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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Planning and Development for the period 2016-2022. It provides the Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry's responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of Planning and Development, and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2022;
- the Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022;
- the Public Sector Investment Programme 2022; and
- the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2020.

Head 67: Ministry of Planning and Development

Ministerial Overview¹

Minister: The Honorable Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

Permanent Secretary: Mrs. Joanne Deoraj

The Ministry of Planning and Development is a collaborative Government Ministry, responsible for providing the necessary policy guidance and development, technical support, advice and feasibility assessment for national advancement. The Ministry's principal mandate is national development concentrated on four main pillars which are economic development, social development, spatial development and environmental development.

The Ministry also serves as the focal point for international and regional agencies such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the United Nations system of agencies, the European Union and the Caribbean Development Bank.

The Ministry of Planning and Development also facilitates national development through the following:

- Coordinating all stakeholders in the development of Trinidad and Tobago's National Strategy for Development, Vision 2030;
- Coordination of national statistics;
- Environmental policy, planning and management;
- National monitoring and evaluation;
- Socio-economic planning, coordinating and monitoring;
- Spatial development; and
- Technical cooperation on special projects and programmes *inter alia*.

¹ Ministry of Planning and Development, website; Accessed on September 01, 2021 <https://www.planning.gov.tt/content/about>

The Ministry of Planning and Development is in the business of service, and strives to deliver to its stakeholders with dedication and efficiency while understanding that the people it serves are its greatest assets.

Responsibilities of the Ministry of Planning and Development

The responsibilities of the Ministry of Planning and Development as stated in the Gazette on September 09, 2020 are as follows²:

- Central Statistical Office – National Statistics
- Coordinating and Monitoring of Strategic Plans
- Economic Management
- Economic Priority Setting
- Environmental Policy, Planning and Management
- Green Fund Management
- Management of Climate Change Issues
- National Framework for Sustainable Development
- National Manpower Planning
- National Monitoring and Evaluation
- National Trust
- Public Sector Investment Programme
- Public Sector Maintenance Programme
- Socio – Economic Planning, Coordinating and Monitoring Technical Cooperation – Projects and Programmes T
- own and Country Planning
- Urban Planning
- Vision 2030

² Trinidad Gazette, Accessed September 01, 2021. <http://news.gov.tt/sites/default/files/E-Gazette/Gazette%202020/Gazettes/Gazette%20No.%20158%20of%202020.pdf>

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies

There are a number of supporting statutory boards and agencies all working in unison to achieve the objectives set by the Ministry's mandate.

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

Brief Overview of some of the Statutory Board and Other Bodies

Advisory Town Planning Panel

The Advisory Town Planning Panel was established under the Town and Country Planning Act for advising the Minister on any matter within their knowledge or on which the Minister may seek advice. In accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule of the said Act, the Panel shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members who are appointed by the Minister for a period not exceeding two (2) years.

The core functions of the Panel include:-

- Reviewing and providing recommendations to the Minister on matters regarding:
- Decisions made on applications for planning permissions to develop lands;
- Complaints against unauthorized development, and

- Enforcement of planning control
- Advising the Minister on any land use planning and land development matters.³

Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI)

The Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) has been a reputable name in the Region, an invaluable Caribbean asset which is a multifaceted Institution providing service in the areas of:

- Laboratory and field testing
- Research and Development
- Training
- Consulting

Since its establishment, CARIRI has become a widely recognized centre of excellence, leading and serving through innovation and technology and is committed to local and regional development. CARIRI houses multimillion dollar, modern laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained specialist professionals, technologists, technicians, consultants and researchers and have thus been able to provide solutions to Caribbean industries, businesses and small entrepreneurs, while making great strides in keeping the environment safe.⁴

Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA)

The Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA) is a statutory body, established in 1972 under the Chaguaramas Development Authority Act, Chap. 35:023 and mandated inter alia to provide for “the development of the North-West Peninsula in the interest of the

³ “Board of the Advisory Town Planning Panel to be appointed.” Accessed September 01, 2021. <http://www.news.gov.tt/content/board-advisory-town-planning-panel-be-appointed#.X2J3IGhKhEY>

⁴ CARIRI website. Accessed September 01, 2021. http://www.cariri.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=71&Itemid=541

People of Trinidad and Tobago". In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA) is empowered to promote the development of the peninsula so as to maximize the returns from the lands under its control. By virtue of the Chaguaramas Development Authority Vesting Order (under section 16 of the Act), the Authority has been vested with 4,850 hectares of land, comprising the entire North-West Peninsula of Trinidad. The Authority's policy is to encourage development by granting leases to private individuals and companies for:

- Eco-tourism and the Resort Hotel Industry;
- Leisure and Recreational facilities;
- The Marine Industry; and
- Knowledge-Based Industries⁵

The vision of the CDA is to be the premier provider of the ultimate customer experience in a world-class, ecotourism destination, business and entertainment centre. This Vision speaks to where CDA sees itself in the future as a first-class provider of customer service by providing a wide array of product offerings to a wide market segment.⁶

The Economic Development Advisory Board

The Economic Development Advisory Board is focused on Economic Development through the development and advocacy of policies, programmes and projects which bear on Trinidad and Tobago's long term development and transformation, and specifically, with those that promote the diversification of the economy⁷.

⁵ Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (Including THA). *Ninth Report of the on an Inquiry into certain aspects of the operations of the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA)*.Pg. 14 <http://www.ttparliament.org/reports/p11-s3-J-20180327-LASC-r9-CDA.pdf>

⁶ Ministry of Planning and Development, website; Accessed on September 01, 2021. <https://www.planning.gov.tt/content/about>

⁷ Ministry of Planning and Development, website; Accessed on September 01, 2021. <https://www.planning.gov.tt/content/divisions>

Environmental Management Authority

The Authority facilitates co-operation among persons and manages the environment in a manner, which fosters participation and promotes consensus, including encouraging the use of appropriate means to avoid or expeditiously resolve disputes through mechanisms for alternative dispute resolution.⁸

Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA)

The Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA) is a multi-disciplinary marine and environmental research organisation established by Act of Parliament (Chap. 37:01 of the Revised Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, as amended by Act No. 13 of 1990). The IMA was established following negotiations for an agreement signed in 1974 between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the United Nations, through its Executing Agency, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Institute was mandated to collect, analyse and disseminate information relating to the economic, technological, environmental, social and legal developments in marine affairs and to formulate and implement specific programmes/projects⁹.

National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago

The National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago was established by Act No. 11 of 1991 and amended by Act No. 31 of 1999. The Trust was established for the purpose of:

- Permanently preserving lands that are heritage sites and as far as practicable, retaining their natural features and conserving the animal and plant life;

⁸ Environmental Management Authority, website. Accessed on September 01, 2021. <https://www.ema.co.tt/index.php/what-we-do>

⁹ The Institute of Marine Affairs, website. Accessed on September 01, 2021. <https://www.ima.gov.tt/history/>

- Preserving, maintaining, repairing and servicing or, arranging for the preservation of heritage property and where such property comprises buildings, augmenting the amenities of such buildings and their surroundings;
- Making provision for the access to and enjoyment of heritage property by the public;
- Encouraging research into heritage property;
- Making the public aware of the importance of our heritage; and
- Advising Government on the care of our heritage¹⁰.

Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Caribbean¹¹

The Cabinet of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago agreed in August 1995 to the hosting of the Basel Caribbean Sub-Regional Training and Technology Transfer Centre at the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI). The Centre then began its operations at CARIRI in 1998. However, following the adoption of Decision VI/3 by the sixth Conference of the Parties (COP) in 2002, a Framework Agreement between Trinidad and Tobago and the Secretariat for the Basel Convention (SBC) was signed at the seventh COP in 2004 to establish the BCRC-Caribbean. The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago then enacted Act Number 2 of 2008 for the legal establishment of the Centre as an autonomous institution with its own legal personality in April 2008.

The Centre operates pursuant to the provisions of the Basel Convention, the strategic framework for its implementation (currently 2012 to 2021), and other related decisions of the COP to the Convention. The BCRC-Caribbean is meant to assist the Contracting Parties, through capacity building, in their efforts to implement and achieve the objectives of the Convention. Core functions of the BCRC-Caribbean are:

- Training,

¹⁰ National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago website. Accessed on September 01, 2021. <http://nationaltrust.tt/about-us/what-we-do/>

¹¹ Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Caribbean website. Accessed September 01, 2021. <https://www.bcrc-caribbean.org/about-us/about-us/>

- Technology transfer,
- Information dissemination,
- Consulting, and
- Awareness raising.

