. So it is a matter of public record now.

Mr. Singh: Thank you.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Minister, this rationalization that is written about here, did it affect significantly the purchase and the inadequacy of some of the first line, chemotherapeutic, oncologic agents?

Mr. Devalsingh: No, it did not.

Madam Chairman: I am not going to allow that.

Dr. Gopeesingh: No, Madam, is it because the terminology is not in keeping –

Mrs. Robinson-Regis: "A-a." [Crosstalk]

Madam Chairman: Member for Fyzabad. [Laughter]

Dr. Bodoe: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, if I could direct your attention to – [Crosstalk]

Dr. Gopeesingh: I do not think the Chairman understood the question.

Hon. Member: What?!

Madam Chairman: Member for Fyzabad.

Dr. Bodoe: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, if I could direct your attention to the Item Regional Health Authority, \$26 million, and to ask you two questions. [*Crosstalk*] One, with regard to the recruitment and selection process for—

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sorry. There is too much of chatter around me.

Dr. Bodoe: We are on the same Item right? RHA 26 million.

Mr. Deyalsingh: If you can get your Members to settle down, I could hear.

Dr. Bodoe: Minister, so RHA, Regional Health Authority, 26 million. Two questions under that allocation. The process for doctors and nurses from Cuba— the recruitment process—you had some delays. Can you indicate how many vacancies are affected or still to be filled by these delays? And the second question, with regard to the claims arising from legal matters that have not been finalized, can you indicate the number of legal matters that are outstanding?

Mr. Deyalsingh: That figure we will get for you in writing, and hopefully present it to you on Wednesday. But as far as the Cubans are concerned, some have already arrived. I think we got an initial batch of over 100.

Dr. Bodoe: Can you indicate then how many you were hoping to recruit? So how many outstanding?

Mr. Deyalsingh: The original Cabinet Note spoke about 200 plus. So we are about 50 per cent there or more

by now.

Madam Chairman: It is Sub-Item 04?

Dr. Bodoe: 04, sorry, Ma'am.

Madam Chairman: 009, 04?

Dr. Bodoe: Yes, I am sorry, Ma'am. Are we going down in a particular order?

Madam Chairman: No, no, I just wanted to know where you reach.

Mr. Imbert: We just would not tack back, eh.

Hon. Member: Sorry. No, no, it is open.

Madam Chairman: No, no, we okay. [*Crosstalk*] It is all right. We said nothing about that in the procedure. Please go on, Member for Fyzabad.

Dr. Bodoe: That is it for now, Madam.

Mr. Padarath: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hon. Minister, just to go back to a comment that you made with respect to the increase in drugs for HIV. The question that I really had was —

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, this is why I made that comment.

Mr. Padarath: - under the Ministry of Health currently -

Madam Chairman: Minister of Finance, the point about it is, we are taking the questions as per the persons as recorded here. So that I have no way of knowing —it is not that we are dealing with Items as Heads as we do, or Sub-Heads as we do or Sub-Items. Okay? Member for Princes Town.

Mr. Padarath: Thank you, Ma'am. Minister, with respect to the comments you made with respect to the increase in drugs for HIV and the expenditure, the question that I really had under this particular Item was that I noticed that the Ministry of Health has started using the rapid HIV home testing kits but it is only available under the Ministry of Health. I was wondering what was the reason for it not being available throughout, only under the Ministry of Health, and whether or not this particular rapid HIV home testing contributed to the increase in terms of determining persons who were actually infected?

Mr. Deyalsingh: May I ask what other channel he would like to see it be distributed via?

Mr. Padarath: Through the pharmacies that are throughout the country. I was wondering what was preventing pharmacies in Trinidad and Tobago from having the test available.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Absolutely nothing. They are free. Private enterprise is free to sell HIV rapid testing kits.

Mr. Padarath: And you are confirming that it is utilized as per the website information?

Mr. Devalsingh: In the public health care system.

Mr. Padarath: In the public health care system. Okay.

Dr. Khan: What heading are we on, Madam Chairman, could I ask? [Crosstalk]

Madam Chairman: We are dealing with the variation under the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Khan: So we could do all questions under the Ministry of Health? I am just asking for clarification. Okay, on Sub-Heading 04, Item 009, Sub-Item 04, Regional Health Authority.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Yes.

Dr. Khan: You said that the \$26 million is saved because of the—is decreased because the vacancies are not finalized by the recruitment of the Cubans. Could the Minister indicate how many local doctors and nurses have not been recruited and what is the amount that have not been recruited at present?

Madam Chairman: I am not going to allow that.

Mr. Imbert: That point is out of order.

Madam Chairman: I am not going to allow that. Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: The medical treatment, Minister, of nationals in the institutions, there was an active programme for doing out-patient surgery in other institutions and, of course, you reduced that expenditure by \$20 million. Does it mean that fewer patients are having the elective surgical procedures which were done privately in institutions? Or does it really mean that more have been done within the hospital system?

Mr. Deyalsingh: It is the latter. Under my stewardship and this Government's stewardship at the Ministry of Health we have taken a conscious policy decision to return the public health centre to its glory days where it did its work in the public health centre. Our two major achievements have been not farming out cataract surgeries to the private health care sector. That is one of the reasons for significant savings as it says there. And also we are doing more and more elective procedures in-house, like hernias and so on, by having our operating theaters especially at North/Central/Mount Hope work on a Sunday. So it is a conscious decision by this administration to do more work in-house because doctors and nurses when I came in they were clamouring for work and to stop the farming out to the private health care sector.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Madam Chair, can I ask one supplemental?

Madam Chairman: Yes, Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Hon. Minister, would you be kind enough to consider giving some information on the amount of cases done in-house, in the hospitals, versus outside in the private institutions for a comparable period.

Mr. Devalsingh: Sure. Hon. Member, that can be provided. Thank you.

Dr. Bodoe: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, 04, 009, 05, South-West Regional Health Authority, 5 million, that is the Item. And I refer you to the last line of the explanation. The use of overtime was also more efficiently managed. And my question there is, how has this affected the provision of medical services after hours, after 4.00 p.m. and on weekends especially in terms, for example, of SMO, Specialist Medical cover ward rounds and so on a weekend.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Absolutely not negatively. And the proof of this hon. Member, and I am glad you asked that. As a former chairman of South-West and a former Minister of Health there would always be a shortage of bed space after Christmas and New Year's when people go off their diets and do not take their medication after Christmas and New Year's. Every Minister of Health has been faced with that and it will make the papers. Do you realize this year, for the first time in maybe a decade you have not had a shortage of bed space post the New Year's/Christmas period. **Hon. Member:** Too much fruitcake.

Mr. Deyalsingh: It is because the same SMOs are working and discharging patients so we can create space. [*Laughter*] So it has not affected negatively at all.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, although this involves one of my Members, this is not a debate. This is a Finance Committee. [*Laughter*]

Dr. Bodoe: Minister, I did not want to go down that road, but can you then provide an explanation as to why over the weekend there were 52 patients waiting for beds in the casualty? [*Laughter*]

Mr. Imbert: Chairman, you see the point I was making?

Dr. Bodoe: For more than 24 hours.

Madam Chairman: Member for Fyzabad –

Dr. Bodoe: I am sorry. That does not qualify.

Madam Chairman: Right. Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla.

Mrs. Newallo-Hosein: Thank you, Madam Chair. Line Item 09, 005, 060, 250. Can you advise or give an explanation as to what were the procurement challenges faced with this programme?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Which programme you are speaking to?

Mrs. Newallo-Hosein: That is the Health Services Support Programme.

Mr. Deyalsingh: The Health Services Support Programme had to be front-loaded for year one with administrative staff. So as the note says, you had to get your administrative staff going. You had to do all terms of reference to comply with two sets of procurement rules. One, IDB rules in Washington and locally. So what is going to happen now is that after we have gotten over that hump in year one we are now ready to roll in year two with some significant projects. One, the diabetes in pregnancy project, where, for the first time in Trinidad and Tobago, all pregnant women in our public health care system will be tested for diabetes and treated for diabetes if they develop gestational diabetes. It was never done as a national project.

Two, the provision of exercise and gym equipment for our children, because we have a childhood obesity problem. We are going to be setting up once and for all a proper registry for NCDs, including cancers. So all these projects are ready to go and that is why in the first year it was front-loaded administratively but now it will be done now with actually spending money on goods and projects.

Dr. Khan: Minister, I see that you have, there is something—you could not finalize a suitable supplier for the provision of a virtual library. The only thing about it, the Ministry of Health website, there is INFOMED which is a virtual library. Could you give me—what are you looking for as a supplier?

Mr. Deyalsingh: We had some IT challenges with that, Member. I am not fully cognizant of the details but I can get it for you. I do not want to speak out of turn.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Hon. Minister, let me direct you to line-Item 04, 009, 05, the issue of the – you eliminated cost inefficiencies in the acquisition of medical supplies. But there had been a clamour all along for the shortage of certain medical equipment for doing particular surgical procedures. Could you give us a little explanation about the shortage versus this what you –

Mr. Deyalsingh: Could you tell me exactly what shortage you are speaking about?

Dr. Gopeesingh: Well, some of them complained that they were not getting for the hip and the knee and so on, for the equipment –

Madam Chairman: Member.

Dr. Gopeesingh: This is in keeping with this.

Madam Chairman: Which Item are we under?

Dr. Gopeesingh: 04, 009, 05, South-West Regional Health Authority, 5 million. That is the line-Item.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, may I make a point here, Madam Chairman? The explanation given for the saving is elimination of cost inefficiencies, not provision of or non-provision of equipment and supplies. It is elimination of cost inefficiencies.

Dr. Gopeesingh: It is in the acquisition of medical supplies I am speaking about, Minister.

Mr. Imbert: The question is out of order.

Dr. Gopeesingh: If you read further on it is in the acquisition of medical supplies. So I am asking the question—

Mr. Imbert: The operative words are cost –

Madam Chairman: Just a minute.

Dr. Gopeesingh: – medical supplies. You are seeing part of the sentence. I am seeing the entire sentence.

Madam Chairman: Can we have some order please? [Crosstalk]

Dr. Gopeesingh: Madam Chair, I am asking the question that the Minister which I am sure he is willing to explain—

Madam Chairman: Just ask the question. Let me hear the question, Member.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Because of the clamour that we have been hearing for the inability to have certain medical supplies at certain institutions, how has this affected that?

Madam Chairman: But what is said is here and we are at 04, 009, 05, okay?

Dr. Gopeesingh: Yes.

Madam Chairman: It is with a view to eliminate cost efficiencies in the acquisition of medical supplies, goods and services.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Was it through the detriment of the inability to secure or procure certain supplies as to not have certain patients get surgical procedures done. And I am sure you would answer that.

Mr. Deyalsingh: And the answer is, no. What we did with orthopedics —I made a statement in the Parliament during my budget speech of 2016 —

Dr. Gopeesingh: Yeah, I heard you mentioned that.

Mr. Deyalsingh: – about the cartel that operated with orthopedics. And we have now corrected that –

Dr. Gopeesingh: But there are many other issues, many other medical supplies which were needed and were not obtained.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Do you know one of reasons why some patients do not get their hip transplants or knee transplants –

Mr. Imbert: Chairman, as I indicated, this is not a debate.

Madam Chairman: Member. Minister of Health, I think your initial response would suffice for the purposes of this meeting. Member for Fyzabad.

Dr. Bodoe: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, I just want to draw your attention. The waiting list for surgery, 7 million, 09, 004, 007, in reference to cardiac surgery. Can you give us the number of patients that were done in-house. I am talking at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex.

Mr. Devalsingh: Sure, I would get that for you.

Dr. Bodoe: And secondly, a patient who is awaiting cardiac surgery normally comes through the Ministry of approval –

Mr. Deyalsingh: Correct.

Dr. Bodoe: How is the allocation done? So are you considering Eric Williams as a provider in a sense compared to the other providers that you use?

2.20 p.m.

Madam Chairman: I would not allow that under this Item. Member for Tabaquite.

Dr. Rambachan: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, under the very Item, Waiting List for Surgery, I would like to know, despite what the Minister is saying that specific surgical procedures were increased due to in-house at the Eric Williams, and so on —

Mr. Deyalsingh: All over.

Dr. Rambachan: – what is the waiting time now for cardiac surgery? What is the waiting time for a patient who comes to the hospital and it is determined that he has to get cardiac surgery? What is the waiting time?

Mr. Deyalsingh: The waiting time varies on a patient-by-patient basis. There is no blanket. It depends on the condition of the patient, as you know, whether he is ready for surgery, whether his diabetes is under control. So there are a lot of factors that determine how soon a patient can get their surgery, also the provision of certain details to the social worker. What we have found is that some patients are not always forthright with the information we ask for at the social worker level. So there is a variety of reasons.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chair, this is in not a debate, I say again.

Mr. Charles: Tell St. Joseph.

Mr. Imbert: Yes, I know. It is my Member. I know that.

Madam Chairman: All right. So in terms of the Item and the explanation, what we are told is —and the Item is Waiting List, and we have been told the explanation with respect to the decrease. Member for Barataria/San Juan.

Dr. Khan: Minister, there is an increase in the amount of cardiac surgery in the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex. So you had a savings of, I think it was, \$7 million—wait listed. Could you indicate how much of those cardiac surgery cases were done by the in-house team of cardiac surgery, not the Caribbean Heart Care?

Mr. Deyalsingh: I can get that for you.

Dr. Khan: Please do.

Dr. Bodoe: Thank you, Madam. Minister, just to refer to 09/005/06, Hospital Refurbishment Programme, and just to ask when is the expected start and completion date for the roof repairs on the labour ward at the San Fernando hospital.

Mr. Deyalsingh: At the labour ward of San Fernando, I will get that for you, but it is ongoing.

Dr. Bodoe: So just the completion date.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Well, the Minister gave a part answer to the question, but the next one will be line Item 06/C/250 which is under that, which is the Health Services Support Programme of \$10 million, you reduced it. But you said that you were not able to spend this money because of project delays arising from procurement challenges, and so on. Could you give a slight explanation on that?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sure-

Madam Chairman: But was that not given already?

Mr. Deyalsingh: I gave that already –

Madam Chairman: That was given already.

Mr. Imbert: That was asked and answered.

Madam Chairman: That was given already here.

Dr. Gopeesingh: That is on the above one, the one above that, just a while ago.

Madam Chairman: No, no, no, no, no. That was given, I am almost certain, in response to a question by the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla.

Mr. Deyalsingh: In detail. In detail.

Dr. Gopeesingh: All right. I will abide by that.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 28 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$211,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Thank you to the Minister of Health and the members of his team.

Head 31: Ministry of Public Administration and Communications, a decrease of \$61,161,666.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Public Administration to make a brief opening statement not exceeding five minutes.

Ms. Mc Donald: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, the Ministry of Public Administration is charged with the responsibility for the development and modernization of the public sector. Additionally, the Ministry has responsibility for the national ICT plan for all Government Ministries. Madam Chair, the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications was realigned on June 07, 2018, to the Ministry of Public Administration, and the Ministry of Communications. Therefore, the allocation for the period, June 07, 2018 to September 30, 2018 has to be transferred to the Ministry of Communications. So in other words, Madam Chair, that \$61.1 million would represent the delinking of both Ministries, so we now have two Ministries standing apart from each other.

Question proposed: That Head 31 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$61,161,666.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 31 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$61,161,666.

Madam Chairman: I wish to thank the Minister of Public Administration and her team.

Head 39: Ministry of Public Utilities, a decrease in the sum of \$62,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Public Utilities to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes.

Mr. Le Hunte: Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Public Utilities is responsible for the provision of quality utility services to the population of Trinidad and Tobago. The Ministry has been working with all the utility agencies to fulfil under its span of control, to fulfil that mandate and to improve the efficiency and customer service delivery, whilst dealing with legacy issues pertaining to the infrastructure. Our underlying principle, of course, is trying to do more with less. I would be happy to answer any questions that the committee may have on the decrease of the \$62 million to the Ministry.

Question proposed: That Head 39 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$62,000,000.

Mr. Singh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hon. Minister, in the explanation for the reduction or decrease by \$62 million, you indicated here that there is the rationalization of its engagement of contractor labour. What is this rationalization of contractor labour?

Mr. Le Hunte: There has been a reduction and a rationalization of the number of external contractors. For example, we have reduced the number of contractors that we have that were conducting ground maintenance, by about 116. We have reduced the number of contractors doing pipeline maintenance by 124. We have reduced the rental fleets by 101, et cetera. So those were the types of reductions that we have put in place to try to do more with less.

Madam Chairman: Supplemental, Member for Chaguanas West?

Mr. Singh: Thank you, Madam Chair. The reduction of the ground maintenance, the pipeline contractors and the rentals, indicating 116, 124, 101, is there moneys owed to these contractors by the Water and Sewerage Authority?

Mr. Le Hunte: Well, there is an outstanding accounts payable. Those particular contractors, I cannot specifically say whether they are in those areas. But, of course, the Authority runs with an accounts payable position. But I cannot specifically say if those exact contractors, whether or not we have money outstanding to them or not.

Mr. Singh: Would you undertake, hon. Minister, with your leave, Madam Chair, to provide a listing of the contractors so removed from the system?

Mr. Le Hunte: Noted.

Madam Chairman: Member for Mayaro.

Mr. Paray: Thank you very much, Madam Chairman. Minister, I take note of the \$62 million reduction, and when you look at that compared to the amount of outstanding repair works and even road resurfacing works that is there today even in several constituencies, is there a direct relation between that backlog and the fact that you have reduced this hundred-and-change contractors that could work towards reducing that backlog?

Mr. Le Hunte: No, I think the—remember that the objective of reducing those contractors is really about utilizing the workers that we have at WASA. So a lot of the ground maintenance, for example, that was being given out to external contractors, is now being undertaken by the staff that we have at WASA to do those types of work. The last repair work that we did in fixing leaks, and so forth, is now utilizing the WASA in-house crew and putting and trying to get more efficiency out of the existing workforce.

Madam Chairman: Member for Mayaro?

Mr. Paray: Thank you for that response, Minister, but I am looking at the delay and we are experiencing a lot

of delays still, and one would think that, you know, the efficiency that you are asking for based on – by removing the contractors, is WASA realizing that efficiency at this time?

Mr. Le Hunte: Well, by virtue of the \$62 million, yes, we are realizing some of the efficiency. I would say so. But, again, it is very difficult to continue to – you have to pay staff; you have your salaries to pay and you have staff on board, and therefore the effort – this is within the context of allowing the existing staff that we have at WASA to get them to be more efficient and get out there and do the work that was previously being outsourced.

Dr. Rambachan: Thank you, Chair. Minister, you had earlier said that there are 2,000 workers in excess of the requirements of WASA, and now you are saying you are using in-house labour to do the repair works. This 2,000 persons that you deemed excess at WASA, are these the persons who are now being used to do this inhouse work, to repair leaks and so on? And if so, how efficient are they? Where are these people? What skills do they have to do this work? Because the public is noting that there are more leaks; there are more unrepaired areas where you have done work and it is shoddy and more inefficient.

Mr. Le Hunte: Okay. To start with, my statement regarding the numbers of the 2,000 workers that were over, I always said—I also always preface that statement with two things: One, based on international standards and; two, I have also made the point that in WASA's existing circumstances that you also need to bring that into context.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, as I indicated with the Minister of Health, this is not a debate. The information given here is clear. I would like a ruling on that, please.

Dr. Rambachan: Why do they not want the public to know?

Dr. Moonilal: This is suppressing information.

Mr. Imbert: It is a procedure we follow.

Dr. Rambachan: Why are you denying the right for information – [Crosstalk]

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, can we deal with the matter at hand, which is the Standing Finance Committee and the reduction in expenditure, please?

Madam Chairman: Okay. So, hon. Members, we have certain rules by which we are governed in this procedure, and the specific Items and the specific explanations given with respect to the Items are what are here under enquiry. So that going outside of that is really above and beyond the Committee's remit. So that while I will give some leeway, this is not a carte blanche enquiry process. It is very specific and very narrow. Okay? So Member for Tabaquite, if you wish an opportunity to ask another question within the ambit of what is here, I will allow it.

Dr. Rambachan: Sure. Mr. Minister, you said 124 contractors were relieved or demobilized with respect to the maintenance of grounds. You said 116 contractors were demobilized with respect to the maintenance of lines, and so on. What you have really then done is sent home a lot of workers indirectly, through these contractors. Now, the question I am going to ask you is this: Are you satisfied that this level of demobilization has resulted in efficiency or inefficiency?

Madam Chairman: Member, again, this is what it says. The statement says that it has allowed for more efficient processes.

Dr. Rambachan: Thank you, Ma'am.

Madam Chairman: Member for Barataria/San Juan.

Dr. Khan: Could the Minister indicate if part of this savings that you got from WASA, it had the Nutrimix discount in it?

Mr. Imbert: What? Madam Chair, that question is completely out of order.

Madam Chairman: Member for Barataria/San Juan, just like when you said you knew it was three questions and not two, I so rule. [*Laughter*] Member for Oropouche East.

Mr. Moonilal: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I am about finance and figures. To the Minister of Public Utilities: Taking note of the decrease of \$62 million from the Ministry, and in the context where there are areas in my constituency like Debe, Diggity, Mohess Road, Kuchawan Trace, and so on, without water on a regular basis, could you not have used some of that to provide water for human beings?

Mr. Le **Hunte**: The reason why some of the areas in Trinidad and Tobago do not have a regular supply of water goes beyond –

Dr. Moonilal: Projects.

Mr. Le Hunte: It is about water production issues; it is about drilling wells issues. All right? There are a number of issues surrounding why people are not getting particular water. In this case, what we have been attempting to do in this savings that we are having—again, and I just mentioned two of the areas. I also mentioned the whole idea of reducing the fleet of vehicles, and so forth. We are attempting to try to run WASA as efficiently as possible, that is where we recognize there was waste like, as I said, the rental of vehicles, even the cell phones, trying manage all those costs. And as a result of that, we have been able to realize some of these savings.

Dr. Moonilal: Madam Chair, could I have a follow-up?

Madam Chairman: Member for Oropouche East, a follow-up question?

Dr. Moonilal: Yes. Thank you so much, Minister, for your concern. But might I add that when we enquire of WASA as to the reasons why residents in certain communities are not provided with—at least, a weekly or fortnightly supply of water—we are told that there are projects that require enlarging the infrastructure, the pipelines and other old infrastructure. And while I appreciate the saving money on phone calls and so on, could you not have used this money for those types of projects? Because in times gone by, certain areas received at least a fortnightly supply of water, and that money could have been used for those types of projects.

Mr. Le Hunte: Again, the issues regarding water production and getting the increased levels of service to other particular areas, center around the executions of some of our plans in the PSIP, in those capital expenditure budgets and we are executing those particular plans. This savings relates to the use—the better, more efficient use of our labour that we presently have and other savings that we are seeing within the company, rationalizing and trying to do more with less by cutting certain areas. The situation again, there is a bigger discourse as to why each particular area has not gotten water and we inherited a situation whereby some of those areas we inherited getting water one day a week.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, again, can I ask for your ruling? This is not a debate. We are dealing with, simply, the use of contract labour as opposed to in-house labour.

Madam Chairman: Member for Chaguanas West.

Mr. Singh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hon. Minister, in the explanation for the decrease by \$62 million – well,

basically the suppression—you indicated that there are more efficient processes in the procurement of goods and services. Now, it has been brought to my attention that the basic valves and plugs, and so on, for leak repair are not available and the last set was done under the previous People's Partnership Government. When that was exhausted, there was no existing supply. Could this money not have been utilized for that purpose?

Mr. Le Hunte: Well, Member Ganga Singh, the information that I have — again, I know you are always privy to information from WASA, but the information that I have does not substantiate what you are actually saying. And, therefore, WASA does have the necessary tools and the necessary equipment to execute the repairs that they are required to execute.

Madam Chairman: Member for Princes Town.

Mr. Padarath: Thank you, Madam, to the hon. Minister. Hon. Minister, I have taken note that WASA has engaged in a new social media campaign. Can the Minister indicate whether, as part of the savings reflected here, whether a contract to an alleged bigot and racist associated with the PNM —

Madam Chairman: Member! Member! Member for Princes Town—

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, he is out of order.

Madam Chairman: Member for Princes Town, I am not going to allow that question. Okay? And Member for Princes Town, I will just caution you, certain words I am not going to allow. Okay? Member for Chaguanas East.

Mr. Karim: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hon. Minister, in talking about savings, one of the reasons you gave there was – [*Crosstalk*]

Madam Chairman: Can I hear the Member for Chaguanas East, please? [Crosstalk] Member for Princes Town—[Crosstalk] Member—

Mr. Padarath: The Member for San Fernando West is being utterly ridiculous. [Crosstalk]

Mr. Imbert: Could we get some order, please, Madam?

Mr. Padarath: The question was whether or not they awarded a contract to a – racist.

Madam Chairman: Member for Princes Town! Member for Princes Town, if you are finding difficulty in maintaining yourself, I have always advised a little walk helps. All right? [*Crosstalk*] Please restrain yourself. And Member for Couva—[*Crosstalk*] Member for Couva—

Mr. Indarsingh: It is the disparaging language from Members of the Government that I have to voice my objection.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, what is going on here? We need order in here.

Mr. Indarsingh: They are conducting themselves and I have a right to speak out.

Madam Chairman: Member for Couva South –

Mr. Indarsingh: Yes?

Madam Chairman: Anything that you find is not acceptable, your process is to raise it with the Chair, not to speak out—

Mr. Indarsingh: I hope the Chair is listening too.

Madam Chairman: – not to speak out as if we are in the market.

Mr. Indarsingh: I hope the Chair is listening.

Madam Chairman: And Member for Couva South, when I hear, I speak. I have heard you and I am saying it is not at all to be tolerated. Member for Couva South, you either have my ear now or you do not have my ear. Do you have a question to ask?

Mr. Indarsingh: I am concerned, Madam Chair –

Madam Chairman: Do you have a question to ask?

Mr. Indarsingh: – about the disparaging language.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 39 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$62,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, Minister of Public Utilities and your team.

Head 40: Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries – [Interruption]

Mr. Padarath: A complete –

[Mr Padarath and Mr. Indarsingh walk out of meeting]

Madam Chairman: Member for Princes Town, when you leave, you leave here with a certain decorum, or you will be assisted in leaving.

Head 40: Ministry of Energy Industries, a decrease of \$100,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries to make a brief opening statement of a maximum of five minutes.

Mr. Khan: Thank you very much, Madam Chairman. As is publicly known, the Ministry of Energy in conjunction with the Cabinet of Trinidad and Tobago, is responsible for the formulation of energy policy for the island. We are also, under the Petroleum Act and regulations, the regulator of the industry. Basically, the Ministry is a collector of revenue in the form of some taxes and royalties. Most goes to the Consolidated Fund through the Ministry of Finance. Our budget, based on what we do in this country, is very small, both on the operating side and on the capital side. We have a decrease listed here, of \$100 million, and I am willing to entertain any questions regarding that decrease.

Question proposed: That Head 40 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Member for Naparima.

Mr. Charles: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, the budget was premised on an oil price of \$65 per barrel.

Mr. Khan: The budget was premised on an oil price of \$52 a barrel.

Mr. Charles: It is \$52?

Mr. Khan: That is last year's budget.

Mr. Charles: 2019 budget?

Mr. Khan: This is '18 budget.

Mr. Charles: All right. Well, 2018 budget was \$52 per barrel, but the price of oil, a WTI price is 50 – has been somewhat less. It has been somewhat less. Should this reduction in oil price which should be reflected in the price at the pump, be not given to the customers –

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, questions about the current financial year are out of order. This is a reconciliation, closing of the accounts for fiscal 2018 which ended on the 30th of September, 2018. It is irrelevant what is happening in January 2019.

Madam Chairman: Member for Naparima, could you ask another question?

Mr. Charles: Minister, in 2019, any –

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, he is out of order. The year 2019 is out of order.

Madam Chairman: Member for Naparima, we are dealing with a shortfall in subsidy of \$100 million for fiscal year 2018 which ran from the 1st of October, 2017 to the 30th of September, 2018. Please confine your question.

Mr. Charles: All right. Could the Minister give us an idea of the extent of the subsidies that were budgeted and how much was actually provided?

Mr. Khan: Well, actually, the original budget had zero allocation for subsidies. In the midyear review, \$100 million was allocated. By the end of the year there was some subsidy exposure, but at the end of the year we had deferred spending that for the completion of a reconciliation exercise, and it will be picked up in this year some time.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Minister, this \$100 million non-payment is in the context of what sort of payment you made for petroleum products for 2018? What was the total amount of subsidies you paid versus \$100 million that you—

Mr. Khan: Well, we are doing a reconciliation –

Madam Chairman: But the question that—

Mr. Khan: It was answered for the reconciliation.

Madam Chairman: I am sure it was asked in a different way, but I am sure the answer the Minister just gave covers what was being asked.

Dr. Gopeesingh: No. I asked for the value of the amount of money that was paid for petroleum product subsidies.

Madam Chairman: Member for –

Dr. Gopeesingh: – of \$100 million. Madam Chair, I am just asking –

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East, I am not going to allow the question. Member for Barataria/San Juan.

Dr. Khan: Minister, could you tell me exactly to whom were these subsidy payments owed?

Mr. Khan: The subsidy ends up being paid to Petrotrin. It is paid through NP and Unipet for onward transmission into Petrotrin.

Dr. Khan: To Petrotrin? So Petrotrin did not get the money then, the \$100 million?

Mr. Khan: The \$100 million, I said there is a reconciliation exercise going on.

Dr. Khan: No, will it was supposed to be paid to Petrotrin.

Mr. Khan: Yes.

Dr. Khan: And they have not gotten that money.

Mr. Khan: A reconciliation exercise is being –

Dr. Khan: So now that you wind up Petrotrin, how are you going to get the money?

Mr. Khan: Well, there is still a Petrotrin in law, you know.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, that is out of order and Petrotrin is still in existence. [*Crosstalk*] *Question put and agreed to.*

Head 40 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$100,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Thank you to the members of your team.

2.50 p.m.

Head 42: Ministry of the Rural Development and Local Government, a decrease of \$8,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes. Minister.

Mr. Hosein: Thank you very much, Madam Chairman. I am here to discuss the decrease in the appropriation for the Rural Development Ministry as it relates to the Item of ttconnect which is no longer under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and has been transferred to the Ministry of Public Administration. This allocation was \$8 million, and for the financial year 2017 to 2018 the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government made all the necessary payments for ttconnect. Thank you very much.

Question proposed: That Head 42 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$8,000,000.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 42 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$8,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, hon. Minister and the members of your team.

Head 43: Ministry of the Works and Transport, a decrease of \$44,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Works and Transport to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes. Minister.

Mr. Sinanan: Thank you, Madam Chair. The Ministry of Works and Transport is responsible for providing public infrastructure and transportation for the social and economic development of Trinidad and Tobago. We see ourselves as responding to the basic needs of the population. The Ministry of Works and Transport, in

keeping with Government National Development Strategy 2016—2030, Vision 2030, under the Theme III: Improving Productivity through Quality Infrastructure and Transportation, continues to focus its efforts on road construction, traffic management, and restoration and maintenance of Government buildings and facilities.

The Ministry intends to provide safe and efficient transportation and infrastructure which we have considered to be the backbone of any economic and the key driver for social and economic development. Madam Chairman, I stand ready to answer any questions.

Question proposed: That Head 43 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$44,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Hon. Minister, as explained here, funding was allocated in fiscal 2018 to enable the *T&T Spirit* to undergo two routine dry docking services, however, the vessel was only placed once on dry dock and this resulted in a saving of 15 million. Could you explain why this happened, only one dry docking situation took place rather than two for the *T&T Spirit*?

Mr. Sinanan: Through you, Madam Chair, there was a little typo there. There were two dry docking scheduled, one for the *T&T Spirit* and one for the *Express*. The *T&T Spirit* went under the dry docking. However, a Cabinet decision was taken to sell the *T&T Express* as and where is. So no dry docking was scheduled for the *T&T Express*.

Madam Chairman: Member for Oropouche East.

