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

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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRD&LG) for the period 2016-2022. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry's responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, 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 Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly 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 42: Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

Ministerial Overview¹

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government functions as the coordinating agency which guides Municipal Corporations and Special Purpose Enterprises in assisting communities by pooling resources in targeted areas which include among others Infrastructure Development, Disaster Management, Public Health and Sanitation. The Ministry is also responsible for organizing, promoting and implementing rural development policies and strategies. We have a more direct and constant connection to citizens than many other arms of the Central Government through the Municipal Corporations. This makes our Ministry critical to the democratic process and a major catalyst in the execution of any citizen-centered national initiative.

Mission²

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government is committed to facilitating, coordinating, monitoring and ensuring accountability of Municipal Corporations in the effective and efficient delivery of quality services through meaningful decentralised systems, structures, procedures, practices and the provision of specialized support services.

Vision

Fully transformed and modernised Local Government system that empowers and enhances quality of life through service excellence. To bring about balanced development to rural communities.

The Local Government System encompasses a number of interconnected actors which include the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government as the (central coordinating agency) and Fourteen Municipal Corporations:

¹ Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government website, accessed on August 5, 2021: <https://rdlg.gov.tt/our-ministry/what-we-do/>

² Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government website, accessed on August 5, 2021: <https://rdlg.gov.tt/our-ministry/our-mission-and-vision/>

- 2 City Corporations
 - Port-of-Spain City Corporation; and
 - San Fernando City Corporation

- 3 Borough Corporations
 - Arima Borough Corporation;
 - Chaguanas Borough Corporation; and
 - Point Fortin Borough Corporation

- 9 Regional Corporations
 - Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation;
 - Diego Martin Regional Corporation;
 - Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation;
 - Penal/Debe Regional Corporation;
 - Princes Town Regional Corporation;
 - San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation;
 - Sangre Grande Regional Corporation;
 - Siparia Regional Corporation; and
 - Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation.

Affiliates

- Trinidad and Tobago Association of Local Government Authorities (TTALGA) - <https://www.facebook.com/Trinidad-and-Tobago-Association-of-Local-Government-Authorities>
- Caribbean Association of Local Government Authorities (CALGA) - <http://www.calga.org/>

- Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) <http://www.clgf.org.uk>

The role and responsibilities of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government are mainly to:

- Convey the policy perspectives and guidelines of Central Government
- Monitor the finances and expenditure
- Render expert advice
- Issue guidelines on administrative and statutory regulations
- Supervise the execution of projects and programmes
- Coordinate the activities of Municipal Corporations in order to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of services in a timely manner and also balanced growth development.
- Act as an adjudicator in cases of disputes between Municipal Corporations

Minister: Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein

Permanent Secretary: Ms. Desdra Bascombe

Deputy Permanent Secretary: Mr. Raymond Seepaul

State Enterprises Falling under the Ministry's Purview

Entities Falling Under Their Purview
Rural Development Company of Trinidad & Tobago (RDC) ³
Community Environment Enhancement and Protection Programme (CEPEP) ⁴

³ Rural Development Company of Trinidad & Tobago website, accessed on August 5, 2021: <http://ruraldev.co.tt/>

⁴ Community Environment Enhancement and Protection Programme website, accessed on August 5, 2021: <https://www.cepep.gov.tt/>

Auditor General Report Findings for the Fiscal year 2020

Ref: Auditor General's Report⁵

LETTERS OF COMFORT ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2020				
STATE ENTERPRISE/ STATUTORY BOARD	LENDING AGENCY	LOAN AMOUNT	BALANCE AS AT SEPTEMBER 30 2019	BALANCE AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
Rural Development Corporation First Citizen Bank Note 23	First Citizen Bank TT\$100Mn	100,000,000.00	0.00	100,000,000.00

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Agencies	AU/Sub-head	Total Warrants Issued (\$)	Cheques Issued (\$)	Unexpended Balance(\$)
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government	61/42	16,841,878.00	16,812,943.57	28,934.43

⁵ 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. 102, 103
<http://138.128.179.50/sites/default/files/Auditor-General-Report-2020.pdf>

Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

Six (6) payment vouchers totalling \$681,345.57 effected in previous years were not countersigned by the Accounting Officer as required by the Financial Instruction 1965, instruction 108(4). This instruction requires Accounting Officers to personally countersign payment vouchers covering transactions effected in previous years.

VOTE BOOK

An Invoice Order dated 10th September, 2020 totalling \$525,278.00 was not committed in the vote book before payment was made. Financial Regulations (Stores) 13 (v) requires that the value of orders placed be properly entered into the commitment column of the appropriate vote book.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

09/003/15/D/020 – Local Roads and Street Signage Programme

A Register of Contracts as required by Financial Regulation 129 (1) was produced but no entries were inserted to indicate contracts awarded with each contract being given an identifying number for the financial year.