The development and implementation of the activities of the Centre relevant to its regional role is advised by a Steering Committee. The Committee consists of members nominated by the Parties who develop and endorse the Business Plan for the Centre for each biennium and oversee its implementation. Currently, the primary source of funding for the operations of the BCRC-Caribbean comes from the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Auditor General Report Findings for the Fiscal year 2020

Ref: Auditor General's Report¹²

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Reconciliation Statements

Ministry of Planning and Development

4.28 The Ministry did not prepare and submit Reconciliation Statements as at 30th September 2020 in respect of six (6) Deposit Accounts (Head 111) totalling \$10,814,596.72. These are reflected in the table below:

Sub-Head	Total as at per COA Trial Balance \$
076- Director of Statistical Services	254,854.89
543- Improvement of Government's Effectiveness in the areas	2,949.50
550- Development Programme Outside of the Hydrocarbon Sector (IDB Loan 617-OC)	1,001,292.32
641-the Operations of the VIII Americans Competitiveness Forum	6,405,500.01
649-Planning and Development Transitional Payment to Cane Farm	3,150,000.00
654-Ministry of Planning and Development Global Service Pro. Programme	0.00
Total	10,814,596.72

¹² Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year ended September 30, 2020, pgs. 70 ,80. Accessed September 01,2021. <http://138.128.179.50/sites/default/files/Auditor-General-Report-2020.pdf>

Balances held for more than three (3) years

Ministry of Planning and Development

4.31 Reconciliation Statements were seen for the quarters ended 31st March, 2020 and 30th June, 2020 in respect of three (3) Deposit Accounts (Head 111) where the composition of balances held totalling \$10,556,792.33, exceeded three (3) years. The authority to hold this balance from the Comptroller of Accounts was not provided. Details are as follows:

Sub-Head	Period	Total \$	Quarter Ended
111/550- Development Programme Outside of the Hydrocarbon Sector (IDB Loan 617-OC)	2004- 2009	1,001,292.32	31st March, 2020
111/649-Planning and Development Transitional Payment to Cane Farm	September 2015	3,150,000.00	31st March, 2020
111/641-the Operations of the VIII Americans Competitiveness Forum	September 2014- 2015	6,405,500.01	30th June, 2020
Total		10,556,792.33	

GREEN FUND - \$7,632,357,483.81

5.23 Section 65 (1) of the Miscellaneous Taxes Act, Chapter 77:01 established a fund known as the Green Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to financially assist organisations and community groups that are engaged in activities related to the remediation, reforestation, environmental education and public awareness of environmental issues and conservation of the environment.

5.24 This Act also established a Green Fund Levy which is currently at a tax rate of 0.3 % on the gross sales or receipts of a company carrying on a business in Trinidad and Tobago, whether or not such a company is exempt from the business levy which is to be paid to the Board of Inland Revenue.

5.25 Section 65 (3) places the management of the activities financed by the Fund under the Minister with responsibility for the environment. The responsibility for the Green Fund now lies with the Minister of Planning and Development. Disbursements however, in accordance with section 65 (2) is the responsibility of the Minister responsible for finance..

5.26 The Fund's balance presented on the Cash Basis Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September, 2020 of \$7,632,357,483.81 is an increase of \$686,225,553.32 or 9.88% from the previous year balance of \$6,946,131,930.49.

GREEN FUND	2020	2019	Difference	% change
	\$	\$	\$	
BIR Receipts	659,817,825.56	931,849,910.93	(272,032,085.37)	(29.19)
Interest received for financial year 2020	28,788,913.76	25,299,767.27	3,489,146.49	13.79
Payments Ministry of Planning and Development	(2,381,186.00)	(13,649,273.00)	11,268,087.00	82.55
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the financial year 2019	686,225,553.32	943,500,405.20	(257,274,851.88)	27.27
Balance b/fwd	6,946,131,930.49	6,002,631,525.29	943,500,405.20	15.72
Balance as at September 30	7,632,357,483.81	6,946,131,930.49	686,225,553.32	9.88

Key Statements from 2020 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the reading of the Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Bill, 2020, the following statements were made by the Minister of Planning and Development in relation to the emphases of the Ministry of Planning and Development for fiscal year 2021¹³:

“The Ministry of Planning and Development is a key collaborative Government Ministry providing the necessary policy guidance, and development and technical support, advice and feasibility assessment for national advancement. Our principal mandate is national development concentrated on four main pillars, which are economic development, social development, spatial development and environmental development. We also serve as the focal point for international and regional agencies such as the Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations system of agencies, the European Union and the Caribbean Development Bank. The Ministry of Planning and Development also facilitates national development through the following: coordinating all stakeholders in the development of Trinidad and Tobago’s National Strategy for Development, known as Vision 2030, coordinating national statistics, the environmental policy planning and management, national monitoring and evaluation, socio-economic planning and coordinating and monitoring, spatial development and technical corporation on special projects and programmes. There are a number of supporting statutory boards and agencies all working in unison to achieve the objectives set by our mandate.

Madam Chairman, we of the Ministry are aware that in a period when resources are at a premium, we have to get the most out of any investments that we make as a government. Moreover, as you are probably aware, it is to public investment that managers of the economy turn, to get the growth process restarted. The Ministry will therefore act robustly in carrying out the evaluation of all PSIP submissions, and in ensuring that PSIP projects do in fact succeed. Madam Chair, central to this are collaborative discussions with all other Government agencies to ensure that their proposed plans, projects and programmes are in keeping with the National Development Strategy, Vision 2030.”

- Minister of Planning and Development

¹³ Standing Finance Committee Meeting 2020, Hansard: Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Bill, 2020, 21 Oct 2020. pgs. 171-173.

<http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/hh20201021sfc.pdf>

Review of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2021¹⁴

National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago

In fiscal 2021, works were undertaken towards the restructuring and reengineering of the Central Statistical Office (currently a Division of the Ministry of Planning and Development). A provision of \$8.0 million was made under the project Restructuring of the CSO of Trinidad and Tobago for the implementation of activities associated with the organisational transformation. The Ministry of Planning and Development developed the request for proposals for the design of an information system for the Central Statistical Office. The objective of this I.T data management consultancy, will be to address the digitisation of records and the installation of an ICT data platform. In fiscal 2021, the CSO also continued its sensitisation efforts related to the national statistical system with several articles on the Statistics in Focus Series published in the newspapers during the period October 2020 to July 2021.

Conduct of Pre-Census Activities for the Population, Housing and Agriculture Census

An allocation of \$1.0 million was provided to commence activities associated with the Population, and Housing Census and the Agriculture Census. The planned activities included recruitment and training of staff for the Census Unit; development of the tabulation plan for the Population and Housing Census and for the Agriculture Census; development of the questionnaire, training in computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) technology; conduct of the pilot surveys and engagement of services of a GIS consultant. Of the funds allocated, a total of \$ 0.2 million was expended on the project. The CSO convened an internal working group for the Census and assessments of the GIS mapping readiness and CAPI readiness were undertaken. A Census Administrator and Business Officer will be employed.

¹⁴ Public Sector Investment Programme 2022, pages 138-142,34-36. Accessed October 07, 2021. <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Public-Sector-Investment-Programme-2022.pdf>

Conduct of the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)

The MICS is a household survey which provides internationally comparable statistics on children, adolescents, women and households in Trinidad and Tobago. A key goal of this exercise is the collection of disaggregated data for the identification of inequities and disparities to allow for evidence based policy-making aimed at social inclusion of the most vulnerable in our society. To this end, a provision of \$1.0 million was made available in fiscal 2021 to facilitate the survey activities, of which \$0.7 million was utilised. The CSO has received approval for the MICS safety protocol and testing and revisions to the CAPI questionnaire were completed.

Household Budgetary Survey

In fiscal 2021, the CSO also continued preparatory activities for the conduct of the Household Budgetary Survey/Survey of Living Conditions (HBS/ SLC) which is proposed to commence in January 2022. This survey exercise is useful for providing extensive data on household budgets - incomes and expenditures, the distribution of household income and expenditure, as well as data on the adequacy of budgets to facilitate the conduct of poverty analyses and social research activities to inform policy formulation. An allocation of \$3.0 million was provided of which \$0.2 million was expended on project activities. The CSO engaged in the procurement of requisite ICT equipment and items for the survey including tablets, laptops, a projector, bags, stationery and internet Hotspot devices. Field Supervisors and enumerators were hired and training for the HBS/SLC Special Listing Exercise for Trinidad was conducted in administering the questionnaire in an effective and efficient manner and to ensure adherence to all statistical standards.

Town and Country Planning Division

Government continued its efforts to transform the land and building development services executed by the Town and Country Planning Division (TCPD) of the Ministry of Planning and Development. The transformation of TCPD is being executed through projects related to automation and digitisation of the service delivery which are geared towards improving the overall efficiency of the construction permitting process.

Automation of the Construction Permit Process

In fiscal 2021, the Ministry of Planning and Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Industry advanced the roll out of the automated construction permitting system, branded DevelopTT, across the country. Funds in the sum of \$1.3 million were allocated for the project, of which a total of \$0.3 million was expended. The one-stop shop online platform is intended to standardise the processing of development applications and is the portal to a reliable, transparent, and efficient development process. The efficacy of this online service augurs well with efforts to improve the country's 'Ease of Doing Business'. DevelopTT offers planning permission e-services which include building permits and other development approvals required for the construction process. In fiscal 2021, the functionality of the platform was expanded to offer two new online services to the public: applications for Stamp Duty Exemptions and Status of Land.

Implementation of the Automated Workflow Process

A provision of \$3.6 million was made in fiscal 2021 to continue activities associated with the digitisation of TCPD's historical records into a central database, as an enabling platform for the automation of the permitting system. Digital data formats makes it easier to collect, analyse, manage and manipulate information and as such the project Implementation of the Automated Workflow Process plays an integral role in the transformation of TCPD's services. In fiscal 2021, phase one of the digitisation project was completed in the North and South Regional Offices. This phase was completed in November 2020. Funds in the sum of \$0.6 million were expended. Phase two (2) of the project will address the digitisation of records of the East Regional Office and the Tobago Regional Office.