Dr. Moonilal: Thank you, Madam Chair, just to follow up on that. Could you indicate when the Cabinet decision was taken to sell the *T&T Express* and the arrangements in place for the sale of that particular vessel; and secondly, if I could just ask two questions one time so that you can respond? Minister, again, my position holds that this approach of saving money by doing nothing, for example, in your Ministry, could you not have used this money to pave or clean watercourses to prevent flooding, for example, since the moneys are already approved by Parliament for the use by your Ministry? Clearly flooding is a priority, prevention of flooding and so on. Could this have been used to do critical infrastructure work to at least alleviate flooding? —in the Debe area, for example, where a river needs paving just a few hundred yards, and this kind of money that was already allocated to your Ministry could have been used for that rather than this approach of saving money by doing nothing.

Madam Chairman: Okay. So I will allow the question on the date of the decision. I am not allowing the question about the arrangements for the sale for the purposes of this meeting.

Mr. Sinanan: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, a Cabinet decision was taken sometime last year for the sale of the *Express*. I do not have the exact date. However, it was to be sold by the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago where the Port Authority would have worked with the Central Tenders Board to put an ad in the newspaper for a public advertisement for the sale of the *T&T Express*. It was done in collaboration with the Central Tenders Board. Thank you.

Madam Chairman: You have another question, Member?

Dr. Moonilal: No.

Madam Chairman: Okay. Member for Chaguanas West.

Mr. Singh: Thank you. Just similar to the question asked by the Member for Oropouche East, Madam Chair.

Having regard to the nature of the flooding and having regard to what we experienced last year, in that could not that money have been utilized, for example, on the Caroni River to do dredging, and desilting, or embankments?

Mr. Sinanan: Madam Chair, the long and short of answer to it is that 15 million is what we are speaking about. The cost of the dry docking and the amount that we got was significantly more than 15 million. A lot of it was utilized in other areas. However, there is a process to move money, and there is a limited time, but a significant amount was moved and used in some of those exact areas that you are speaking about. But unfortunately because of the process to move money, it is not just that the Minister could say, "I am taking this from here and spend it here." We have to go back to Finance, we have to get money, we have to apply to have the money moved in different areas. So yes, some of it was used. Unfortunately, because of the process there was hindrance in utilizing all.

Mr. Singh: Just for my purposes of clarity, Madam Chair, could you provide a listing of the moneys that were used—

Mr. Sinanan: Sure.

Mr. Singh: – in particular with respect the flooding issue?

Mr. Sinanan: Well again, it would have been used in different areas. I am not saying it would have been used —

Mr. Singh: Okay, well provide a listing of the different areas.

Madam Chairman: And, Member, really for the purposes of this process, the Minister has given an answer. I do not know that is this is something that is relevant for the process, the providing of the listing. Member for Barataria/San Juan.

Dr. Khan: Minister, I just want—the Prime Minister is on record saying that the *Galleons Passage* would be used for the Toco to Tobago port because it cannot run the sea as it is at present. Why not keep also the *T&T Express* for that same run?

Madam Chairman: The question is: Why not keep the *T&T Express* for the Toco run?

Dr. Khan: Also as they keeping the *Galleons Passage*.

Madam Chairman: Well, we are not talking about the *Galleons Passage*. So you want to know why not keep the *T&T Express*?

Dr. Khan: Both of them.

Mr. Sinanan: Madam Chair, the long and short answer for keeping the *T&T Express*, between 2010 and 2015 the maintenance on that vessel was so bad that to repair that vessel now will be a significant cost to the taxpayers, and because of the age of the vessel there is no guarantee that after you spend all that money that the vessel will give you any more lifespan.

Dr. Khan: Could I get a supplemental?

Mr. Sinanan: Sure.

Madam Chairman: Once it is not Galleons Passage.

Dr. Khan: No, no, no, it is not. Is the *T&T Spirit* being used now for the Tobago run?

Mr. Sinanan: Yes, it is.

Dr. Khan: Therefore, there is nothing wrong with it?

Mr. Sinanan: You are talking about? – the *Express* is the one –

Dr. Khan: Sorry, it is the *Express*. Is it the *Express*, sorry?

Mr. Sinanan: No, it is not.

Dr. Khan: It is not being – okay, thanks.

Madam Chairman: Member for Chaguanas East.

Mr. Karim: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hon. Minister, with respect to the 35 new buses that you acquired, what will that take your complement of buses up to, and will you still have a deficit, and by how much?

Mr. Sinanan: Yes. Madam Chair, the full complement to give PTSC all the routes that is required is close to 500 buses. What PTSC has at this point in time operating is just about 260 buses. So the 25 buses, yes, it will help the fleet, but it will no way bring it anywhere close and that is why Cabinet would have taken a decision to go out there to get a government-to-government agreement for an additional 300 buses because you recognize that most of our buses have way passed their lifespan.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, this is not a debate on the Ministry of Works and Transport. It is on the dry docking of the *T&T Spirit*.

Madam Chairman: Minister of Finance, if I could assist you? There is also on the Public Transport Service Corporation and particularly on buses. **Mr. Imbert:** I am just trying something.

Madam Chairman: No, no, no, no, no.

Dr. Moonilal: Madam Chair, the Minister is misleading the Committee.

Madam Chairman: While I do not mind Members trying something on each other, I really do not think a Member should say they are trying something on the Chair.

Dr. Moonilal: Even if you trying something, "doh" say it.

Madam Chairman: Member for Chaguanas East.

Mr. Karim: Since the Minister of Finance was not paying attention, hon. Minister, you are paying attention and I want to ask how much of that moneys that you get now are you going to be using to fix buses that are non-operational at the various hubs?

Madam Chairman: All right. So I will not allow under the Item 43, 06, 004, 52. Member for Barataria/San Juan.

Dr. Khan: Minister could I ask: Any of the old buses have been taken out of commission as we speak?

Mr. Sinanan: Yes, there is a programme where –

Dr. Khan: No, no, from what you had before, have any been taken out?

Mr. Sinanan: Yes. Every year –

Dr. Khan: Is that where the saving on the procurement of the spare parts is taking place.

Mr. Sinanan: A significant amount

Dr. Khan: Because of removing the old buses?

Mr. Sinanan: Yes

Dr. Khan: Okay, thanks.

Madam Chairman: Member for Tabaquite.

Dr. Rambachan: Thank you. Mr. Minister, you said that the explanation given is that with the acquisition and operationalization of the 35 new buses in 2018, PTSC was able to reduce costs associated with procurement of spare parts and maintenance services and that is how you save \$29 million.

Mr. Sinanan: No, no. That was a major part of it. Some of it can be attributed to overtime, some of it can be allocated to oil and fuel, and obviously the new buses would have allowed a significant saving on some of the planned repairs to other bus to bring them into line.

Dr. Rambachan: So we have 240 buses now that are out of service –

Mr. Sinanan: Yes.

Dr. Rambachan:—is it possible that you can provide us with an appreciation of what is the current status of each one of these buses to know whether these buses can be rehabilitated or not?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chair –

Madam Chairman: You know that I cannot allow you that question.

Mr. Imbert: Not only that, this is for the purchase of new buses. Come on!

Madam Chairman: And, Member for Tabaquite, I would not allow that question. Member for Oropouche East.

Mr. Sinanan: Madam Chair, if I could just correct the statement? I did not say that there were 240 buses not in service. I said they need a complement of 500, we have 260 in service. I did not say that we have 240 down at the moment.

Madam Chairman: Thank you very much. Member for Oropouche East.

Dr. Moonilal: Ma'am, the question was asked already.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 43 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$44,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, Minister. Thank you members of your team.

Question put and agreed to.

Appropriation for fiscal 2018 varied by a total decrease in the sum of \$586,161,666.

Madam Chairman: We now move on to increases. Hon. Members, we now consider the proposals for increases for fiscal year 2018.

Head 18: Ministry of the Finance, an increase of \$517,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Finance to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes. Minister of Finance.

Mr. Imbert: Thank you, Madam Chair. With the operation of the Government's overdraft at the Central Bank, there is an interest charge that is applied to that overdraft. We had originally allocated approximately \$400 million—let me see if I can get the exact number. Let us use that figure. We had allocated approximately \$400 million to payment of interest on the overdraft and the payment actually came up to somewhere in the vicinity of \$900 million. So we had to find another \$517 million to pay overdraft interest charges at the Central Bank. But there is a very important point which I would like hon. Members—pay attention to this. Even though the Government is required to pay interest on its overdraft—and that is an expense—the money is returned to the Government by way of profits from the Central Bank because the operational cost of the Central Bank is not anywhere close to the income they earn from charging interest on the overdraft, and the Government gets quite substantial sums in profits from the Central Bank on an annual basis. So the net cost for the Government is far less than this 517 or the \$900 million to run the Central Bank. We get it back.

Question proposed: That Head 18 be varied by an increase in the sum of \$517,000,000

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni Central.

Dr. Tewarie: Yes. Minister of Finance, could you indicate what is the extent of the Central Bank overdraft at

this time on which we are paying this interest?

Mr. Imbert: I beg your pardon?

Dr. Tewarie: What is the extent of the Central Bank overdraft on which we are paying this –

Mr. Imbert: This is why I begged –

Dr. Tewarie: – or on which we have paid this increase.

Mr. Imbert: – your pardon, because is that as of today? What are you talking about? This is fiscal year 2018. So what are you talking about?

Dr. Tewarie: Yes, well. What was the extent of the Central Bank overdraft –

Mr. Imbert: In fiscal 2018?

Dr. Tewarie: Yes—on which this interest was paid?

Mr. Imbert: It would have varied from day-to-day, so I will provide that information to you in writing.

Dr. Tewarie: Can I ask whether the ceiling for the overdraft at the Central Bank was in 2018 the same as it is now?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman.

Madam Chairman: I think, Member for Caroni Central, the questions will really have to be limited to 2018. Fiscal 2018.

Dr. Tewarie: Can you tell me, Minister of Finance, what was the ceiling of the Central Bank overdraft in 2018?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, the overdraft ceiling is in the public domain. We do not answer questions that are in the public domain. It is in the law. You debated that. Go and check the law.

Dr. Tewarie: I am sure if the Minister does not answer now it will come up in the debate.

Mr. Imbert: It is part of the public law.

Dr. Tewarie: But I wanted to establish for the public record and for the public information how much the overdraft we were paying interest was in 2018, and we can find the figure for 2019; and secondly I wanted to know what the ceiling was; and the third issue is when was that ceiling established?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, I repeat that we came to Parliament and we modified, amended the ceiling for the overdraft by way of debate. That is a matter of public record and a matter of public law, and the Member for Caroni Central participated quite significantly and had a lot to say in that debate. So that the answers are probably contained within the *Hansard* record of the Member for Caroni Central.

Dr. Tewarie: Chair, might I just explain that when we have these sessions, the idea is to give the public information—

Mr. Imbert: Really? No.

Madam Chairman: Minister of Finance, the Member is allowed a certain time on every intervention.

Dr. Tewarie: And the questions that I have asked were in order to give public information to the population of Trinidad and Tobago.

Madam Chairman: Thank you. Member for Caroni Central.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Caroni East.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni East.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Minister, this sum of \$517 million which represents interest on the overdraft with the Central Bank—that is \$517 million in interest—what percentage does that represent? What is the interest rate?

Madam Chairman: Percentage of what?

Dr. Gopeesingh: The interest rate by Central Bank –

Mr. Imbert: Madam President -

Dr. Gopeesingh: — on a day-to-day basis.

Mr. Imbert: Sorry, Madam Speaker. Madam Chairman, sorry, that is also a matter of public record.

Dr. Gopeesingh: But tell us. Is it 2 per cent, 5 per cent, 7 per cent?

Mr. Imbert: That is in the –

Dr. Gopeesingh: So you are paying 555 million and you do not know the interest rate?

Mr. Imbert: I did not say that, Madam Chairman.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Well tell us.

Mr. Imbert: I said that is a matter of public record.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Well tell us the public record now. You are given an opportunity to answer the question. Why are you hiding?

Mr. Imbert: This meeting, Madam Chairman, as far as I am know, is to seek clarification.

Dr. Gopeesingh: You continue to hide –

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, could I be allowed to speak? This meeting is to provide clarification on the explanation given. We have explained that the reason for the increase of 517 million is that there was an insufficient allocation to pay interest on the overdraft.

Madam Chairman: Member for Pointe-a-Pierre.

Mr. Lee: Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Minister: Minister, you had previously said the amount allocated was approximately \$400 million and now you are asking for an additional increase of 517 to take it up to 917. Could you explain to me what was the reason that the overdraft incurred this additional amount of interest over that period of time?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, the overdraft did not incur an additional amount of interest. As in any year there are certain appropriations made to certain Ministries and they are varied. The whole purpose of this Standing Finance Committee is to debate the Variation of Appropriation Bill which we will be doing at the end of this week. And the budget is never cast in concrete. There are always adjustments during the fiscal year. So that that was the original allocation. It was anticipated at the time that we would not have to utilize the overdraft to that extent, however for one reason or another, during the year we had to utilize the overdraft to a particular extent causing for increased allocation in this particular line Item.

Madam Chairman: Member for Tabaquite.

Dr. Rambachan: Well my question, Madam Chair, was asked in part by the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre. But hon. Minister, when you allocated \$400 million as interest, it had to have been on a proper supposition that you were going to use a certain amount in the overdraft and your budget would have been based on that. Now that you are asking for 517 million more, obviously you have utilized much more of the overdraft. In fact, you have probably doubled the amount of the overdraft that you had anticipated you would use. Is it possible for you to enlighten us as to where that money was utilized in terms — was it recurrent expenditure, was it capital, what did you use it for that caused you to significantly increase the interest to pay interest by 517 million?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, we in Trinidad and Tobago have been operating a deficit budget for a number of years. [*Interruption*] Madam Chair, the Member for Naparima is disturbing my response to the Member for Tabaquite. We in Trinidad and Tobago have been operating a deficit budget now for a number of years. The

deficit is the difference between income and expenditure, just as simple as that, and the deficit is financed whether it is 2 billion, 4 billion, 5 billion, whatever it is. The deficit is financed in a variety of ways. It is financed through borrowing, it is financed through withdrawals from the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund and so on. Even the borrowing is done in a variety of different ways. The Government has the option to go to the market, issue a request for proposals and invite proposals from the commercial banks to finance the deficit. The Government also has the option to utilize temporary advances from the Government overdraft to finance the budget in terms of cash flow. So it is simply a financing mechanism.

What is good about the use of the overdraft is, as I said, the Central Bank does not utilize the full amount of the interest that it earns on the overdraft for its expenditure to run the Central Bank, to pay its wages and salaries, to pay cost of goods and services, accommodation, et cetera. That is what is good about utilizing the overdraft. So that you get back a substantial percentage of whatever interest you pay on the overdraft back as profits from the Central Bank. In fact, we just got substantial sum back from the Central Bank just couple a weeks ago which assist us with our cash flow. So it is really a timing issue and a cash flow issue

Madam Chairman: Member for Tabaquite

Dr. Rambachan: Is the Minister, therefore, suggesting that the deficit might have been much higher than what was anticipated that brought about the use of this extra amount from the overdraft that caused the 517 million?

Mr. Imbert: No. What I am saying is that it is cash management. You can use the overdraft, you can go to the market to borrow, you can withdraw from the Heritage Fund. These are decisions made at the Ministry of Finance in our best judgment to get the least cost option, the most cost effective option, to financing the budget and financing the budget deficit. Okay?

Madam Chairman: Member for Naparima.

Mr. Charles: Thank you, Madam Chair. Could the Minister indicate whether the use of the overdraft facility at the Central Bank is consistent with the historic usage, particularly in the past three or four years, to give us a sense of whether there has been consistency over the years during our period and your period?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, we are dealing with fiscal 2018. I do not know why the Member is asking me about his period. We are dealing with fiscal 2018.

Mr. Charles: Madam Chairman, could the Minister indicate whether the use of the overdraft facility, how does it compares with 2017, the previous year?

Mr. Imbert: But that is not before us.

Madam Chairman: Member for Pointe-a-Pierre.

Mr. Lee: Thank you. One final question to the Minister. Minister, in your enlightenment of explanation, you also had said that the Central Bank, the 517, was the overdraft interest and you normally would incur profits from the Central Bank —

Mr. Imbert: You do not incur profit.

Mr. Lee: Well, you get profits.

Mr. Imbert: You receive profits.

Mr. Lee: You receive profits. So can I ask you –

Mr. Imbert: Please rephrase your question. [*Crosstalk*]

Madam Chairman: Order!

Mr. Lee: You said you received profits from the Central Bank in respect as a Government —

Madam Chairman: May we have some order, please. I cannot hear —

Mr. Lee: - so can I cask you -

Madam Chairman: Member for Pointe-a-Pierre, one minute. Could we have order, please? I am not hearing the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre. Member for Pointe-a-Pierre.

Mr. Lee: Madam Chair, the Minister of Finance said he received profits from the Central Bank in relationship, all right? So can he state for us what sort of profits you would have received from the Central Bank at the end of fiscal year 2018 in relationship because you said even though you said it was an expenditure you would have received profits that would more than offset this expenditure from the Central Bank.

Mr. Imbert: I did not say that. We are dealing with fiscal 2018. It is after the fiscal year is completed the Central Bank would pay the profits in the subsequent fiscal year which not before us.

Mr. Lee: Okay.

Question put and agreed to. Head 18 varied by an increase in the sum of \$517,000,000.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, Minister of Finance, and your team. *Head 70:* Ministry of Communications, an increase of \$69,161,666.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Communications to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes.

Mr. Young: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, in June of last year there was a separation of Communications out of the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications and the creation of a standalone Ministry call the Ministry of Communications. So this sum of money is the money that was transferred from Public Administration and Communications to help fund the establishment of the Ministry of Communications. Thank you.

Question proposed: That Head 70 be varied by an increase in the sum of \$69,161,666.

3.20 p.m.

Madam Chairman: Member for Fyzabad.

Dr. Bodoe: Thank you, Madam Chair. Minister, if I can refer you to page 31 with regard to CNMG. Page 31. This is on the Schedule.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chair, the Schedule is for noting. It is not for debate or for answering questions, it is for noting. That has nothing to do with this Head, Madam Chairman. This Head is the creation of the Ministry of Communications. Has nothing to do with what is for noting. I want to make that point very clear for your ruling, Madam Chairman.

Dr. Bodoe: I was just going to ask, the allocation for CNMG, whether that was – [Crosstalk]

Madam Chairman: Just one minute. Let me hear the question, Member.

Dr. Bodoe: Yeah, the question really was whether the amount of \$12,485,000 listed for CNMG was for the transformation to TTT.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman.

Madam Chairman: Okay and therefore, Member for Fyzabad, I cannot allow that question. Member for Naparima.

Mr. Charles: Could the Minister state how this \$69 million – in what areas will it be disbursed?

Mr. Young: Madam Chair, this is historic. This was for fiscal 2018 so it would have already been accounted for in the budget that went through in October 2019. Line Item by line Item, Actual Expenditure.

Mr. Charles: Could Minister indicate if he is aware how much of this \$69 million was allocated to CNMG?

Mr. Young: It was not for Ken Ali, it was not for Tony Deyal, it was not for the Voice, it was not for Marcia Braveboy, it was not for Phillip Alexander, it was not for Vasant Bharath —

Mr. Charles: It was for One Alexandra Place?

Mr. Young: No, we will have to provide that. [*Crosstalk*]

Madam Chairman: All right, so could we get serious? Any other question?

Question put and agreed to.

Head 70 varied by an increase in the sum of \$69,161,666.

Madam Chairman: Thank you to the Minister and his team.

Question put and agreed to.

Appropriation for the fiscal year 2019 varied by a total increase in the sum of \$586,161,666.

Madam Chairman: We now go on to write-off of losses. Hon. Members, we shall proceed to the consideration of the proposals for write-off of losses.

Head 30: Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development, a write-off of losses of \$134,644.03.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes. Minister.

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Thank you kindly, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, the team and I from the Ministry, we are really honoured to be here this afternoon to discuss the Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2018/2019. Madam Chair, permit me to say that this Government has stated, time and time again, that it is committed to the effective management of the public sector. In fact, Madam Chair, Theme II of our National Development Strategy 2017—2030, popularly known as *Vision 2030*, is dedicated to "Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence" under which one of our goals is for public service to have modern, effective and efficient management systems.

Madam Chair, this administration has recognized that good governance and service excellence are

crucial to the achievement of a high quality of life for all of our citizens and to encourage business expansion. In this regard, one of the guiding principles of our *Vision 2030* is accountability, accountability that ensures that actions and decisions taken are subject to oversight and that public officials are held responsible for the decisions they make and for spending from the public purse. And today, Madam Chair, this is what this exercise is about, the principle of accountability and commitment to good governance and efficient public sector management.

Madam Chair, the issue before this gathering is a very simple one and may I offer the explanation and then would entertain any questions. It pertains to an officer who was unaware, unknowingly received the incorrect allowance as he dutifully served this country at the Commonwealth Caribbean Seasonal Agricultural Worker Programme, labelled Liaison Branch in Toronto, Canada, under the former Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development. The applicable deduction from his salary for the rental of his public quarters was also not made as required.

Madam Chair, our own internal audit procedures brought to our attention this error which amounted to an overpayment and in an effort to ensure that the Ministry acted as a responsible employer and followed the prescribed industrial relations procedures, a legal opinion was sought. Madam Chair, this legal opinion advised that if the allowances in respect of the officer's appointment were never communicated to him in writing prior to the discovery of the error, it would be deemed unreasonable and contrary to good industrial relations practice to blame or penalize the employee for the failure of the employer to properly notify him of the terms and conditions of his employment with respect to his foreign assignment.

Madam Chair, in this regard, as a reasonable and caring employer, the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development is seeking to write-off the loss of \$134,644.03 representing an overpayment to the former Acting Accounting Executive I in the Commonwealth Caribbean Seasonal Agricultural Worker Programme, Liaison Branch, Toronto, Canada, under the former Ministry.

Madam Chair, it is clear that an administrative mistake was made in 2011/2012 but we recognize that to err is human and this administration is committed to doing what is necessary to correct these errors. It is my hope that this matter receives favourable consideration so that it can finally be settled to allow all parties to move forward and for us to focus on good governance, improve service delivery and value for money through greater efficiency, productivity and accountability. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Question proposed: That the write-off of losses in the sum of \$134,644.03 for Head 30 be approved. *Question put and agreed to*.

The write-off of losses in the sum of \$134,644.03 for Head 30 approved.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, Minister and members of your team.

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Head 67: Ministry of Planning and Development, a write-off of losses of \$137,536.35.

Madam Chairman: I will now invite the Minister of Planning and Development to make a brief opening statement for a maximum of five minutes. Minister.

Mrs. Robinson-Regis: Thank you very kindly. Madam Chair, specifically in relation to this matter, there has been a write-off of overpayment to Messenger I, Julie Samuel who, during the period 2002–2015, was employed at the CSO. During this time, she was also – after 2015, she was reassigned to the Human Resource Management Division and routine checks of the attendance register indicated that from 2006–2015, Ms. Samuel had been absent sometimes without authorization.

Madam Chair, despite verbal advice, Ms. Samuel did not produce any improvement in her conduct

and after the period 2015, Ms Samuel sought to account for some periods of her absences over the period 2006 — 2015 by submitting medical certificates and reports which indicated that she was suffering from vertigo, hypertension and an ear, nose and throat disorder. She indicated that her illness rendered her unable to perform her duties since she experienced dizziness and fainting spells. After continuous absences and due to illness, this necessitated an examination by a medical board and on July 08, 2014, she was examined to determine her fitness for further service and the medical board boarded her in 2016.

Madam Chair, prior to Ms. Samuel's retirement on grounds of ill health, during the period 2008 – 2010, she was paid salary and COLA for her under-authorized absences from duty and when the revised salary agreement for the period 2008 – 2010 came into effect, the Ministry withheld salary arrears in the sum of \$9,890.45 in an attempt to reduce the overpayment amount owed to the officer. Aggrieved by this decision to withhold the arrears, the officer approached the PSA who, acting on her behalf, referred the matter to the Industrial Court. The Industrial Court matter started in 2015 and the judge advised the parties – that is, the CPO, the Ministry of Planning and Development and the PSA – to arrive at an amicable agreement taking into account the negative impact that the period of unauthorized absences would have on Ms. Samuel's years of service and her eligibility for pension as well as her standard of living after retirement.

Arising out of several meetings and the last meeting held in January 2017 with the Permanent Secretary and the Human Resource officers of the Ministry of Planning and Development, it was decided, based on humanitarian grounds and Ms. Samuel's inability to repay the sum owed due to her medical costs on her finances, to approach the Comptroller of Accounts for the write-off of Ms. Samuel's overpayment in the sum of \$137,536.35. The Comptroller of Accounts agreed and a Note was submitted to the Cabinet and the Cabinet approved the write-off and that is why we are before you at this time.

Question proposed: That the write-off of losses in the sum of \$137,536.35 for Head 67 be approved. *Question put and agreed to*.

The write-off of losses in the sum of \$137,536.35 for Head 67 approved.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, Minister and thank you to the members of your team.

Mrs. Robinson-Regis: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Members, please note that the debate for the adoption of the Committee's report will take place on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 1.30 p.m.

3.34 p.m.: Standing Finance Committee adjourned.

APPENDIX IV

Schedule relating to the Variation of Estimates 2018

SCHEDULE

RELATING TO VARIATION OF ESTIMATES - 2018

HEAD/	SUB-l	HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM	Provision in Estimates 2018 including Supplementary Warrants, Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2018	NET		Explanation
					Increase	Decrease	
			\$	\$	\$	\$	
HEAD	18	MINISTRY OF FINANCE	4,899,312,135	5,416,312,135	517,000,000		
SUB-HEAD	07	DEBT SERVICING	741,288,775	1,258,288,775	517,000,000		
Item	009	Interest on Overdraft	200,000,000	717,000,000	517,000,000		
Sub-item	01	Interest on Overdraft	200,000,000	717,000,000	517,000,000		
HEAD	22	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	3,802,560,581	3,702,560,581		100,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	02	GOODS AND SERVICES	884,014,680	784,014,680		100,000,000	

Item	001	General Administration	342,515,210	242,515,210	100,000,000	
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	189,898,000	89,898,000	100,000,000	
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HEAD	28	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	5,424,488,890	5,213,488,890	211,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	02	GOODS AND SERVICES	859,245,479	740,245,479	119,000,000	
Item	004	Vertical Services	639,442,800	520,442,800	119,000,000	
Sub-item	39	Drugs and Other Related Materials and Supplies	618,009,245	499,009,245	119,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	4,108,814,511	4,048,814,511	60,000,000	
Item	007	Households	72,350,000	52,350,000	20,000,000	
Sub-item	01	Medical Treatment of Nationals in Institutions	70,000,000	50,000,000	20,000,000	
Item	009	Other Transfers	3,998,635,290	3,958,635,290	40,000,000	
Sub-item	01	Regional Health Authority	158,900,000	132,900,000	26,000,000	
Sub-item	04	North Central Regional Health Authority	1,050,291,000	1,041,291,000	9,000,000	

Sub-item	05	South West Regional Health Authority	1,111,930,700	1,106,930,700	5,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	219,000,000	187,000,000	32,000,000	
Item	004	Social Infrastructure	149,026,868	142,026,868	7,000,000	
Sub-item	07	Health	148,283,404	141,283,404	7,000,000	
Project Group	D	Other Services	85,656,536	78,656,536	7,000,000	
Project No.	007	Waiting List for Surgery	19,100,000	12,100,000	7,000,000	
Item	005	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	69,973,132	44,973,132	25,000,000	
Sub-item	06	General Public Services	69,973,132	44,973,132	25,000,000	
Project Group	С	Foreign and Technical Assistance	60,191,470	35,191,470	25,000,000	
Project No.	234	Hospital Refurbishment Programme	39,173,132	24,173,132	15,000,000	
Project No.	250	Health Services Support Programme	17,518,338	7,518,338	10,000,000	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	993,878,798	932,717,132	61,161,666	
SUB-HEAD	01	PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE	50,055,300	42,719,008	7,336,292	
Item	004	Government Printery	16,802,000	12,407,219	4,394,781	004 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications

Sub-item	01	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	13,000,000	9,108,504	3,891,496	
Sub-item	03	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	1,000,000	909,552	90,448	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	1,700,000	1,363,870	336,130	
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly- Paid Officers	234,000	157,293	76,707	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Item	008	National Archives	2,720,700	1,994,296	726,404	008- Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	01	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	2,000,000	1,431,837	568,163	
Sub-item	02	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance (including Leave Pay)	390,000	297,292	92,708	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	300,000	242,963	57,037	
Sub-item	20	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Daily Rated Workers	4,500	3,132	1,368	
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly Paid Officers	21,773	14,645	7,128	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				

Item	013	Information Division	5,628,130	3,413,023	2,215,107	013 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications - reflected as 001 General Administration
Sub-item	01	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	4,350,000	2,572,824	1,777,176	
Sub-item	02	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance (including Leave Pay)	71,000	61,484	9,516	
Sub-item	04	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	84,000	638	83,362	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	450,000	342,511	107,489	
Sub-item	14	Remuneration to Members of Cabinet-Appointed Committees	602,000	379,501	222,499	
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly Paid Officers	70,000	54,935	15,065	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
SUB-HEAD	02	GOODS AND SERVICES	744,786,108	737,352,466	7,433,642	
Item	004	Government Printery	7,730,195	5,092,747	2,637,448	004 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	340,000	291,274	48,726	
Sub-item	04	Electricity	500,000	298,601	201,399	

Sub-item	05	Telephones	80,000	65,664	14,336	
Sub-item	06	Water and Sewerage Rates	35,000	28,947	6,053	
Sub-item	08	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	3,390,000	2,269,500	1,120,500	
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	350,000	287,657	62,343	
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	90,502	-	90,502	
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	191,620	-	191,620	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	75,000	44,611	30,389	
Sub-item	15	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	500,000	347,530	152,470	
Sub-item	21	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	89,000	54,409	34,591	
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	47,250	41,888	5,362	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	800,000	539,422	260,578	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	1,300,000	892,660	407,340	
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants	20,000	8,761	11,239	
Item	008	National Archives	5,412,336	3,310,348	2,101,988	008 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications

Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	200,000	154,491	45,509	
Sub-item	04	Electricity	350,000	203,213	146,787	
Sub-item	05	Telephones	300,000	86,186	213,814	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	06	Water and Sewerage Rates	1,600	408	1,192	
Sub-item	08	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	1,175,000	695,833	479,167	
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease Vehicles and Equipment	207,500	19,884	187,616	
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	23,243	-	23,243	
Sub-item	11	Books and Periodicals	10,000	9,218	782	
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	26,633	-	26,633	
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	15,000	13,913	1,087	
Sub-item	15	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	30,000	27,583	2,417	
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	894,000	751,078	142,922	
Sub-item	21	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	400,000	333,484	66,516	
Sub-item	23	Fees	87,000	81,600	5,400	

HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	331,000	228,686	102,314	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	600,000	248,918	351,082	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	600,000	300,000	300,000	
Sub-item	62	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	50,000	44,823	5,177	
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants	5,000	4,670	330	
Item	012	Freedom of Information Unit	563,000	383,202	179,798	012 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	563,000	383,202	179,798	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Item	013	Information Division	5,751,921	3,237,513	2,514,408	013 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications - reflected as 001 General Administration
Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	800,000	465,680	334,320	
Sub-item	04	Electricity	372,000	122,162	249,838	

Sub-item	05	Telephones	200,000	111,708	88,292	
Sub-item	06	Water and Sewerage Rates	7,200	23	7,177	
Sub-item	08	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	399,660	341,827	57,833	
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	100,000	68,800	31,200	
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	329	-	329	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	3,294	-	3,294	
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	15,000	13,478	1,522	
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	1,452,500	1,082,709	369,791	
Sub-item	21	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	155,000	25,733	129,267	
Sub-item	22	Short Term Employment	150,159	-	150,159	
Sub-item	27	Official Overseas Travel	19,279	-	19,279	
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	250,000	53,581	196,419	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	296,000	146,405	149,595	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	1,202,500	498,128	704,372	
Sub-item	62	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	140,500	124,937	15,563	
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants	12,000	5,842	6,158	

HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
SUB-HEAD	03	MINOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	965,600	963,350	2,250	
Item	013	Information Division	97,300	95,050	2,250	013 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications - reflected as 001 General Administration
Sub-item	04	Other Minor Equipment	40,000	37,750	2,250	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	47,213,790	42,716,928	4,496,862	
Item	001	Regional Bodies	1,109,740	1,108,726	1,014	001 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	06	Subscription to Caribbean Archivist Association	2,200	1,186	1,014	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Item	004	International Bodies	32,050	21,202	10,848	004 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	02	Subscription to International Council on Archives	13,200	2,352	10,848	

Item	009	Other Transfers	-	8,000,000	8,000,000		009 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government
Sub-item	01	T.T. Connect Service Centres	-	8,000,000	8,000,000		
Item	011	Transfers to State Enterprises	44,700,000	32,215,000		12,485,000	011 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	03	Caribbean New Media Group	22,485,000	10,000,000		12,485,000	
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)					
SUB-HEAD	06	CURRENT TRANSFERS TO STATUTORY BOARDS AND SIMILAR BODIES	126,650,000	85,770,880		40,879,120	
Item	004	Statutory Boards	126,650,000	85,770,880		40,879,120	004 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	53	National Library and Information System	126,650,000	85,770,880		40,879,120	
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	24,208,000	23,194,500		1,013,500	
Item	004	Social Infrastrucutre	1,000,000	-		1,000,000	004 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	04	Education	1,000,000	-		1,000,000	

Project Group	G	Educational Services	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	
Project No.	005	Training of Librarians	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	Project No. 005 now designated as Project No. 001 under the Ministry of Communications
HEAD	31	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Item	005	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	23,208,000	23,194,500	13,500	005 - Transferred to Head - Ministry of Communications
Sub-item	06	General Public Services	23,208,000	23,194,500	13,500	
Project Group	F	Public Buildings	500,000	486,500	13,500	
Project No.	012	Upgrade and Outfitting of National Archives Facility	500,000	486,500	13,500	Project No. 012 now designated as Project No. 001 under the Ministry of Communications
HEAD	39	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,140,787,434	3,078,787,434	62,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	06	CURRENT TRANSFERS TO STATUTORY BOARDS AND SIMILAR BODIES	1,866,791,000	1,804,791,000	62,000,000	
Item	004	Statutory Boards	1,866,791,000	1,804,791,000	62,000,000	
Sub-item	51	Water and Sewerage Authority	1,866,791,000	1,804,791,000	62,000,000	

HEAD	40	MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND	220,426,290	120,426,290	100,000,000	
	10	ENERGY INDUSTRIES		120/120/200	100/000/000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	112,573,240	12,573,240	100,000,000	
Item	007	Households	100,120,699	120,699	100,000,000	
Sub-item	01	Shortfall in Subsidy re sale of Petroleum Products	100,000,000	-	100,000,000	
HEAD	42	MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	2,452,671,110	2,444,671,110	8,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	464,721,973	456,721,973	8,000,000	
Item	009	Other Transfers	462,973,973	454,973,973	8,000,000	009 Transferred to Head - Ministry of Public Administration and Communications
Sub-item	03	T.T. Connect Service Centres	8,000,000	-	8,000,000	

HEAD	43	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT	2,406,042,325	2,362,042,325		44,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	1,027,002,027	1,012,002,027		15,000,000	
Item	008	Subsidies	290,948,126	275,948,126		15,000,000	
Sub-item	01	Port Authority - Contribution towards deficit on operation of Coastal Steamers	290,948,126	275,948,126		15,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	06	CURRENT TRANSFERS TO STATUTORY BOARDS AND SIMILAR BODIES	556,423,598	527,423,598		29,000,000	
Item	004	Statutory Bodies	556,423,598	527,423,598		29,000,000	
Sub-item	52	Public Transport Service Corporation	304,000,000	275,000,000		29,000,000	
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS	-	69,161,666	69,161,666		Head - Transferred from Ministry of Public Administration and Communications
SUB-HEAD	01	PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE	-	7,336,292	7,336,292		

Item	001	General Administration	-	2,215,107	2,215,107	001 - General Administration reflected as 013 Information Division under Head - Ministry of Public Administration and Communications
Sub-item	01	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	-	1,777,176	1,777,176	
Sub-item	02	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance (including Leave Pay)	-	9,516	9,516	
Sub-item	04	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	-	83,362	83,362	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	-	107,489	107,489	
Sub-item	14	Remuneration-Members of Cabinet Appt'd Committees	-	222,499	222,499	
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance-Monthly- Paid Officers	-	15,065	15,065	
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Item	002	Government Printery	-	4,394,781	4,394,781	
Sub-item	01	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	-	3,891,496	3,891,496	
Sub-item	03	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	-	90,448	90,448	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	-	336,130	336,130	
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly Paid Officers	-	76,707	76,707	

Item	003	National Archives	-	726,404	726,404	
Sub-item	01	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	-	568,163	568,163	
Sub-item	02	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance (including Leave Pay)	-	92,708	92,708	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	-	57,037	57,037	
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	20	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance-Daily- Rated Workers	-	1,368	1,368	
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance-Monthly- Paid Officers	-	7,128	7,128	
SUB-HEAD	02	GOODS AND SERVICES	-	7,433,642	7,433,642	
Item	001	General Administration	-	2,514,408	2,514,408	001 - General Administration reflected as 013 - Information Division under Head - Ministry of Public Administration and Communications
Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	-	334,320	334,320	
Sub-item	04	Electricity	-	249,838	249,838	
Sub-item	05	Telephones	-	88,292	88,292	
Sub-item	06	Water and Sewerage Rates	-	7,177	7,177	

Sub-item	08	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	-	57,833	57,833	
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	-	31,200	31,200	
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	-	329	329	
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	-	3,294	3,294	
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	-	1,522	1,522	
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	-	369,791	369,791	
Sub-item	21	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	-	129,267	129,267	
Sub-item	22	Short Term Employment	-	150,159	150,159	
Sub-item	27	Official Overseas Travel	-	19,279	19,279	
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	-	196,419	196,419	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	-	149,595	149,595	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	-	704,372	704,372	
Sub-item	62	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	-	15,563	15,563	
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants		6,158	6,158	
Item	002	Government Printery	-	2,637,448	2,637,448	
Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	-	48,726	48,726	
Sub-item	04	Electricity	-	201,399	201,399	
Sub-item	05	Telephones	1	14,336	14,336	
Sub-item	06	Water and Sewerage Rates	-	6,053	6,053	
Sub-item	08	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	-	1,120,500	1,120,500	
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	-	62,343	62,343	

HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	-	90,502	90,502	
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	-	191,620	191,620	
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	-	30,389	30,389	
Sub-item	15	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	-	152,470	152,470	
Sub-item	21	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	-	34,591	34,591	
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	-	5,362	5,362	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	-	260,578	260,578	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	-	407,340	407,340	
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants	-	11,239	11,239	
Item	003	National Archives	-	2,101,988	2,101,988	
Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	-	45,509	45,509	
Sub-item	04	Electricity	-	146,787	146,787	
Sub-item	05	Telephones	-	213,814	213,814	
Sub-item	06	Water and Sewerage Rates	-	1,192	1,192	
Sub-item	08	Rent / Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	-	479,167	479,167	
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease Vehicles and Equipment	-	187,616	187,616	
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	-	23,243	23,243	
Sub-item	11	Books and Periodicals	-	782	782	
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	-	26,633	26,633	
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	-	1,087	1,087	

		Repairs and Maintenance -	-			
Sub-item	15	Equipment		2,417	2,417	
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	-	142,922	142,922	
Sub-item	21	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	-	66,516	66,516	
Sub-item	23	Fees	-	5,400	5,400	
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	-	102,314	102,314	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	-	351,082	351,082	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	-	300,000	300,000	
Sub-item	62	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	-	5,177	5,177	
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants	-	330	330	
Item	004	Freedom of Information Unit	-	179,798	179,798	
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	-	179,798	179,798	
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
		MINOR EQUIPMENT	-			
SUB-HEAD	03	PURCHASES		2,250	2,250	
Item	001	General Administration	-	2,250	2,250	001 - General Administration reflected as 013 - Information Division under Head - Ministry of Public Administration and Communications
Sub-item SUB-HEAD	04	Other Minor Equipment CURRENT TRANSFERS AND	-	2,250 12,496,862	2,250 12,496,862	
Item	001	SUBSIDIES Regional Bodies	-	1,014	1,014	

Sub-item	02	Subscription to Caribbean Archivist Association	-	1,014	1,014	
Item	004	International Bodies	-	10,848	10,848	
Sub-item	01	Subscription to International Council on Archives	-	10,848	10,848	
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				
Item	011	Transfers to State Enterprises	-	12,485,000	12,485,000	
Sub-item	01	Caribbean New Media Group	-	12,485,000	12,485,000	
SUB-HEAD	06	CURRENT TRANSFERS TO STATUTORY BOARDS AND SIMILAR BODIES	-	40,879,120	40,879,120	
Item	004	Statutory Boards	-	40,879,120	40,879,120	
Sub-item	53	National Library and Information System	-	40,879,120	40,879,120	
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	-	1,013,500	1,013,500	
Item	004	Social Infrastructure	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Sub-item	04	Education	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Project Group	G	Educational Services	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Project No.	001	Training of Librarians	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	Project No. 001 formerly Project No. 005 under the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications
HEAD	70	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (continued)				

Item	005	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	-	13,500	13,500	
Sub-item	06	General Public Services	-	13,500	13,500	
Project Group	F	Public Buildings	-	13,500	13,500	
Project No.	001	Upgrade and Outfitting of National Archives Facility	-	13,500	13,500	Project No. 001 formerly Project No. 012 under the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications

APPENDIX V

<u>Proposals for the Variation</u> <u>of Appropriation for fiscal year 2018</u>

AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

$\underline{\text{OF THE 2019 SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES}}$

OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO BE HELD ON

JANUARY 14, 2019

MATTERS RELATING TO THE 2018 ACCOUNTS

ITEM NO.	F.C. NOTE NO.	FILE NO.	SUBJECT
01	01	F:BUD:4/4/7	Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2018
02	02	П	Approval for Write-off of Losses for fiscal 2018
03	03	II.	Transfer of funds between Sub- Heads under the same Head of Expenditure for fiscal year 2017
04	04	"	Transfer of funds between Sub- Heads under the same Head of Expenditure for fiscal year 2018

ITEM NO. 01 F.B. (2018) 01 F:BUD:4/4/7

VARIATION OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

The matter for the consideration of the Standing Finance Committee is the Variation of the Appropriation for fiscal year 2018 in the sum of \$586,161,666.

- 2. The increases and decreases in the Appropriation reflect:
 - the re-assignment in Ministerial responsibilities as assigned by Her Excellency, the President acting on the advice of the Prime Minister in accordance with the provisions of Section 79(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; and
 - ii) provision of additional funds in the sum of \$517,000,000 to bring to account Debit Advices for the period December 2017 to September 2018 in order to meet the payment of the Interest on the Overdraft with the Central Bank.
- 3. It is necessary to have a Variation of the Appropriation of resources under the Recurrent and Capital Expenditure totaling \$69,161,666 to realign the provisions in line with the re-assignment of responsibilities to Ministers as effected by the following:
 - Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No.77 Volume 57 dated 12th June, 2018;
 - Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 108 Volume 56 dated 11th October, 2017.
- 4. There is also the need to have a Variation of the Appropriation in the sum of \$517,000,000 which represents additional funds required to bring to account Debit Advices for the period December, 2017 to September, 2018 in order to meet the payment of the Interest on Overdraft with the Central Bank.
- 5. The Standing Finance Committee is asked to note that following a final review of the 2018 Accounts, savings have been identified under the following Heads of Expenditure. The reasons for these savings are as follows:
 - a. Ministry of National Security \$100.0Mn.
 22/02/001/09 Rent/Lease Vehicles and Equipment \$100.0Mn: The contract for the provision of CCTV coverage expired with effect from July 01, 2017 and the Ministry was awaiting Cabinet's approval for a new contract.
 - b. Ministry of Health \$211.0Mn.
 - 28/02/004/39 Drugs and Other Related Materials and Supplies \$119.0Mn: There was a rationalization of the Formulary List (i.e the list of prescribed drugs) which has resulted in the list moving from 730 to 580 drugs (inclusive of those for CDAP). In addition, the purchasing facility available through the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) was utilized. This resulted in additional costs from the distribution channels being eliminated from the supply chain thereby reducing the final cost of drugs.
 - 04/007/01 Medical Treatment of Nationals in Institutions \$20.0Mn: A higher number of patients were treated within the Public Health Care Institutions during the year. In addition, the verification and reconciliation process of previous years claims is ongoing and payments will be made in fiscal 2019.
 - 04/009/01 Regional Health Authority \$26.0Mn: The filling of vacancies was not finalized as the recruitment and selection process for

doctors and nurses from Cuba is ongoing. Claims arising from legal matters were also not finalized and a suitable supplier for the provision of a virtual library could not be sourced and is now expected to be finalized in fiscal 2019.

- 04/009/04 North Central Regional Health Authority \$9.0Mn; and
- 04/009/05 South West Regional Health Authority \$5.0Mn
 The Ministry undertook a review of the procurement process for all the Regional Health Authorities with a view to eliminating cost inefficiencies in the acquisition of medical supplies and goods and services. The use of overtime was also more efficiently managed.
- 09/004/07/D/007 Waiting List for Surgery \$7.0Mn: There was an increase of surgical procedures undertaken at the Public Health Care Institutions. Specific surgical procedures were also increased viz cardiac surgery at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex and also cataract surgeries performed by Cuban Doctors at the San Fernando and Port of Spain General Hospitals and the Mt. Hope Facility.
- 09/005/06/C/234 Hospital Refurbishment Programme \$15.0Mn: Not all projects were able to be fully implemented as planned. There were tender issues for the prenatal and chemotherapy rooms and electrical upgrade of Building 24 of the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex. The upgrade of the Regional Administrative Centre for the SWRHA was delayed due to OSH non compliance issues and the contractor terminated his contract mid-way through the project and retendering is in process. Also, repairs to the roof of the Labour Ward was delayed due to contractual challenges resulting in the 2nd bidder being hired to undertake the project.
- 09/005/06/C/250 Health Services Support Programme \$10.0Mn: This is an IDB/GORTT funded project however due to project delays arising from procurement challenges financial resources were only drawn down and utilized for administrative support to pay salaries. The next phase of the project is a Health Promotion Policy which is carded for launch in each RHA from January-June, 2019.
- c. Ministry of Public Utilities \$62.0Mn.

 39/06/004/51 Water and Sewerage Authority \$62.0Mn: In fiscal 2018 the Water and Sewerage Authority through the rationalization of its engagement of contractor labour coupled with the structured use of its in house labour force, as well as the implementation of more efficient processes in the procurement of its goods and services which resulted in an overall reduction of its recurrent expenditure by \$62Mn.
- d. Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries \$100.0Mn.
 40/04/007/01 Shortfall in Subsidy re Sale of Petroleum Products \$100.0Mn: Payments for the subsidy claims were deferred pending the completion of a reconciliation exercise.
- e. Ministry of Works and Transport \$44.0Mn. 43/04/008/01 - Port Authority - Contribution towards Deficit on Operation of Coastal Steamers - \$15.0Mn: Funding was allocated in fiscal 2018 to enable the T & T Spirit to undergo two (2) routine dry

docking services, however, the vessel was only placed once on drydock this resulted in the sum of \$15Mn being unutilized.

43/06/004/52 – Public Transport Service Corporation - \$29.0Mn: With the acquisition and operationalization of 35 new Buses in 2018, the Public Transport Service Corporation was able to significantly reduce costs associated with the procurement of spare parts and other maintenance services.

6. The Standing Finance Committee is further asked to note the effect of the changes on the various Heads of Expenditure is as follows:

Hea	d of Expenditure	<u>Increase</u>
	-	\$
18	Ministry of Finance	517,000,000
70	Ministry of Communications	69,161,666
	Total	<u>586,161,666</u>
Hea	d of Expenditure	<u>Decrease</u>
		\$
22	Ministry of National Security	100,000,000
28	Ministry of Health	211,000,000
31	Ministry of Public Administration	61,161,666
	and Communications	
39	Ministry of Public Utilities	62,000,000
40	Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries	100,000,000
42	Ministry of Rural Development and Local	8,000,000
	Government	
43	Ministry of Works and Transport	44,000,000
	Total	<u>586,161,666</u>

^{7.} Accordingly, the Standing Finance Committee is asked to approve a Variation of the 2018 Appropriation in the sum of \$586,161,666 as indicated in paragraph (1) above.

ITEM NO. 02 F.C. (2018) 02 F:BUD:4/4/7

APPROVAL FOR THE WRITE-OFF OF LOSSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

The Standing Finance Committee is being asked to consider write-offs in the sum of *Two Hundred* and *Seventy Two Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents* (\$272,180.38) which were approved by Cabinet under the following Heads of Expenditure.

Head 30 - Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development - \$134,644.03

Write-off of an Overpayment of Foreign Duty Allowance and Arrears of Rental of Government Quarters to Mr. Aziz Khan, former Accounting Executive I, Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

- 2. The matter for the consideration of the Standing Finance Committee is the write-off of an overpayment of Foreign Duty Allowance in the sum of \$122,684.45 and the arrears of rental of Government Quarters in the sum of \$11,959.58 over the respective periods of January 01 to December 31, 2011 and January 09, 2011 to January 31, 2012 to Mr. Aziz Khan former Accounting Executive I (Ag.).
- 3. In December 2010 Mr. Khan was assigned to the Commonwealth Caribbean Seasonal Agricultural Workers Programme in Toronto, Canada. By memorandum dated March 18, 2011 the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development (LSED) to the Consul Labour, Toronto indicated that Mr. Khan be paid allowances "with effect from January 01, 2011 to July 04, 2012 comparable to that of a Foreign Service Officer in Salary Range 54."
- 4. It should be noted that an Audit Report of January 2012 the Ministry's (LSED) Auditor II advised that Mr. Khan was receiving the incorrect monthly allowance of CAN\$4,007.00 which is equivalent to the allowance received by a Foreign Service Officer III. The Auditor concluded that Mr. Khan should have received a monthly allowance of CAN\$2,405.00 which is equivalent to the allowance payable to a Foreign Service Officer I.
- 5. Additionally, one of the conditions applicable to the posting of a home based officer to the Seasonal Agriculture Workers' Programme is that appropriate furnished accommodation would be provided by the Ministry and the officer would be required to pay a rental of ten percent (10%) of his substantive salary in accordance with the Civil Service (External Affairs) Regulations Act, Chapter 23:01 Chapter V Section 34(3). It was also discovered that the appropriate deductions were not made from Mr. Khan's substantive salary thereby resulting in the arrears of rent in the sum of \$11,959.58.
- 6. The Ministry's Legal Unit subsequently advised that if the allowances in respect of Mr. Khan's appointment were never communicated to him in writing prior to February 17, 2012 it would be deemed unreasonable and contrary to good industrial relations practice to blame or penalize the employee for the failure of the employee to properly notify him of the terms and conditions of his employment with respect to his foreign assignment.
- 7. The Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development was of the view that Mr. Khan received the Foreign Service allowance in good faith and the overpayment was the result of an administrative effort. In addition, the deduction of rent from his salary was through no fault of his.
- 8. The Minister recommended and Cabinet agreed that the sum be written off.
- 9. Accordingly, the Standing Finance Committee is asked to approve the write-off in the sum of \$134,644.03 to Mr. Aziz Khan, former Accounting Executive I in the former Ministry of Labour and Small

and Micro Enterprise Development during the periods January 01 to December 31, 2011 and January 09, 2011 to January 31, 2012.

Head 67 - Ministry of Planning and Development - \$137,536.35

Write-off of an Overpayment of Salary to Ms. Julie Samuel, former Messenger I, Ministry of Planning and Development

- 10. The matter for the consideration of the Standing Finance Committee is the write-off of an overpayment of Salary and COLA in the sum of \$137,536.35 to Ms. Julie Samuel, former Messenger I in the Ministry of Planning and Development for the period January 01, 2006 to December 31, 2016.
- 11. Ms. Samuel was employed in the Public Service from September 02, 2002 and was appointed in the Ministry of Planning and Development with effect from September 01, 2012.
- 12. The officer had a record of irregular attendance and unpunctuality dating back to 2006 for which she has been notified of in writing and verbally however there was no notable change in her behavior.
- 13. An audited report of Ms. Samuel's records indicated that during the years 2006-2015 she had a total of 858 days unaccounted absences. The Chief Personnel Officer subsequently advised that the period of absences should be treated as unauthorized absences from duty without pay.
- 14. Ms. Samuel sought to account for some periods of her absences by submitting medical certificates/reports which indicated that she was suffering from vertigo, severe hypertension, ENT disorder which cause her to experience dizziness and fainting spells when delivering mails therefore she was unable to perform her duties.
- 15. The officer was examined by a Medical Board on July 08, 2014 and she was deemed unfit for service. She was subsequently re-examined by a Medical Board on August 24, 2016 and the report indicated that "the patient is medically unfit on a permanent basis. Neurology assessment for disability."
- 16. The Public Service Commission accepted the finding of the Medical Board and decided that Ms. Samuel should retire in accordance with the provision of Regulations 59 of the Public Service Commissions Regulations. Her effective date of retirement was October 24, 2016 on grounds of ill health.
- 17. For the period 2008-2010 she was paid Salary and COLA for her unauthorized absences at the revised rate as a result of new collective agreements. The Ministry accordingly withheld the sum of \$9,890.45 in an attempt to reduce the overpayment. Aggrieved by this act, Ms. Samuel approached the Public Services Association who acting on her behalf refered the matter to the Industrial Court.
- 18. The Court in reviewing the matter asked the Ministry of consider having the overpayment of \$137,536.35 written-off. The Court was concerned that the periods of unauthorized absences would negatively impact on the officer's years of service and her eligibility for pension benefits. In addition, given her age and medical condition, should she be required to repay the sum owed she would be financially impoverished during her retirement and it would detrimentally affect her quality of life.
- 19. The Ministry of Planning and Development based on humanitarian grounds supported the recommendation of the Industrial Court since Ms. Samuel is not in a position to repay the outstanding debt.
- 20. Accordingly, the Minister of Planning and Development recommended and Cabinet agreed that the sum be written-off.
- 21. Accordingly, the Standing Finance Committee is asked to approve the write-off in the sum of \$137,536.35 to Ms. Julie Samuel, former Messenger I in the Ministry of Planning and Development for the period January 01, 2006 to December 31, 2016.

ITEM NO. 03 F.C. (2018) 03 F:BUD:4/4/7

TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN SUB-HEADS UNDER THE SAME HEAD OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

The Standing Finance Committee is asked to note the undermentioned:

- 2. In accordance with the authority delegated by Cabinet, the Minister of Finance approved the Transfer of Funds in the sum of \$1,457,501,437 between Sub-heads under the same Head of Expenditure.
- 3. These transfers reflect changed circumstances in Ministries and Departments and a consequential re-ordering of priorities.
- 4. A Statement showing the Transfers approved by the Minister of Finance is attached at **Appendix I** and Explanations for Transfers are attached at **Appendix II**.
- 5. It is instructive to note that the Transfers were approved by the Minister of Finance based on Notes from the respective Ministers requesting Transfers between Sub-heads.

ITEM NO. 04 F.C. (2018) 04 F:BUD:4/4/7

TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN SUB-HEADS UNDER THE SAME HEAD OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

The Standing Finance Committee is asked to note the undermentioned:

- 2. In accordance with the authority delegated by Cabinet, the Minister of Finance approved the Transfer of Funds in the sum of \$1,183,532,006 between Sub-heads under the same Head of Expenditure.
- 3. These transfers reflect changed circumstances in Ministries and Departments and a consequential re-ordering of priorities.
- 3. A Statement showing the Transfers approved by the Minister of Finance is attached at **Appendix III** and Explanations for Transfers are attached at **Appendix IV**.
- 5. It is instructive to note that the Transfers were approved by the Minister of Finance based on Notes from the respective Ministers requesting Transfers between Sub-heads.

APPENDIX VI

Statement of Transfers in fiscal year 2017

							Appendix I
FROM:			\$	<u>TO</u> :			\$
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>01:</u>	PRESIDENT		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>01:</u>	PRESIDENT	
Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases		Sub-Head	02	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	1500,000	Sub-Item	19:	Official Entertainment	100,000
				Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance -	300,000
						Buildings	
				Sub-Item	23:	Fees	100,000
				Sub-Item	26:	Expenses of President's	550,000
						Establishment	
				Sub-Item	58:	Medical Expenses	150,000
				Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars	300,000
						and Other Functions	
		Total Head:	1500,000			Total Head:	1500,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>02:</u>	AUDITOR GENERAL		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>02:</u>	AUDITOR GENERAL	
Sub-Head	02	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	

<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	196,092	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	133,842
				Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	44,843
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	17,407
		Total Head:	196,092			Total Head:	196,092
<u>HEAD</u>	03:	JUDICIARY		HEAD	03:	JUDICIARY	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	<u>Judiciary Trinidad</u>		<u>Item</u>	001:	<u>Judiciary Trinidad</u>	
Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	925,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	500,000
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	3500,000
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services		Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	200,000
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services		Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	5233,645
Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Administrative Services		Sub-Item	23:	Fees	665,000
Project No.	003:	Development of Customer Care in the Nation's Court Buildings	413,000	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	400,000
Project No.	005:	Family Court - Institutional Strengthening	1096,000	Sub-Item	50:	Housing Accommodation	400,000
Project No.	006:	Transformation of the Court	133,645	<u>Item</u>	002:	Judiciary Tobago	
		Recording System in the Judiciary		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	80,000
	1			<u>Item</u>	003:	Judiciary Family Court	
Project No.	007:		737,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	420,000

		Strengthening of Records Management in the Judiciary		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	988,000
Project No.	011:	Court Annexed Mediation (CAM) and Judicial/Settlement Conference Pilot Project	520,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	2000,000
Project No.	013:	Development and Implementation of a Facilities Master Plan for the Judiciary	1573,000	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	350,000
Project No.	014:	Development and	127,000	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
		Implementation of a Corporate Brand for the Judiciary of		<u>Item</u>	001:	<u>Judiciary Trinidad</u>	
		Trinidad and Tobago		Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	200,000
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	725,000
Project No.	015:	Development of a Modern Governance and Organizational Structure for the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago	400,000				
Project Grp.	<u>F:</u>	Public Buildings					
Project No.	001:	Rehabilitation of the Hall of Justice, Trinidad	2152,000				
Project No.	006:	Restoration of the San Fernando Supreme Court Building	600,000				
Project No.	008:	Rehabilitation of the Hall of Justice, Tobago	500,000				
Project No.	009:	Provision of Accommodation for the San Fernando Magistrates' Court	535,000				

Project No.	011:	Expansion of Rio Claro Magistrates' Court	500,000				
Project No.	013:	Construction of Judges' and Magistrates' Housing in Tobago	1337,000				
Project No.	015:	Construction of an Official Residence for the Honourable Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago	1004,000				
Project No.	020:	Provision of Accommodation for the San Fernando Family Court - Corner Lord and Paradise Streets, San Fernando	300,000				
Project No.	021:	Provision of Accommodation for Court Administration	1309,000				
Project No.	023:	Establishment of Drug Treatment Court	500,000				
Project No.	025:	Refurbishment and Expansion of the Siparia Magistrates' Court	1000,000				
		Total Head:	15661,645			Total Head:	15661,645
HEAD	<u>04:</u>	INDUSTRIAL COURT		<u>HEAD</u>	04:	INDUSTRIAL COURT	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	70,000	Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	125,000
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	1,500	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	696,000

Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	25,000	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Accommodation and Storage	68,200
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without bodies)	300,000	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	254,000
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	180,000
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	194,000
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	225,000
Project Grp.	<u>F:</u>	Public Buildings		<u>Item</u>	002:	South Office	
Project No.	004:	Accommodation for Tobago Office of the Industrial Court	1680,200	Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	63,000
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	51,000
				Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	86,000
				Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	129,000
				Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
				<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
				Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	5,500
		Total Head:	2076,700			Total Head:	2076,700
HEAD	<u>06:</u>	SERVICE COMMISSIONS		HEAD	<u>06:</u>	SERVICE COMMISSIONS	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	006:	Police Service Commission		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	955,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries & COLA	600,000
				Sub-Item	04:	Allowances- Monthly Paid	30,000
						Officers	

				Sub-Item	05:	Government Contribution to NIS	150,000
				Sub-Item	27:	Government Contribution to Group Health Insurance – Monthly Paid Officers	15,000
				Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
				<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
				Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	110,000
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	50,000
		Total Head:	955,000			Total Head:	955,000
HEAD	07:	STATUTORY AUTHORITIES SERVICE COMMISSION		HEAD	<u>07:</u>	STATUTORY AUTHORITIES SERVICE COMMISSION	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	06:	Remuneration to Board Members	27,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	14,380
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office	12,620
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration				Accommodation and Storage	
Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	15,000	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	66,000	<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
				Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	81,000
		Total Head:	108,000			Total Head:	108,000

HEAD	<u>11:</u>	REGISTRATION, RECOGNITION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD		HEAD	<u>11:</u>	REGISTRATION, RECOGNITION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	06:	Remuneration to Board Members	56,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	56,000
		Total Head:	56,000			Total Head:	56,000
HEAD	<u>13</u>	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER		HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER	
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	14:	Social and Community Services		Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	1769,625
Project Grp.	<u>C:</u>	Welfare Services		Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	717,882
Project No.	084:	Refurbishment of two (2) Safe Houses	1987,507				
Project No.	088:	Establishment of a National Children's Registry	500,000				
		Total Head:	2487,507			Total Head:	2487,507
HEAD	<u>16:</u>	CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, TOBAGO		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>16:</u>	CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, TOBAGO	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	

<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Non-Profit Institutions	
Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	50,000	Sub-Item	01:	Contribution to Non-Profit Organizations	300,000
Sub-Item	23:	Fees	50,000				
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	100,000				
Sub-Item	36:	Extraordinary Expenditure	100,000				
		Total Head:	300,000			Total Head:	300,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>17:</u>	PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>17:</u>	PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
				Sub-Item	01:	Vehicles	375,000
Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office	1125,000	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	400,000
		Accommodation and Storage		Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	300,000
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	50,000
		Total Head:	1125,000			Total Head:	1125,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>18:</u>	MINISTRY OF FINANCE		HEAD	<u>18:</u>	MINISTRY OF FINANCE	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	004:	Inland Revenue Division		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	021:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	125,094	Sub-Item	14:	Remuneration to Members of Cabinet-Appointed Committees	103,200
<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Investments Division</u>					

Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	9458,400	<u>Item</u>	<u>004:</u>	Inland Revenue Division	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Item	29:	Overtime - Daily Rated Workers	86,000
<u>Item</u>	001:	Regional Bodies		<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Investments Division</u>	
Sub-Item	01:	Contribution to Caribbean Development Bnk	6757,750	Sub-Item	14:	Remuneration to Members of Cabinet-Appointed Committees	55,200
<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>International Bodies</u>		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
Sub-Item	03:	Expenses in connection with International Financial Institutions	11145,470	<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	<u>Households</u>		Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	110,000
Sub-Item	06:	Food Price Support	43829,351	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	3500,000
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	3097,569
Sub-Item	11:	Infrastructure Development Fund	571380,475	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	4395,000
Sub-Item	23:	CARICOM Development Fund	120561,000	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	13616,000
Sub-Item	28:	First Citizens Bank Ltd Indemnity Calls	25000,000	Sub-Item	36:	Extraordinary Expenditure	13,000
<u>Item</u>	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	73,000
Sub-Item	68:	Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre	5057,087	Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	250,000
				Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	200,000
				<u>Item</u>	003:	Customs and Excise Division	
				Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	1000,000
				Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	500,000
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	500,000

	Sub-Item	06:	Water and Sewerage Rates	10,000
	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	1250,000
	Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	5,000
	Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	1200,000
	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	600,000
	Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	1500,000
	Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	250,000
	Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	600,000
	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	500,000
	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	23134,987
	Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	500,000
	Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	500,000
	<u>Item</u>	004:	Inland Revenue Division	
	Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	14000,000
	<u>Item</u>	005:	Treasury Division	
	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	163,053
	Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	349,727
	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	214,819

	Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	775,930
	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	169,172
	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	150,654
	<u>Item</u>	014:	Financial Intelligence Unit	
	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	2845,400
	Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	2154,600
	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
	<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
	Sub-Item	01:	Vehicles	525,000
	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	1200,000
	<u>Item</u>	003:	Customs and Excise Division	
	Sub-Item	01:	Vehicles	1000,000
	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	600,000
	Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	1000,000
	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	1200,000
	<u>Item</u>	004:	Inland Revenue Division	
	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	39,094
	<u>Item</u>	005:	Treasury Division	
	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	14,579
	Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	25,034
	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	18,933

				Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
				Item	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises	
				Sub-Item	83:	Seafood Industry Development	2100,000
						Company Limited	,
				Sub-Item	87:	Government Information Services Limited (GISL)	6000,000
				Sub-Head	07:	Debt Servicing	
				<u>Item</u>	001:	<u>Interest - Local Loans</u>	
				Sub-Item	14:	Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago	5057,087
				<u>Item</u>	009:	Interest on Overdraft	
				Sub-Item	01:	Interest on Overdraft	696162,589
		Total Head:	793314,627			Total Head:	793314,627
HEAD	22:	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY		HEAD	22:	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Fire Service</u>		<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Immigration</u>	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	42456,980	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	4500,000
<u>Item</u>	004:	Prison Service		<u>Item</u>	012:	<u>Lifeguard Services</u>	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	13200,000	Sub-Item	29:	Overtime - Daily-Rated Workers	1300,000
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances – Monthly Paid Officers	2454,000	Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	

Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Post- Salaries and COLA (without incumbents)	5300,000	<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	12000,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		Sub-Item	36:	Extraordinary Expenditure	25336,216
Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	230,000	<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Fire Service</u>	
<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	Fire Service		Sub-Item	11:	Books and Periodicals	100,000
Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	1000,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	1674,811
Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	1944,900	Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	3720,094
Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	200,000	Sub-Item	17:	Training	300,000
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	1462,500	Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance- Buildings	5275,000
Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	1154,096	Sub-Item	22:	Short- Term Employment	1117,085
Sub-Item	58:	Medical Expenses	543,383	Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	700,000
<u>Item</u>	005:	Regiment		<u>Item</u>	004:	Prison Service	
Sub-Item	40:	Food at Institutions	1000,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	800,000
Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	405,247	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	4000,000
<u>Item</u>	006:	Coast Guard		Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	300,000
Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	733,630	Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	1500,000
Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	20,971	Sub-Item	40:	Food at Institutions	2500,000
Sub-Item	11:	Books and Periodicals	51,315	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	9054,000
<u>Item</u>	007:	Immigration		<u>Item</u>	009:	Forensic Science Centre	

Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	500,000	Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	500,000
Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	1000,000	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	1000,000	<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	500,000	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	28,028
<u>Item</u>	008:	Probation Service		Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	200,000
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	40,000	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	211,429
<u>Item</u>	012:	<u>Lifeguard Services</u>		<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Fire Service</u>	
Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	200,000	Sub-Item	01:	Vehicles	2353,194
Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	200,000	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	1866,862
Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	572,803	Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	530,144
Sub-Item	17:	Training	400,000	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	2808,877
<u>Item</u>	<u>014:</u>	Defence Force Headquarters		<u>Item</u>	004:	Prison Service	
Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	590,000	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	400,000
<u>Item</u>	015:	<u>Cadet Force</u>		Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	300,000
Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	273,690	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	200,000
Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	533,917	<u>Item</u>	005:	Regiment	
<u>Item</u>	<u>016:</u>	<u>Air Guard</u>		Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	212,145
Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	2000,000	Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	359,375
<u>Item</u>	<u>017:</u>	Immigration Detention Centre		Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	833,727
Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationary and Supplies	250,000	<u>Item</u>	<u>006:</u>	Coast Guard	
Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance – Buildings	1000,000	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	733,630
Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	250,000	Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	20,971

Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases		Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	51,315
<u>Item</u>	009:	Forensic Science Centre		<u>Item</u>	008:	Probation Service	
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	500,000	Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	40,000
				<u>Item</u>	009:	Forensic Science Centre	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	230,000
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		<u>Item</u>	010:	Fire Service (Tobago)	
Sub-Item	02:	Strategic Services Agency	43000,000	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	203,438
				Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	112,934
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	782,624
				<u>Item</u>	012:	<u>Lifeguard Service</u>	
				Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	72,358
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	445
				<u>Item</u>	<u>014:</u>	Defence Force Headquarters	
				Sub-Item	01:	Vehicles	590,000
				<u>Item</u>	<u>015:</u>	<u>Cadet Force</u>	
				Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	5,050
				Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	5,045
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	268,645
				Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
				<u>Item</u>	001:	Regional Bodies	
				Sub-Item	05:	The Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)	6670,942
				<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>	
				Sub-Item	03:	Severance Benefits	300,000
				Sub-Item	04:	Civilian Conservation Corps	18452,069
				Sub-Item	05:	Military Led Academic Training	6446,979

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				Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme	
				<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	
				Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services	
				Project Grp.	<u>F:</u>	Public Buildings	
				Project No.	010:	National Operations Centre Construction Project	5000,000
		Total Head:	124967,432			Total Head:	124967,432
HEAD	23:	MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		HEAD	23:	MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowances	1000,000	Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	1690,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts – Salaries and C.O.L.A (Without Incumbents)	200,000				
<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Law Commission</u>					
Sub-Item	06:	Remuneration to Board Members	200,000				
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsides					
<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>					
Sub-Item	02:	Compensation	30,000				
Sub-Item	04:	Severance Benefits	260,000				
		Total Head:	1690,000			Total Head:	1690,000
HEAD	<u>26:</u>	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION		HEAD	<u>26:</u>	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	

Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases		Sub-Head	01;	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Secondary Education	
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	34546,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	38000,000
<u>Item</u>	008:	Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre		<u>Item</u>	006:	Primary Education	
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	200,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	21600,000
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	006:	Educational Institutions		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	20:	Fees for Students at Private Secondary Schools	2179,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	250,000
Sub-Item	23:	Grants for Students - Conferences/Seminars/ Competitions	291,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	27420,000
Sub-Item	29:	Grants for Students enrolled at Private Special Schools	4970,902	Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	13248,242
Sub-Item	31:	UWI Family Development Centre for Early Childhood Care and Development Centre (ECCE)	430,000	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	13420,902
Sub-Item	35:	Direct University Services – Current	34000,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	18000,000
Sub-Item	38:	Council of Legal Education	1400,000	<u>Item</u>	010:	General Administration (TEST)	
Sub-Item	41:	Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex	2500,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1400,000
Sub-Item	42:	Institute of International Relations	500,000	Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	800,000

Sub-Item	46:	National Training Agency	900,000	<u>Item</u>	016:	Scholarships and Advanced Training Division	
Sub-Item	48:	University of Trinidad and Tobago	6913,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	2353,000
Sub-Item	49:	Laventille Technology and Continuing Education Centre	1200,000	Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme	
Sub-Item	50:	Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago	1200,000	<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	
Sub-Item	53:	MIC Pleasantville Technology Centre	1000,000	Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services	
Sub-Item	54:	MIC Craft Programmes	1000,000	Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Administrative Services	
Sub-Item	56:	Tobago Technology Centre	500,000	Project No.	033:	Enhancing the Information Technology Infrastructure of the Ministry	270,000
Sub-Item	58:	NESC Drilling School	100,000				
<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>					
Sub-Item	18:	Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute	5053,000				
Sub-Item	19:	Retraining Programme for Displaced Workers	250,000				
Sub-Item	20:	Helping Youth Prepare for Employment Programme	800,000				
Sub-Item	22:	Multi-sector Skill Training Programme	1500,000				
Sub-Item	27:	The Military-Led Programme of Apprenticeship and Re- orientation Training (MY-PART)	250,000				

Sub-Item	28:	Bursaries/Financial Assistance - Tertiary	270,000			
Sub-Item	29:	Point Lisas Industrial Apprenticeship Programme	250,000			
Sub-Item	32:	Workforce Assessment - Neet Programme	191,000			
<u>Item</u>	<u>011:</u>	<u>Transfers to State Enterprises</u>				
Sub-Item	07:	Metal Industries Company Ltd. (National Skills Development Programme)	600,000			
Sub-Item	08:	Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Ltd.	5500,000			
Sub-Item	09:	National Energy Skills Centre	1000,000			
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme				
<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure				
Sub-Item	04:	Education				
Project Group	D:	Vocational and Technical				
Project No.	005:	Refurbishment and Customizing of Waterloo Training Facility	3000,000			
Project Group	J:	Science, Technology and Applied Arts				
Project No.	008:	Establishment of the University of Trinidad and Tobago	8000,000			
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services				
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services				
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services				

Project No.	031:	Seamless Education System Project	3900,000				
Project No.	039:	Establishment of a Knowledge Centre in Laventille	7820,000				
Project Group	F:	Public Buildings					
Project No.	018:	Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI)	800,000				
Project No.	022:	Construction of an OPEN Campus Facility in Chaguanas	1248,242				
Project No.	027:	Building of the International Fine Cocoa Innovation Centre	2500,000				
		Total Head:	136762,144			Total Head:	136762,144
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>28:</u>	MINISTRY OF HEALTH		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>28:</u>	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1228,000	Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	7,000
<u>Item</u>	009:	National Alcohol and Drug Abuse		<u>Item</u>	009:	National Alcohol and Drug Abuse	
		<u>Prevention</u>				<u>Prevention</u>	
Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	10,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	100,000
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	14,000	<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Vertical Services</u>	
Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	10,000	Sub-Item	02:	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance	1000,000
Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	25,000	<u>Item</u>	<u>006:</u>	North Central Regional Health Authority	

Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	10,000	Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	203,000
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		<u>Item</u>	007:	Eastern Regional Health Authority	
<u>Item</u>	005:	Non-Profit Institutions		Sub-Item	27:	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly Paid Officers	1,000
Sub-Item	22:	National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention	31,000	Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Regional Health Authority	9200,000	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	9200,000
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		<u>Item</u>	006:	North Central Regional Health Authority	
<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure		Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	17,000
Sub-Item	07:	Health		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Project Grp.	<u>D:</u>	Other Services		<u>Item</u>	005:	Non-Profit Institutions	
Project No.	001:	Special Programme - HIV/AIDS	2504,422	Sub-Item	20:	Non-Profit Institutions	2504,422
		Total Head:	13032,422			Total Head:	13032,422
HEAD	<u>30:</u>	MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT		HEAD	30:	MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	03:	On-the-Job Training Programme	336,000	Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	996,113
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	336,000
Sub-Item	02:	Fair Share Programme	996,113				

		Total Head:	1332,113			Total Head:	1332,113
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>39:</u>	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>39:</u>	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC	
		<u>UTILITIES</u>				<u>UTILITIES</u>	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA	400,000	Sub-Item	42:	Street Lighting	22947,087
		(without incumbents)		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	002:	Meteorological Services		<u>Item</u>	002:	Meteorological Services	
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA	500,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1350,000
		(without incumbents)		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	200,000
<u>Item</u>	005:	Electrical Inspectorate					
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without incumbents)	450,000				
Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases					
<u>Item</u>	002:	Meteorological Services					
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	200,000				
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies					
Item	009:	Other Transfers					
Sub-Item	16:	T&TEC - Repayment of 8 yr. Bond	15766,774				
		Facility	-				
Sub-Item	17:	T&TEC - Repayment of 14 yr.	7180,313				
		Bond Facility					
		Total Head:	24497,087			Total Head:	24497,087
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<u>HEAD</u>	<u>42:</u>			<u>HEAD</u>	<u>42:</u>		

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		DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL				DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL	
		GOVERNMENT				GOVERNMENT	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	4288,742	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	9708,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without incumbents)	800,000	Sub-Item	17:	Training	200,000
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers	
Sub-Item	34:	University Graduate Recruitment Programme	1000,000	Sub-Item	04:	Community Based Environment Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	25000,000
Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies		<u>Item</u>	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises	
<u>Item</u>	005:	Local Government Bodies		Sub-Item	03:	Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago (R.D.C.)	2040,236
Sub-Item	23:	Port-of-Spain City Corporation	11000,000	Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies	
Sub-Item	24:	San Fernando City Corporation	5000,000	<u>Item</u>	005:	Local Government Bodies	
Sub-Item	29:	San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation	4000,000	Sub-Item	23:	Port-of-Spain City Corporation	4000,000
Sub-Item	30:	Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation	5000,000	Sub-Item	27:	Chaguanas Borough Corporation	288,742
Sub-Item	37:	Regional Corporation Services - General	9908,000	Sub-Item	37:	Regional Corporation Services - General	1800,000
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme					
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services					

Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services					
Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Administrative Services					
Project No.	028:	Implementation of the Dog Control Act, 2013 and the Dog Control (Amendment) Act, 2014	2040,236				
		Total Head:	43036,978			Total Head:	43036,978
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HEAD	<u>43:</u>	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT		HEAD	<u>43:</u>	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Highways</u>		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance	8000,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	700,000
<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Maintenance</u>		<u>Item</u>	003:	Traffic Management	
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance	3500,000	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	5000,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>013:</u>	General Administration (Transport)		<u>Item</u>	014:	Transport Division	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	1000,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	1000,000
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>		<u>Item</u>	014:	<u>Transport</u>	
Sub-Item	10:	Mentorship Programme	1800,000	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	2000,000
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Sub-Item	02:	Agua Santa-Operation of:	200,000	<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>	

Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies		Sub-Item	01:	Severance Pay and Retirement Benefits	19000,000
<u>Item</u>	004:	Statutory Boards		<u>Item</u>	008:	Subsidies	
Sub-Item	50:	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	44035,024	Sub-Item	01:	Port Authority - Contribution towards deficit on Operation of Coastal Steamers	25500,000
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers	
<u>Item</u>	003:	Economic Infrastructure		Sub-Item	05:	Water Taxi Service	22961,696
Sub-Item	11:	Other Economic Services		<u>Item</u>	<u>011:</u>	Transfers to State Enterprises	
Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Drainage and Irrigation		Sub-Item	04:	NIDCO - Term Loan Facility (4 New Fast Ferries)	4800,000
Project No.	005:	Flood Alleviation and Drainage Programme	4961,696	Sub-Item	12:	NIDCO - Interim Funding for Extension of Solomon Hochoy Highway to Point Fortin	31035,024
Sub-Item	15:	Transport and Communication					
Project Grp.	<u>B:</u>	Bus Transport					
Project No.	050:	Purchase of 100 New Buses	6000,000				
Project Grp.	<u>D:</u>	Roads and Bridges					
Project No.	221:	Roads and Bridges Rehabilitation (NHP)	2000,000				
Project Grp.	<u>H</u>	Sea Transport					
Project No.	828:	Dredging of Government Shipping Service Basin to accommodate Super Fast Galacia	35500,000				
Project Grp.	<u>I:</u>	<u>Administration</u>					

Project No.	012:	Procurement of Critical Heavy Equipment Emergency Response and Flood Relief	5000,000				
		Total Head:	111996,720			Total Head:	111996,720
<u>HEAD</u>	48:	MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY		HEAD	48:	MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY	
Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	50,000	Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to NIS	149,000
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	20,500				
<u>Item</u>	003:	Consumer Affairs Division		<u>Item</u>	002:	Weights and Measures Inspectorate	
Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	33,600	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	8,000
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	16,450	Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	4,000	<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
				Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	70,000
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	55,000
				Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	650,000
				Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	60,000
				<u>Item</u>	003:	Consumer Affairs Division	
				Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	2,360
				<u>Item</u>	004:	Research and Planning	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	60,000
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		<u>Item</u>	005:	Consumer Outreach and Protection Unit	

Sub-Item	14:	Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries	650,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	60,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>010:</u>	Other Transfers Abroad					
Sub-Item	05:	CARICOM Competition Commission	339,810				
		Total Head:	1114,360			Total Head:	1114,360
HEAD	<u>61:</u>	MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT		HEAD	<u>61:</u>	MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	
Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
		Boards and Similar Bodies		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
<u>Item</u>	<u>004:</u>	<u>Statutory Boards</u>		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	1255,856
Sub-Item	54:	Land Settlement Agency	4063,000	Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
				<u>Item</u>	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises	
				Sub-Item	26:	UDeCOTT - Principal Payment on Education Tower Fit-Out TT\$227.1Mn. Loan	2807,144
		Total Head:	4063,000			Total Head:	4063,000
HEAD	<u>62:</u>	MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND THE ARTS		HEAD	62:	MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND THE ARTS	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
				<u>Item</u>	002:	Community Development Division	
<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Non-Profit Institutions		Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living	500,000
Sub-Item	01:	Point Fortin Civic Centre	382,000			Allowance	

Sub-Item	05:	Non-Profit Institutions	800,000	<u>Item</u>	006:	Best Village	
		(Community Dev. Div.)		Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living	550,000
Sub-Item	06:	Operational Expenses for	2500,000			Allowance	
		Community Facilities					
<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	<u>Households</u>		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
				<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	07:	Support for Community Development	500,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	2800,000
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	1382,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>004:</u>	Social Infrastructure		<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Mediation Centres	
Sub-Item	13:	Recreation and Culture		Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1800,000
Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Culture		<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Culture Division</u>	
Project No.	001:	Establishment of a Folk Art Museum for the Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition	500,000	Sub-Item	89:	Cultural Programmes	1000,000
Project No.	004:	Establishment of Community Museums Services	1000,000	Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Project No.	043:	Arts Centre at Agostini - National Centre for the Arts Master Plan	1000,000	<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers	
Project No.	049:	Establishment of the New Vision for Support	500,000	Sub-Item	02:	Export Centres	1000,000
Project No.	052:	Establishment of the National Cultural Information System	500,000	Sub-Item	08:	Public Auditorium - SAPA	2000,000
Project No.	054:	Establishment of Music Schools in the Community	1500,000				
Sub-Item	14:	Social and Community Services					
Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Community Development					
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Project No.	012:	Refurbishment of the Community Education, Training, Information and Resource Centre	1850,000				
		Total Head:	11032,000			Total Head:	11032,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>64:</u>	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>64:</u>	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	Police Service		<u>Item</u>	001:	Police Service (Trinidad)	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	28000,000	Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	5000,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without incumbents)	29200,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	1000,000
				Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	8000,000
				Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	8500,000
				Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	4000,000
				Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	2000,000
				Sub-Item	23:	Fees	5000,000
				Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	2000,000
				Sub-Item	40:	Food at Institutions	1500,000
				Sub-Item	58:	Medical Expenses	3000,000
				Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	500,000
				Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	2500,000
				Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	10000,000
				<u>Item</u>	002:	Police Service (Tobago)	
				Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	700,000

				Sub-Item	58:	Medical Expenses	100,000
				Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	200,000
				Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
				<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>	
				Sub-Item	02:	Compensation to the Estates of Members of the Protective Services	3200,000
		Total Head:	57200,000			Total Head:	57200,000
HEAD	<u>65:</u>	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS		HEAD	<u>65:</u>	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	002:	Overseas Missions	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	1062,095	Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	1009,237
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	902,142	Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	689,498
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and C.O.L.A (without incumbents)	689,498	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	822,765
<u>Item</u>	002:	Overseas Missions		Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	4086,200
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	425,000	Sub-Item	50:	Housing Accommodation	4550,000
Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	400,000	Sub-Item	58:	Medical Expenses	2051,000
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies					

<u>Item</u>	001:	Regional Bodies				
Sub-Item	01:	Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)	2051,000			
Sub-Item	02:	Association of Caribbean States	690,000			
Sub-Item	03:	Grenada Consular and Trade Office	155,000			
<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	Commonwealth Bodies				
Sub-Item	01:	Commonwealth Secretariat	230,000			
Sub-Item	04:	Commonwealth Foundation	35,000			
<u>Item</u>	003:	United Nations Organisations				
Sub-Item	02:	United Nations Programme of Assistance and Exchange in the Field of International Law	60,000			
Sub-Item	04:	United Nations Peacekeeping Operations	2605,000			
Sub-Item	05:	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	350,000			
Sub-Item	06:	International Criminal Tribunals	420,000			
Sub-Item	08:	International Criminal Court	75,000			
Sub-Item	11:	U.N. Information Centre - Rental of Office Space	25,000			
Sub-Item	12:	United Nations Central Emergency Resp. Fund (CERF)	121,200			
Sub-Item	15:	Financial Contributions for Memorials	65,000			
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers				
Sub-Item	02:	Caricom Single Market Economy Secretariat (CSME)	400,000			

Sub-Item	04:	National Reparations Committee	475,000				
<u>Item</u>	<u>010:</u>	Other Transfers Abroad					
Sub-Item	01:	ACP Secretariat Budget	345,000				
Sub-Item	02:	Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL)	40,000				
Sub-Item	05:	Group of 77	30,000				
Sub-Item	07:	Inter-American Council for Integral Development - Special Multi-Lateral Fund (FEMCIDI)	200,000				
Sub-Item	08:	Contribution to Disaster Relief	1357,765				
		Total Head:	13208,700			Total Head:	13208,700
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>67:</u>	MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		HEAD	<u>67:</u>	MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	004:	Central Statistical Office		<u>Item</u>	004:	Central Statistical Office	
Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	561,610	Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to NIS	561,610
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	03:	Settlement to Cane Farmers re: 2007 Transition	26743,957	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	200,000
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	400,000
				Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	1500,000
				Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	100,000

		Sub-Item	11:	Books and Periodicals	11,000
		Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	500,000
		Sub-Item	17:	Training	12,000
		Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	202,000
		Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	4350,000
		Sub-Item	23:	Fees	19,000
		Sub-Item	27:	Official Overseas Travel	1000,000
		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	1000,000
		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	674,000
		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	160,000
		<u>Item</u>	003:	Technical Co-operation	
		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	50,000
		Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	1,000
		<u>Item</u>	004:	Central Statistical Office	
		Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	1000,000
		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	2815,533
		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	513,718
		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	861,506
		<u>Item</u>	005:	<u>Urban and Regional Planning</u> <u>Division</u>	
		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	150,000
		Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	50,000
		Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	50,000
		Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	70,000
		Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	630,000

				Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	15,000
				<u>Item</u>	<u>008:</u>	Project Planning and	
						Reconstruction Division	
				Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	185,000
				Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	40,000
				<u>Item</u>	009:	Environmental Policy and	
						Planning Division	
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	29,000
				Sub-Item	17:	Training	5,000
				Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	14,200
				Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	136,000
				Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies	
				<u>Item</u>	<u>004:</u>	Statuory Bodies	
				Sub-Item	49:	Chaguaramas Development Authority	10000,000
		Total Head:	27305,567			Total Head:	27305,567
HEAD	<u>68:</u>	MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS		HEAD	<u>68:</u>	MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Non-Profit Institutions		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	29:	Non-Profit Institutions	2500,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1200,000
				Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	800,000
				<u>Item</u>	<u>004:</u>	Youth Centres	
				Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	500,000
		Total Head:	2500,000			Total Head:	2500,000

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>75:</u>	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>75:</u>	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	
		TRIBUNAL				TRIBUNAL	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	178,000	Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	163,000
				Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	15,000
		Total Head:	178,000			Total Head:	178,000
HEAD	<u>77:</u>	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,		HEAD	<u>77:</u>	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,	
		LAND AND FISHERIES				LAND AND FISHERIES	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	300,000	Sub-Item	03:	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	300,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance (without incumbents)	400,000	<u>Item</u>	002:	Agriculture	
<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Agriculture</u>		Sub-Item	29:	Overtime - Daily Rated Workers	64,000
Sub-Item	06:	Remuneration to Board Members	23,000	Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
Sub-Item	14:	Remuneration to Members of Cabinet-Appointed Committees	80,000	<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
<u>Item</u>	003:	Animal Production and Health		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	430,000
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance	400,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	240,000

<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Horticulture</u>		Sub-Item	11:	Books and Periodicals	44,512
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance	750,000	Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	3976,650
Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to NIS	488,000	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	100,000
<u>Item</u>	006:	Surveys and Mapping		Sub-Item	27:	Official Overseas Travel	14,688
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and Cost of Living Allowance	650,000	<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Agriculture</u>	
Sub-Item	03:	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	45,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	2100,000
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	40,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	50,000
				Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	70,000
Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to NIS	170,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	69,317
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance (without incumbents)	200,000	<u>Item</u>	003:	Animal Production and Health	
Sub-Item	30:	Allowances - Daily Rated Workers	75,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	200,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>010:</u>	<u>Forestry</u>		Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	35,312
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance (without incumbents)	200,000	<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Horticulture</u>	
Sub-Item	27:	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly Paid Officers	5,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	550,000

Sub-Item	30:	Allowances - Daily Rated Workers	100,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	50,000
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		<u>Item</u>	006:	Surveys and Mapping	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	111,000
Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	464,005				
Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	300,891	<u>Item</u>	007:	Land Management	
Sub-Item	06:	Water and Sewerage Rates	106,171	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	500,000
Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	403,309	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	20,000
Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	242,269	<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Fisheries</u>	
Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	132,863	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	85,000
Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1221,195	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	138,000
Sub-Item	22:	Short-term Employment	278,775				
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	485,813	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	20,000
Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	117,520	<u>Item</u>	<u>010</u>	<u>Forestry</u>	
Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	229,840	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	503,000
Sub-Item	62:	Promotion, Publicity and Printing	182,478	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	92,000
Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	203,478	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>		<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>	
Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	968,864	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	60,000
Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	6,000	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	138,000
Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	325,409				
Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	250,183	<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Fisheries</u>	
Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	82,382	Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	5,100
Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	108,213	Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	

Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	100,000	<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Subsidies</u>	
Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	134,425	Sub-Item	01:	Agricultural Incentive Programme	1088,000
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	6,000	Sub-Item	04:	Relief of Flood Damage	12713,019
Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	7,000				
<u>Item</u>	<u>003:</u>	Animal Production and Health					
Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	120,727				
Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	793,078				
Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	116,941				
Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	152,418				
<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Horticulture</u>					
Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	164,012				
Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	110,931				
Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	120,101				
Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	84,190				
Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	581,913				
<u>Item</u>	006:	Surveys and Mapping					
Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	167,469				
Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	101,276				
Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	99,258				
Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	274,500				
Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	214,487				
Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	198,948				
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	195,941				

Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	68,425			
Sub-Item	61:	Insurance	76,000			
<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	Land Management				
Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	233,010			
Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	107,262			
Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	249,760			
<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Fisheries</u>				
Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	155,500			
Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	105,368			
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	115,128			
Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	139,087			
Sub-Item	61:	Insurance	5,100			
<u>Item</u>	<u>010:</u>	Forestry				
Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	1001,473			
Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	431,065			
Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	112,847			
Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	36,001			
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	174,820			
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies				
<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	Commonwealth Bodies				
Sub-Item	03:	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International	8,041			
<u>Item</u>	<u>003:</u>	<u>United Nations Organisations</u>				
Sub-Item	01:	United Nationas International Tropical Timber Organization	30,642			

Sub-Item	02:	Food and Agriculture Organisation - Regular Budget	205,000			
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<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Non-Profit Institutions				
Sub-Item	03:	F.A.O. Representation in Trinidad and Tobago	305,000			
Sub-Item	06:	4H Young Farmers' Club	114,000			
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers				
Sub-Item	02:	Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA)	52,000			
Sub-Item	03:	Expansion and Development of Farmers' Market	932,000			
<u>Item</u>	<u>010:</u>	Other Transfers Abroad				
Sub-Item	10:	International Union of Forest Research Organisation	5,829			
Sub-Item	14:	International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas	69,317			
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme				
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	<u>Pre-Investment</u>				
Sub-Item	17:	Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation				
Project Grp.	<u>B:</u>	Administration				
Project No.	001:	Marine Baseline Study in the North Western Peninsula	180,000			
<u>Item</u>	003:	Economic Infrastructure				
Sub-Item	01:	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing				
Project Grp.	<u>E:</u>	Forestry				

Project No.	015:	Improvement of Forest Fire Protection Capability	100,000		
Project No.	017:	Improved Management to the Natural Forest - South East Conservancy	30,000		
Project No.	021:	Wetlands Management Project	150,000		
Project No.	027:	Rehabilitation/Construction of North and South Offices	450,000		
Project No.	037:	National Forest Inventory of Trinidad and Tobago	540,000		
Project No.	038:	Sustainable Management of the Wildlife Resources in Trinidad and Tobago	100,000		
Project No.	039:	Caroni Swamp Management Project	50,000		
Project Grp.	<u>H:</u>	Research and Development			
Project No.	555:	Development of the Small Ruminant Sector at Animal Production Sub-Division	500,000		
Project Grp.	<u>K:</u>	Drainage and Irrigation			
Project No.	001:	Water Management and Flood Control Programme	926,650		
Project No.	005:	Development of Water Management Infrastructure for the Caroni/Bejucal Area	100,000		
<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure			
Sub-Item	13:	Recreation and Culture			
Project Grp.	<u>B:</u>	Recreation			

Project No.	001:	Rehabilitation of Facilities - Botanic Gardens	49,000				
<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services					
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services					
Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Administrative Services					
Project No.	024:	Survey Plans Restoration Project	140,000				
Project No.	203:	Upgrade of Infrastructure and Information Systems	400,000				
Project No.	205:	Upgrade of the Cadastral Management Information System (CMIS)	800,000				
Project Grp.	<u>K:</u>	<u>Lands and Surveys</u>					
Project No.	005:	Aerial and Lidar Survey of Trinidad and Tobago	740,000				
		Total Head:	23767,598			Total Head:	23767,598
HEAD	<u>78:</u>	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES		<u>HEAD</u>	78:	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	005:	Non-Profit Institutions		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	02:	Other Social Programmes	3000,000				
Sub-Item	29:	Senior Citizens Centres	500,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	1000,000
Sub-Item	31:	Non-Profit Institutions	4000,000	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	1000,000
				Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	7000,000
Sub-Item	43:		1000,000	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	3306,125

		Non-Profit Institutions (Other Social - Parenting)		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	1900,000
Sub-Item	44:	Non-Profit Institutions Other	800,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	3772,620
		Social - Family		<u>Item</u>	<u>003:</u>	Social Welfare	
<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	<u>Households</u>		Sub-Item	23:	Fees	1600,000
Sub-Item	05:	S.H.A.R.E.	1000,000	Sub-Item	57:	Postage	1976,000
Sub-Item	11:	Target Conditional Cash Transfer Programme - Development Component for Recipients	900,000	<u>Item</u>	006:	National Family Services	
Sub-Item	12:	The People's Card	5878,745	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	224,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>009:</u>	Other Transfers		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Sub-Item	02:	National Social Development Programme	4700,000	<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>	
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	02:	Senior Citizens Grant	5000,000
<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure		Sub-Item	04:	Urgent Temporary Assistance	6258,000
Sub-Item	14:	Social and Community Services		Sub-Item	08:	Disability Grant	9000,000
Project Grp.	<u>C:</u>	Welfare Services					
Project No.	036:	Establishment of a Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Facility at Piparo	200,000				
Project No.	095:	DRETCHI Refurbishment - Reconfiguration	2000,000				
Project No.	096:	Development Centre for Persons with Challenges	3800,000				
Project No.	102:	Toco Home for Senior Citizens	1500,000				
Project No.	108:	Survey of Living Conditions	2000,000				

Project No.	112:	The Street Dwellers Rehab. and Re-Integ. Project	1000,000	
Project No.	126:	Centre for Persons with Disabilities	2000,000	
Project No.	127:	Outfitting of Buildings for National Family Services	500,000	
Project No.	128:	Providing Access to All at MSDF Facilities	1000,000	
Project No.	129:	Implementation of a Social Mitigation Plan	258,000	
<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services		
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services		
Project Grp.	<u>A:</u>	Administrative Services		
Project No.	029:	Establishment of a Data Centre and Storage Area	1025,000	
Project No.	032:	Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise	4975,000	
		Total Head:	42036,745	<u>Total Head</u> : 42036,745
		GRAND TOTAL	1457501,437	GRAND TOTAL 1457501,437

APPENDIX VII

Explanation for Transfers in fiscal year 2017

HEAD 01 - PRESIDENT - \$1,500,000

Reasons for Transfer

To ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet anticipated expenditure for Official Entertainment for the Office of the President to the end of fiscal 2017 - \$100,000.

To facilitate payment of repairs and refurbishment of the President's Cottage and electrical re-wiring of the Administration Building - \$300,000.

To meet payment for Legal Fees - \$100,000.