Appendix I

COVID-19 EXPENDITURE 2020

Ministry	Ministry (\$)	Audited (\$)	Remarks
39 Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government	40,662.28	40,662.28	-

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

Directives

The Circular Memorandum FM: 9/3/1 Sub III dated June 13, 2019 from the Minister of Finance on the subject of 'Amendments to the Municipal Corporations Act by Finance Act, 2018' stated that the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Line Minister) remains responsible for the approval of requests from corporations for the utilization of unspent balances. The statement of unspent balances must be subjected to an internal audit review before approval by the Line Minister.

Funding and Expenditure

Ministerial approval was conveyed for the expenditure of one million dollars from the unspent balances of each corporation's bank account to expedite COVID-19 expenditure. Ministerial approval vide circular memorandum dated April 17, 2020 from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government advised the 14 regional corporations of their critical role in the country's response to the 'Corona Virus Global pandemic'.

The Permanent Secretary stated in the memorandum that the approval was specific to the procurement of goods and services relative to the corporations' COVID-19 response and the priority focus would have been the most essential areas including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Water Trucking, Sanitization and Humanitarian Aid.

Key Statement from 2020 Standing Finance Committee Debate⁶

During the reading of the Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Bill, 2020, the following statements were made in relation to the emphases of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries for fiscal year 2020/2021:

“The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, through the 14 municipal corporations and its state agencies, CEPEP and RDC, play an integral role in providing essential services to citizens across the length and breadth of our beloved country. Fiscal 2019 to 2020 was indeed a challenging one. However, we are able to persevere and will continue to do so despite the obstacles we have encountered as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Local government impacts every citizen on a daily basis through key services to communities, such as disaster management, mitigation, municipal police, clearing of minor drains and water courses. We remain fueled by the goals of ensuring that all citizens, especially those in rural areas, receive the much needed goods and services required for them to live a comfortable life. This financial year, we at the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government recognize the need to reprioritize our expenditure where required, in light of the increased financial constraints and the adverse effects of the pandemic. Additionally, we remain committed to ensuring delivery and good service by putting people first.”

**- Minister of Rural Development and Local Government
- Senator the Honorable Kazim Hosein**

⁶ Standing Finance Committee Hansard of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, 20 October 20. Accessed on August 13, 2021. Pgs. 108-109:

<http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/hh20201020sfc.pdf>

Review of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2021⁷

Municipal Corporations

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government via its Engineering Unit and fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations utilised the sum of \$53.0 million to rehabilitate local roads. Some of the interventions undertaken included the resurfacing of segments of roadways, construction of gabion basket walls, reinforced concrete walls and pavement reinstatement.

⁷ Ministry of Finance website, Public Sector Investment Programme 2022,, accessed on October 8, 2021:<https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Final-PSIP-October-6-2021.pdf>

Supplementation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2021⁸

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 Rural Development and Local Government requested and was granted the following supplementations:

Recurrent Expenditure - \$142,216,000

04/007/40 - Gratuities to Contract Officers - \$2,300,000

The sum is required to enable payment of gratuities to contract officers on completion of contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment.

04/009/04 - Community Based Environment Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) - \$43,497,000

The sum is required to supplement funding to the Community Based Environment Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) to meet its expenditure to September, 2021.

04/011/09 - R.D.C. - National Reforestation and Watershed Rehabilitation Programme (NRWRP) - \$2,100,000

Additional funding is required to meet personnel expenditure under the National Reforestation and Watershed Rehabilitation Programme (NRWRP) to September 2021.

06/005/23 - Port of Spain City Corporation - \$14,730,000

06/005/24 - San Fernando City Corporation - \$5,850,000

06/005/25 - Arima Borough Corporation - \$4,035,000

06/005/26 - Point Fortin Borough Corporation - \$4,727,000

⁸ Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2021 accessed on September 20, 2020, pg. 114:

06/005/27 - Chaguanas Borough Corporation - \$12,862,000

06/005/28 - Diego Martin Regional Corporation - \$4,601,000

06/005/29 - San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation - \$3,857,000

06/005/30 - Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation - \$18,944,000

06/005/31 - Sangre Grande Regional Corporation - \$3,338,000

06/005/32 - Couva / Tabaquite / Talparo Regional Corporation - \$4,087,000

06/005/33 - Mayaro /Rio Claro Regional Corporation - \$1,759,000

06/005/34 - Siparia Regional Corporation - \$5,267,000

06/005/35 - Penal/Debe Regional Corporation - \$6,360,000

06/005/36 - Princes Town Regional Corporation - \$3,902,000

The aggregate sum of \$94,319,000 is required to supplement funding to the fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations to enable them to meet payment of wages and COLA as well as to pay sums owed for the provision of various goods and services.