Regional Development Initiatives

In fiscal 2021, Government embarked on a programme of urban revitalisation including the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the nation's capital. In November 2020, the project Revitalisation of Port of Spain was officially launched and aims to restore the vibrancy of the city, improve traffic circulation, enhance property values, unlock private capital and stimulate the economy. The revitalisation of the

capital will include the execution of seven (7) key infrastructural development projects which are being executed by UDeCOTT in conjunction with the Ministry of Planning and Development. The development initiatives are as follows:

1. Memorial Plaza Development – construction of a multi-use complex inclusive of residential apartments, commercial spaces, office accommodation, entertainment and parking facilities. UDeCOTT has issued requests for proposals for Public Private Partnerships (PPP) for the implementation of this project;
2. Salvatori Development – construction of a multi-use complex inclusive of residential apartments, commercial spaces, office accommodation, entertainment and parking facilities. Requests for proposals for a PPP were also issued for this development and evaluation of the proposals received is ongoing;
3. Piccadilly Housing Development - a mixed use development with sixty (60) residential units, commercial and community spaces, recreational areas, restored Lodge Building and parking facilities with utilisation of green building initiatives. Requests for proposals for phase 1 of this project were issued and tender evaluations were completed with a top ranked proponent identified. The source of funding is to be determined prior to the award of contract. A public consultation was also held in July, 2021;
4. Powergen Development - a mixed-use development comprised of residential and commercial spaces, office accommodation and parking facilities. Conceptual designs for the development were completed. UDeCOTT is awaiting the decommissioning of the plant at Power Gen to be completed prior to commencement of the tendering process;
5. Redevelopment of City Gate - to provide an improved transit hub, with possible residential, commercial and office spaces. UDeCOTT has issued RFPs for the conduct of a feasibility study and evaluation of the bids received is ongoing;
6. Inter City Transit Tram System – this entails the establishment of a tram system within Port of Spain and its environs to improve transportation and accessibility in and around the city, subject to the recommendations of a feasibility study. RFPs for the conduct of a 142 feasibility study were issued, however no proposals were received and as such a new approach to this project is being developed; and

7. Foreshore Green Space – this initiative entails the reclamation of approximately 100-150 acres to be located at southwest side of the Audrey Jeffers Highway. The reclamation will be developed to provide public open space, a public boardwalk, Government facilities and private developments for living needs and commercial opportunities. A letter of award was issued for consultancy services and the consultant is undertaking preliminary tests while the scope of works for the project is being developed to inform the consultancy.

Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA)

In fiscal 2021 the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA) pursued the implementation of three (3) projects as follows:

- Upgrade of Chaguaramas Golf Course (Phase1) - tender packages were received for renovation works to the tractor shed, erosion control works and rehabilitation of the playing greens. However, the procurement process was halted due to the implementation of the State of Emergency and COVID-19 public health restriction protocols;
- Development of Nature Trails and Parks – the CDA commenced the tendering process for the conduct of improvement works to the Gasparee Caves, to enhance the visitor experience, which included works to the washroom facilities, plumbing and refurbishment of the flooring and railings. However, this process was halted due to the implementation of the State of Emergency and COVID-19 public health restriction protocols; and
- Installation of a Sewer Lift Station at Williams Bay Police Post – the scope of this project was expanded to also include emergency repairs to the sewer pumps at Scallywag Bay. The CDA received quotations for these critical works and the evaluation is ongoing

Supplementation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2021¹⁵

During fiscal 2020/2021 it was necessary to have a Supplementation of Appropriation of resources to fund urgent and critical Recurrent and Capital Expenditure in areas where insufficient or no allocation was provided. The source of these additional funds was the Consolidated Fund.

The Ministry of Planning and Development requested and was granted the following supplementations:

Recurrent Expenditure - \$44,728,000

01/004/01 - Salaries and COLA - \$5,340,000

The sum is required to enable the payment of arrears of salaries to staff of the Central Statistical Office (CSO) who were upgraded from short term status to monthly paid officers within the Ministry's Establishment of approved posts.

02/001/05 - Telephones - \$3,513,000 172

The additional funds are required to enable the settlement of arrears owed to Columbus Communications Trinidad Ltd. (FLOW) for the provision of services - \$3,513,000.

02/001/22 - Short Term Employment - \$4,430,000

The sum is required to enable the employment of persons on a short term basis.

04/005/01 - National Trust Council - \$995,000

¹⁵ Standing Finance Committee Hansard for the Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2021, accessed on September 01, 2021: <http://www.ttparliament.org/reports/p12-s1-H-20210609-SFC-r1.pdf>

The sum is required to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of the Mille Fleurs Building to September 2021, and enable retroactive payments to members of the National Trust Council for fiscal 2021.

04/006/01 – Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) - \$15,034,000

The additional funds are required to enable the payment of arrears of emoluments to all categories of employees at the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) in accordance with the new collective agreement for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2020.

04/007/03 – Settlement to Cane Farmers re-2007 transition - \$1,403,000

The funds are required to pay outstanding claims to former cane farmers.

04/007/40 –Gratuities to Contract Officers - \$4,013,000

The funds are required to enable the payment of gratuity to forty five (45) persons on completion of their contracts in accordance with terms and conditions.

06/004/49 – Chaguaramas Development Authority - \$10,000,000

The additional funds are required to facilitate the payment of outstanding pensions to former employees of the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA).

The Ministry's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2016 to 2022.

Year¹⁶	Total Allocation¹⁷	National Budget¹⁸	Percentage of National Budget
2016	\$361,439,246.00	\$56,573,913,053.00	0.64%
2017	\$278,368,657.00	\$54,883,150,410.00	0.51%
2018	\$274,947,385.00	\$54,211,726,813.00	0.51%
2019	\$265,680,694.00	\$54,581,467,181.00	0.49%
2020	\$252,903,650.00	\$57,388,076,726.00	0.44%
2021	\$275,338,900.00	\$57,292,169,264.00	0.48%
2022	\$295,022,000.00	\$57,917,018,000.00	0.51%

¹⁶ For the Financial Years 2016-2020, actual figures were used to calculate total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

¹⁷ Total Allocation for the Ministry of Planning and Development = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure

¹⁸ The National Budget = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

Year	Total Allocation	National Budget	Percentage of National Budget
2012	\$ 209,076,057.00	\$ 55,718,271,573.00	0.38%
2013	\$ 224,798,057.00	\$ 59,174,226,196.00	0.38%
2014	\$ 286,918,846.00	\$ 65,020,886,424.00	0.44%
2015	\$ 296,174,349.00	\$ 61,966,922,675.00	0.48%
2016	\$ 361,439,246.00	\$ 56,573,913,053.00	0.64%
2017	\$ 278,368,657.00	\$ 54,883,150,410.00	0.51%
2018	\$ 259,505,692.00	\$ 54,330,404,592.00	0.48%
2019	\$ 335,851,000.00	\$ 55,582,977,415.00	0.60%

- Total allocation for the Ministry as a percentage of the National Budget illustrated an increase in the allocation to the Ministry of Planning and Development by 0.03% between fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

Where the Ministry spends its money

2022 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **\$300,022,000.00** for the Ministry of Planning and Development is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of **\$239,287,000.00** ¹⁹;

¹⁹ Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the financial year 2022. Accessed on October 07, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Details-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2022.pdf>

- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum of **\$60,735,000.00** ²⁰;
 - Consolidated Fund in the sum of **\$55,735,000.00**; and
 - Infrastructure Development Fund²¹ of the sum **\$5,000,000.00**.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - **\$67,041,400.00**;
- 02 Goods and Services- **\$68,352,000.00**
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases- **\$806,000**;
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies - **\$85,147,150.00**; and
- 06 Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar bodies - **\$17,940,450.00**.

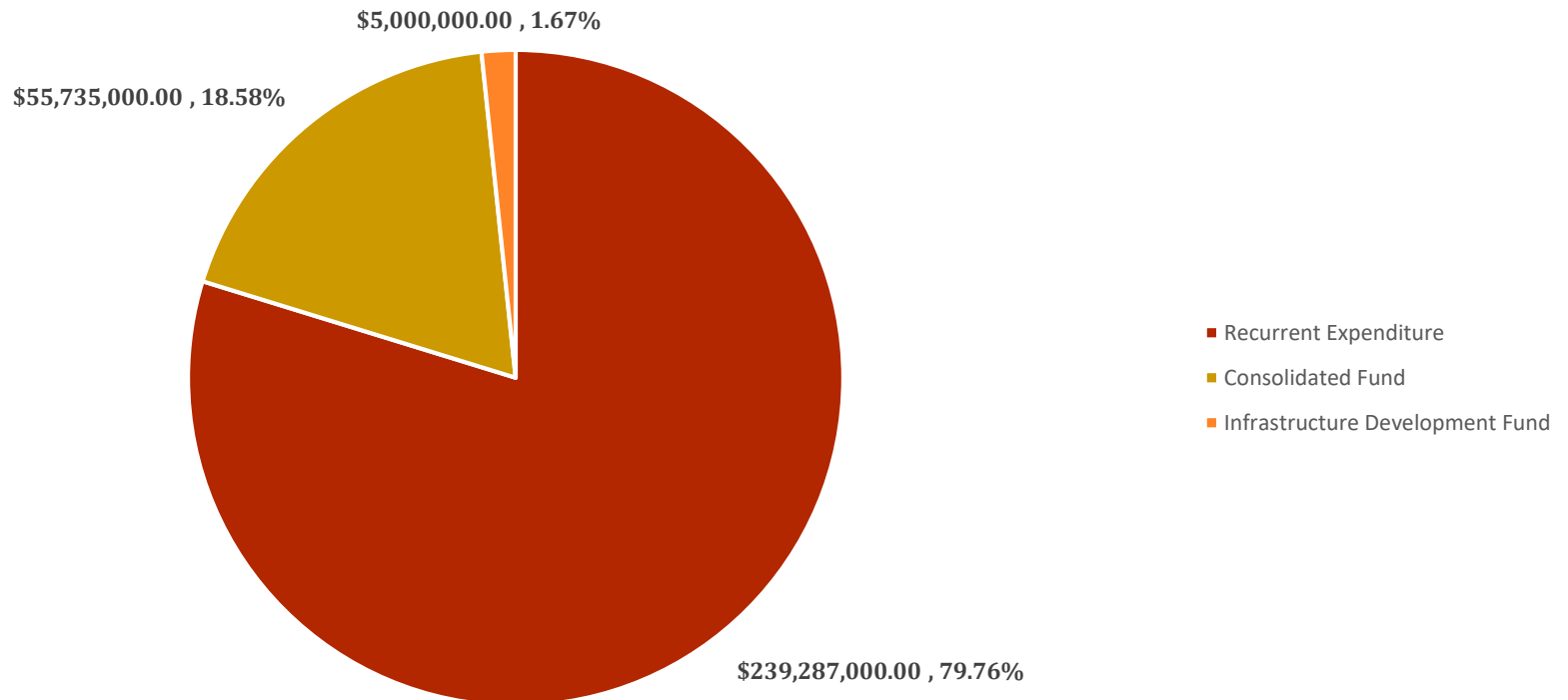
The Ministry of Planning and Development's:

- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is **0.43%**;
- Consolidated Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is **2.23%**; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Infrastructure Development Fund is **0.29%**.