To meet payment for bills on hand and to cover expenditure to the end of the fiscal year for the effective daily operations of the President's Establishment - \$550,000.

For the payment of medical expenses - \$150,000.

To meet payment for outstanding invoices on hand and to cover expenditure to the end of the fiscal year for hosting functions and receptions for the Diplomatic Corps - \$300,000.

Reasons for Savings

Based on technical evaluations it was decided that it was more cost effective to repair the existing generator rather than purchase a replacement unit - \$1,500,000.

HEAD 02 - AUDITOR GENERAL - \$196,092

Reasons for Transfer

Expenditure was suppressed under Sub-item 28 Other Contracted Services to allow for the procurement of minor equipment - \$196,092.

Reason for Savings

Additional funds were required for the procurement of the following minor equipment items:

- Computers and related accessories for the Trinidad and the Tobago offices \$133,842;
- Furniture and furnishings for the Tobago Office \$44,843;
- Air conditioning unit and IP Phones for the Tobago Office \$17,407.

HEAD 03 - JUDICIARY - \$15,661,645

Reasons for Transfer

Funds were required to meet accumulated payments under the following areas:

- Outstanding arrears of travelling and subsistence allowances payable to public officers in accordance with the Ministry of Finance Circular No. 23 dated 15th April, 2015 for officers attached to the Judiciary-Trinidad and the Judiciary-Tobago and to meet the August and September travelling allowances for officers at the Family Court - \$1,000,000;
- To meet the payment of Rent/Lease Office Accommodation and Storage for buildings housing the North Juvenile Court and the Family Court - \$4,488,000;
- To facilitate the shortfall in allocation to pay Salaries and Allowances for contract officers assigned at the Judiciary-Trinidad and the Family Court - \$7,233,645;
- To meet payment for invoices on hand across several Goods and Services Sub-items under the
 Judiciary Trinidad and the Family Court for repairs and monthly maintenance to office machines,
 services rendered by funeral agencies, pathologists, jurors and interpreters, proof reading services
 and contractual services for DNA and Paternity Testing \$2,015,000.
- To facilitate the purchase of chairs, cabinets and desks for several Courts throughout the country -\$200,000.
- To acquire air condition units, heavy duty photocopiers, vacuum cleaners (for use in vaults), binding machines, headphones (court recording system) and tape/fibre for IT Servers for use throughout several Courts - \$725,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were identified under security services as MTS supplied fewer security officers therefore the billing for actual "man hours" was less than originally budgeted for - \$925,000.

Savings amounting to \$14,736,645 were realized under several PSIP projects due to the following reasons:

- Projects were at various stages of scope development therefore project initiation and implementation could not begin;
- Funding constraints prevented the award of contracts by the Central Tenders Board;
- Cabinet approvals for some projects remained pending therefore these were deferred or withdrawn;
- Re-prioritization of project disbursements based on the Judiciary's capacity to successfully implement projects before the end of the fiscal year;

HEAD 04 - INDUSTRIAL COURT - \$2,076,700

Reasons for Transfer

Under Sub-head 02- Goods and Services there were bills being brought forward from fiscal 2016 which was paid in early fiscal 2017 as first claims for electricity, telephones, security and janitorial services therefore additional funds were required under these Sub-items to cover expenditure to the end of the fiscal year -\$1,569,000.

Additional funds were required under Rent/Lease – Accommodation and Storage to cover expenditure for the balance of the fiscal year - \$68,200.

The Court required additional funds to pay outstanding bills for the provision of Management Fees to NIPDEC and UDeCOTT for the maintenance and upkeep of the Court Building at St. Vincent Street - \$254,000.

To facilitate the payment for the provision for Legal Services and to meet expenditure for the balance of the fiscal year under Other Contracted Services - \$180,000.

To meet payment for bills on hand for the procurement of office equipment for the Court - \$5,500.

Reasons for Savings

There were delays in approvals for acting appointments and payments of increments therefore expenditure was lower than projected under: Salaries and COLA; Government's Contribution to NIS and Allowances – Monthly Paid Officers - \$96,500.

The Court experienced delays in filling its vacant posts (without incumbents) therefore savings were available for transfer to other priority areas - \$300,000.

Under the Court's Development Programme funds were allocated for the Accommodation for the Tobago Office of the Industrial Court. However, the Court did not have staff with project management skills to implement and manage the project therefore it has been deferred to fiscal 2018 pending a review - \$1,680,200.

HEAD 06 - SERVICE COMMISSIONS - \$955,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the shortfall on allocation to meet Salaries and acting for Allowances for the month of September, 2017 - \$600,000.

To facilitate small shortfalls on allocation totaling \$195,000 to allow for the processing of payments for:

- Allowances Monthly Paid Officers (\$30,000)
- Government's Contribution to NIS (\$150,000)
- Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance (\$15,000)

To allow the Police Service Commission to procure two (2) photocopiers, one (1) shredder, four (4) printers, desks and chairs, one (1) voice recorder, foot pedals and headsets for use in Appeals Unit (Court Room) and one (1) laminator - \$160,000.

Reasons for Savings

Cabinet by Minute No. 1001 dated June 01, 2017 agreed to engage a local firm at an estimated cost of \$3,215,333 to assist with the recruitment process for the offices of Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police. The contract with the firm commenced on 14th July, 2017 and at the end of September, 2017 approximated \$556,875 was spent on the recruitment exercise thereby resulting in savings - \$955,000.

HEAD 07 - STATUTORY AUTHORITIES SERVICE COMMISSION - \$108,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the purchase of one (1) photocopier and also computers, printers and related accessories for the Commission's use - \$81,000.

To meet outstanding bills for telephones and rent/lease office accommodation - \$27,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were realized under the Sub-item Remuneration to Board Members as there were fewer sessions related to Disciplinary Tribunals - \$27,000.

The Commission suppressed expenditure under office stationery and supplies and other contracted services to facilitate the transfer to allow for the procurement of office equipment - \$81,000.

HEAD 11 - REGISTRATION, RECOGNITION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD - \$56,000

Reasons for Transfer

Contractual terms and conditions were finalized for two (2) positions of Examiner Specialists officers by the Chief Personnel Officer. Therefore funds were required to facilitate payment of arrears for a two (2) year period from June 2015 to July 2017 - \$56,000.

Reasons for Savings

The Board Members did not meet as frequently as projected therefore savings were realized under the Remuneration to Board Members vote - \$56,000.

HEAD 13 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER - \$2,487,507

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of outstanding telephone and electricity invoices of \$1,769,625 and \$717,882 respectively - \$2,487,507.

Reasons for Savings

The sum of \$2.0Mn was allocated to refurbish two (2) Safe Houses however these buildings were deemed structurally unsound therefore no further works could be undertaken - \$1,987,507.

Savings were realized because of delays in the design phase of the database for the project related to the Establishment of a National Children's Registry - \$500,000.

HEAD 16 - CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, TOBAGO - \$300,000

Reasons for Transfer

Cabinet approved the policy for the disbursement of Grants/Funds to Non Profit Organizations by the Office of the Prime Minister (CAST). Financial assistance would be provided to the Organisations inclusive of Community Based Organisations (CBO) and Faith Based Organisations (FBO) to support educational,

physical and cultural activities for students, groups and other organisations. The initial sum of \$300,000 was therefore required to commence the disbursement initiative.

Reasons for Savings

Under the following Sub-items expenditure was re-prioritized in order to facilitate the transfer:

Materials and Supplies - \$ 50,000

Fees - \$ 50,000

Other Contracted Services - \$100,000

Extraordinary Expenditure - \$100,000

\$300,000

HEAD 17 - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - \$1,125,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the following minor equipment purchases:

- One (1) motor vehicle \$375,000;
- Computers and accessories in keeping with an upgrade of information and communication technology - \$400,000;
- Purchase of additional fire extinguishers, storage shelving and signage to meet OSH requirements and safety certification - \$300,000;
- Purchase of heavy duty shredder, calculators, refrigerator, microwave, brief bags \$50,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were identified under Rent/Lease – Office Accommodation and Storage as the re-location to new office accommodation was not finalized - \$1,125,000.

HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - \$793,314,627

Reasons for Transfer

To meet payment for two (2) large commitments on hand for the General Administration Division:

- i) Salaries and allowances to the end of September, 2017 for personnel employed under short term contractual arrangement \$1,597,569;
- The payment of legal fees to attorneys representing the Ministry of Finance in the CL
 Financial matter and other civil appeals which are before the Court \$4,395,000;

Funds were also required to liquidate outstanding invoices for the acquisition of goods and services under several General Administration Sub-items totaling \$646,000.

Additional funds were required to cover shortfalls for the payment on outstanding bills across several Goods and Services Sub-items under the Treasury Division - \$1,823,355.

To liquidate outstanding bills under the Treasury Division for minor equipment purchases from McEarney Business Machines and Busy Business Systems and Equipment (Rental) Limited - \$58,546.

To settle bills on hand and for previous years (2012-2016) to container examination station operators for the Ports located at Port of Spain and Pt. Lisas and for the provision of internet services supplied by Columbus Communications Limited at all Customs locations for the Customs Border Control System - \$23,134,987.

To liquidate outstanding bills under several Goods and Services Sub-items for the Customs and Excise Division - \$8,915,000.

To liquidate outstanding bills in the sum of \$3,800,000 for the purchase of minor equipment for use by all Sections of the Customs and Excise Division: Vehicles - \$1.0Mn, Office Equipment - \$600,000, Furniture and Furnishings - \$1.0Mn, Other Minor Equipment - \$1.2Mn.

Additional funds are required under the General Administration, Sub-item – Other Contracted Services to meet payments for: i) Standard Poors Financial Services for its annual credit rating exercise and for analytical services in relation to the issuance of a US\$1,000Mn International Bond; ii) Retainer Fees to the firm The Group DC LLC for providing lobbying services in Washington DC USA; iii) Credit Rating services undertaken by Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services (CariCRIS) for 2016 and 2017 - \$13,616,000.

To facilitate payment by the Inland Revenue Division to FAST Enterprises LLC of the USA for the payment of Annual Maintenance Subscription for GenTax System and Production Support Services for the Integrated Tax Processing System (ITPS) - \$14,000,000.

Funds were required to pay for the acquisition of three (3) replacement motor vehicles from Toyota Trinidad and Tobago Limited for use by Divisions located at the Head Office of the Ministry - \$525,000.

To pay for the acquisition of several items of office equipment: multi function printer and fax machine, fifty (50) desktop computers, twenty five (25) laptop ultrabooks, one hundred and fifty (150) UPS power protection units and three (3) multi media projectors - \$1,200,000.

To meet remuneration to members of the following Cabinet Appointed Committees:

- i) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act 2015 for the period January September, 2017 \$103,200;
- ii) Stakeholder Engagement Committee for the Commercialization of the G Pan and Associated Products under the G Pan Trademarks and Patent Rights for the period January-June, 2017 \$55,200.

To meet the costs associated with the dissolution of Government Information Services Limited (GISL) as agreed to by Cabinet in May of 2017 inclusive of severance packages, contingent liabilities and liquidation fees - \$6,000,000.

To meet shortfall on allocations for the payment of Salaries and NIS up to the end of the fiscal year for personnel employed under contract employment and short-term employment for the General Administration Division and the Financial Intelligence Unit - \$10,000,000.

To meet deficit funding for the balance of subvention payable to the Seafood Industry Development Company Limited (SIDCL) in order to allow winding up of the company's operations as agreed to by Cabinet in June, 2017 - \$2,100,000.

For payment of arrears of overtime to two (2) employees of the Inland Revenue Division who worked during a period of industrial action in 2014 - \$86,000.

For payment of outstanding sums on the purchase of nine (9) photocopiers for the Inland Revenue Division from Business Equipment and Interiors International Limited - \$39,094.

Cabinet agreed that First Citizens Bank Limited be awarded the mandate to provide a \$230.1Mn Credit Facility to the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) to meet payables and refinance an existing facility. However funds were required to cover a shortfall in allocation to meet a semi annual interest payment which fell due in September 2017 for the said Credit Facility - \$5,057,087.

Funds were required to bring to account several Debit Advices from the Treasury Suspense Account in respect of interest charged on the Overdraft held at the Central Bank for fiscal 2017 -\$696,162,589.

Reasons for Savings

Cabinet agreed that Trinidad and Tobago subscribe to its allocated shares as part of the General Capital Increases (GCI) of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). In order for the subscription to become effective the Minister of Finance must sign and submit to the IBRD the "Form of

Subscription" and "Memorandum of Law" representing subscription documents. These documents are with the Treasury Solicitor's Department and are in various stages of preparation. Accordingly, they were not completed in time to allow for the subscription transaction to be finalized before the end of fiscal 2017 - \$11,145,470.

Funds were provided in fiscal 2017 under the CARICOM Development Fund for contributions to the Second Funding Cycle in the amount of US\$20.0Mn. However, Cabinet by Minute No. 1801 of November 24, 2016 agreed to limit the contribution to US\$10Mn for fiscal year 2016/2017 - \$120,561,000.

First Citizens Bank Limited – Indemnity Calls – An allocation of \$60Mn was provided for losses owed to the Bank under the Liquidity Support Agreement (The LSA) however only one (1) 'call' was made and there were no calls to the Bank requiring further payments - \$25,000,000.

Savings resulted under Other Contracted Services of the Investment Division because i) the need for consultancy services was less than previously projected; ii) funds provided to meet the cost of liabilities to creditors was less than projected given that several state enterprises were at various stages of the divestment process - \$9,458,400.

Funds were suppressed under the Inland Revenue Division repairs and maintenance buildings to accommodate the transfer to pay arrears of overtime and outstanding invoices for the purchase of photocopiers - \$125,094.

Funds provided to meet Transfers to State Enterprises under the Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre (IFC) was not fully utilized as the IFC advised that it will utilize its own funds to cover operational expenses - \$5,057,087.

Savings were realized under the contribution to Caribbean Development Bank as approval was not granted for fiscal 2017 contribution to the bank - \$6,757,750.

Under the Food Price Support Programme savings accrued as the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services undertook a review of the Programme. As a result of the review, there was a reduced number of persons who qualified to access the Programme - \$43,829,351.

Savings were realized under the Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) as not all programmes/projects could be implemented as projected as contracts were not finalized. In addition, not all payments could be processed as the verification/auditing of the scope of works completed by contractors were not finalized. Therefore the projected expenditure under the Fund was not met - \$571,380,475.

HEAD 22 - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY - \$124,967,432

Reasons for Transfer

To meet shortfall on Salaries and COLA allocation of the Immigration Division to the end of fiscal 2017 - \$4,500,000.

To cover shortfall on allocation to meet overtime payments to the end of the fiscal year for the daily rated workers attached to the Lifeguard Services - \$1,300,000.

To facilitate payment of outstanding invoices for the period October-December, 2016 for the continued lease payments to the end of the fiscal year for CCTV cameras spread throughout the country - \$12,000,000.

To provide funding to the end of fiscal 2017 for operational expenses for organizations that form part of the National Security architecture of the country - \$25,336,216.

To allow for the acquisition of tyres, automotive batteries, spare parts and the payment of maintenance services for the Fire Services fleet of vehicles inclusive of specialized appliances stationed at Piarco International Airport - \$3,720,094.

To undertake critical electrical, plumbing and roof repairs to Fire Stations throughout Trinidad - \$5,275,000.

To acquire core materials and supplies critical to the daily operations required for firefighting services - \$1,674,811.

To allow for emergency Technical re-certifying training for fire officers and the purchase of The National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards for Fire Service Divisions in North, South and Central Trinidad - \$400,000.

For the payment of arrears of stipends for Fire Guardians for the period 2011-2016 - \$1,117,085.

To process payments for press advertisements, tokens and other costs associated with hosting Fire Prevention Week in October 2017 - \$700,000.

To meet expenditure to the end of fiscal year 2017 for the purchase of food for the inmates at all Prison Facilities - \$2,500,000.

To pay outstanding severance benefits to retired daily paid employees - \$300,000.

For an outstanding payment of TT\$483,052 to Ultra Electronic Forensic Technology for the purchase of the Safeguard Extended Warranty and Protection Plan for the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) which is used by the Forensic Science Centre for the period August 2017 – August 2018 - \$500,000.

To meet payment to the end of fiscal 2017 for the provision of Prisoner Transport Services provided by the contractor Amalgamated Security Services Limited - \$9,054,000.

To meet shortfall on allocation to cater for the provision of items required for inmate hygiene, materials used in training and rehabilitation and other items used for core prison operations at all Prison Facilities - \$4,000,000.

To meet expenditure to the end of fiscal 2017 for telephone bills - \$800,000.

To allow for running maintenance costs of equipment and minor repairs (electrical, plumbing and structural) at all prison facilities - \$1,800,000.

To settle outstanding bills totaling \$13,420,236 brought forward from fiscal 2016 for the acquisition of Minor Equipment for the Defence Force, Prison Service, Fire Service and General Administration Divisions under the following categories:

• Vehicles - \$ 2,943,194

• Office Equipment - \$ 2,766,838

Furniture and Furnishings - \$ 1,640,827

• Other Minor Equipment- \$ 6,069,377

Total - \$13,420,236

To meet the payment of stipends to trainees and for operational costs of the Civilian Conservation Corps for all regions to the end of fiscal 2017 - \$18,452,069.

For the payment of outstanding commitments and also for the equivalent of 50% of Trinidad and Tobago's contribution to the operating budget for CARICOM's Crime and Security Agenda for fiscal 2017 under the Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) - \$6,670,942.

To allow for the intake of participants and to meet operational costs to the end of fiscal 2017 for the Military Led Academic Training (MILAT) - \$6,446,979.

To settle outstanding payments in accordance with contractual arrangements between the Government and Huawei International Pte. Limited of Singapore for the supply and delivery of telecommunications equipment and Huawei Technologies (T&T) Limited for technical support and training services - \$5,000,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were realized under Vacant Posts – Salaries and COLA as the projected intake of 250 recruits into the Prison Service was reduced to 100 in order to cater for greater resource optimization and their effective monitoring and assessment over the period of training and induction into Prison Service operations - \$5,300,000.

The Units of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) undertook a comprehensive review of their operations and were able to collectively suppress expenditure from several Goods and Services Sub-items in order to facilitate the transfer of funds to liquidate outstanding invoices brought forward from fiscal 2016 for the acquisition of minor equipment - \$5,608,770.

The delivery of Uniforms for the Fire Service was not fully completed by the end of fiscal 2017 to allow for full and final payment therefore savings have accrued - \$1,000,000.

Savings were realized under Rent/Lease – Office Accommodation and Storage for the Fire Service as the proposed rental of a property located on Gray Street did not materialize given that the Property and Real Estate Management Services Division of the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications did not grant approval - \$1,944,900.

The Fire Service was able to re-prioritized expenditure under other contracted services and contract employment by only procuring those services which were critical to its core operational functions - \$1,662,500.

A new contract was negotiated therefore bills were not submitted for the provision of Janitorial Services - \$1,154,096.

Expenditure was re-prioritized under medical expenses to facilitate the transfer of funds - $\$543,\!383$

Savings were realized under Fire Service Salaries and COLA as vacant positions were not filled as projected due to delays in the recruitment process and the quantum of funds due on the final 50% of arrears of Salaries for the period 2011-2013 was less than originally projected - \$42,456,980.

Savings were realized under Prison Service Salaries and COLA as vacant positions were not filled as projected due to delays in the recruitment process - \$13,200,000.

The balance of arrears on allowances for monthly paid officers arising from Salary adjustments for the period 2011-2013 was less than originally projected - \$2,454,000.

Under the Immigration Division expenditure under several Goods and Services Sub-items were reprioritized in order to facilitate the urgent transfer of funds to facilitate a shortfall on Salaries and COLA for that Division-\$4,500,000.

Under Lifeguard Services expenditure under several Goods and Services Sub-items were re-prioritized in order to facilitate an urgent transfer of funds to pay outstanding Overtime to Daily Rated workers - \$1,372,803.

Expenditure was suppressed under the General Administration (Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings - \$230,000) and Probation Service (Other Contracted Services - \$40,000) to facilitate the urgent procurement of an air condition unit for the Accounts Section and chairs for a recently upgraded lobby area for the Probation Service - \$270,000.

The Forensic Science Centre re-prioritized its procurement of other minor equipment items to facilitate a transfer of funds to settle an outstanding payment related to the efficient operations of the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) - \$500,000.

Funds which were originally catered to undertake filling of new contract positions, upgrade of security system, training and replacement of unserviceable vehicles were re-prioritized under the Strategic Services Agency to facilitate a transfer to other critical areas of operations in the Ministry - \$43,000,000.

HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS - \$1,690,000

Reason for Transfer

To ensure the payment of Salaries to the end of September, 2017 for officers employed on short term contractual arrangements at the Registrar's General Department - \$1,690,000.

Reasons for Savings

Funds totaling \$1,400,000 were available under Personnel Expenditure as:

- i) Vacant posts were not filled as anticipated;
- ii) Not all approvals for acting arrangements were received;

- iii) The payment of arrears of increments was less than originally projected; and
- iv) The term of office for the Law Commission Board Members concluded therefore the full allocation for remuneration to Board Members was not utilized.

Under the Ministry's Current Transfers and Subsidies Sub-head, savings were identified as claims submitted for compensation and a legal matter was not concluded involving a former employee under the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) - \$290,000.

HEAD 26 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - \$136,762,144

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate shortfall on allocation in order to allow for the payment of Salaries and Allowances to contract officers for the period July – September 2017 - \$27,420,000.

To meet the payment of Salaries and Allowances to officers employed on short term contracts to the end of the fiscal year - \$13,248,242.

To meet shortfall in allocation to facilitate payment of Salaries and COLA to Secondary School Teachers (\$38.0Mn) and Primary School Teachers (\$21,600,000) - \$59,600,000.

For the payment of bills on hand for September, 2017 owed to the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited (MTS) for the provision of Security Services to the Ministry - \$18,000,000.

To facilitate payment of outstanding Telephone bills under the General Administration Division - \$250,000.

To meet shortfall in allocation to facilitate the payment of salaries for contract officers for August and September, 2017 under the TEST and Scholarships and Advanced Training Divisions - \$3,753,000.

To cover salaries for the months of August and September, 2017 for officers engaged under Short Term Employment arrangements in the TEST Division - \$800,000.

To meet payment in accordance with contractual obligations for transportation services provided by the Public Transport Service Corporation and also for services provided by examination markers - \$13,420,902.

Under the Ministry's Development Programme the sum of \$270,000 was required in order to facilitate an overseas payment for GATE eService maintenance - \$270,000.

Reasons for Savings

Funds provided for the purchase of laptops for primary and secondary school were not utilized as the contract for the supply and delivery of the laptops was not executed - \$34,546,000.

The purchase of other minor equipment under the Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre was suppressed in order to facilitate the transfer of funds - \$200,000.

Several Educational Institutions re-prioritized their expenditure by curtailing the acquisition of minor equipment, discretionary goods and services and reducing expenditure in other administrative areas in order to facilitate transfers to other priority areas - \$63,636,902.

Savings were realized under Households as expenditure was re-prioritized to cater for core training needs - \$3,741,000.

Under Transfers to State Enterprises savings were realized as expenditure was re-prioritized to cater for core training needs and operational expenses was also reduced in support of the Ministry's core functions - \$7,100,000.

From funds allocated for the Ministry's Development Programme savings were realized under the following projects as follows:

- Refurbishment and customizing of Waterloo Facility \$3,000,000;
- Establishment of the University of Trinidad and Tobago \$8,000,000;

Development works on the above projects were deferred as contracts were not awarded for same:

• Establishment of a Knowledge Centre in Laventille - \$7,820,000.

Development works were deferred as there was no Cabinet approval to undertake same:

- Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI) \$800,000;
- Construction of an OPEN Campus Facility in Chaguanas \$1,248,242;

Contracts were not awarded to undertake development works at these two (2) institutions:

• Building of the International Fine Cocoa Innovation Centre - \$2,500,000;

Cabinet did not grant approval to undertake development works for the Centre:

• Seamless Education System Project - \$3,900,000

The Ministry deferred development works to fiscal 2018 as negotiations were ongoing with the Inter American Development Bank for a new loan facility to continue with the project.

Under the Sub-item Business/Financial Assistance Tertiary savings were realized as this programme was under review and therefore no individuals were selected for assistance in fiscal 2017 - \$270,000.

HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - \$13,032,422

Reasons for Transfer

Funds were required to meet the shortfall on allocation for the payment of Salaries and COLA, Wages, Allowances to Monthly Paid Officers and Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance for monthly paid officers attached to several divisions of the Ministry to the end of the fiscal 2017 - \$1,311,000.

To meet payment for legal fees to National Insurance Property Development Company (NIDCO) based on arbitrator's final award in the arbitration between the Ministry and NH International (Caribbean) Ltd. in respect of construction of the Scarborough General Hospital - \$9,200,000.

To facilitate payment of a subvention to the Medical Research Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago (MRFTT) for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2017 - \$2,504,422.

To meet outstanding bills for Uniforms for personnel attached to the North Central Regional Health Authority - \$17,000.

Reasons for Savings

The allocation under the General Administration contract employment was not fully utilized as the Ministry recently completed its six years strategic plan and is reviewing the terms and conditions of several contract positions therefore not all positions were filled - \$1,228,000.

Savings were realized as not all vacant positions in the Regional Health Authorities were able to be filled due to delays in the recruitment and selection process - \$9,200,000.

Cabinet agreed to transfer funding for the Medical Research Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago (MRFTT) from under the Development Programme to Recurrent Expenditure (Current Transfers and Subsidies) - \$2,504,422.

Small savings were identified under several votes of the National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention item as there were sufficient material resources to continue operations to the end of the fiscal year therefore the transfer was effected to facilitate payment of Salaries for September, 2017 - \$100,000.

HEAD 30 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT - \$1,332,113

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries for short term contract employees to the end of fiscal 2017 - \$996,113.

To meet payment to the Consultant engaged to develop a strategic plan for the operational effectiveness of the services provided by the On-the-Job Training (OJT) Programme and to ensure a smooth integration of the Programme into the operations of the Ministry - \$336,000.

Reasons for Savings

Funds earmarked under the Fair Share Programme for Marketing and Training activities were not utilized as same was done through social media platforms and also via an on online training portal - \$996,113.

Savings were realized under the OJT Training Programme as trainees allocated to schools would not be paid stipends while schools are on vacation - \$336,000.

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES - \$24,497,087

Reasons for Transfer

To cover shortfall in allocation for the payment of Salaries and Allowances for the period March to September, 2017 for fourteen (14) contract officers of the Meteorological Services - \$1,350,000.

To meet payment for the supply, installation and configuration of an uninterrupted power supply (UPS) and for a further one (1) year additional extended warranty for the UPS at the Doppler Weather Rader Facility at Brasso Venado - \$200,000.

For payment of outstanding liabilities to T&TEC for the provision of lighting/maintenance of roadways, highways, parks and recreation grounds throughout Trinidad and Tobago - \$22,947,087.

Reasons for Savings

Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without incumbents) on the establishments of the General Administration Division, Meteorological Services and the Electrical Inspectorate were not filled as previously anticipated due to delays in the recruitment and selection process - \$1,350,000.

The Ministry suppressed expenditure under other contracted services of the Meteorological Services to facilitate the transfer of funds to procure equipment for the Doppler Weather Radar Facility - \$200,000.

Cabinet agreed that Republic Bank Limited be awarded the mandate to arrange a long term two (2) series T&T Dollar denominated facility in the amount of TT\$1.612Bn for the repayment of the existing short term bridging loan held by T&TEC to facilitate the re-payment of an obligation owed to Trinidad Generation Unlimited (TGU). Accordingly, the legal documents in relation for the T&TEC eight year and fourteen year Bonds were before the Ministry of Finance's Legal Department for finalization. Therefore, servicing of the Bonds could not take place in fiscal 2017 - \$22,947,087.

HEAD 42 - MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - \$43,036,978

Reasons for Transfer

For the payment of Salaries and Allowances to officers whose contract employment were renewed and also for the payment of emoluments to new contract officers for July-September, 2017 who were hired throughout the fourteen (14) Municipalities - \$9,708,000.

To meet the cost for Training twenty six (26) Municipal Police Officers by the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP) - \$200,000.

To settle outstanding liabilities to contractors for operational expenses incurred in administering the Community Based Environment Protection and Enhancement Programme throughout Trinidad and Tobago - \$25,000,000.

To meet shortfall for the payment of a subvention to the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago (RDC) so that its operational and statutory expenses could be met for the period July-September, 2017 - \$2,040,236.

Additional funds were required to meet outstanding gratuity and retirement benefits to former daily paid employees of several Regional Corporations - \$6,088,742.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were realized under the Salaries and COLA and Vacant Posts – Salaries and COLA (without incumbents) votes of the Ministry as the filling of vacant positions did not take place as anticipated due to delays in the recruitment and selection process - \$5,088,742.

The policy guidelines to implement the University Graduate Recruitment Programme was not finalized therefore there were no recruits under the programme - \$1,000,000.

Savings were available under the Port of Spain, San Fernando City Corporations, San Juan/Laventille and Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporations as not all planned works were implemented and not all contracts for the provisions of goods and services were awarded - \$25,000,000.

Savings were realized under the Regional Corporation Services - General item as only 50 out of the 100 budgeted for Municipal Police Officers were appointed at the end of fiscal 2017 as a result of the lengthy recruitment and selection process - \$9,908,000.

Funds were not utilized under the Project - Implementation of the Dog Control Act, 2013 and the Dog Control (Amendment) Act, 2014 as the Memorandum of Understanding is still to be established with the Trinidad and Tobago Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (TTSPCA) and the Regional Corporations. In addition, the requisite Dog Pound has to be re-designed - \$2,040,236.

HEAD 43 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT - \$111,996,720

Reasons for Transfer

For payment of outstanding telephone bills under the General Administration Division - \$700,000.

For payment of outstanding bills under the Transport Division for materials used in the issuance of Driver's Permits - \$1,000,000.

To facilitate processing of payment of the backlog of retirement benefits to daily-rated officers - \$19,000,000.

To meet shortfall to service loan taken by NIDCO for four (4) new Fast Ferries - \$4,800,000.

To allow for the award of new contracts for the maintenance and servicing of traffic signals throughout Trinidad - \$5,000,000.

To pay for the procurement of nine (9) hand held Spot Speed measuring devices for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service - \$2,000,000.

To facilitate the cost for mobilization and charter fees in the procurement of a vessel by June 30, 2017 by the Port Authority to service the Trinidad and Tobago Seabridge - \$25,500,000.

To meet the cost of undertaking emergency works on the sea vessel HSC Trini Flash in order to allow the vessel to provide auxiliary service in the transportation of passengers on Trinidad and Tobago Seabridge - \$22,961,696.

Funds were required to retire an advance from Treasury Deposits in the sum of \$31,035,024 which was utilized for outstanding payment to AECOM USA Inc. for works undertaken on the extension of the Solomon Hochoy Highway to Point Fortin and also for the payment of related project management fees \$31,035,024.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were available under both the Highways and the Maintenance Divisions Salaries and COLA votes as there were retirements from the cadre of daily rated officers and the ensuing vacancies were not filled - \$11,500,000.

Savings accrued under the General Administration (Transport) Salaries and COLA due to a merger between that Section and the General Administration (Works) therefore the need for leave relief and acting arrangements were fewer than originally projected - \$1,000,000.

Savings were realized under the mentorship programme as it was terminated - \$1,800,000.

Expenditure was re-prioritized on the operations of the Agua Santa Quarry - \$200,000.

Savings in the sum of \$44,035,024 were realized under the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago due to the following:

- Cabinet approved a US\$66.5Mn Bond to facilitate the purchase of two (2) fast ferries by the Port
 Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (PATT) to service the Inter-Island Ferry Service. Bond
 repayments would be over a 10 year period. In fiscal 2017 an allocation of \$45.4Mn was provided
 to service two (2) final principal and interest payments however, only one (1) final principal and
 interest payment was required;
- Provision was made to facilitate principal and interest payment on a \$40.0Mn one (1) year Demand
 Loan, however the repayment terms were not finalized therefore no payments were made in fiscal
 2017.

Savings realized under the projected related to Dredging the Government Shipping Service Basin as the project scope of works was not approved and as such project implementation was delayed therefore not all the funds were utilized - \$35,500,000.