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

Year ⁹	Total Allocation ¹⁰	National Budget ¹¹	Percentage of National Budget
2016	\$1,960,044,340.00	\$ 56,573,913,053.00	3.5%
2017	\$2,356,613,849.00	\$ 54,883,153,410.00	4.3%
2018	\$2,257,337,796.00	\$ 54,211,726,813.00	4.2%
2019	\$2,085,294,862.00	\$54,581,467,181.00	3.8%
2020	\$2,207,020,577.00	\$57,388,076,726.00	3.8%
2021	\$2,298,160,939.00	\$57,292,169,264.00	4.0%
2022	\$2,332,469,000.00	\$57,917,018,000.00	4.0%

- Total allocation to the Ministry as a percentage of the national budget remained the same at 4% for both periods **2020/2021** and **2021/2022**.

⁹ For the Fiscal 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.

¹⁰ Total Allocation for Ministry=Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund

¹¹ The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme Expenditure Consolidated Fund

Where the Ministry Spends Its Money

2021-2022 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **\$2,369,969,000.00** for the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of¹² **\$2,103,711,000.00**;
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum¹³ of **\$266,258,000.00**
 - Consolidated Fund in the sum of **\$228,758,000.00**; and
 - Infrastructure Development Fund¹⁴ in the sum of **\$37,500,000.00**.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - **\$96,900,000.00**
- 02 Goods and Services -**\$76,301,000.00**
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases -**\$2,000,000.00**
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies -**\$478,246,770.00**
- 06 Current Transfers to State Boards & Similar Bodies - **\$1,450,263,230.00**

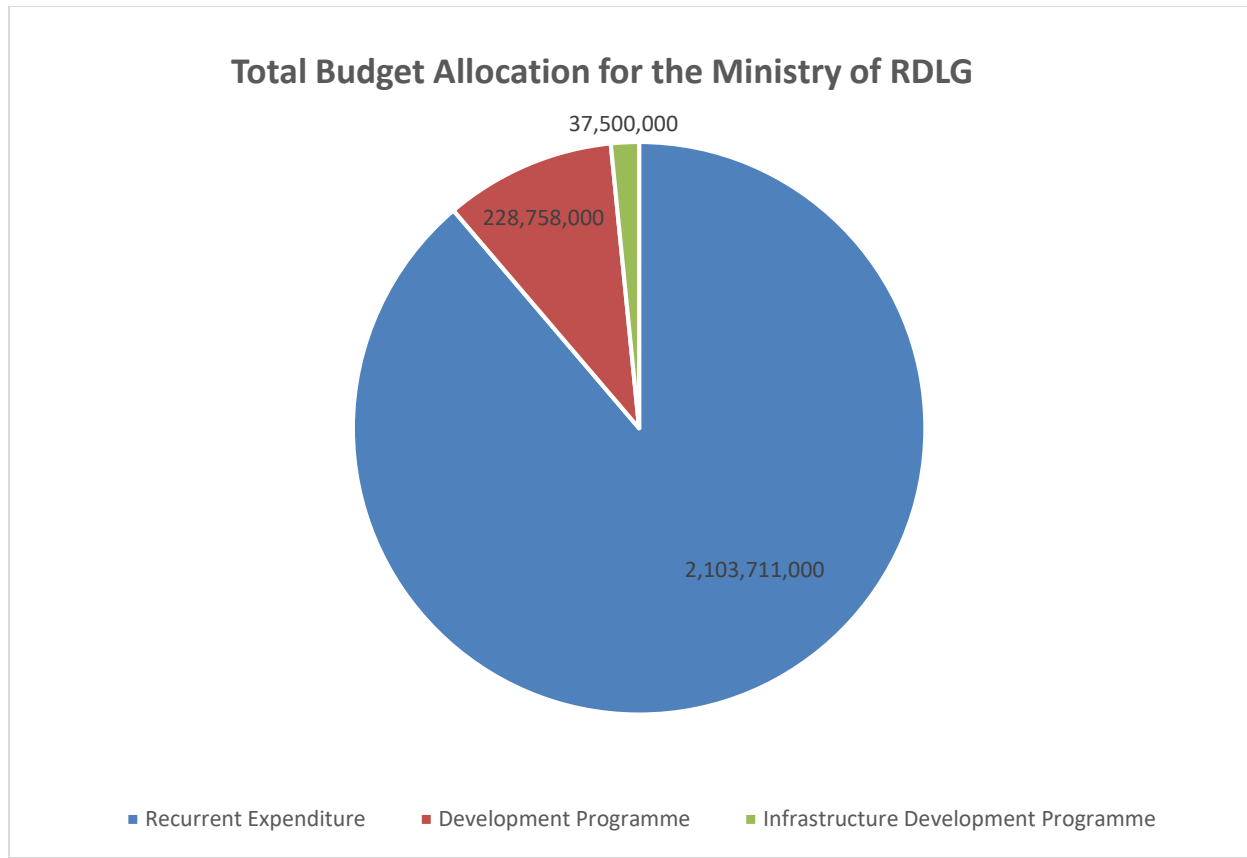
¹² Ministry of Finance website-Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure, 2022 accessed on October 8, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Details-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2022.pdf>

¹³ Ministry of Finance website-Draft Estimates of Development Programme, 2022 accessed on October 8, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