²⁰ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022. Accessed on October 7, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

²¹ Head 18 –Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. *Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry of Planning and Development does not include the IDF funding.*

**Ministry of Planning and Development
Total Allocation - \$300,022,000.00**



Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the Period 2016-2022



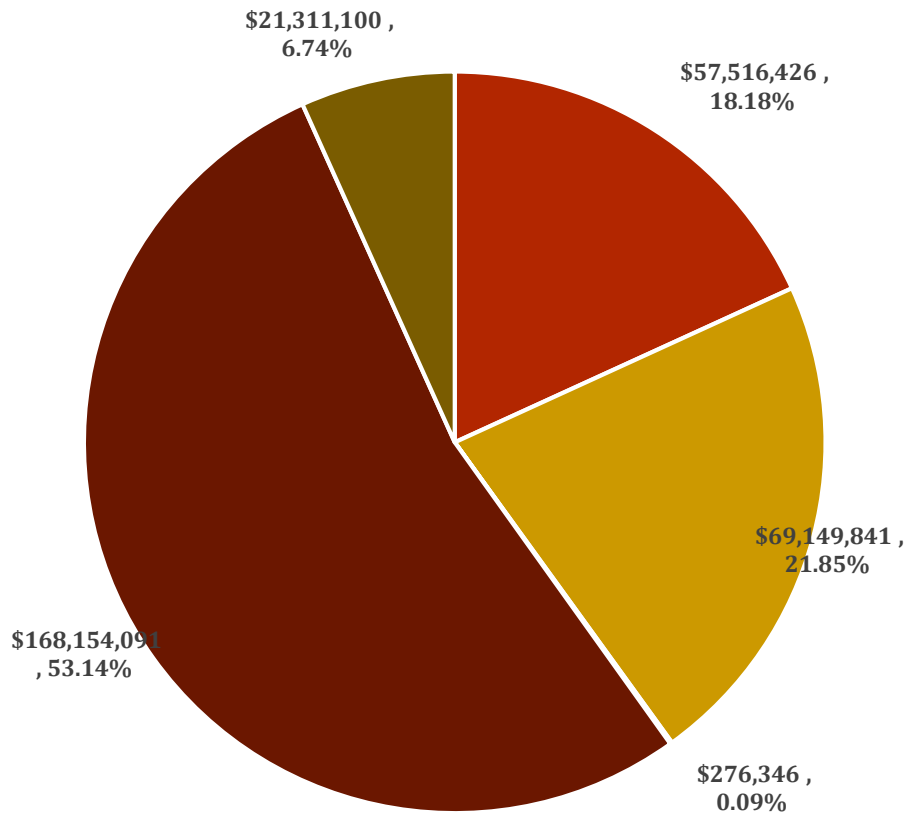
	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimates	2022 Estimates
■ Personnel Expenditure	\$57,516,426	\$60,362,543	\$61,915,066	\$62,125,108	\$63,237,220	\$66,407,000	\$67,041,400
■ Goods and Services	\$69,149,841	\$61,980,934	\$73,625,172	\$66,694,148	\$69,499,581	\$67,357,450	\$68,352,000
■ Minor Equipment Purchases	\$276,346	\$361,645	\$448,829	\$1,001	\$774,361	\$207,000	\$806,000
■ Current Transfer and Subsidies	\$168,154,091	\$102,437,710	\$94,366,124	\$83,280,278	\$86,435,634	\$105,763,000	\$85,147,150
■ Current Transfers to Stat, Brds. & Similar Bodies	\$21,311,100	\$32,225,000	\$21,561,658	\$18,443,751	\$17,940,450	\$27,940,450	\$17,940,450

Analysis of Summary of Expenditures

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses, which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Ministry for personnel expenditure, goods and services, minor equipment purchases, current transfers and subsidies and current transfers to statutory boards and similar bodies.

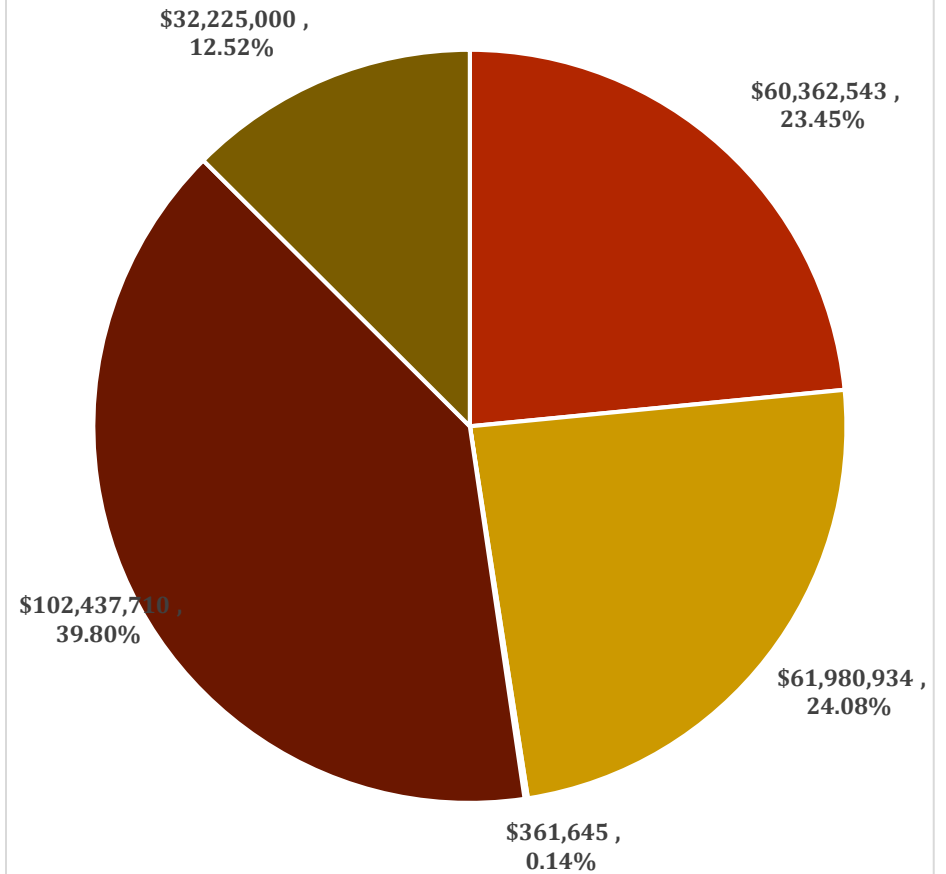
- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 is **\$239,287,000.00**. This represents **0.43%** of the total Recurrent Expenditure for the financial year 2021/2022. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 was **\$267,974,900.00 (Revised)** which is **10.71%** more than the allocation in Fiscal Year 2021/2022.
- The larger portion of the allocation has consistently gone to **Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies**. This figure has been steady at an average of **39.69%** of the total allocation for the years 2016 to 2022.
- In 2021(Revised) **Sub-Head 01 Personnel Expenditure** percentage was **24.81%** of the Ministry's total recurrent expenditure. Comparing this with the allocation in Fiscal Year 2021/2022, there is an increase of **3.21%**.
- **Sub-Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases** received the lowest percentage of the allocation for the period 2016 to 2022. However compared to the allocation in Fiscal Year 2020/2021, there was an increase of **0.26%** in Fiscal 2021/2022.
- **Sub-Head 06 Current transfers to State Boards and Similar Bodies** represented approximately **7.50%** of the total recurrent allocation for fiscal 2021/2022 and which is a decrease of **2.93%** in comparison to last fiscal year.
- The percentage allocation of expenditure for the five (5) Sub-Heads has fluctuated over the seven (7) year period.