The contract for the acquisition of 35 buses was awarded by the Public Transport Service Corporation in May 2017, therefore supply and delivery will not be completed by the end of fiscal 2017 - \$6,000,000.

Outstanding payments to contractors for works undertaken on the Roads and Bridges Rehabilitation was undergoing a verification process and was not completed - \$2,000,000.

A re-scoping of works under the Flood Alleviation and Drainage Programme was undertaken therefore the 2017 allocation was not fully utilized - \$4,961,696.

The procurement process for the acquisition of a Long Reach Amphibious Hydraulic Excavator was delayed - \$5,000,000.

HEAD 48 - MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY - \$1,114,360

Reasons for Transfer

Funds were required to meet expenditure for the month of September, 2017 for Government's Contribution to NIS, and Salaries and Cost of Living Allowances under several Divisions - \$157,000.

To facilitate payment of Salaries and Allowances for contract employees for the month of September, 2017 - \$650,000.

To meet the payment of travelling and subsistence for the month of September, 2017 under several Divisions - \$190,000.

To meet the payment of Salaries for officers employed under short term employment contracts - \$60,000.

To meet payment for invoices on hand for telephones and uniforms - \$57,360.

Reasons for Savings

Minor Equipment Purchases were suppressed under the General Administration and Consumer Affairs Divisions to accommodate the transfer - \$124,550.

There was no Cabinet approval for disbursement of funds for fiscal 2017 to the Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries - \$650,000.

There were no activities being pursued under the CARICOM Competition Commission therefore funds were not utilized - \$339,810.

HEAD 61 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - \$4,063,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet payment to Columbus Communications Trinidad for the provision of IT Licenses - \$1,255,856.

Cabinet agreed that the one year financing facility in the sum of \$227.1Mn held with Republic Bank Limited on behalf of the UDeCOTT to finance the base building and repair works and fit out of the Ministry of Education Officer Tower at the Government Campus Plaza be converted into an eight (8) medium term financing arrangement. This arrangement was entered into with UDeCOTT in February, 2017 therefore,

funds were not provided in fiscal 2017 to service the loan. Funds were therefore required to meet a shortfall in the principal payment of \$14,196,250 that was due for payment in August, 2017 - \$2,807,144.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were realized under the Land Settlement Agency due to the non-filling of some Board positions, closure of several sub-offices and delays in filling contract positions as interviews were not completed - \$4,063,000.

HEAD 62 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND THE ARTS - \$11,032,000 Reasons for Transfer

To meet the shortfall on allocation for the payment of Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance to the end of fiscal 2017 for staff from several Divisions - \$1,050,000.

To meet the payment of Salaries and Allowances for fourteen (14) recently recruited positions of Mediator and for the previously existing compliment of contract staff in the Mediation Centres (\$1,800,000). To also meet Salaries and Allowances for contract officers under the General Administration Division for the period June-September, 2017 - \$4,600,000.

To meet outstanding commitments for Trinidad and Tobago's participation in the Caribbean Festival of the Arts (CARIFESTA) XIII held in Barbados over the period August 17 – 27, 2017 and to fund the hosting of Music Schools in Communities Initiative funding for which was transferred from under the Development Programme - \$1,000,000.

To meet the cost of engaging a firm to conduct a financial audit of finances and operations of Pan Trinbago, TUCO and NCBA - \$1,382,000.

To meet the operational expenses inclusive of the payment of Salaries for staff assigned at the Public Auditorium – Southern Academy of the Performing Arts - \$2,000,000.

To meet operational expenses inclusive of the payment of Salaries for staff to the end of September, 2017 for the Export Centres - \$1,000,000.

Reasons for Savings

Funds provided for contractors retention fee for the refurbishment of the Community Education, Training, Information and Resource Centre will not be utilized as work did not commence on the project - \$1,850,000.

Due to its dilapidated state the Pt. Fortin Civic Centre was demolished therefore funds were not required for any operational activities - \$382,000.

A reduced number of requests were received from Administrative Districts to conduct – Observation of Community Development Day and to also administer Community Skills Training Classes - \$800,000.

Approvals to implement operations at 40 Community Facilities have not been finalized therefore funds will not be fully utilized - \$2,500,000.

The Support for Community Development was dissolved in December, 2016 - \$500,000.

Project implementation activities for six (6) projects have not been able to commence due to difficulties in recruiting specialized staff - \$5,000,000.

HEAD 64 - TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE - \$57,200,000

Reasons for Transfer

To supplement shortfall in existing allocations in order to allow the Police Service to meet bills on hand and also to cover expenditure to the end of the fiscal year in areas critical to the Service's Core functions as follows:

- to cover expenditure for an increase in the rental of vehicles used throughout the country for crime prevention, detection and surveillance exercises \$5,000,000;
- to process invoices on hand for maintenance/repairs for the Service's fleet of vehicles \$8,700,000;
- to cover expenditure to the end of the fiscal year for repairs and maintenance of Police Stations spread throughout Trinidad and Tobago and for payment of outstanding bills for maintenance of air condition units - \$4,000,000;
- to facilitate payment of Salaries and Allowances for officers attached to the Cold Cases Unit and Crime Scene Investigation Unit as short term contracts were renewed for a further six (6) months -\$2,000,000;
- to cover expenditure for the purchase of food for dogs and horses and supplies for stations throughout the country - \$1,000,000;
- to facilitate payment of Salaries and Allowances for contract officers for the months of August and September, 2017 - \$8,500,000;
- for processing outstanding payments for the provision of meals (Food at Institutions) \$1,500,000;

- to process bills for the TTPS Career Fair and to meet expenditure related to promotions, publicity and printing to end of the fiscal year - \$500,000;
- to supplement the allocation to allow for the payment of bills on hand for wrecking fees, software licenses, and translation and interpretation services \$5,000,000;
- additional funds were required to cover anticipated expenditure to the end of September, 2017 for activities falling under the contracted services - \$2,000,000;
- to meet expenditure for outstanding bills for officers accessing medical services \$3,100,000;
- to meet expenditure incurred on hosting several town meetings throughout the country to sensitize
 the National Community on Policing Initiatives and to also pay for advertisement for
 Independence Day Parade and to meet additional expenditure for the balance of the fiscal year
 \$2,500,000;
- to process payment for outstanding fleet card bills for fuel and lubricants for April-July, 2017 in the sum of \$7.0Mn and to cover expenditure for August and September, 2017 \$10,200,000;
- to meet the payment of \$1.0Mn to the estates of three (3) deceased members of the Police Service who provided the necessary documentation to receive compensation to the Estates of Members of the Protective Services killed in the line of duty as agreed to by Cabinet \$3,200,000.

Reason for Savings

Savings were realized under:

- a) Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance; and
- b) Vacant posts Salaries and COLA (without incumbents) due to:
- i) delays in filling vacant positions on the Civil Service Establishment ii) as a result of an ongoing assessment of offices in the First Division filling of vacant positions at that level could not be effected iii) the non-classification of extended sick leave of 344 officers thereby preventing arrears payments for the period June 2011 December 2013 iv) administrative delays in processing increment payments \$57,200,000.

HEAD 65 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS - \$13,208,700

Reasons for Transfers

To bring to account non-cash transactions for the following operational needs of the Overseas Missions for fiscal 2017:

- For the payment of increased cost for renewal of leases for housing accommodation of Home Based staff \$4,550,000.
- To meet payment of medical bills on hand for Ambassadors, Head of Chancery/ Mission,
 Financial Attache, Administrative Attache and First and Second Secretary. \$2,051,000;
- To facilitate the payment of outstanding invoices for stationery and other office supplies and repairs to Overseas Missions and quarters \$4,775,698;
- To cater for rental of equipment and rental of vehicles for Missions located in Cuba, London, New York, Washington, Miami, Ottawa, and Toronto - \$1,009,237;
- To facilitate the payment of salaries and allowances to contract officers assigned at Overseas Missions - \$822,765;

Reasons for Savings

Savings were realized in the sum of \$3,478,735 under Personnel Expenditure for General Administration and Overseas Missions due to the non-appointment of resident and non-resident Ambassadors and High Commissioners to serve as Heads of Missions and the non-filling of vacant posts without Incumbents.

The annual contributions for the financial year 2017 for the following Organisations were postponed to 2018 due to verification with respect to payments indicated in the invoices:

\$

• The Association of Caribbean States - 690,000

The United Nations Programme of Assistance

and Exchange in the Field of International Law - 60,000

Total 750,000

The invoices for office rental for the Grenada Consular and Trade Office were not received for processing by September 30, 2017 - \$155,000.

Wire transfers through the Central Bank were closed on September 30, 2017, therefore payment could not be effected in respect of the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) - \$2,051,000.

Invoices totaling \$1,376,200 were not received for processing by September 30, 2017 for the following Organisations/Bodies:

\$

• International Criminal Tribunals - 420,000

U.N. Information Centre – Rental of
 Office Space
 - 25,000

• United Nations Central Emergency

	Resp. Fund (CERF).	-	121,200
•	Financial Contributions for Memorials	-	65,000
•	National Repatriations Committee	-	475000
•	Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear		
	Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL)	-	40,000
•	Group of 77	-	30,000
•	Inter-American Council for Integral		
	Development- Special Multi - Lateral Fund		
	(FEMCIDI)		- 200,000
	Total	-	1,376,200

The annual assessed contributions for the following Organisations/Bodies were less than estimated due to a lower rate of exchange:

	Total	-	1,035,000
•	ACP Secretariat Budget	-	345,000
•	International Criminal Court	-	75,000
•	International Tribunal for Law of the Sea	-	350,000
•	Commonwealth Foundation	-	35,000
•	Commonwealth Secretariat	-	230,000

Expenditure was suppressed in non-obligatory areas under the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – \$ 2,605,000.

There was a reduction in expenditure at the Caricom Single Market Economy Secretariat (CSME) due to staffing constraint - \$ 400,000.

The requests for cash donations by other countries for disaster relief from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago were lower than projected - \$ 1,357,765.

HEAD 67 - MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - \$27,305,567

Reasons for Transfer

To meet shortfall on allocation under Short Term Employment in order to pay Salaries and Allowances for the period April – September, 2017 for forty nine (49) employees - \$4,350,000.

To meet bills on hand and to allow for the acquisition of goods and services to the end of the fiscal year under the General Administration Division, Technical Co-operation Unit, Central Statistical Office, Urban and Regional Planning Division, Project Planning and Reconstruction Division and the Environmental Policy and Planning Division - \$12,393,957.

To provide additional funds under Government Contribution to NIS as a result of appointments by the Public Service Commission to positions on the Ministry's personnel establishment in December, 2016 - \$561,610.

To meet Government's contribution to the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA) Pension Plan as funds were not appropriated in fiscal 2017 for same. A release of \$10.0Mn was granted in fiscal 2016 however, due to an administrative oversight the Grant of Credit was not executed in a timely manner to allow the funds to be disbursed to the CDA - \$10,000,000.

Reason for Savings

There are approximately 3,481 former cane farmers who are eligible to access funding provided to assist with the transition from the Cane Farming Industry, however, some 1,699 of these farmers have accessed and received funding. Several reasons have contributed to the non-accessing of the funds in the sum of \$26,743,957:

- o many former farmers are now elderly, immobile and have not granted their power of attorney to conduct legal transactions on their behalf;
- o several are deceased and their legal personal representatives are awaiting letters of administration;
- o some have migrated;
- o many are still unaware of the facility and the mechanism to access the funds.

Savings were realized under contract employment as not all approvals were received for renewals of employment on contract - \$561,610.

HEAD 68 - MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS - \$2,500,000

Reasons for Transfer

To provide funds for the payment of Salaries and Allowances to the end of the fiscal year for contract employees under the General Administration Division and Youth Centres - \$1,700,000.

To provide funds to meet the payment of Salaries for officers employed under short term contract - \$800,000.

Reason for Savings

Savings were identified as not all applicants seeking financial assistance for the elite athlete programme satisfied the criteria for accessing funds by the submission of their audited financial statements - \$2,500,000.

HEAD 75 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL - \$178,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the payment of Salaries and Allowances to the end of the fiscal year for persons employed on short term contracts - \$163,000.

To meet payment for the placing of advertisement for two (2) vacancies in the three (3) daily newspapers - \$15,000.

Reason for Savings

Savings were realized under Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance as there were fewer instances requiring longer term acting arrangements to be made - \$178,000.

HEAD 77 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES - \$23,767,598

Reasons for Transfer

To provide funds to meet the payment of Salaries for officers employed under short term contracts who are attached to several Divisions in the Ministry - \$3,976,650.

To meet the continued payment of travelling and subsistence allowances for travelling officers across several Divisions of the Ministry to the end of the fiscal year - \$3,929,000.

To meet the payment of bills on hand for telephones, materials and supplies and other goods and services for several Divisions of the Ministry - \$404,512.

To meet shortfall of an outstanding commitment for Management Fees to National Flour Mills for the operations of the Rice Mill at Carlsen Field during the period January-March, 2017 - \$100,000.

To pay for the provision of Security Services at the Queen's Park Savannah, Royal Botanic Gardens, La Pastora Plant Propagating Station and the Guayaguayare Fishing Site for the period April-September, 2017 - \$688,000.

To settle outstanding bills for the acquisition of minor equipment items for several Divisions of the Ministry - \$203,100.

To bring to account non cash payments with the Comptroller of Accounts for use of the Fleet Card Facility for acquiring fuel and lubricants for several Divisions of the Ministry - \$286,629.

To meet outstanding overtime payments for:

• monthly paid officers of the Anti-Rabies Unit (\$300,000); and

 daily paid officers attached to the Bee Abatement Unit of the Regional Administration North Division (\$64,000)

To meet outstanding reimbursement to National Flour Mills for the payment to farmers for rice paddy for the period January-March, 2017 - \$1,088,000.

To settle outstanding commitments under Official Overseas Travel for the attendance by a senior officer from the Surveys and Mapping Section at the Seventh Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management System held in New York from July 29 to August 05, 2017 and attendance by the Chief Veterinary Officer at the World Health Organization for Animal Health Regional Workshop held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from August 22-24, 2017 - \$14,688.

Funds were required to retire and advance from the Contingencies Fund for the provision of flood relief and compensation to farmers and fisher folk for the loss of crops and equipment respectively in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Bret on June 20, 2017 - \$12,713,019.

Reasons for Savings

Due to delays in filling of vacant positions in several Divisions of the Ministry, funding will not be utilized - \$800,000.

Funds budgeted to meet the payment of Wages and Cost of Living Allowance for the Ministry's cadre of daily paid employees across several Divisions was greater than what was actually required as not all vacant positions were filled - \$1,800,000.

Funds budgeted to meet Government's Contribution to National Insurance was not fully utilized as vacant positions were not filled as anticipated - \$658,000.

Under several other Personnel Expenditure votes of the Ministry, smaller quantum of savings totaling \$668,000 were realized due to the following reasons:

- approvals for acting arrangements were not received;
- the non-appointment of Board Members and Members of Cabinet Appointed Committees;
- overtime was curtailed;
- budgeted allowances for daily rated workers was greater than what was required as vacant positions were not filled.

From several votes falling under the Goods and Services Sub-head, savings were identified as the Ministry suppressed expenditure in order to make funds available to other priority areas - \$12,864,119.

Expenditure under several Current Transfers and Subsidies votes were re-prioritized to allow funds to be transferred to other priority areas - \$1,721,829.

Funds totaling \$5,255,650 allocated to several projects falling under the Ministry's Development Programme were not utilized as projects experienced delays in startup or suffered delays in various phases of implementation due to the following:

- technical specifications for specialized equipment were not completed to allow for acquisition and payment before the end of the fiscal year;
- quotations received for construction/refurbishment type projects were higher than budgeted allocation;
- delays in recruiting specialized resource personnel for training, project management and project implementation;
- project re-design due to a change of scope of activities

${\it HEAD~78-MINISTRY~OF~SOCIAL~DEVELOPMENT~AND~FAMILY~SERVICES-\$42,036,745}$

Reasons for Transfer

To meet shortfall for the payment of Salaries for the last quarter of fiscal 2017 to core contract staff who were previously remunerated under contract employment and are awaiting renewal of their contracts pending finalization. The services of these officers were retained and they are being remunerated under short term employment in order to allow for the continued effective discharge of social services - \$7,000,000.

Under Goods and Services several outstanding invoices were brought forward from fiscal 2016 for payment in fiscal 2017 therefore the Ministry required additional funds to meet current bills on hand for telephones, rent/lease office accommodation and storage, janitorial services and postage - \$6,100,000.

To cover a shortfall in allocation for the payment of security services for offices of the Ministry \$3,772,620.

To facilitate payment of \$3.3Mn representing the final payment of fees to Nagra ID for the provision of biometric card support services to the Ministry for the period October 15, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Additional funds were also required to meet payment for bills on hand - \$4,906,125

To facilitate to the end of the fiscal 2017 the disbursement of the Senior Citizens Grant; the provision of Urgent Temporary Assistance and the Disability Grant - \$20,258,000.

Reasons for Savings

Under the Ministry's Current Transfers and Subsidies 2017 allocation, savings were identified in the sum of \$21,778,745 due to the following:

- there was no Cabinet approval covering the period October 2016-September 2017 for the subvention to Senior Citizens Homes;
- the use of the electronic and print media to advertise various parenting programmes did not materialize due to a shortage of staff to administer the specialized programmes;
- the observance of International Day of Family and the conducting of seminars at various satellite
 offices was not approved;
- temporary food cards were issued for disaster relief instead of disbursing hampers under the SHARE Programme;
- developmental training for recipients under the Target Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (TCCTP) was not conducted due to a shortage of personnel to administer same as contracts for employment ended in June, 2017 and the TCCTP was placed under the management of the Social Welfare Division;
- not all planned programmes falling under the National Social Development Programme which
 were aimed at the electrification, house wiring, water and sanitary plumbing assistance could be
 implemented due to personnel constraints to manage and implement same.
- contracts for staff assigned to several units (National Poverty Reduction and Eradication Policy Unit, Main People Issues Resolution Unit, Couva Social Services Centre and the Inter Agency Unit) were not renewed after March, 2017 therefore Other Social Programmes could not be implemented;
- Payment of subventions to Non-Governmental Organizations NGO's) was less than anticipated
 due to a review of assessments being conducted for new requests and which was not completed at
 the end of fiscal 2017;
- Funding for the payment of Biometric Card Support Services was not fully utilized as the contractual period for the service ended in October, 2015.

Under the Ministry's 2017 Development Programme savings were identified in the sum of \$20,258,000 under several projects as a result of:

- failure to commence, setbacks in implementation, project cancellation and re-design of projects with implementation dates now set for fiscal 2018;
- variation of scope of works was not approved, therefore contractors could not complete works before end of fiscal 2017;
- delays in obtaining statutory approvals from the Ministry of Works and Transport and the Couva/ Tabaquite/ Talparo Regional Corporation to undertake construction works;
- the survey of living conditions project was cancelled and will now be undertaken by the Central Statistical Office as part of the Household Budgetary Survey in fiscal 2018;
- not all invoices submitted for payment could be honoured before the end of the fiscal year as supporting documents were not furnished and verification of completed works remained outstanding;
- the Board of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Hearing Impaired was involved in a legal matter therefore no activities were undertaken. A new Board was appointed and the project will re-commence in fiscal 2018;
- the Ministry cancelled the project Centre for Persons with Disabilities and will instead partner with the Ministry of Health to implement a new project in fiscal 2018;
- IGOv.tt is engaged in project management and procurement for the Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise and is awaiting the request for Proposals to proceed with the project.

APPENDIX VIII

Statement of Transfers in fiscal year 2018

STATEMEN	T OF T	RANSFERS - 2018					
							Appendix III
FROM:			\$	TO:			\$
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>01:</u>	PRESIDENT		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>01:</u>	PRESIDENT	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
				Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	220,000
Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	30,000	Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to NIS	30,000
Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	302,000	Sub-Item	27:	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly Paid Officers	7,000
Sub-Item	19:	Official Entertainment	60,000	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
				<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
				Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	75,000
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	60,000
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		Total Head:	392,000			Total Head:	392,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>02:</u>	AUDITOR GENERAL		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>02:</u>	AUDITOR GENERAL	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	

<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	200,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	110,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts-Salaries & C.O.L.A. (without incumbents)	60,000	Sub-Item	22:	Short-term Employment	200,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	Tobago Services		Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts-Salaries & C.O.L.A. (without incumbents)	50,000	<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	35,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	1,000	<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Commonwealth Bodies</u>	
<u>Item</u>	002:	Tobago Services		Sub-Item	01:	Contribution to the Commonwealth Auditors General Conference Fund	500
Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	35,000	<u>Item</u>	<u>004:</u>	<u>International Bodies</u>	
				Sub-Item	01:	International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI)	500
		Total Head:	346,000			Total Head:	346,000
HEAD	<u>03:</u>	JUDICIARY		HEAD	03:	JUDICIARY	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	Judiciary (Trinidad)		<u>Item</u>	001:	Judiciary (Trinidad)	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	2705,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	1800,000

Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and C.O.L.A. (without incumbents)	1000,000	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation & Storage	1618,750
<u>Item</u>	002:	Judiciary (Tobago)		Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	3175,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and C.O.L.A. (without incumbents)	100,000	<u>Item</u>	003:	Judiciary (Family Court)	
<u>Item</u>	003:	<u>Judiciary (Family Court)</u>		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	400,000
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	300,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	702,000
Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to N.I.S	145,000	<u>Item</u>	004:	Judiciary (Children Court)	
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and C.O.L.A. (without incumbents)	100,000	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	2918,250
Sub-Item	27:	Gov't Contribution to Group Health Insurance – Monthly Paid Officers	14,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1880,000
<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Judiciary (Children Court)</u>					
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	200,000				
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	35,000				
Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to N.I.S	150,000				
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and C.O.L.A. (without incumbents)	300,000				
Sub-Item	27:	Gov't Contribution to Group Health Insurance – Monthly Paid Officers	20,000				
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme					

<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral & Other Services					
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services					
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services					
Project No.	001:	Development of Judiciary Information Systems	1083,760				
Project No.	005:	Family Court - Institutional Strengthening	275,000				
Project Group	F:	Public Buildings					
Project No.	001:	Rehabilitation of the Hall of Justice, Trinidad	500,000				
Project No.	003:	Refurbishment of Magistrates' Courts	1900,000				
Project No.	008:	Rehabilitation of the Hall of Justice, Tobago	1000,000				
Project No.	011:	Expansion of Rio Claro Magistrates' Court	100,000				
Project No.	013:	Construction of Judges' and Magistrates' Housing in Tobago	466,240				
Project No.	015:	Construction of an Official Residence for the Honourable Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago	200,000				
Project No.	020:	Provision of Accommodation for San Fernando Family Court – corner Lord and Paradise Streets, San Fernando	1600,000				

Project No.	023:	Establishment of Drug Treatment Court	300,000				
		Total Head:	12494,000			Total Head:	12494,000
HEAD	<u>05:</u>	<u>PARLIAMENT</u>		HEAD	<u>05:</u>	PARLIAMENT	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	800,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1900,000
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances – Monthly-Paid Officers	240,000				
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without incumbents)	100,000				
<u>Item</u>	002:	Office of the Ombudsman					
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	760,000				
		Total Head:	1900,000			Total Head:	1900,000
HEAD	<u>07:</u>	STATUTORY AUTHORITIES' SERVICE COMMISSION		HEAD	<u>07:</u>	STATUTORY AUTHORITIES' SERVICE COMMISSION	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	420,000	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	295,000
				Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	50,000

				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	75,000
		Total Head:	420,000			Total Head:	420,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>12:</u>	PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAL BOARD		HEAD	<u>12:</u>	PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAL BOARD	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	22,500	Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	22,500
		Total Head:	22,500			Total Head:	22,500
HEAD	<u>13:</u>	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER		HEAD	<u>13:</u>	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	005:	Non-Profit Institutions	
Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	1000,000	Sub-Item	06:	Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions (Gender Affairs)	1000,000
Sub-Item	65:	Expenses of Cabinet-Appointed Bodies	7502,342	Sub-Head	<u>04</u> :	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
				Item	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises	
				Sub-Item	02:	NIPDEC - Principal payment on \$56,039,826.14 Loan	6614,422
				Sub-Item	03:	NIPDEC - Interest payment on \$56,039,826.14 Loan	887,920
		Total Head:	8502,342			Total Head:	8502,342

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>18:</u>	MINISTRY OF FINANCE		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>18:</u>	MINISTRY OF FINANCE	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	003:	Customs and Excise Division		<u>Item</u>	<u>003:</u>	Customs and Excise Division	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	3874,329	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	5480,000
Sub-Item	03:	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	3000,000	Sub-Item	03:	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	10500,000
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	2000,000
<u>Item</u>	004:	Inland Revenue Division		Sub-Item	29:	Overtime - Daily-Rated Workers	20,000
Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	199,568	Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	008:	Investments Division		<u>Item</u>	003:	Customs and Excise Division	
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	18000,000	Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	6874,329
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Item	<u>005:</u>	Treasury Division	
<u>Item</u>	001:	Regional Bodies		Sub-Item	92:	Claims for Payments in respect of Void Cheques	130000,000
Sub-Item	01:	Contribution to Caribbean Development Bank	13000,000	Sub-Head	07:	Debt Servicing	
<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	<u>Households</u>		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	<u>Interest - Local Loans</u>	
Sub-Item	06:	Food Price Support Programme	50000,000	Sub-Item	13:	National Maintenance Training and Security Co. Ltd	1,295
Sub-Item	17:	VSEP - Central Tenders Board	10000,000	<u>Item</u>	009:	Interest on Overdraft	
<u>Item</u>	<u>009:</u>	Other Transfers		Sub-Item	01:	Interest on Overdraft	400000,000
Sub-Item	11:	Infrastructure Development Fund	150000,000	Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme	

Sub-Item	23:	CARICOM Development Fund	70000,000	<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	
Sub-Item	28:	First Citizens Bank Ltd Indemnity Calls	50000,000	Sub-Item	06:	General Public Service	
Sub-Item	40:	Private/Public Housing Construction Incentive Programme	50000,000	Project Group	F:	Public Buildings	
Sub-Item	41:	Business Stimulus Programme	50000,000	Project No.	116:	Refurbishment Works to District Revenue Offices	199,568
Sub-Item	42:	Fiscal Incentive Programme for Farmers	20000,000				
Sub-Item	68:	Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre	19000,000				
Sub-Item	86:	Tourism Development Company Limited (TDC)	13000,000				
Sub-Item	91:	EXIM BANK Forex Facility	35000,000				
<u>Item</u>	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises					
Sub-Item	05:	BWIA West Indies Airways Ltd.	1,295				
		Total Head:	555075,192			Total Head:	555075,192
HEAD	22:	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY		HEAD	22:	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	002:	Fire Service		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	

Sub-Item		Salaries and COLA	38500,000	Sub-Item		Travelling and Subsistence	500,000
	01:				01:		
Sub-Item	03:	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	2800,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	500,000
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances - Monthly Paid Officers	8500,000	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation & Storage	1300,000
<u>Item</u>	004:	Prison Service		Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	3700,000
Sub-Item	03:	Overtime - Monthly Paid Officers	12000,000	Sub-Item	21:	Repairs & Maintenance – Buildings	1000,000
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Item	36:	Extraordinary Expenses	17000,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>016:</u>	Air Guard		<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	<u>Fire Service</u>	
Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	16000,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	2000,000
Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases		Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	800,000
<u>Item</u>	007:	Immigration		<u>Item</u>	004:	Prison Service	
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture & Furnishings	3000,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	3000,000
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	1100,000	Sub-Item	15:	Repairs & Maintenance - Equipment	1000,000
<u>Item</u>	017:	Immigration Detention Centre		Sub-Item	17:	Training	500,000
Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	100,000	Sub-Item	21:	Repairs & Maintenance - Buildings	1000,000
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	500,000	Sub-Item	23:	Fees	200,000
				Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	400,000
				Sub-Item	40:	Food at Institutions	10000,000
				Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	14000,000
				Sub-Item	62:	Promotions, Publicity & Printing	200,000

				Sub-Item	66:	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars & Other Functions	200,000
				Sub-Item	96:	Fuel & Lubricants	500,000
				<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	Immigration	
				Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	4700,000
				Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
				<u>Item</u>	<u>004:</u>	Prison Service	
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	2000,000
				Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers & Subsidies	
				<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	<u>Households</u>	
				Sub-Item	04:	Civilian Conservation Corps	12000,000
				Sub-Item	05:	Military Led Academic Training (MILAT)	4000,000
				<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers	
				Sub-Item	24:	National Crime Prevention Programme	2000,000
		Total Head:	82500,000				82500,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>26:</u>	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>26:</u>	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	<u>010:</u>	General Administration (TEST)		<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Secondary Education	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	2000,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	14000,000
Sub-Item	04:	Allowances – Monthly Paid Officers	272,649	<u>Item</u>	006:	Primary Education	

Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	448,758	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	13000,000
<u>Item</u>	011:	Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry		<u>Item</u>	<u>011:</u>	Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	100,000	Sub-Item	29:	Overtime - Daily-Rated Workers	400,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>012:</u>	Technical/Vocational Education		<u>Item</u>	<u>014:</u>	National Examinations Council	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	180,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	170,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>016:</u>	Scholarships and Advanced Training Division		<u>Item</u>	<u>016:</u>	Scholarships and Advanced Training Division	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	200,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	600,000
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	34:	University Graduate Recruitment Programme	1000,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	11000,000
Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases		Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	7649,600
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	21451,389
Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	415,000	<u>Item</u>	016:	Scholarships and Advanced Training Division	
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	300,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	5500,000
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	9270,000	Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
<u>Item</u>	006:	Primary Education		<u>Item</u>	006:	Educational Institutions	
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	60,000	Sub-Item	48:	University of Trinidad and Tobago	31000,000
<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>District Services Division</u>		<u>Item</u>	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises	

Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	50,000	Sub-Item	02:	National Schools Dietary Services Ltd.	26771,675
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	50,000				
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	50,000				
<u>Item</u>	008:	Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre					
Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	50,000				
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	50,000				
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	50,000				
<u>Item</u>	009:	Early Childhood Care and Education Unit					
Sub-Item	02:	Office Equipment	50,000				
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	50,000				
Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	50,000				
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies					
<u>Item</u>	006:	Educational Institutions					
Sub-Item	24:	Grants to Government Secondary Schools – Education Programme	14000,000				
Sub-Item	29:	Grants for Students enrolled at Private Special Schools	13000,000				
Sub-Item.	34:	Grants for the Expansion of Universal ECCE	17649,600				
Sub-Item	55:	Higher Education Research Fund	300,000				
Sub-Item	62:	School of Nursing	2800,000				
Sub-Item	63:	Student Nurses Stipend	2700,000				

<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	Households			
Sub-Item	26:	National Commission for Higher Education (NCHE)	100,000		
Sub-Item	28:	Bursaries/Financial Assistance – Tertiary	366,000		
Sub-Item	30:	St Augustine Education City	199,000		
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers			
Sub-Item	02:	Distance Learning Secretariat	205,000		
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme			
<u>Item</u>	<u>003:</u>	Economic Infrastructure			
Sub-Item	11:	Other Economic Services			
Project Group	F:	Financial Services			
Project No.	001:	Support to Non-University Tertiary Education	6000,000		
<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure			
Sub-Item	04:	Education			
Project Group	D:	Vocational and Technical			
Project No.	004:	Tobago Technology Centre	1500,000		
Project Group	J:	Science, Technology and Applied Arts			
Project No.	005:	Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry – Improvement of Facilities	1500,000		

Project No.	006:	John S. Donaldson Technical Institute – Improvement of Facilities	1842,939			
Project No.	007:	San Fernando Technical Institute – Upgrade of Facilities and Equipment	2000,000			
Project No.	008:	Establishment of the University of Trinidad and Tobago	143,415			
Project No.	014:	U.T.T Pt. Lisas Campus	2507,043			
Project No.	021:	Mayaro Skills and Technology Centre	287,500			
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services				
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services				
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services				
Project No.	019:	Development Works at the University of the West Indies	2914,000			
Project No.	023:	Expansion of the School of Dentistry at the Medical Sciences Complex	500,000			
Project No.	024:	Upgrade of the Campus Sewer Collection System and Sewer treatment plant	11605,000			
Project No.	027:	Building of the International Fine Cocoa Innovation Centre	6800,000			
Project No.	031:	Seamless Education System Project	10000,000			