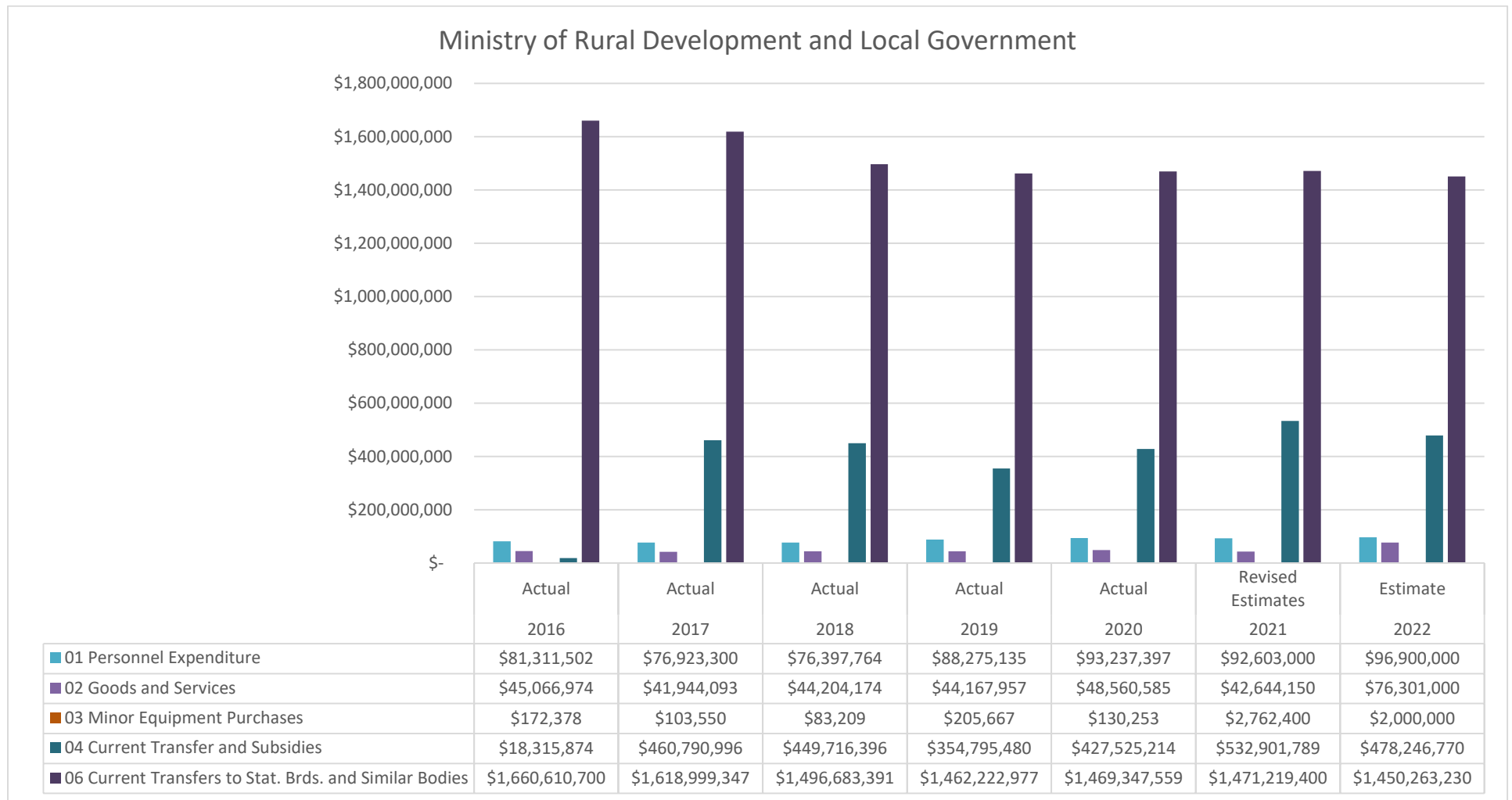
¹⁴ Head 18 –Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. *Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government does not include the IDF funding.*

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government's:

- Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget is **4.0%**;
- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is **3.8%**;
- Consolidated Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is **9.2%**; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Infrastructure Development Fund is **2.2%**.



Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2016-2022¹⁵



¹⁵ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2022, accessed on October 5, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Details-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2022.pdf>