2016 Actual- \$316,407,804.00



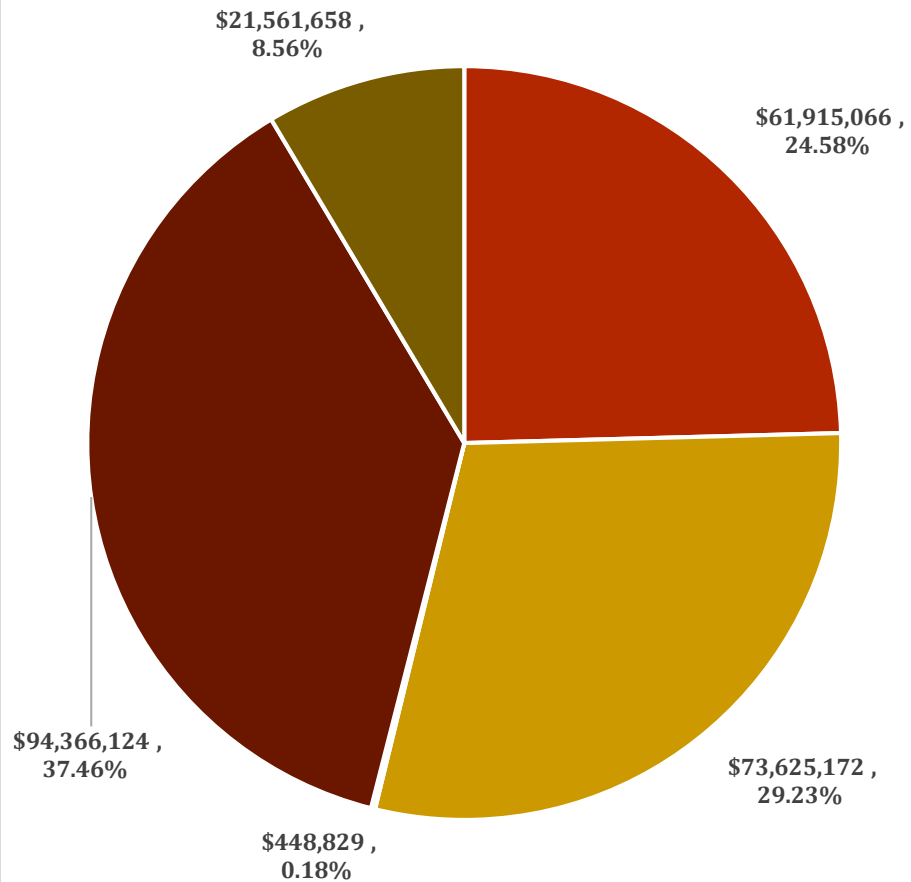
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2017 Actual-\$257,367,832.00



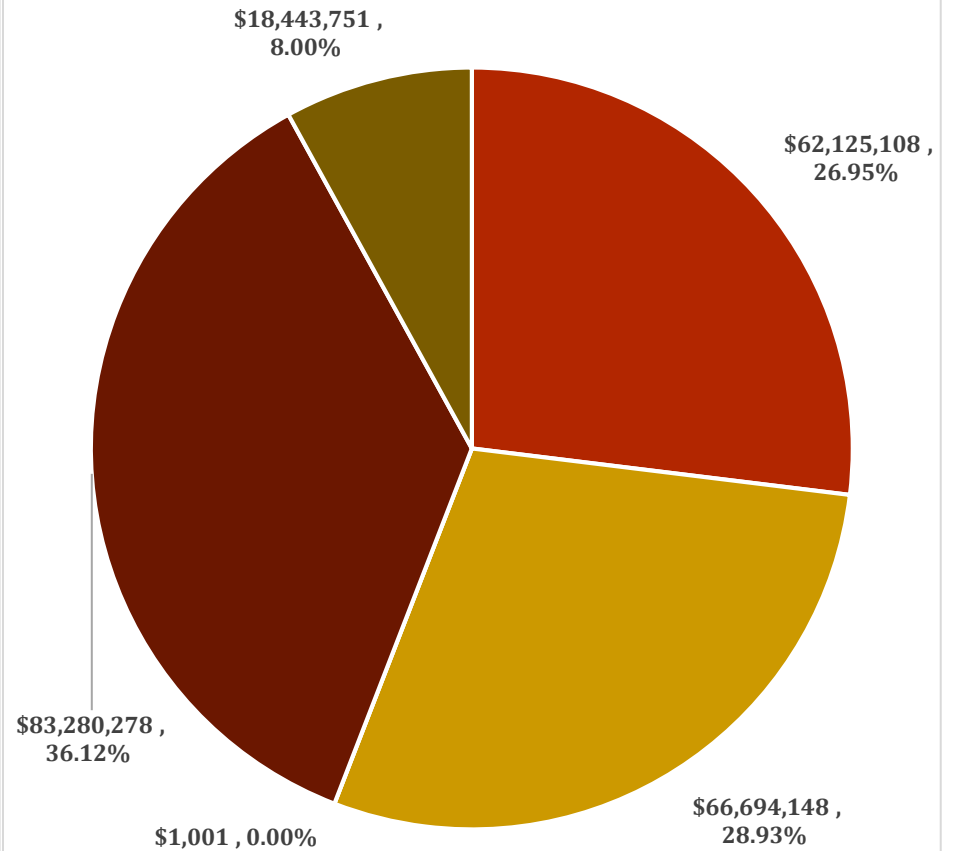
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2018 Actual-\$251,916,849.00



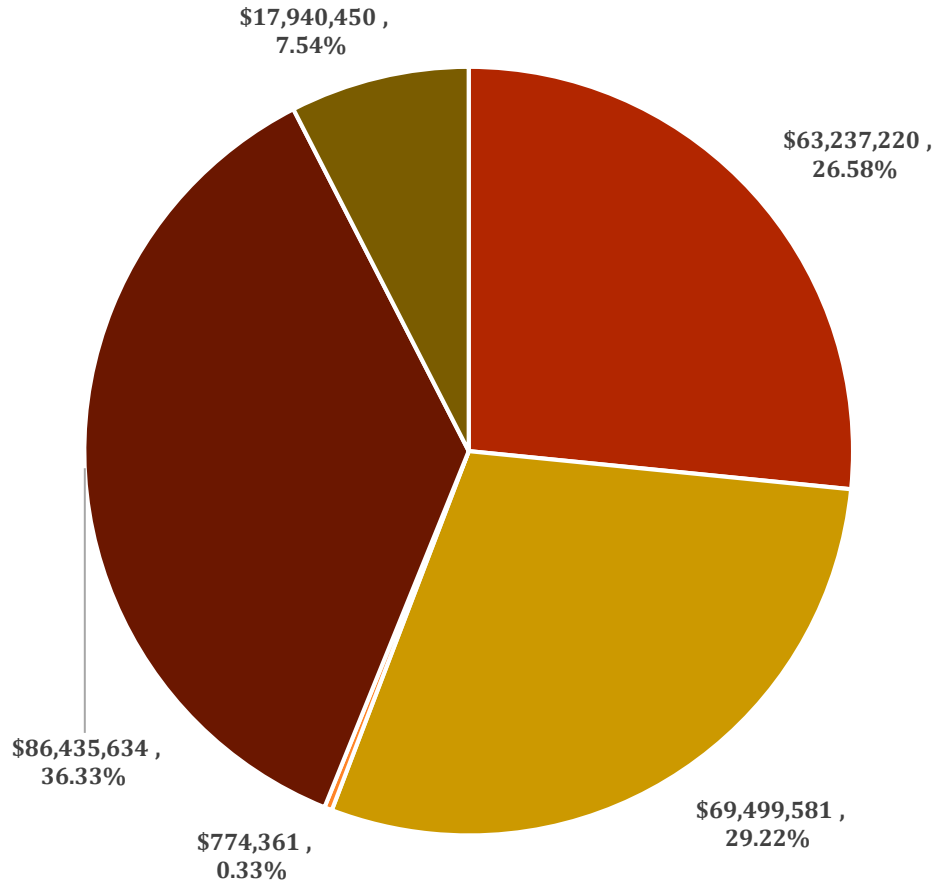
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2019 Actual- \$230,544,286.00



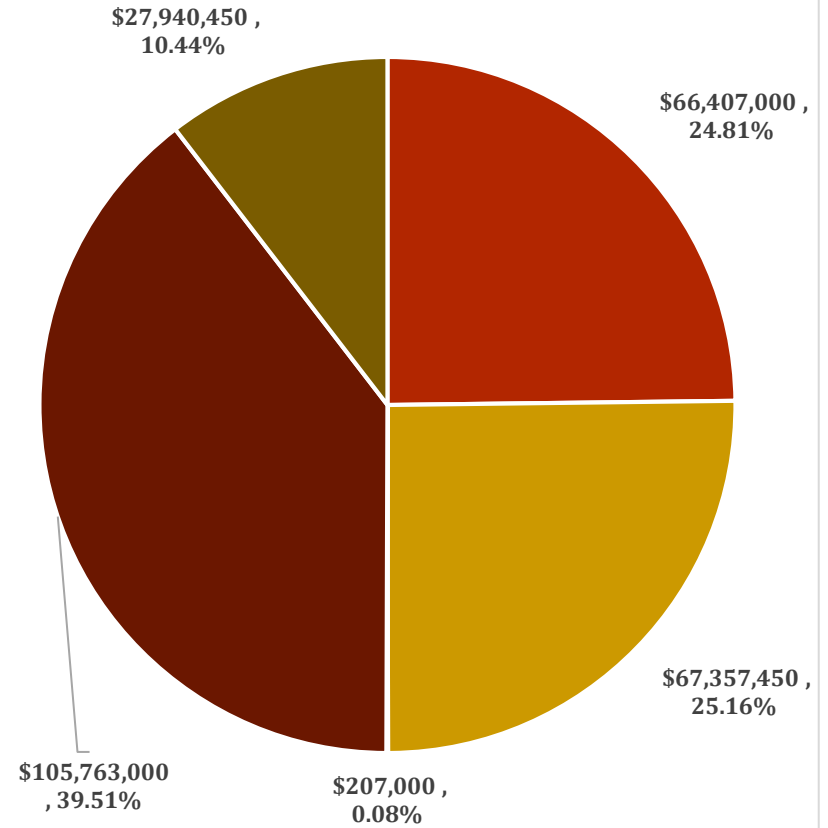
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2020 Actual - \$237,887,246.00