Project No.	033:	Enhancing the Information Technology Infrastructure of the Ministry	4926,760				
Project No.	037:	School Improvement Project – Laventille Community	10000,000				
Project Group	F:	Public Buildings					
Project No.	016:	Relocation of Ministry of Education – Head Office	3000,000				
		Total Head:	131542,664			Total Head:	131542,664
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>28:</u>	MINISTRY OF HEALTH		HEAD	<u>28:</u>	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	01:	Regional Health Authority	3000,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	200,000
Sub-Item	11:	Pt. Fortin Hospital - Six (6) months Short Term Loan - First Citizens Bank Ltd.	30000,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	6000,000
				Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	424,979
				Sub-Item	23:	Fees	3000,000
				<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Vertical Services</u>	
				Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	400,000
				Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
				<u>Item</u>	003:	United Nations Organisations	

				Sub-Item	02:	World Health Organisation Regular Budget	1004,630
				<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers	
				Sub-Item	06:	Children's Life Fund Authority	400,000
				<u>Item</u>	<u>011:</u>	Other Transfers Abroad	
				Sub-Item	01:	National Health Service Company Limited	570,391
				Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme	
				<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure	
				Sub-Item	07:	Health	
				Project Group	D:	Other Services	
				Project No.	003:	Special Programme - Renal Dialysis	20000,000
				<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	
				Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services	
				Project Group	C:	Foreign and Technical Assistance	
				Project No.	240:	Information Systems (Equipment and Software)	1000,000
		Total Head:	33000,000			Total Head:	33000,000
HEAD	<u>30:</u>	MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT		HEAD	<u>30:</u>	MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	

<u>Item</u>	<u>005:</u>	On The Job Training Programme		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	27:	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance – Monthly Paid Officers	337,428	Sub-Item	06:	Remuneration to Board Members	1134,500
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Co-operatives</u>	
<u>Item</u>	005:	On the Job Training Programme		Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	260,100
Sub-Item	17:	Training	29418,143	<u>Item</u>	004:	Occupational Safety and Health Authority	
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	06:	Remuneration to Board Members	252,500
<u>Item</u>	003:	Economic Infrastructure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
Sub-Item	11:	Other Economic Services		<u>Item</u>	005:	On The Job Training Programme	
Project Group	G:	Business Services		Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	112,428
Project No.	009:	Determination and Impact of the Minimum Wage Level on the Economy	199,000	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	225,000
Project No.	017:	National Enterprise Investment Fund	500,000	Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Project No.	019:	Establishment of New Business Clusters	500,000	<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>International Bodies</u>	
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services		Sub-Item	08:	Funding for the Liaison Office in Canada	858,000
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services		<u>Item</u>	007:	<u>Households</u>	
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services		Sub-Item	04:	Settlement of Claims - Former URP Workers	21944,303
Project No.	063:	Development of a Modernized Labour Market Information System	119,000	<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers	

Project No.	064:	Information Communications Technology Implementation Plan for the Ministry	400,000	Sub-Item	01:	National Entrepreneurship Development Company	6368,740
Project No.	071:	Development of a Labour Migration Policy in Trinidad and Tobago	100,000	Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies	
Project No.	085:	Delinking the On The Job Training Programme from the National Training Agency	1500,000	<u>Item</u>	004:	Statutory Boards	
Project No.	091:	Development of a Child Labour Policy	150,000	Board No.	17:	Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies	3119,000
Project No.	093:	Operationalisation of the National Tripartite Advisory Council	150,000	Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme	
Project Group	F:	Public Buildings		<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	
Project No.	006:	Relocation and Upgrade of Occupational Safety and Health Authority	701,000	Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services	
Project No.	010:	Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies - Retrofitting and Outfitting the Tobago Campus	500,000	Project Group	A:	Administrative Services	
Project No.	012:	Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies – Upgrade of Security Systems	300,000	Project No.	083:	Nationwide Awareness of Workplace Rights and Responsibilities	600,000
		Total Head:	34874,571			Total Head:	34874,571
HEAD	<u>35:</u>	MINISTRY OF TOURISM		HEAD	<u>35:</u>	MINISTRY OF TOURISM	

Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
Item	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises		Item	001:	General Administration	
	<u> </u>	Transfers to Same Emerginees					
				Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	600,000
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	550,000
Sub-Item	04:	Tourism Trinidad Destination	4850,000	Sub-Item	06:	Water and Sewerage Rates	1200,000
		Management Company Limited					
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease- Office Accommodation and Storage	150,000
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<u>Item</u>	<u>003</u> :	Economic Infrastructure		Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	150,000
Sub-Item	11:	Other Economic Services		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	2800,000
Project Group	D:	Tourism		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	4000,000
Project No.	032:	Tourism Agency - Trinidad	4600,000				
		Total Head:	9450,000			Total Head:	9450,000
HEAD	38:	ENVIRONMENTAL		HEAD	38:	ENVIRONMENTAL	
<u>HEHD</u>	50.	COMMISSION		<u>HEILE</u>	50.	COMMISSION	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		Item	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	50,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and C.O.L.A.	90,000
Sub-Item	27:	Official Overseas Travel	40,000				
		Total Head:	90,000			Total Head:	90,000

HEAD	<u>39:</u>	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES		HEAD	<u>39:</u>	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	34:	University Graduate Recruitment Programme	1000,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	1127,000
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	424,000
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		Sub-Item	27:	Official Overseas Travel	35,050
Sub-Item	13:	T&TEC - Repayment of Loan to the National Gas Company	19146,990	Sub-Item	42:	Street Lighting	35693,961
Sub-Item	14:	T&TEC - Repayment of Loan Re Cove Power Station	77,854	Sub-Item	53:	Refunds to WASA Re: Water Improvement Rate	9321,601
Sub-Item	15:	T&TEC - Repayment of Short Term Bridging Loan - Trinidad Generation Unlimited (TGU)	1822,449	<u>Item</u>	002:	Meteorological Services	
Sub-Item	16:	T&TEC - Repayment of 8 Year Bond Facility	1,909	Sub-Item	22:	Short Term Employment	949,000
Sub-Item	17:	T&TEC - Repayment of 14 Year Bond Facility	25501,410				
		Total Head:	47550,612			Total Head:	47550,612
HEAD	42:	MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		HEAD	42:	MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	

Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowances	1378,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	3428,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without incumbents)	300,000	Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		<u>Item</u>	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		Sub-Item	03:	Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago (RDC)	1500,000
Sub-Item	34:	University Graduate Recruitment Programme	1000,000	Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Other Bodies	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		<u>Item</u>	005:	Local Government Bodies	
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		Sub-Item	37:	Regional Corporation Services – General	17026,027
Sub-Item	04:	Community Based Environment Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	17026,027				
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme					
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services					
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services					
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services					
Project No.	028:	Implementation of the Dog Control Act, 2013 and the Dog Control (Amendment) Act, 2014	2250,000				
		Total Head:	21954,027			Total Head:	21954,027

HEAD	<u>43:</u>	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND		HEAD	<u>43:</u>	MINISTRY OF WORKS AND	
		TRANSPORT				TRANSPORT	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	<u>Highways</u>		<u>Item</u>	003:	Traffic Management	
Sub-Item	30:	Allowances - Daily Rated Workers	1650,000	Sub-Item	02:	Wages and COLA	4000,000
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>003:</u>	Traffic Management		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	4000,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	550,000
				Sub-Item	23:	Fees	800,000
				<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Highways</u>	
				Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	1300,000
				Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	21649,814
Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases		<u>Item</u>	003:	Traffic Management	
<u>Item</u>	011:	Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Unit		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	5000,000
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	10,000	<u>Item</u>	005:	<u>Drainage</u>	
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	15500,000
<u>Item</u>	008:	Subsidies		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	6020,740
Sub-Item	01:	Port Authority Contribution towards deficit on Operation of Coastal Steamers	35260,000	<u>Item</u>	006:	Mechanical Services	
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	200,000
<u>Item</u>	001:	<u>Pre-Investment</u>		Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	1000,000
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services		Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance – Equipment	500,000

Project Group	A:	Administrative Services		Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance – Buildings	200,000
Project No.	001:	Development of a National Transportation Plan	2000,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	100,000
Project No.	004:	Highway Improvement Studies	1500,000	<u>Item</u>	007:	Maintenance Division	
<u>Item</u>	003:	Economic Infrastructure		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	300,000
Sub-Item	11:	Other Economic Services		<u>Item</u>	011:	Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Unit	
Project Group	A:	Drainage and Irrigation		Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	10,000
Project No.	001:	Major River Clearing Programme	1304,000	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
Project No.	003:	Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Flood Mitigation	8500,000	<u>Item</u>	006:	Mechanical Services	
Sub-Item	15:	Transport and Communication		Sub-Item	01:	Vehicles	185,000
Project Group	A:	Air Transport		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Project No.	001:	Programme of Safety and Security	3500,000	<u>Item</u>	011:	Transfers to State Enterprises	
Project Group	B:	Bus Transport		Sub-Item	18:	National Helicopter Services Limited (NHSL)	39500,000
Project No.	041:	Cleaning of Electrical Power System	1000,000	<u>Item</u>	014:	Transport Division	
Project No.	050:	Purchase of 100 New Buses	23800,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	5000,000
Project No.	068:	Procurement and Installation of an Electronic Camera Surveillance System at the Port of Spain and San Fernando Terminal	500,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	2500,000

Project No.	072:	Retooling of the Mechanical Engineering Garages - Equipment Modernization and Outfitting of the Engineering Garages for the PTSC Garages	1000,000	Sub-Head	06:	Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies	
Project Group	D:	Roads and Bridges		<u>Item</u>	004:	Statutory Boards	
Project No.	221:	Roads and Bridges Rehabilitation (NHP)	4600,000	Sub-Item	50:	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	27760,000
Project No.	270:	Improvement to Maraval Access (Saddle Road from Rapsey St. to Valeton Avenue)	15000,000				
Project Group	G:	Road Systems Operations and Services					
Project No.	151:	Installation of Zebra Crossing Street Furniture	400,000				
Project No.	155:	Supply and Installation of New Jersey Type Barriers on Highway Medians	6000,000				
Project No.	159:	Provision of Backup Power Supply for Traffic Signalized Intersection	500,000				
Project No.	166:	Provision of Road Studs on Highways and Main Roads	2245,000				
Project No.	168:	Pedestrian Channeling in Urban Areas	251,000				
Project No.	170:	Provision for Data Collection	2000,000				
Project Group	H:	Sea Transport					

Project No.	828:	Dredging of Government Shipping Service Basin to accommodate Super Fast Galicia	13670,554				
Project Group	I:	Administration					
Project No.	012:	Procurement of Critical Heavy Equipment Emergency Response and Flood Relief	2885,000				
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services					
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services					
Project Grp.	F:	Public Buildings					
Project No.	322:	New Licensing Office, Arima	500,000				
		Total Head:	132075,554			Total Head:	132075,554
HEAD	<u>64:</u>	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE		HEAD	64:	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	Police Service (Trinidad)		<u>Item</u>	001:	Police Service (Trinidad)	
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	31714,000	Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	4000,000
				Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	2000,000
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	3000,000
				Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	1000,000
				Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	2000,000
				Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	7000,000
				Sub-Item	21:	Repairs and Maintenance – Buildings	2000,000

				Sub-Item	23:	Fees	5000,000
				Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	500,000
				Sub-Item	40:	Food at Institutions	2000,000
				<u>Item</u>	002:	Police Service (Tobago)	
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	200,000
				Sub-Item	10:	Office Stationery and Supplies	100,000
				Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	100,000
				Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	1000,000
				Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	
				<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	Police Service (Trinidad)	
				Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	1814,000
		Total Head:	31714,000			Total Head:	31714,000
<u>HEAD</u>	<u>67:</u>	MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		HEAD	<u>67:</u>	MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	23:	Fees	3339,700	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	483,141
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	1094,661
<u>Item</u>	001:	<u>Pre-Investment</u>		Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	148,000
Sub-Item	03:	Development Institutions		Sub-Item	23:	Fees	13500,000
Project Group	L:	Line Ministries/ Government Agencies		Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	313,234
Project No.	006:	Relocation of Squatters	3454,905	Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	415,581
<u>Item</u>	004:	Social Infrastructure		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	49,248

Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services		<u>Item</u>	004:	Central Statistical Office	
Project Group	M:	Central Statistical Office		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	642,555
Project No.	052:	Conduct Survey of Living Conditions	600,000	Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	99,335
Project No.	053:	Conduct of Pre-Census Activities for the 2020 Population, Housing and Agriculture Census	1400,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	151,045
Item	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	3805,365
Sub-Item	03:	Development Institutions		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	38,098
Project Group	D:	Chaguaramas Area Development		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	346,646
Project No.	028:	Renovation of C44 Building	2000,000				
Project No.	034:	CDA Police Post Head Quarters – Retrofitting of the Base Building	2000,000				
Project No.	035:	Development of 5 Car Parks in Chaguaramas	4000,000				
Project No.	036:	Upgrade of Chaguaramas Golf Course - Phase I	2070,000				
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services					
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services		<u>Item</u>	005:	Urban and Regional Planning Division	
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	108,870
Project No.	020:	Restructuring of the C.S.O of Trinidad and Tobago	5000,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	29,126

Project No.	087:	Establishment of the Economic Development Advisory Board	700,000	Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
				<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfer	
				Sub-Item	01:	Environmental Management Authority	3339,700
		Total Head:	24564,605			Total Head:	24564,605
HEAD	<u>68:</u>	MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS		HEAD	68:	MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	34:	University Graduate Recruitment Programme	1000,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	1000,000
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		<u>Item</u>	006:	National Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres	
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	1000,000
Sub-Item	04:	The Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT)	11715,000	Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
<u>Item</u>	004:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services		Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	2100,000
Sub-Item	13:	Recreation and Culture		Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	5000,000
Project Group	C:	Sports		<u>Item</u>	002:	Physical Education and Sport Division	
Project No.	117:	Improvement to Indoor Sporting Arenas	1000,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	400,000
Project No.	121:	Hasely Crawford Stadium – Upgrade of Facilities	5000,000	<u>Item</u>	004:	Youth Centres	

Project No.	123:	Conduct a National Sport and Recreational Census	200,000	Sub-Item	16:	Contract Employment	2215,000
Sub-Item	14:	Social and Community Services		Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Project Group	D:	Youth Development		<u>Item</u>	<u>009</u> :	Other Transfers	
Project No.	009:	Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities	1500,000	Sub-Item	04:	The Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago	12200,000
Project No.	010:	Refurbishment of the Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centre	2700,000				
<u>Item</u>	<u>005</u> :	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services					
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services					
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services					
Project No.	008:	Installation of a Wide Area Network	500,000				
Project No.	009:	Develop a Domestic Sport and Research Database	300,000				
		Total Head:	23915,000			Total Head:	23915,000
HEAD	<u>75:</u>	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL		HEAD	75:	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL	
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure	
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration	
Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	20,000	Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance	50,000
Sub-Item	27:	Official Overseas Travel	10,000				

Sub-Item	99:	Employee Assistance Programme	10,000				
Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases					
<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration					
Sub-Item	03:	Furniture and Furnishings	10,000				
		Total Head:	F0 000			Total Head:	F0.000
		Total Head:	50,000			Total Head:	50,000
HEAD	<u>77:</u>	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES		<u>HEAD</u>	<u>77:</u>	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES	
Sub-Head	01:	Personnel Expenditure		Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services	
<u>Item</u>	<u>001:</u>	General Administration		<u>Item</u>	001:	General Administration	
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and COLA	235,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	2700,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	435,000
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	2200,000	Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease – Vehicles and Equipment	61,000
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and COLA	2325,928	Sub-Item	22:	Short-term Employment	1350,000
				Sub-Item	27:	Official Overseas Travel	100,000
Sub-Item	14:	Remuneration to Members of Cabinet-Appointed Committees	80,000	Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	1136,021
<u>Item</u>	003:	Animal Health and Production		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	471,751
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	800,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	500,000
<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Horticulture</u>		<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Agriculture</u>	
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and COLA	800,000	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	67,728
<u>Item</u>	006:	Surveys and Mapping		Sub-Item	13:	Maintenance of Vehicles	250,000

Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	700,000	Sub-Item	15:	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	100,000
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and COLA	700,011	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	275,000
Sub-Item	08:	Vacant Post – Salaries and COLA (without incumbents)	200,000	<u>Item</u>	003:	Animal Production and Health	
<u>Item</u>	007:	Land Management		Sub-Item	01:	Travelling and Subsistence	750,000
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	153,000	Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	2,289
Sub-Item	05:	Government's Contribution to N.I.S.	50,000	Sub-Item	12:	Materials and Supplies	200,000
Sub-Item	20:	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Daily Rated Workers	13,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	30,200
Sub-Item	27:	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance – Monthly Paid Officers	10,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	80,000
Item	<u>010:</u>	<u>Forestry</u>		<u>Item</u>	004:	<u>Horticulture</u>	
				Sub-Item	04:	Electricity	22,683
Sub-Item	01:	Salaries and COLA	750,000				
Sub-Item	02:	Wages and COLA	2630,000	Sub-Item	28:	Other Contracted Services	63,000
Sub-Item	14:	Remuneration to Members of Cabinet-Appointed Committees	400,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	800,000
Sub-Head	02:	Goods and Services		Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	100,000
<u>Item</u>	002:	<u>Agriculture</u>		<u>Item</u>	<u>006:</u>	Surveys and Mapping	
Sub-Item	22:	Short-Term Employment	140,000	Sub-Item	03:	Uniforms	550
				Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	460,356
Sub-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	411,750

<u>Item</u>	002:	Commonwealth Bodies		Sub-Item	09:	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	843,000
Sub-Item	01:	Commonwealth Forestry Association	3,000	Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	200,000
Sub-Item	02:	Commonwealth Forestry Institute	50,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	925,625
Sub-Item	03:	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International	2,500	<u>Item</u>	007:	Land Management	
<u>Item</u>	<u>003:</u>	<u>United Nations Organizations</u>		Sub-Item	08:	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	150,787
Sub-Item	03:	Food and Agriculture Organisation – World Food Programme	130,000	Sub-Item	37:	Janitorial Services	38,204
<u>Item</u>	005:	Non-profit Institutions		Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	37,000
Sub-Item	03:	F.A.O. Representation in Trinidad and Tobago	154,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	15,000
<u>Item</u>	<u>007:</u>	<u>Households</u>		<u>Item</u>	008:	<u>Fisheries</u>	
Sub-Item	05:	Compensation	132,000	Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	15,831
Sub-Item	06:	Ex-Gratia Payments	200,000	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	45,364
<u>Item</u>	<u>008:</u>	Subsidies		Sub-Item	57:	Postage	800
Sub-Item	02:	Incentive Programme	90,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	15,000
Sub-Item	03:	Forestry Incentive Programme	210,000	<u>Item</u>	<u>010:</u>	<u>Forestry</u>	
<u>Item</u>	009:	Other Transfers		Sub-Item	05:	Telephones	1800,000
Sub-Item	01:	Livestock and Livestock Products Board	482,051	Sub-Item	43:	Security Services	830,000
Sub-Item	02:	Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA)	500,000	Sub-Item	96:	Fuel and Lubricants	175,000
Sub-Item	03:	Expansion and Development of Farmers' Market	500,000	Sub-Head	03:	Minor Equipment Purchases	

Sub-Item	05:	Tourism Development Facilities	513,449	<u>Item</u>	<u>002:</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>	
<u>Item</u>	010:	Other Transfers Abroad		Sub-Item	04:	Other Minor Equipment	140,000
Sub-Item	04:	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	14,000				
Sub-Item	05:	International Organization of Epizootics (OIE)	9,500				
Sub-Item	06:	International Hydrographic Organization (I.H.O.)	2,000				
Sub-Item	07:	Caribbean 4-H Council	4,000				
Sub-Item	08:	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	12,500				
Sub-Item	09:	Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA)	116,000				
Sub-Item	13:	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resource	17,000				
Sub-Item	14:	International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas	200,000				
Sub-Item	15:	Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism	70,000				
		Total Head:	15598,939			Total Head:	15598,939
HEAD	78:	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES		HEAD	78:	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	

Sub-Head	09:	Development Programme		Sub	-Head	04:	Current Transfers and Subsidies	
Item	004:	Social Infrastructure		Iten	า	007:	Households	
Sub-Item	14:	Social and Community Services			-Item	02:	Senior Citizens Grant	15500,000
Project Group	C:	Welfare Services						
Project No.	095:	DRETCHI Refurbishment/ Reconfiguration	2000,000					
Project No.	096:	Development Centre for Persons with Challenges	2000,000					
Project No.	128:	Providing Access to All at MSDFS Facilities	1000,000					
Project No.	131:	Community Therapeutic Services for Persons with Disabilities	1500,000					
<u>Item</u>	005:	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services						
Sub-Item	06:	General Public Services						
Project Group	A:	Administrative Services						
Project No.	032:	Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise Management System/E Pass	9000,000					
		Total Head:	15500,000				Total Head:	15500,000
		GRAND TOTAL:	1183532,006					1183532,006

Explanation for Transfers in fiscal year 2018

HEAD 01 - PRESIDENT - \$392,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and COLA and Government's Contribution to NIS up to September, 2018 as provisions were utilized to meet outstanding arrears of Salaries and Increments - \$250,000.

To meet shortfall under Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly Paid Officers in order to process payments to M & M Insurance Company up to September, 2018 as a result of an increase in contributions with effect from October 01, 2017 - \$7,000.

To facilitate the purchase of computer and printers to replace same which are obsolete and are required for use by Administrative staff and also to upgrade the cheque writing system and to replace three (3) cellular phones for use by the Secretary to His Excellency, the Comptroller of Household Affairs and the spouse of His Excellency - \$135,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were realized under Rent/Lease – Vehicles and Equipment as expenditure was curtailed under this Sub-item to allow for spending under other priority areas - \$30,000.

Under contract employment several positions which were previously utilized were no longer required - \$302,000.

Expenditure was curtailed under Official Entertainment in order to reprioritize spending to other areas - \$60,000.

HEAD 02 - AUDITOR GENERAL - \$346,000

Reasons for Transfer

Additional funds were required for the following:

- To facilitate the payment to the end of the fiscal year for motor vehicle and mileage claims and salaries for officers under Short Term Employment \$310,000.
- To facilitate the purchase of one (1) photocopying machine for use in the Tobago Office \$35,000.
- To meet annual subscription fees to the Commonwealth Auditors General Conference Fund and the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) - \$1,000.

Savings were realized under Personnel Expenditure as increments were not finalized for payment and vacant posts falling under Trinidad (General Administration) and the Tobago office were not filled - \$310,000.

Expenditure was curtailed under Office Stationery and Supplies and Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions in an effort to facilitate spending under other priority areas - \$36,000.

HEAD 03 - JUDICIARY - \$12,494,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet payment of Travelling and Subsistence allowances up to August, 2018 for Marshall's Assistants, Bailiffs, Officers of the Judges Team and Family Court Officers - \$2,200,000.

To facilitate payment for rent/lease – office accommodation for locations housing several Magistrates Courts and the Children Court - \$4,537,000.

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and Allowances for the month of September, 2018 for contract officers assigned at the Trinidad Courts, the Family Court and the Children Court - \$5,757,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings accrued under Salaries and COLA of the Judiciary (Trinidad) as payments for acting and increments were not paid as anticipated approvals were outstanding - \$2,705,000.

Vacant positions on the establishment of the Judiciary (Trinidad), Tobago, Family Court and Children Court were not filled as anticipated therefore budgeted allocations under several Personnel Expenditure sub-items were not fully utilized - \$2,364,000.

Savings totaling \$7,425,000 were realized under several Public Sector Investment Projects (PSIP) due to the following reasons:

- Reprioritization of project implementation based on the Judiciary's capacity to successfully implement projects before the end of the fiscal year;
- Due to funding constraints contracts could not be awarded in a timely manner to allow for project commencement

HEAD 05 - PARLIAMENT - \$1,900,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and Allowances for contract staff to the end of the fiscal year - \$1,900,000.

Reasons for Savings

Vacant positions on the staff establishment of the General Administration Division and Office of the Ombudsman were not filled as anticipated therefore savings accrued under Salaries and COLA, Allowances – Monthly Paid Officers and Vacant Post – Salaries and COLA (without incumbents) - \$1,900,000.

HEAD 07 - STATUTORY AUTHORITIES' SERVICE COMMISSION - \$420,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the purchase of the undermentioned minor equipment to replace unserviceable items and to also upgrade existing equipment:

- i) For the purchase of computers, printers and related accessories for use throughout the Commission to enhance its administrative, evaluation and monitoring and training capabilities \$295,000;
- ii) For the purchase of desks, ergonomic chairs and cabinets \$50,000;
- iii) For the purchase of a new PBX System \$75,000.

Reasons for Savings

Expenditure under the Other Contracted Services sub-item totaling \$420,000 was suppressed in order to facilitate the purchase of priority minor equipment items.

HEAD 12 - PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAL BOARD - \$22,500

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the purchase of two (2) each computers and printers to replace same which are obsolete - \$22,500.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were available under Salaries and COLA as audited worksheets to effect payment of arrears of increments were not competed - \$22,500.

HEAD 13 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER - \$8,502,342

Reasons for Transfer

Funds are required to facilitate the payment of subventions for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 to New Life Ministries and Childline for the respective establishment and administration of a Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre and expansion of Childline to serve as a National Hotline for students - \$1,000,000.

To facilitate the initial semi-annual principal and interest payments in the sum of \$7,502,342 to NPDEC on a \$56.0Mn loan payable on January 27, 2018 which is being used for:

- Modernization programmes for the St. Michael's School for Boys, the St. Mary's Children's Home and St. Dominic's Children's Home;
- Construction of a Regional Assessment Centre in Manahambre, an Assessment Centre in Chaguanas, Workshop Centres in Princes Town and St. Madeline and a Transition Home in St. Madeline.

Savings were identified under the General Administration Security Services vote as security services previously provided by a private company (Executive Security Services Unit) was terminated and is now being provided by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service - \$1,000,000.

Funds under the Expenses of Cabinet-Appointed Bodies were not utilized as projected as not all Committees were appointed as anticipated - \$7,502,342.

HEAD 18 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE - \$555,075,192

Reasons for Transfer

Additional funds in the sum of \$18,000,000 are required under the Personnel Expenditure sub-head of the Customs and Excise Division to meet the following payments:

- \$5,480,000 to meet payment of Salaries and COLA for the month of September, 2018;
- \$10,500,000 to meet outstanding arrears of overtime for 2016;
- \$2,000,000 to meet payment of arrears of hazardous allowances to Customs Guards and Officers;
- \$20,000 to meet payment of overtime allowance to daily paid workers to the end of the fiscal year.

Under the Treasury Division additional funds are required to facilitate the revalidation of two (2) Ministry of Energy and Energy Industry's cheques dated April 28, 2016 in favour of National Petroleum Marketing Company which became void - \$130,000,000;

To facilitate payment by the Customs and Excise Division to Leidos Inc for the maintenance and operationalization of four (4) mobile scanners located at the Port of Spain - \$6,874,329.

Additional funds are required to bring to account debit advices with respect to the interest on the overdraft held by the Central Bank - \$400,000,000.

To meet a shortfall which represents interest payment on a \$138.6Mn Bond Issue on behalf of the National Maintenance Training and Security Co. Ltd. (MTS) for the construction of ten (10) Secondary Schools under the Secondary Education Modernization Programme (SEMP) - \$1,295.

To allow the Board of Inland Revenue under its Development Programme to meet payment for CCTV camera systems installed during fiscal 2017 at District Revenue Offices located in Arima, Chaguanas, Couva and San Fernando - \$199,568.

Reasons for Savings

Expenditure under the Customs and Excise Salaries and COLA vote (\$3.8Mn) and Overtime – Monthly Paid Officers (\$3.0Mn) were suppressed in order to facilitate a transfer of \$6.8Mn to meet urgent costs for the maintenance and operationalization of four (4) scanners located at the Port of Port of Spain - \$6,874,329.

The Inland Revenue Division suppressed expenditure under its Repairs and Maintenance – Equipment vote in order to prioritize outstanding payments from fiscal 2017 for the installation of CCTV Cameras at several District Revenue Officers - \$199,568.

Savings under the Investments Division Other Contracted Services vote were available as expenditure for the procurement of liquidators, payment of severance benefits and settlement of outstanding liabilities in

relation to winding up of operations of several Special Purpose/Wholly-Owned State Enterprises was lower than projected - \$18,000,000.

Under the Ministry's Current Transfers and Subsidies Sub-head a total of \$530,000,000 is available as a result of:

- i) The Food Price Support Programme was reviewed and resulted in a reduction of persons meeting the qualifying criteria for the issuance of food cards \$50.0Mn;
- ii) The Voluntary Separation of Employment Package for the Central Tenders Board was not implemented due to administrative delays \$10.0Mn;
- Policy guidelines to administer both the Business Stimulus Programme and the Fiscal Incentive Programme for Farmers were not finalized in fiscal 2018. The respective sums of \$50.0Mn and \$20.0Mn were available;
- iv) Contribution to Caribbean Development Bank there was no agreement on the final amount to be paid for fiscal 2018. This is now projected to be finalized in fiscal 2019 \$13,000,000;
- v) Infrastructure Development Fund expenditure under the Fund did not materialize as initially projected and savings were realized given that not all programmes / projects could be implemented as projected as contracts were not finalized. Additionally not all payments could be processed as the verification / auditing of the scope of works completed by contractors were not finalized \$150,000,000;
- vi) CARICOM Development Fund the administrative requirements to facilitate payments to the Fund were not finalized in fiscal 2018 and as such the contribution will now be made in early 2019 \$70,000,000;
- vii) First Citizens Bank Limited Indemnity Calls there was no Indemnity Calls which required payments by the Bank in fiscal 2018 \$50,000,000;
- viii) Private/Public Housing Construction Incentive Programme funding was not required during fiscal 2018 as the policy guidelines for the Programme were not fully developed to allow for implementation \$50,000,000;
- ix) Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre expenditure was lower than projected given that the IFC was able to utilize some of its own funds- \$19,000,000;
- x) Tourism Development Company Limited not all the funding provided in fiscal 2018 was fully utilized in winding up the operations of the Organization. There is also an outstanding Court matter that is still to be adjudicated on \$13,000,000;
- xi) EXIM Bank Forex Facility funding was not utilized in fiscal 2018 as the policy guidelines for the operationalization of the Facility was not completed \$35,000,000.

Savings were realized under the Transfers to State Enterprises – BWIA West Indies Airways Ltd as all residual payments for fiscal 2018 were paid - \$1,295.

HEAD 22 - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY - \$82,500,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the purchase of repeater radios and related accessories estimated at \$5.0Mn for the radar centres located throughout the country and to meet the operational costs of several agencies which are part of the National Security architecture (\$12.0Mn) and are engaged in classified crime fighting initiatives - \$17.0Mn.

To meet the payment of commitments to the end of the fiscal year under the General Administration travelling and subsistence, rent/lease office accommodation and storage, telephones and repairs and maintenance buildings votes - \$3,300,000.

To facilitate payment of salaries and allowances for contract staff and to process payments to Overseas Missions on behalf of Nationals living abroad - \$3,700,000.

To process outstanding travelling claims for the period 2011-2015 for Fire Service personnel and to also pay outstanding salary to Fire Guardians - \$2,800,000.

To provide an additional sum totaling \$4.0Mn to meet bills on hand across several sub-items under the Prisons Service inclusive of developmental training for Prison Officers and the purchase/repairs of body scanner equipment and for the repairs and maintenance of buildings - \$4.0Mn.

To provide an additional sum of \$27.0Mn for the provision to the end of the fiscal year for the following items/service for the prison inmate population:

• Material and supplies - \$ 3.0Mn

• Food at Institutions - \$10.0Mn

• Prisoner transportation - \$14.0Mn

To meet payment under the Immigration Division's repairs and maintenance equipment vote to Canadian Bank Note Company Ltd for an extension of maintenance and support services for Passports, Facial Recognition, Border Control, eVisa and the supply and delivery and Machine Readable Passports - \$4,700,000.