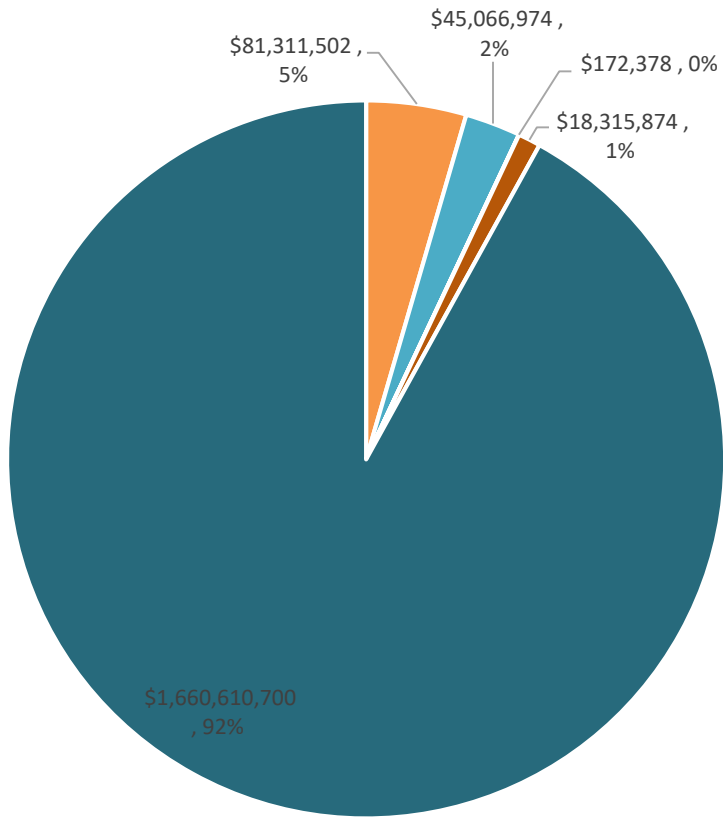
Analysis of Summary of Expenditure¹⁶

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses, which are incurred for the day-to-day operations of the Ministry including 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 **\$2,103,711,000**.

- Recurrent Expenditure (**Revised**) for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 was at **\$2,142,130,739**. Comparing this with the allocation in Fiscal Year 2021/2022, there is a decrease of **\$38,419,739** or **2%**.
- The largest portion of the allocation has consistently gone to **Current Transfer and Subsidies to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies** for the years 2016-2022. **Current Transfer and Subsidies to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies** accounted for approximately **69%** of total funding for the Ministry for fiscal year 2021/2022.
- Sub-Head **02 Goods and Services** received **\$76,301,000** for fiscal year 2021/2022. Comparing this figure to 2020/2021, there was an increase of **\$33,656,850.00** or **79%**.
- **03 Minor Equipment Purchases** received the lowest portion of the total allocation for the Ministry over the period 2016 to 2022.
- **Current Transfers and Subsidies** received the second largest portion of the allocation over the period 2016-2022. However, has been fluctuating over this period experiencing a major decline in the 2019 fiscal. Comparing 2020/2021 to 2021/2022, there was a decrease in the allocation by **\$54,655,019.00** or **10%**.

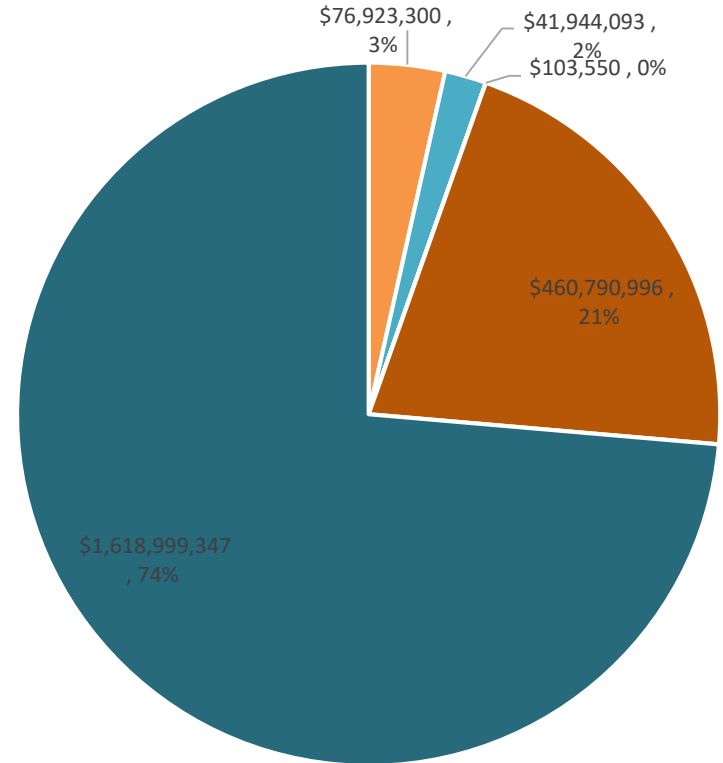
¹⁶ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2022, accessed on October 5, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Details-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2022.pdf>