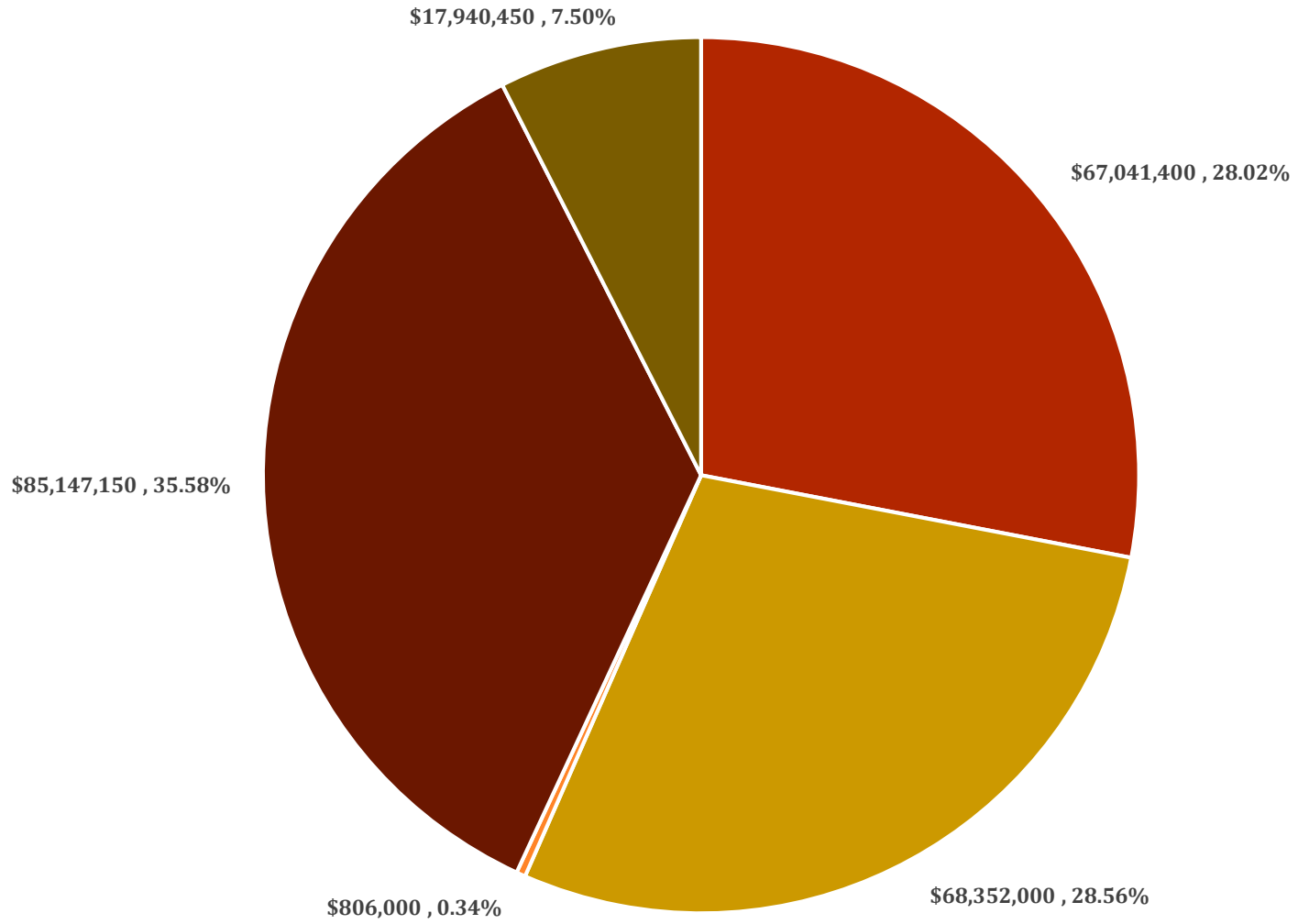
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2021 Revised Estimates - \$267,674,900.00



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- Minor Equipment Purchases
- Current Transfer and Subsidies
- Current Transfers to Stat, Brds. & Similar Bodies

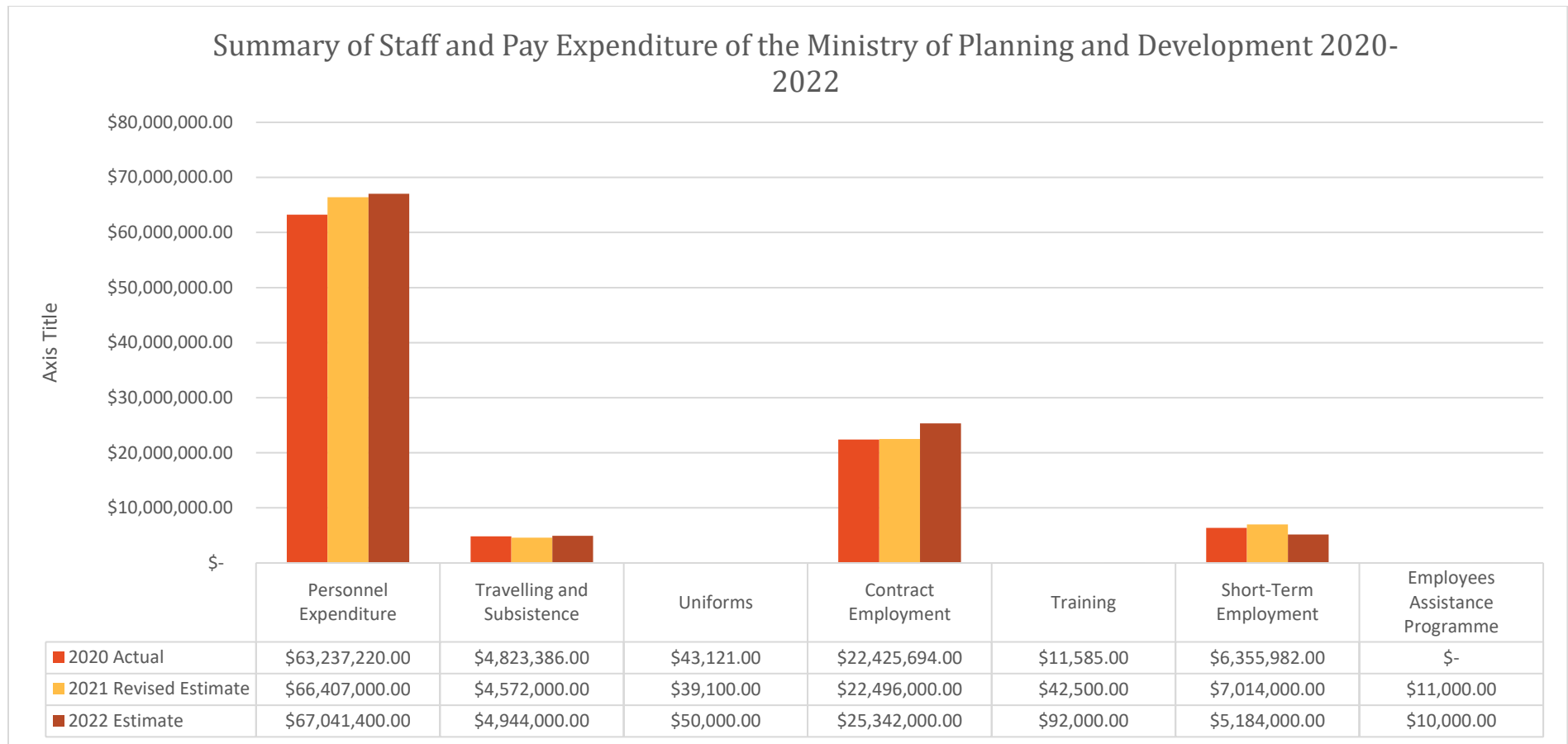
2022 Estimates - \$239,287,000.00



■ Personnel Expenditure ■ Goods and Services ■ Minor Equipment Purchases ■ Current Transfer and Subsidies ■ Current Transfers to Stat, Brds. & Similar Bodies

Staff and Pay²²

The allocation to staff expenditure for the year 2022 was **\$102,663,400.00**, which represents an increase of approximately **\$2,081,800.00** or **2.07%** from the last fiscal year 2021. The diagram below provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2020-2022.



²² Direct charges to the consolidated funds are not included in the Appropriation Bill. Direct charges are items of expenditure which are charged to the consolidated fund but not required to be included in the Appropriation Act. Therefore, total appropriation plus direct charges will constitute total budgeted expenditure for the year.