To facilitate the procurement of 250 Stab Proof Vests for the Prison Service - \$2.0Mn.

To provide an additional sum of \$18.0Mn under the Ministry's Current Transfer and Subsidies Sub-head to fund the following:

- The operational costs of the Civilian Conservation Corps Programme for a further one year period from 01 December, 2018 to cater for two (2) cycles with an intake of an estimated 800 trainees \$12.0Mn;
- To facilitate the provision of CCTV cameras and fencing at the Military Led Academic Training facilities \$4.0Mn;
- To facilitate shortfall in provision to allow for the payment of salaries for the period June-September 2018 for staff attached to the National Crime Prevention Programme \$2.0Mn.

Reasons for Savings

Savings in the respective sums of \$38.5Mn and \$8.5Mn under Fire Service Salaries and COLA and Allowance - Monthly Paid Officers accrued due to allocations being made for an intake of two (2) batches

however, due to administrative delays by the Service Commissions Department in releasing examination results only an intake of one (1) batch was permissible in September, 2018 - \$47.0Mn.

Due to administrative delays in obtaining approvals and auditing of paysheets not all overtime claims was paid by the Fire Service - \$2.8Mn.

Due to administrative and Human Resource Management initiatives the Prison Service was able to reduce its expenditure on the payment of overtime in order to facilitate the transfer of funds to other areas - \$12.0Mn.

Savings were available under the Air Guard's maintenance of vehicles vote as the Government decided to ground the operations of four (4) AW139 Helicopters this resulted in a reduction of operational costs and maintenance services required - \$16.0Mn.

The Immigration Division suppressed expenditure totaling \$4.7Mn under several minor equipment votes (furniture and furnishings \$3.0Mn and other minor equipment \$1.1Mn) and the Immigration Detention Centre \$600,000 - \$4.7Mn.

HEAD 26 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - \$131,542,664

Reasons for Transfer

Additional funds were required to meet the payment of Salaries and COLA for the month of September, 2018 for Secondary and Primary School Teachers in the respective sums of \$14,000,000 and \$13,000,000 - \$27,000,000.

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and COLA for the month of September to officers at the National Examinations Council and the Scholarships and Advanced Training Division - \$770,000.

To meet the payment of Overtime for Daily Rated Workers up to the end of the fiscal year for officers at the Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry - \$400,000.

To provide additional funds for the payment of Salaries and Allowances for contract officers under the General Administration Division and the Scholarships and Advanced Training Division for the period July-August, 2018 - \$16,500,000.

To meet shortfall in allocation to facilitate payment of Salaries and Allowances for short term contract officers for August and September, 2018 - \$7,649,600.

Additional funds are required to meet outstanding payment for the provision of security services by the National Maintenance, Training and Security Co. Ltd. (\$18.2Mn) and also for other security companies for services provided in fiscal 2017 and 2018 (\$3.2Mn) - \$21,451,389.

To provide additional funds to the University of Trinidad and Tobago as agreed to by Cabinet in June, 2018 to meet a shortfall on its operational expenses inclusive of trade liabilities for the period July – September, 2018 - \$31,000,000.

To ensure that the National Schools Dietary Services Ltd. can meet payments for bills on hand to caterers and suppliers and also for the provision of meals to students in September, 2018 - \$26,771,675.

Reasons for Savings

Savings accrued under Salaries and COLA, Government's Contribution to NIS and Allowances – Monthly Paid Officers for several Divisions of the Ministry as approvals for acting appointments and payment of increments were not received in a timely to effect payment before the end of the fiscal year - \$3,201,407.

There was no policy decision in place with respect to employment of persons under the University Graduate Recruitment Programme therefore funds were not utilized - \$1,000,000.

Under Minor Equipment Purchases, savings are available as the sum of \$60.0Mn was provided for the purchase of 13,600 laptops however the contract for the acquisition of these items was awarded in the sum of \$50.7Mn. - \$8,000,000.

There was a reprioritization of expenditure across several Divisions of the Ministry with respect to purchases under: Office Equipment, Furniture and Furnishings and Other Minor Equipment in order to provide additional funding to the National Schools Dietary Services Ltd. - \$2,495,000.

Under the Ministry's Current Transfers and Subsidies Sub-head, savings were realized under the following votes:

- There was a reprioritization of expenditure under Grants to Government Secondary Schools Education Programme \$14,000,000;
- The fee structure and payment thereof agreed to by Cabinet in August 30, 2018 for the new
 academic year in September 2018 with respect to Special Education Needs (SEN) Student Grant
 payable for students diagnosed with Special Education needs did not materialize neither did the
 anticipated increase in the number of qualifying Private Special Schools registered with the
 Ministry \$13,000,000;
- Cabinet's approval for the implementation of Grants for the Expansion of Universal ECCE expired in June 2017 and the Ministry is currently undertaking a strategic review of the programme to determine its viability in the context of Government's Vision for Education \$17,649,600;
- Cabinet's approval was not obtained for the disbursement of funds for the School of Nursing and the Student Nurses Stipend \$5,500,000;
- The Ministry is currently undertaking a strategic review of the Administrative Units which coordinate the Higher Education Research Fund, the National Commission for Higher Education,
 Bursaries/Financial Assistance Tertiary and the St. Augustine Education City therefore
 expenditure was reprioritized under these areas \$965,000;
- Due to staffing constraints at the Distance Learning Secretariat not all programmes were undertaken during fiscal 2018 \$205,000;

Under the Ministry's Development Programme savings were realized across several projects as follows:

- Support to non-university tertiary education \$6,000,000;
- o Tobago Technology Centre \$1,500,000;
- Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry Improvement of Facilities -\$1,500,000;
- o John S. Donaldson Technical Institute Improvement of Facilities \$1,842,939;
- San Fernando Technical Institute Upgrade of Facilities and Equipment \$2,000,000;
- o Building of the International Fine Cocoa Innovation Centre \$6,800,000;
- Upgrade of the Campus Sewer Collection System and Treatment Plant \$11,605,000;
 Cabinet's approval is required for the next phase of construction on these projections are pending.
 - Establishment of the University of Trinidad and Tobago \$143,415;

Priority works under the project was completed in fiscal 2018, however Cabinet's approval is required for the new project activities.

- o UTT Pt. Lisas Campus \$2,507,043;
- Mayaro Skills and Technology Centre \$287,500;
- o Development works at the University of the West Indies \$2,914,000;
- Expansion of the School of Dentistry at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex -\$500,000;

The Ministry reprioritized expenditure under these four (4) projects.

Enhancing the Information Technology Infrastructure of the Ministry - \$4,926,760;

Cabinet's approval is pending to proceed with this project.

o Seamless Education System Project - \$10,000,000;

This is a 100% funded IDB Loan Project of which the first phase has been completed. The second loan tranche is in the negotiation phase therefore not all funds were required as several components of the project would not be initiated;

o School Improvement Project Laventille Community - \$10,000,000;

Due to the slow pace of project commencement not all components were completed during fiscal 2018.

o Relocation of Ministry of Education – Head Office - \$3,000,000;

The project's budgeted allocation was not fully utilized in fiscal 2018 since there was insufficient funds to complete the project.

HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - \$33,000,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet shortfall in provisions to allow for the following payments:

- Travelling and Subsistence allowance for officers under the General Administration and Vertical Services - \$600,000;
- To facilitate payment of salaries and allowances for officers on contract employment and short term employment \$6,424,979.

To meet outstanding payment inclusive of interest to NIPDEC for legal fees (VAT inclusive) in respect of Arbitrator's Award in the matter of NH International Caribbean Ltd in connection with construction of the Scarborough General Hospital. This is in keeping with the Privy Council's Judgement - \$3.0Mn.

To facilitate the undermentioned payments under the Current Transfers and Subsidies Sub-head of the Ministry:

- Annual contributions for the years 2017 and 2018 to the World Health Organisation Regular Budget
 \$1,004,630;
- The payment of stipends to members of the Children's Life Fund Authority \$400,000;
- Payment of outstanding stipends for 2017 and 2018 to Directors and Members of the Board of the National Health Services Co. Ltd. \$570,391.

To facilitate the shortfall in provision to meet payments under the Ministry's Development Programme for:

- Outstanding bills and commitments to the end of the fiscal year for External Patients Programme
 Haemodialysis Services provided by private medical institutions \$20.0Mn;
- Services provided by RioMed for implementation, upgrade and support for equipment/software for HIV and Sexual Health Services rendered to the National Aids Co-ordinating Committee -\$1.0Mn.

Reasons for Savings

The Ministry reprioritized expenditure under its Other Transfers – Regional Health Authority in the sum of \$3.0Mn to facilitate outstanding legal fee to NIPDEC - \$3.0Mn.

The Pt. Fortin six (6) months Short Term Loan – First Citizens Bank Ltd. is being refinanced for a further three (3) years after which the principal amount will become due. As a result only Interest payments were paid in fiscal 2018 resulting in savings of \$30.0Mn.

HEAD 30 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT - \$34,874,571

Reasons for Transfer

To meet previous years outstanding remuneration for Members of several boards and also to the end of the fiscal year and to also meet the shortfall in Salaries and COLA for officers from the Co-operatives Division - \$1,647,100.

To facilitate the On the Job Training Programme to meet payment of outstanding bills from fiscal 2016/2017 for office stationery and supplies and also for other contracted services - \$337,428.

Under the Ministry's Current Transfers and Subsidies Sub-head additional funds were required to meet the following:

- Operational expenses for August and September, 2018 and to settle arrears of salaries for locally recruited staff for the period January, 2018 – June 2018 for the Liaison Office in Canada - \$858,000;
- Payment of Salaries and Allowances as agreed to by Cabinet in July 2018 and in accordance with
 the terms outlined in the Consent Orders of the Industrial Court in respect of workers under the
 Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) who were terminated during the period 2010 and 2011 \$21,944,303;
- Payment of a Voluntary Separation of Employment Plan (VSEP) and a Voluntary Enhanced Early Retirement Plan (VEERP) as a result of a restructuring Plan for the National Entrepreneurship Development Coompany Ltd. (NEDCO) as agreed to by Cabinet in July 2018 \$6,368,740.

To facilitate a shortfall in provision to allow the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies to meet Salaries and Allowance for its contract officers and to pay outstanding bills under Other Contracted Services - \$3,119,000.

To meet payment of outstanding bills for fiscal 2016/2017 under the development programme's nationwide awareness of workplace rights and responsibilities - \$600,000.

The allocation under Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance – Monthly Paid Officers for the On the Job Training (OJT) Programme was sufficient to meet expenditure to the end of the fiscal year as a result savings were available - \$337,428.

Savings were available under the Training component of the OJT as there was a higher intake of trainees receiving stipends in the lower bracket than the higher bracket as previously anticipated. In addition, trainees attached to schools were not paid a stipend during the school vacation periods - \$29,418,143.

The Ministry delayed implementation of several projects under the Development Programme in order to prioritize payments of Salaries and Allowances to the former URP workers - \$4,519,000.

No expenditure was incurred in fiscal 2018 as work to assess the national enterprise investment fund continues in collaboration with the National Entrepreneurship Development Company (NEDCO) - \$200,000.

Savings have been realized under information communication technology implementation plan as the decision was taken to utilize internal capacity rather than outsourcing - \$400,000.

HEAD 35 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM - \$9,450,000

Reasons for Transfer

Cabinet agreed to dissolve the Tourism Development Company (TDC) in March of 2017 and also subsequently agreed in June of 2017 to transfer the management of the operations of beach facilities at Las Cuevas, Manzanilla, Maracas and Vessigny and the La Brea Pitch Lake to the Ministry of Tourism. Additional funds were therefore required under the Ministry's General Administration Division sub-items: telephones (\$550,000), office stationery and supplies (\$150,000) and security services (\$4,000,000) to implement institutional and security arrangements at the aforementioned sites - \$4,700,000.

To also meet shortfalls in provisions to cover expenditure for electricity (\$600,000), Water and Sewerage Rates (\$1,200,000) and Janitorial Services (\$2,800,000) at these sites - \$4,600,000.

To meet the payment of rental for boots located at Piarco Airport and Cruise Ship Complex which were previously paid by the TDC - \$150,000.

Reasons for Savings

The new Tourism Trinidad Destination Management Co. Ltd. became fully operational in April, 2018 therefore cost savings were realized under personnel expenditure, rent and utilities - \$4,850,000.

The full scope of the project Tourism Agency-Trinidad was not implemented in fiscal 2018 therefore savings accrued - \$4,600,000.

HEAD 38 - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION - \$90,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate payment of areas of salary, increments and acting allowance to a former Administrative Officer II who was on suspension since 2013 but was however reinstated by the Service Commissions Department - \$90,000.

Expenditure was suppressed under telephones to facilitate the transfer of funds - \$50,000.

Expenditure was suppressed under Official Overseas Travel to accommodate the transfer of funds - \$40,000.

HEAD 39 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES - \$47,550,612

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the cost of filling six (6) vacant contract positions and increase in salary based on revised terms and conditions as recommended by the Chief Personnel Officer for twenty nine (29) employees - \$1,127,000.

To meet payment of salaries to short term employees for the period May to September 2018 - \$1,373,000.

To meet the cost of travel for the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Ministry's Programme Manager to participate in the "Eye on Latin America and the Caribbean activities" in Stockholm, Sweden held on August 27-30, 2018 - \$35,050.

To effect payment to T&TEC for street lighting and repairs on roadways, highways, parks and recreation grounds for the month of January, May, July and August, 2018 - \$35,693,961.

To reimburse the WASA for Water Improvement Rates cash collections received for April 2018 - \$9,321,601.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were realized as there were no recruits under the University Graduate Recruitment Programme for fiscal 2018 - \$1,000,000.

The repayments of several T&TEC loans as follows: the National Gas Company (\$318Mn), Cove Power Station (\$53Mn) and Trinidad Generation Unlimited (\$92Mn) were completed in fiscal 2018. Savings was realized due to exchange rate variations - \$21,047,293.

The repayments for T&TEC's 8 year and 14 year Bond Facilities have been rescheduled for November 2018. This was due to the finalizing of details in the 3rd quarter of 2018 - \$25,503,319.

HEAD 42 - MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - \$21,954,027

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the payment of Salaries and Allowances for the months of August and September, 2018 for contract employment staff - \$3,428,000.

To provide additional funds to meet shortfall for the operational expenses of the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd. (RDC) for June-August, 2018 as agreed to by Cabinet in July, 2018 - \$1,500,000.

To meet payment of outstanding retiring benefits to Daily-Rated employees of the ten (10) Regional Corporations for the period February-July, 2018 - \$17,026,027.

Savings were available under Salaries and COLA and Vacant Posts - Salaries and COLA (without incumbents) as from the 385 positions of Municipal Police Officers only 110 were inducted in August, 2018 - \$1,678,000;

There were no recruitments under the University Graduate Recruitment Programme - \$1,000,000.

Due to prudent financial management and a rationalization of goods and services and equipment for the Community Based Environment Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) the full allocation was not utilized in fiscal 2018 - \$17,026,027.

The allocation under the Project-Implementation of the Dog Control Act, 2013 and the Dog Control (Amendment) Act, 2014 was not fully utilized in fiscal 2018 as the Ministry decided to re-establish the San Fernando Dog Pound at its previous location on Lady Hailes Avenue at a minimal cost of \$750,000 pending construction of a Regional Pound Facility in fiscal 2019 - \$2,250,000.

HEAD 43 - MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT - \$132,075,554

Reasons for Transfer

To allow the Traffic Management Division to facilitate the payment of wages for its cadre of daily paid employees for the period July-September, 2018 - \$4,000,000.

To allow the Maintenance Division to meet outstanding payments for travelling allowances, and telephones to the end of the fiscal year and to also renew Software Licenses for Facilities Management, Autodesk, Forticare Firewall and Online Vehicle Registration System - \$1,650,000.

For the Drainage Division to meet outstanding payment to contractors totaling \$8.5Mn for work related for Desilting of Watercourses and to meet payment of \$7.0Mn for work associated with the Comprehensive Desilting of Watercourses Programme as agreed to by Cabinet in March, 2018 - \$15,500,000.

To allow the Mechanical Services Division to purchase materials, fuel and lubricants and conduct repairs and maintenance to equipment and its administrative building and other site offices - \$2,000,000.

For the payment by the Transport Division to Cherami Ltd for the supply of the New Driving Permit System - \$5.0Mn and to pay Amalgamated Security the outstanding sum of \$2.5Mn for the provision of security services - \$7,500,000.

To allow payment by the Highways Division and the Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Unit for repairs and the acquisition of parts inclusive of tyres and batteries for its fleet of trucks, vans and road paving equipment - \$1,310,000.

For the Highways Division to effect payment for emergency rehabilitative road works as a result of high levels of rainfall in October, 2017 and to continue to undertake emergency landslip repairs, bridge and culvert maintenance and drainage and road surface rehabilitation works in fiscal 2018 - \$21,649,814.

To allow for the cost of routine and semi-routine maintenance works undertaken by the Traffic Management Division on traffic signals and the high tension cable barriers along the Uriah Butler and Sir Solomon Hochoy Highways - \$5,000,000.

To provide additional funds to the Drainage Division to continue with its programme of Desilting and Dredging of major watercourses and rivers - \$6,020,740.

To allow the Mechanical Services Division to purchase a wheel tractor with brush cutter attachment - \$185,000.

To provide additional funding to the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the following:

- Operating costs to the end of the year for the X-Ray Container/Vehicle System at the Port of Port of Spain - \$1,860,000;
- To facilitate the payment of arrears of Salaries and COLA to the Port's Estate Police Establishment \$23,400,000;
- To allow for the undertaking of infrastructural works related to operationalization of two (2) Mobile Scanners located at the Port \$2,500,000;

To allow the Ministry to meet its debt servicing obligations of National Helicopter Services Ltd. in fiscal 2018 in the sum of US\$5.8Mn as agreed to by Cabinet in September, 2018 - \$39,500,000.

Reasons for Savings

The allocation under the Highways - Allowances Daily Rated Workers was sufficient to cover expenditure to the end of the fiscal year - \$1,650,000.

Savings were available under Traffic Management – Other Contracted Services as the auditing of claims submitted and verification of works undertaken by contractors were not completed to allow for payment before the end of the fiscal year - \$4,000,000.

The Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Unit deferred expenditure under its Furniture and Furnishings vote - \$10,000.

Savings were available under the Ministry's Current Transfers and Subsidies Sub-head given that the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago requested funding in anticipation of the need to Charter Hire a Passenger Ferry to supplement the Ferry Service on the inter-island route. However, with the return of the T&T Spirit on the route there were no need for a Charter Hire Vessel - \$35,260,000.

Under the Ministry Development Programme's Projects savings were available as a result of the following:

- A total of \$15,500,000 under several Pre-Investment type projects falling under Administrative Services, Drainage and Irrigation and Air Transport could not commence or be completed due to:
 - o Being rescheduled for implementation in fiscal 2019;
 - Delays in finalization of project proposals therefore contracts could not be awarded;
 - Delays in obtaining project approvals therefore procurement type activities have been rescheduled to fiscal 2019;
- Under Economic Infrastructure Roads and Bridges:
 - Evaluation of claims and verification of works performed by contractors in previous years on roads and bridges rehabilitation was not completed - \$4,600,000;
 - Work on the improvement to the Maraval access was deferred for implementation in fiscal 2019 - \$15.0Mn.

Road Systems Operations and Services

The commencement of several project were delayed due to insufficient allocations to allow for the tendering process and the award of contracts - \$11,396,000.

Bus Transport

- The PTSC Board was reconstituted in July 2018 thereby delaying the award of contracts -\$2,500,000;
- The procurement process for the purchase of 100 new busses commenced in fiscal 2018 but delivery and final payment for the buses will be completed in fiscal 2019 \$23,800,000.

Drainage and Irrigation

The scope of works to be undertaken under the Major River Cleaning Programme was approved and contracts are expected to be finalized and awarded in fiscal 2019 - \$1,304,000.

Public Buildings

The allocation for the new Licensing Office, Arima was insufficient to allow for commencement of project activities - \$500,000.

Sea Transport

The scope of works and approval of same for Dredging of Government Shipping Service Basin was not finalized - \$13,670,554.

Administration

From the sum of \$5.0Mn allocated only \$1.0Mn was utilized to meet a downpayment for the procurement of an Amphibious Excavator under: Procurement of Critical Heavy Equipment for Emergency Response and Flood Relief - \$2,885,000.

HEAD 64 -TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE - \$31,714,000

Reasons for Transfer

To cover the cost of Civilian staff and officers' travelling and subsistence to September, 2018 - \$4,000,000.

To cover the cost for purchase of uniforms for new recruits and to pay outstanding uniform allowances to regular police officers - \$2,000,000.

To meet outstanding bill payments to TSTT for fiscal 2016/2017 and to cover current payments to the end of fiscal 2017/2018 - \$3,200,000.

To meet outstanding payments for rental of vehicles used for surveillance and intelligence gathering for June to August, 2018 - \$1,000,000.

To process outstanding payments for office stationery and supplies from fiscal 2017 to the end of fiscal 2018 - \$100,000.

To meet payment for supplies for the TTPS' dogs and diesel for generators for July to September, 2018 - \$100,000.

To meet outstanding payments to Lifestyle Motors for fiscal 2017 and to cover bills for maintenance of police vehicles for May to August, 2018 - \$3,000,000.

For the payment of salaries and allowances for twenty one (21) contracted Crime Scene Investigators for August and September, 2018 - \$7,000,000.

To meet outstanding repairs and maintenance for buildings payments for May to August, 2017 and for fiscal 2018 - \$2,000,000.

To meet payment for wrecking fees, software licenses and other fees for June to September, 2018 - \$5,000,000.

To meet payment to consultants contracted to assess First Division Officers with respect to promotions - \$500,000.

To process payment to food service providers for July and August, 2018 - \$2,000,000.

To finalize payment under Minor Equipment Purchases for the supply of female bullet-proof vests - \$1,814,000.

Reasons for Savings

Due to staffing constraints in the Auditing Department the following administrative process and auditing exercise was not completed to allow for payments in fiscal 2018 under Salaries and COLA resulting in a savings of \$31,714,000:

- i) classification of extended sick leave and payment of arrears of salaries due to 530 police officers for the period January 2011 to December 2013;
- ii) Outstanding increments and acting allowances for the various ranks of officers which required auditing but was not completed.

HEAD 67 - MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - \$24,564,605

Reasons for Transfer

To provide additional funds to meet shortfall under several Goods and Services sub-items spread across the Ministry (General Administration, Central Statistical Office and Urban and Regional Planning Division) in order to allow for continued operations to the end of the fiscal year - \$7,724,905.

To facilitate the payment by the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA) of outstanding sums inclusive of interest and cost owed to Insite Developers Ltd based on a High Court Judgement dated June 23, 2017 - \$13,500,000.

To allow the Environmental Management Authority to pay for legal costs (up to the Court of Appeal) for a matter brought by Fishermen and Friends of the Sea against the Environmental Management Authority, the Ministry of Works and Transport and contractors KALLCO - \$3,339,700.

Reasons for Savings

The CDA was able to utilize its financial resources to meet a final payment of an outstanding sum owed to Insite Developers Ltd based on a High Court Judgement dated June 23, 2017 - \$3,339,700.

Under the Ministry's Development Programme savings were available from several projects due to the following:

- The implementation rate and progress of some projects were slower than projected and as such the budgeted allocations were not fully utilized in fiscal 2018 \$8,724,905;
- The tendering process for the selection of a solution provider for an Information System for the Central Statistical Office was not completed in fiscal 2018 -\$5,000,000;
- o Several projects under the Chaguaramas Area Development were still in the planning stage and as such their full allocations were not utilized in fiscal 2018 \$7,500,000.

HEAD 68 - MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS - \$23,915,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the payment of Salaries and COLA to the end of the fiscal year for officers attached to the General Administration Division and the National Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres - \$2,000,000.

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and Allowances to the end of the fiscal year for contract officers at the General Administration Division and the Youth Centres - \$4,315,000.

To allow for the purchase of salt and other water treatment chemicals for use in the maintenance of swimming pools at Siparia, Sangre Grande, La Horquetta and Cocoyea - \$400,000.

To facilitate payment of outstanding bills to the National Maintenance Training and Security Co. Ltd. (MTS) for the provision of janitorial and security services at Dwight Yorke, Ato Boldon, Mannie Ramjohn and Larry Gomes Stadia and the Jean Pierre Sports Complex - \$5,000,000.

To facilitate the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT) to make payments to address outstanding debt obligations for facilities maintenance, security and janitorial services and operational costs for Stadia, Community Swimming Pools and Indoor Sporting Arenas. In addition, to also pay subventions to several National Governing Bodies (NGB's) - \$12,200,000.

Reasons for Savings

There was no recruitment under the University Graduate Recruitment Programme - \$1,000,000.

Under Current Transfer and Subsidies savings were available as the SPORTT was not projected to fully utilize its allocation as the organisation's operations were being streamlined to accommodate the establishment of the Sport Commission of Trinidad and Tobago (SCOTT) as agreed to by Cabinet in November 2017 - \$11,715,000.

Under the Ministry's Development Programme savings were realized due to the following:

- For the project improvement to Indoor Sporting Arenas, the installation of new synthetic turf was not undertaken as procurement for same was not finalized and instead repairs were undertaken to existing turf \$1,000,000;
- The Ministry of Works and Transport did not complete the specifications for the scope of works for the Hasely Crawford Stadium Upgrade of Facilities therefore no works were undertaken. Project is now deferred to fiscal 2019 \$5,000,000;
- The project to conduct a National Sport and Recreational Census was still in the preliminary planning stage and did not commence \$200,000;
- Tenders were not finalized to undertake refurbishment work at Basilian Street Youth Facility while
 the scope of works required for the Laventille Youth Facility was being reviewed by the Ministry's
 Project Management Unit \$1,500,000;
- NIPDEC terminated the contract for repairs to Chatam and Praesto Presto Youth Centres due to defective works in fiscal 2017. Payments were made in fiscal 2018 for works completed in 2017. Further works have been deferred to fiscal 2019 \$2,700,000;
- Projects for the installation of a Wide Area Network and Development of a Domestic Sport and Research Database did not commence as the respective procurement process and the project charter were not completed in fiscal 2018 - \$800,000.

HEAD 75 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL - \$50,000

Reason for Transfer

For the payment of arrears of acting allowances for February, 2015 to March, 2017 - \$50,000.

Reasons for Savings

Saving were realized under electricity due to shared office accommodation with the Equal Opportunity Commission. As such electricity payments are processed under Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs - \$20,000.

The decision was made not to incur expenditure under Official Overseas Travel to enable the transfer of funds - \$10,000.

There were no requests from employees to access the employee assistance programme - \$10,000.

Expenditure was suppressed under furniture and furnishings in order to facilitate the transfer of funds - \$10,000.

HEAD 77 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES - \$15,598,939

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate payment of outstanding claims for travelling and subsistence allowances for officers from the Animal Production and Health Division during June – August, 2018 - \$750,000.

To meet outstanding payment under the General Administration Division for the acquisition of a PBX System from Flow and for the provision of telecommunication services inclusive of internet connectivity and mobile services of the Ministry's Head Office for the period May 2017 – May 2018 - \$2,700,000.

To meet salaries for employees employed under short term contracts for the period March-May, 2018 who are assigned to the Ministry's Head Office – Praedial Larceny Squad and Caroni (1978) Ltd. residual staff - \$1,350,000.

To meet shortfall on allocation for the payment of rent for the local office of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) located at 134-138 Frederick Street, Port of Spain for the period March-September, 2018. To also facilitate payment to Complete Storage Solutions for offsite records storage for the period May-September, 2018 - \$435,000.

To facilitate payment of outstanding bills for janitorial services at the Head Office building for July and August, 2017 and to also meet payments for the period October 2017 to June 2018 - \$1,136,021.

To facilitate payment of osutanding bills for security services at the Head Office building for the period January-August, 2018 - \$471,751.

To allow the Forestry Division to meet large outstanding bills for the following:

- The acquisition of a PBX System from Columbus Communications Trinidad Ltd. (FLOW) and for the provision of telephone and internet connectivity at the Division's main office in St. James and for offices in San Fernando and the National Reforestation and Rehabilitation Programme office in St. Joseph \$1,800,000;
- Provision of security services at Division main office in St. James and an office in San Fernando and also for security services at the San Fernando Hill National Landmark, Fort George Historical Site, River Estate Historical Landmark and the Caroni Swamp Visitor's Facilities - \$830,000;

To allow the Horticulture Division to facilitate payment of security services for the period February, 2017 – July, 2018 provided at Queen's Park Savannah, La Pastora Plant Propagation Station and the Royal Botanic Gardens - \$800,000.

For the Surveys and Mapping Division to pay for:

- The provision of Janitorial and Security Services for its Frederick Street office during the period October, 2017 August, 2018 \$1,125,625;
- Outstanding payments to Massy Technologies for the rental of photocopiers and plotters for the period 2014-2017 \$843,000.

To facilitate the payment of outstanding bills for the acquisition of goods and services across several Divisions of the Ministry which cumulatively amounts to \$2,057,542.

To provide additional funds to allow several Divisions to bring to account the non-cash transactions with the Comptroller of Accounts for the use of the Fleet Card facility for the purchase of fuel and lubricants - \$1,160,000.

To allow the Agriculture Division to purchase Sprayers and Power Mist Blowers for application of insecticide in the control of locust infestation in South and Central Trinidad - \$140,000.

Reasons for Savings

Under the Ministry's Personnel Expenditure sub-head savings are available as follows:

- Due to retirement of monthly paid officers from the Agriculture, Animal Production and Health, Surveys and Mapping, Forestry and Land Management Divisions savings accrued under Salaries and COLA as the vacant positions were not filled - \$4,803,000;
- Due to retirements of daily paid workers from the Agriculture, Horticulture, General Administration and Surveys and Mapping Divisions, savings were available as the vacancies were not filled in fiscal 2018. The permanent daily paid cadre is being reviewed in consultation with the representative Union (NUGFW) with a view to filling the positions in 2019 - \$6,690,939;
- Under Remuneration to Members of Cabinet Appointed Committees the Agricultural Consultative
 Committee did not meet during the year and all other Committees under the Agriculture Division
 were non-functional. Similarly under the Forestry Division only the Wildlife Conservation
 Committee was functional during the year \$480,000;
- There were small savings under the Land Management Division from Government's Contribution to NIS, Group Health Insurance Daily Rated workers and Monthly Paid officers \$73,000.

Under Goods and Services the Agriculture Division reprioritized expenditure from Short Term Employment to make available funds for the purchase of minor equipment for use in locust eradication exercises in South and Central Trinidad - \$140,000.

Under Current Transfers and Subsidies savings totaling \$3,412,000 were available due to the following:

• Several foreign organisations did not submit their invoices to facilitate processing of financial contributions/annual subscription payments before the end of the year;

- Funds provided to meet annual contributions to several organization were higher than what was actually required and these were fully paid up for the fiscal year;
- Expenditure totaling \$1,550,000 was re-prioritized under Ex-Gratia Payments, Livestock and Livestock Products Board, Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA) and Expansion and Development of Farmer's Market to enable funds to be made available to other priority areas in the Ministry.

HEAD 78 - MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES - \$15,500,000

Reason for Transfer

To meet the shortfall for the monthly payment of the senior citizens grant to current recipients and to facilitate payments to new recipients to end of fiscal 2018 - \$15,500,000.

Reasons for Savings

Under the Ministry's Development Programme savings are available due to the following:

- The DRETCHI Board was not reconstituted in fiscal 2018 therefore the project for refurbishment/reconfiguration did not commence \$2,000,000.
- No suitable Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) were identified to manage the Centres for Persons with Disabilities \$2,000,000.
- Refurbishment work was not undertaken at the New Horizons Centre in Piparo during fiscal 2018
 \$1,000,000.
- No activity was undertaken with regards to Community Therapeutic Services for persons with disabilities in fiscal 2018 as the results of an On-line Survey carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Health is being awaited - \$1,500,000.
- Suitable service providers to undertake the Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise Management System/EPass were not identified after tender evaluations were completed. Therefore the entire tendering/evaluation process will have to be re-started in fiscal 2019 \$9,000,000.