2016 Actual - \$1,660,610,700



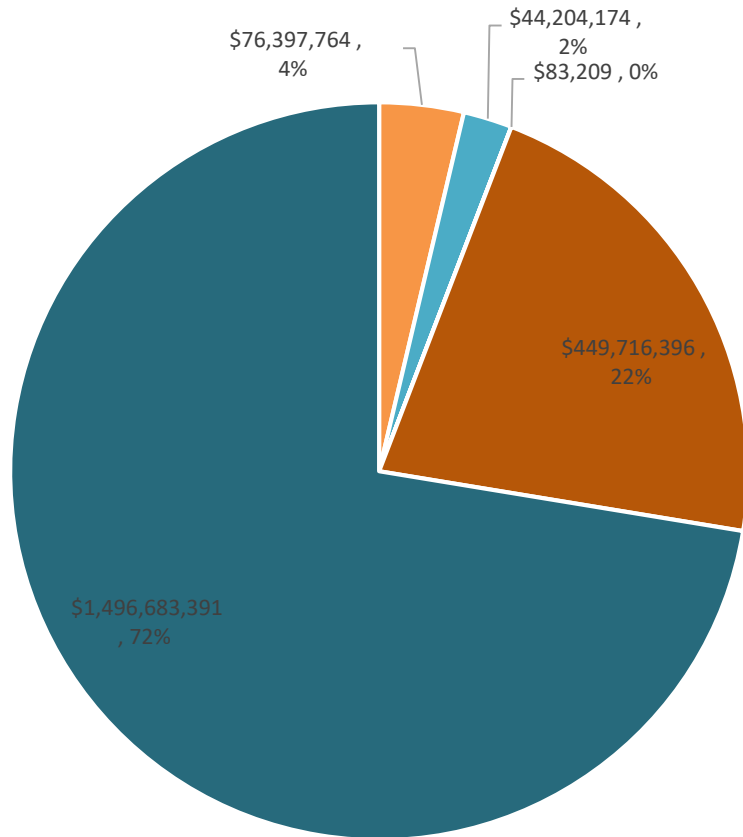
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- 06 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds. and Similar Bodies

2017 Actual - \$1,618,999,347



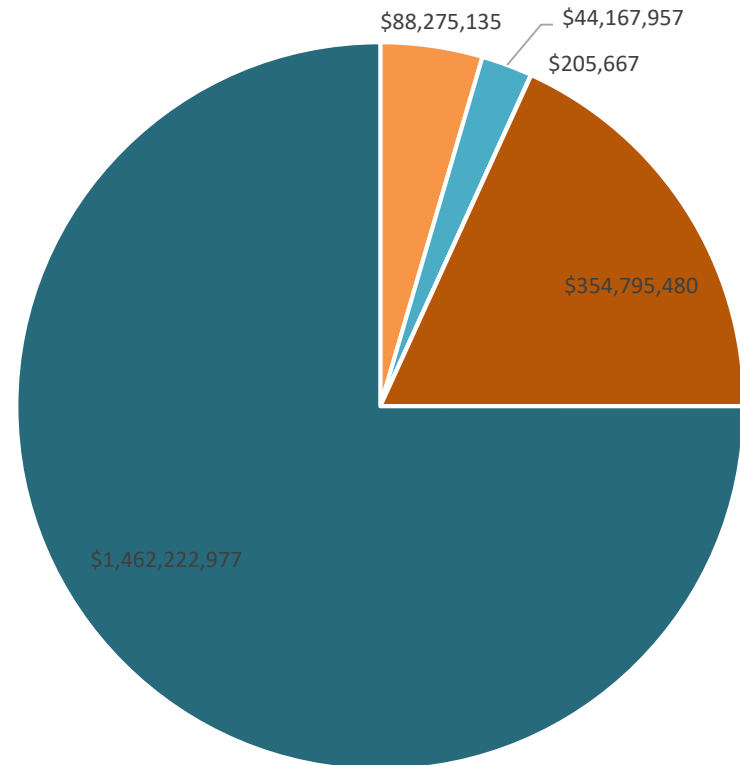
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2018 Actual - \$1,496,683,391



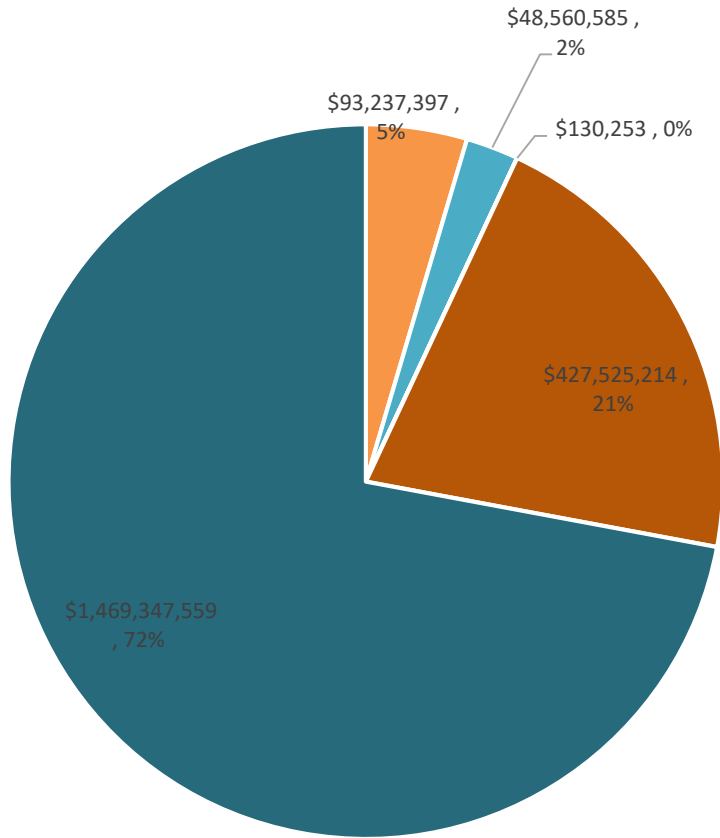
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2019 Actual - 1,462,222,977