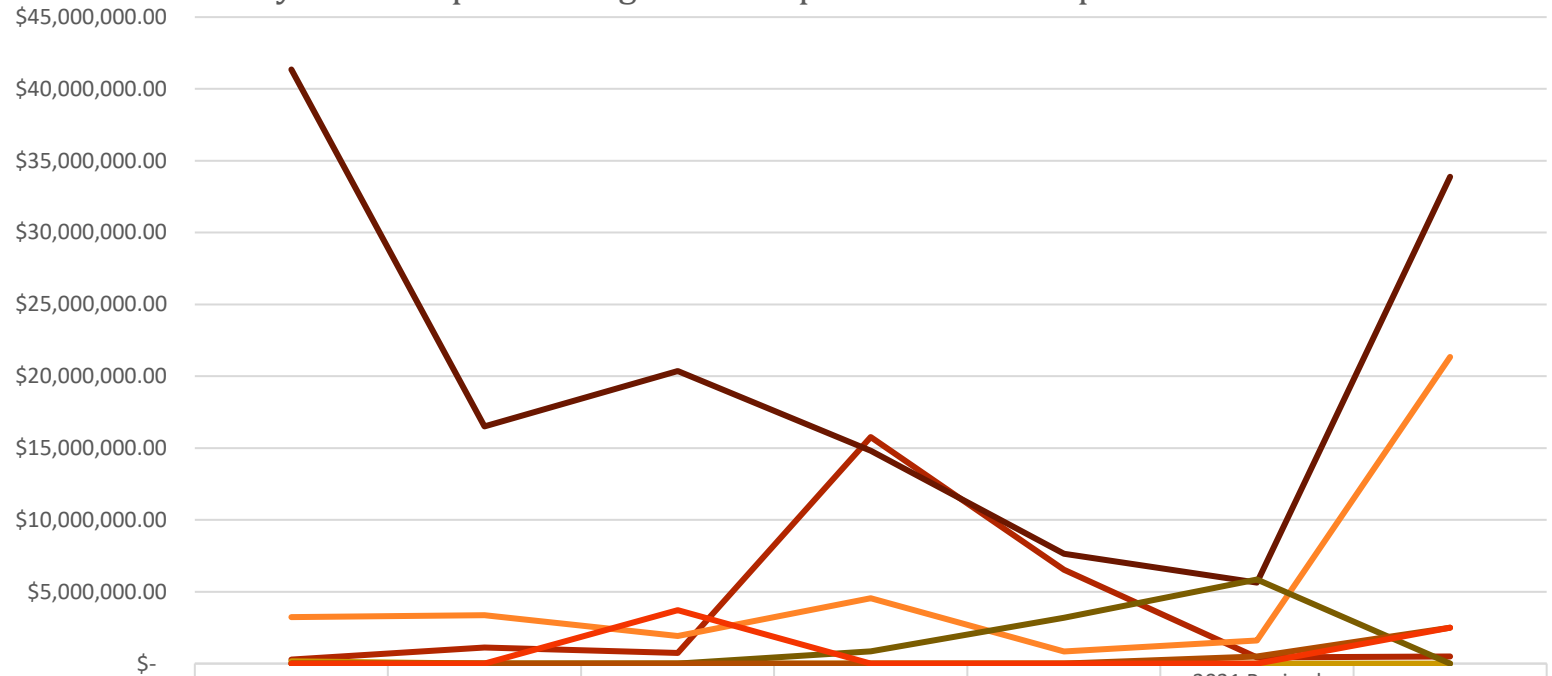
Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2016-2022

Development Programme is capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes; human resources, economic and social development.

The allocation to the Ministry of Planning and Development for development programmes and projects for fiscal year **2022** = **\$60,735,000.00**. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **\$55,735,000.00** and represent **(91.77%)** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **\$5,000,000.00** and represent **(8.23%)** of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2016-2022



	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimates	2022 Estimates
001 Pre-Investment (CD)	\$280,308.00	\$1,109,267.00	\$745,410.00	\$15,769,186.00	\$6,527,534.00	\$427,000.00	\$500,000.00
003 Economic Infrastructure (CD)	\$160,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
004 Social Infrastructure (CD)	\$3,237,754.00	\$3,379,272.00	\$1,914,459.00	\$4,557,799.00	\$845,933.00	\$1,599,000.00	\$21,343,000.00
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services (CD)	\$41,353,380.00	\$16,512,286.00	\$20,370,667.00	\$14,809,423.00	\$7,642,937.00	\$5,638,000.00	\$33,892,000.00
003 Economic Infrastructure (IDF)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$861,064.00	\$3,191,793.00	\$5,854,000.00	\$-
004 Social Infrastructure (IDF)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services (IDF)	\$-	\$-	\$3,720,003.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2,500,000.00

²³ Sub Head 003 Economic Infrastructure (Consolidated Fund) was not included as a Sub Head in the Draft Estimates of the Development Programme for Fiscal Year 2020.

Public Sector Investment Programme 2022 Projections²⁴

Development Planning

The Ministry of Planning and Development will continue to pursue the transformation of its Town and Country Planning Division (TCPD) through the operationalisation of the automated construction permitting system. A total provision of \$5.9 million will be allocated for two (2) inter-related transformation projects which will facilitate timely review of plans and faster approval of construction permits as well as improved record keeping and reliable archiving of permitting activities.

Automation of the Construction Permitting Process DevelopTT

In fiscal 2022, funds in the sum of \$2.3 million will be provided for the enhancement and continued roll out of the DevelopTT online construction permitting system towards improving the ease of doing business. Funding in fiscal 2022 , will be utilised to execute software system design changes by the consultant based on the feedback received during the pilot to refine the software. Funds will also be utilised to conduct system training with the relevant agencies in Tobago involved in the construction permitting system and for administrative support for the project. Citizens will benefit from enhanced and expanded access to e-services through the DevelopTT portal for every step of the building, planning and development process.

Implementation of the Automated Workflow Process

An allocation of \$3.6 million will be provided to facilitate the implementation of phase two (2) of the project during which the digitisation of records of the TCPD's East Regional Office and the Tobago Regional Office will be undertaken. Subsequent to which, these files will form part of the digital vault and provide reference material to the DevelopTT system. This digitisation initiative will enhance the

²⁴ Public Sector Investment Programme 2022, pages 271-273. Accessed October 07, 2021. <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Public-Sector-Investment-Programme-2022.pdf>

Division's service delivery through better accessibility to information, faster retrieval of records and improved preservation of legacy data.

Regional Development Initiatives

The Government will invest \$2.0 million in fiscal 2022, towards the continuation of the Revitalisation of Port of Spain which is geared towards rejuvenating and transforming the city, addressing urban challenges including accommodation and traffic congestion and seizing development opportunities. The Ministry of Planning and Development will continue to coordinate the seven (7) development initiatives executed through UDeCOTT as follows:

- Memorial Plaza Development;
- Salvatori Development;
- Piccadilly Housing Development;
- Powergen Development;
- Redevelopment of City Gate;
- Inter City Transit Tram System; and
- Foreshore Green Space.

Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA)

A total provision of \$5.0 million will be allocated for the implementation of projects by the CDA as follows:

- Major Vehicles and Equipment Upgrade – the sum of \$1.3 million will be provided for the procurement of equipment for the CDA including servers, a power supply kit, cables, a railing system, a display System and a modular controller;

- Upgrade of Chaguaramas Golf Course - Phase 1 - the sum of \$0.9 million will be provided to undertake works including construction of golf sheds on the course, filling of the bunkers with sand, construction of six (6) practice and pitching greens with bunkers as well as construction of a putting green bunker;
- Renovation Works to the CDA Police Post at Williams Bay – funds in the amount of \$1.0 million will be utilised to facilitate works to the walls (concrete, formwork, reinforcement and partitions) masonry/plastering, roof covering and waterproofing as well as internal and external works;
- Refurbishment of Vending Booths at Phase 1 Boardwalk Williams Bay – an allocation of \$0.5 million will be provided for works to the walls, floors, doors, windows, plumbing, drainage and electrical systems of the vending booths; and
- Rehabilitation /Construction of Access Roads and Drains at Agro Park – the sum of \$1.3 million will be allocated to facilitate activities including mobilisation, site preparatory works, clearing and grubbing, earth works, drainage, concrete and stabilisation works, roads rehabilitation works and road construction works.

Smart Growth

An investment of \$4.0 million will be provided in fiscal 2022 to commence activities for the project Smart City Infrastructure which will utilise an innovative approach towards urban development.

Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates in 2017-2022

The table below lists the projects that have been noted due to uncharacteristic variances in estimates for funding: ²⁵

Item No.	Project	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimates
CF 001-03-L007	Relocation of the PTSC Maintenance Facilities	0	0	\$12,993,137	\$5,674,642	0	0
CF 005-06-A071	Implementation of the Automated Workflow Process	\$355,950	\$281,480	\$432,190	\$514,956	\$600,000	\$3,587,000
CF 005-06-A020	Restructuring of the C.S.O. of T&T	\$621,251	\$96,115	\$201,637	0	0	\$2,000,000
CF 005-06-A084	Harmonization of the laws of the Republic of T&T governing Environmental Issues	0	0	0	\$366,368	0	0
CF 005-06-A085	Acquisition of ISO 9001 Certification	0	\$105,953	\$276,600	\$183,126	\$100,000	\$125,000
CF 005-06-A086	ICT Solutions and Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	\$640,000	\$1,000,000
CF 005-06-F015	Establishment of Marine Research Field Station in Tobago	0	0	0	\$115,178	\$250,000	\$800,000
CF 005-03-D006	Major Vehicles and Equipment Upgrade	0	\$650,000	\$100,379	\$100,379	-	\$1,267,000

²⁵ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 7, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2018 and 2019

For the financial year 2018 and 2019, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Planning and Development, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²⁶:

Item No.	Project	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
CF 004-06-M053	Conduct of Pre-Census Activities for the 2021 Population, Housing and Agriculture Census	\$276,144	0	0	\$232,000	0
CF 004-06-M054	Conduct of the 2019 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)	0	\$1,127,718	\$326,251	\$713,000	\$2,530,00
CF 004-06-M055	Conduct of the 2018-2019 Household Budgetary Survey/Survey of Living Conditions	0	\$899,824	\$61,272	\$224,000	\$6,013,000
CF 005-03-D036	Upgrade of Chaguaramas Golf Course- Phase I	0	\$668,230	\$881,852	0	\$950,000
CF 005-06-A073	Automation of the Construction Permit Process		\$259,591	\$88,822	\$300,000	\$2,303,000
CF 005-06-A089	Improvement of Service Delivery Infrastructure at TCPD	\$383,163	\$480,197	\$130,429	0	0
CF 005-06-A090	Development of Ambient Water Quality Standards	\$58,666	\$413,194	\$434,200	\$200,000	\$800,000
CF 005-06-A093	Development of the Mariculture Industry in Trinidad and Tobago	0	\$599,109	0	\$155,000	\$515,000
CF 005-03-C005	Recycling of Tyre Crumbs into Asphalt Mixes	0	0	0	\$324,000	\$338,000

²⁶ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 7, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