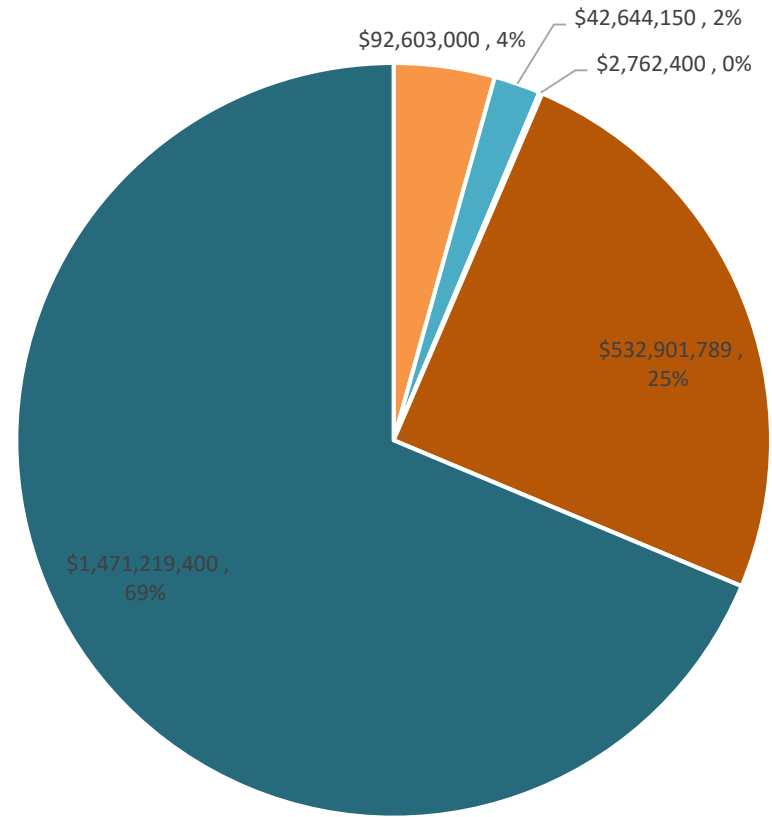
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2020 Actual - 1,469,347,559



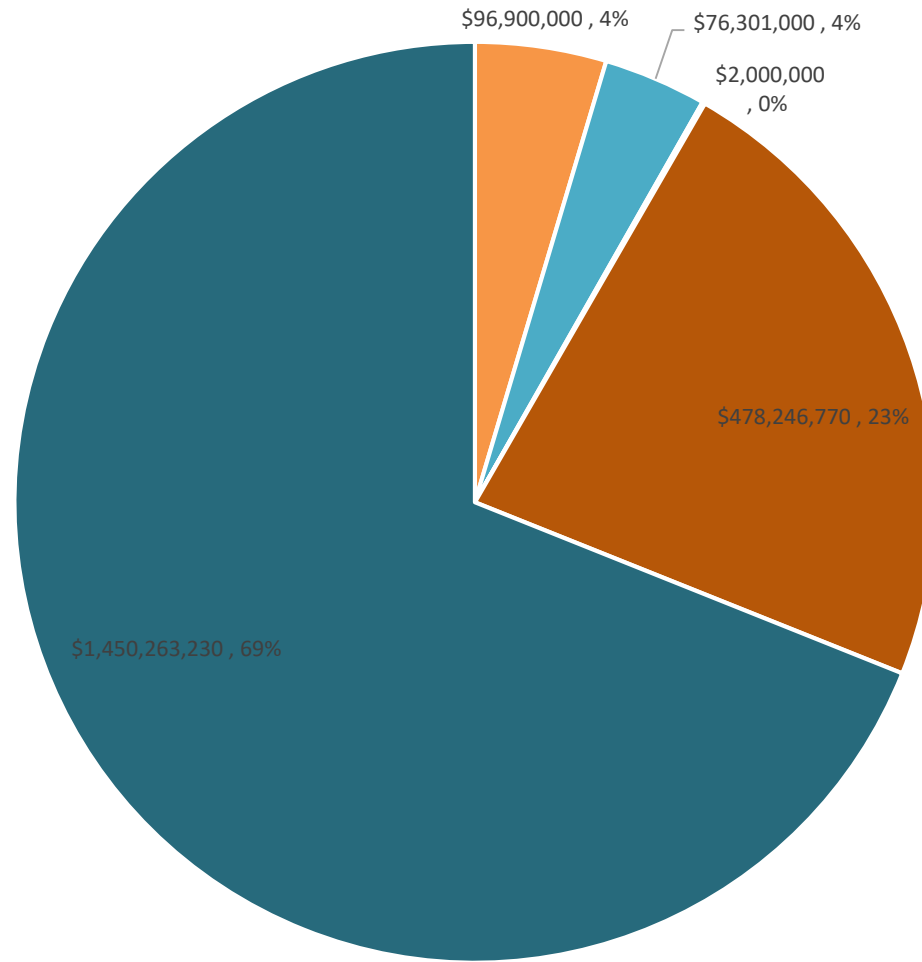
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2021 Revised Estimates - \$1,471,219,400