CF 005-03-C007	Establishment of Hydrocarbon Oil Field Chemical Pollution Management	0	\$181,092	\$99,758	0	0
CF 005-17-B007	Establishment of an Ambient Air Quality Management Programme	\$907,386	\$380,031	\$1,324,650	\$1,226,000	\$1,000,000
IDF 003-11-S001	Reclamation of Land at King's Wharf North	0	\$861,064	\$3,191,793	\$5,854,000	0
IDF-005-06-F016	Construction of the Ministry of Planning and Development Tower	0	0	0	0	\$1,000,000

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2020

For the financial year 2020, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Planning and Development, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²⁷:

Item No.	Development Programme 2020 Projects	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
CF 005-03-D039	Renovation to CDO Police Post at Williams Bay	0	0	\$1,000,000
CF 005-03-D040	Construction of Access Roads and Drainage at Agro Park	0	0	\$1,300,000
CF 005-03-D041	Refurbishment of Vending Booths at Phase 1 Boardwalk Williams Bay	0	0	\$500,000
CF 005-06-A099	Development of a National Manpower Plan	0	0	\$1,000,000

²⁷ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 7, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2021

For the financial year 2021, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Planning and Development, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²⁸:

Item No.	Development Programme 2021 Projects	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
CF 005-03-D043	Installation of a Sewer Lift Station at Williams Bay Police Post	0	0	0
CF A064	Global Services Offshoring Promotion Programme	\$3,160,627	\$251,000	0
CF A101	Establishment of the Global Services Hub	0	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
CF A103	National Development Strategy 2021-2025	0	\$12,000	\$510,000
CF A105	Development of a Work from Home Policy for the Public Service	0	0	\$300,000
CF 005-06-C003	Technical Co-operation facility	0	0	\$1,000,000
CF 005-06-F019	Remodeling and Outfitting of floors at Eric Williams financial Complex	0	0	\$500,000
IDF-A004	Revitalization of Port of Spain	0	\$500,000	\$2,000,000

²⁸ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 7, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

New Projects from the Financial Year 2022

The new projects that received funding in the 2022 financial year²⁹:

Item No.	Development Programme 2022 Projects	2022 Estimate
CF 004-06-M057	Population and Housing Census: Conduct of the 2022 Population and Housing Census	\$12,000,000
CF 005-06-A107	Smart City Infrastructure	\$4,000,000
CF 005-06-A109	Digitization of Human Resource Department	\$200,000
CF 005-06-A111	Sustainable Development Goals	\$4,000,000
CF 005-06-F021	Electrical Upgrade of the IMA Headquarters	\$440,000
CF 005-06-F023	Upgrade of the Drainage, Fence and Sewer System of the IMA Headquarters	\$340,000
CF 005-17-B011	Development of a Management Plan for the Scarlet Ibis	\$275,000
IDF 005-06-F018	Refurbishment and Outfitting of the Mews Building and Installation of the Air Condition Infrastructure - Mille Fleurs Building	\$1,500,000

²⁹ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 7, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Committee Reports related to the Ministry of Planning and Development

Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure (including Land, Agriculture, Marine Resources, Public Utilities, Transport and Works)

<i>Inquiry</i>	<i>Report Status</i>	<i>Key Recommendations</i>
<p><i>Tenth Report on an inquiry into Flood Alleviation and Control Measures for Major River Basins and Drainage Catchments in Trinidad and Tobago subjected to Major Flooding over the Past Years</i></p>	<p><u>Report Presented</u> H.O.R: 26.06.2020 Senate: 23.06.2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment be undertaken to determine the effectiveness of current flood management legislation in relation to flood management by the MoPD given its responsibility for planning. The assessment should identify areas for improvement and be submitted to the Parliament six (6) months subsequent to the laying of the report. • The MoPD examine the implications to an integrated Act where various aspects of it relates to water, land, environment and planning can be incorporated into one Act of Parliament by way of stakeholder consultations and update the Committee with its findings and recommendations, one (1) year subsequent to the laying of this report. • The establishment of a specific unit within the MoPD for the implementation of the Integrated Flood Management Plan

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MoPD in reviewing the studies ensure the accuracy and completeness of data to determine the impact of developments on flooding. • The MoPD engage in stakeholder consultation to discuss the importance of data sharing, the need for data to be accurate and standardised and for legislation to facilitate same.
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Public Accounts and Appropriations Committee

<i>Inquiry</i>	<i>Report Status</i>	<i>Ministerial Response</i>	<i>Key Recommendations</i>
<i>The Sixteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Third Session, Eleventh Parliament, on an examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme</i>	<p><u>Presented</u> in:</p> <p>H.O.R: 25.01. 2019</p> <p>Senate: 29.01.2019</p>	<p><u>Laid</u> in</p> <p>H.O.R: 23.04.2019</p> <p>Senate:11.04.2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Planning and Development should partner with the Ministry of Public Administration to ensure that all relevant Accounting Officers and staff assigned to Project Management Units/Project Implementation Units across the Public Service are trained in a combination of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basic, Intermediate and Advanced level in capital investment project preparation (Log Frame Approach); ○ project appraisal (Cost Benefit Analysis and Cost Effective Analysis); and ○ project selection (Multi Criterion Analysis)

<p><i>Twentieth Report An examination into the approval process for land use in Trinidad and Tobago</i></p>	<p><u>Presented</u> in H.O.R: 06.12.2019 Senate: 07.12.2019</p>	<p>Not yet laid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TCPD should submit to Parliament a list of the “hard-to-fill” positions as well as an update on the steps taken to recruit such staff by February 28, 2020; • The TCPD should make every effort to acquire the full staff complement at the Division including Vault Attendants at the Division’s Regional Offices to increase the Division’s capacity to effectively and efficiently manage its day to day operations and report to Parliament by February 28, 2020; • The TCPD should consider/explore strategies to recruit recent graduates along with the implementation of training programmes with the aim of affording the graduates the opportunity of developing the skills and knowledge required for the specialised profession; and • The TCPD should indicate to the Public Service Commission (PSC), the need for additional staff so arrangements can be made for these persons to fill the vacant positions by February 28, 2020. • The TCPD should conduct a review of the staff structure of the Enforcement Unit addressing the deficiencies in the current staff complement; and • The TCPD should liaise with the relevant agencies to acquire the additional staff need in order for the Enforcement Unit of the TCPD to function at its full capacity and deal with the volume of

			complaints of unauthorized development activities. Parliament should be provided with an update by February 28, 2020
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Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (Including THA)

<i>Inquiry</i>	<i>Report Status</i>	<i>Ministerial Response</i>	<i>Key Recommendations</i>
<i>Ninth Report on an Inquiry into certain aspects of the operations of the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA)</i>	<u>Presented</u> in: H.O.R: 28.03. 2018 Senate: 27.03.2018	<u>Laid</u> in Senate:11.09.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CDA should undertake a review of its organizational structure given the findings of the manpower audit and establish a new organizational structure that is consistent with the recommendations of the manpower audit and the strategic goals of the Authority. • The CDA should forward a proposal to the PS, MoPD for the consideration of public private partnerships to assist the CDA in the development of the north-west peninsula. • The CDA's line Ministry should carefully and objectively consider whether the CDA is currently fulfilling its core mandate. An assessment of the efficacy of the CDA's involvement in promoting tourism in the northwestern peninsula should be conducted. • It would be useful for the CDA to re-evaluate the feasibility studies and concept documents associated with the Board Walk Project to determine what may be stymieing its success. The CDA must also conduct comparative research of the business

			<p>models used by other countries in relation to boardwalks and similar facilities with a view to determining how best to optimize this facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CDA needs to work assiduously in building its relations with tourism stakeholders including the Ministry of Tourism, the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago and the T&TTGA with a view to forging an alliance for the purpose of rejuvenating and sustaining tourism activities in the North-west peninsula.
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Recent Legislative Developments

<i>Act No./Bill No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Related Bill</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
1 of 2019	<p>The Planning and Facilitation of Development (Amendment) Bill, 2018</p> <p>An Act to amend the Planning and Facilitation of Development Act, 2014 and to consequentially amend the Environmental Management Act, Chap. 35:05.</p> <p>Bill brought forward from the 3rd. Session. The Bill seeks to amend the Planning and Facilitation of Development Act, No. 10 of 2014 and to consequentially amend the Environmental Management Act, Chap. 35:05.</p> <p>http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/a2019-01g.pdf</p>	Progression	25-Jan-2019
10 of 2020	<p>The Miscellaneous Amendments Bill, 2020</p> <p>An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20; the Oaths Act, Chap. 7:01; the Limitation of Certain Actions Act, Chap. 7:09; the Summary Offences Act, Chap. 11:02; the Dangerous Drugs Act, Chap. 11:25; the Mental Health Act, Chap. 28:02; the Children Act, Chap. 46:01; the Shipping Act, Chap. 50:10; the Plant Protection Act, Chap. 63:56; the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01; the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01; the Central Bank Act, Chap. 79:02; the Financial Institutions Act, Chap. 79:09; the Companies Act, Chap 81:01; the Securities Act, Chap. 83:02; the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute, Chap. 85:52; and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2017 (Act No. 9 of 2017); and to repeal the Magistrates Protection Act, Chap. 6:03.</p> <p>http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/b2020h06g.pdf</p>	Progression	May 8, 2020
HOR Bill 16 of 2018	<p>The National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago Bill, 2018</p> <p>AN ACT to repeal and replace the Statistics Act, Chap. 19:02, establish a National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago and for other related matters</p>	Progression	Bill Lapsed

General Useful Information

- Department of Planning and Environment, AUS: <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/>
- Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government, UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-communities-and-local-government>
- Department of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation, SOUTH AFRICA: <https://www.dpme.gov.za/Pages/default.aspx>
- Ministry of Economic Development, Housing, Urban Renewal, Transport and Civil Aviation, ST.LUCIA: <http://physicaldevelopment.govt.lc/>