- 01 Personnel Expenditure
- 02 Goods and Services
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases
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2022 Estimate \$1,450,263,230



01 Personnel Expenditure

02 Goods and Services

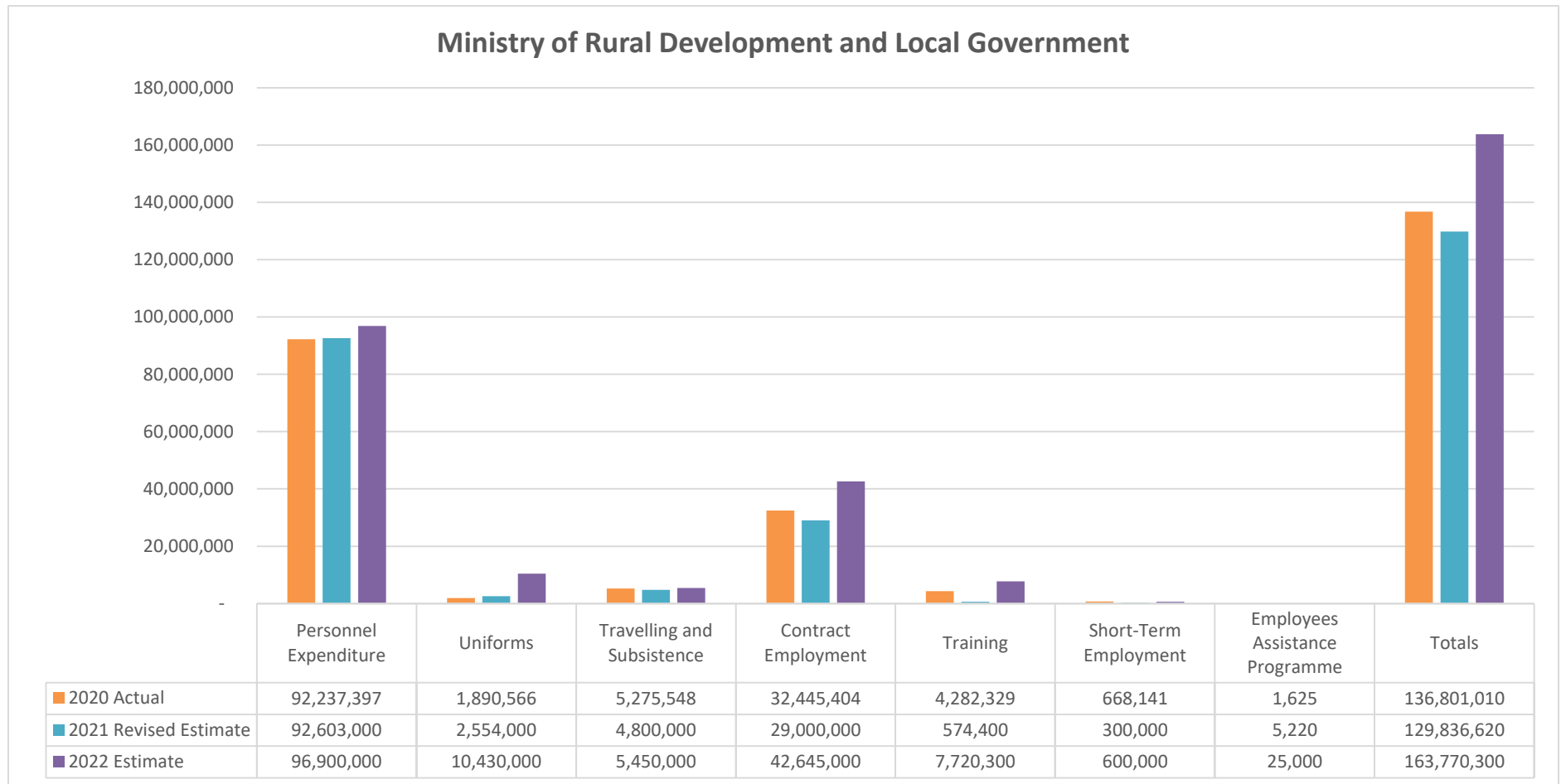
03 Minor Equipment Purchases

04 Current Transfer and Subsidies

06 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds. and Similar Bodies

Staff and Pay¹⁷

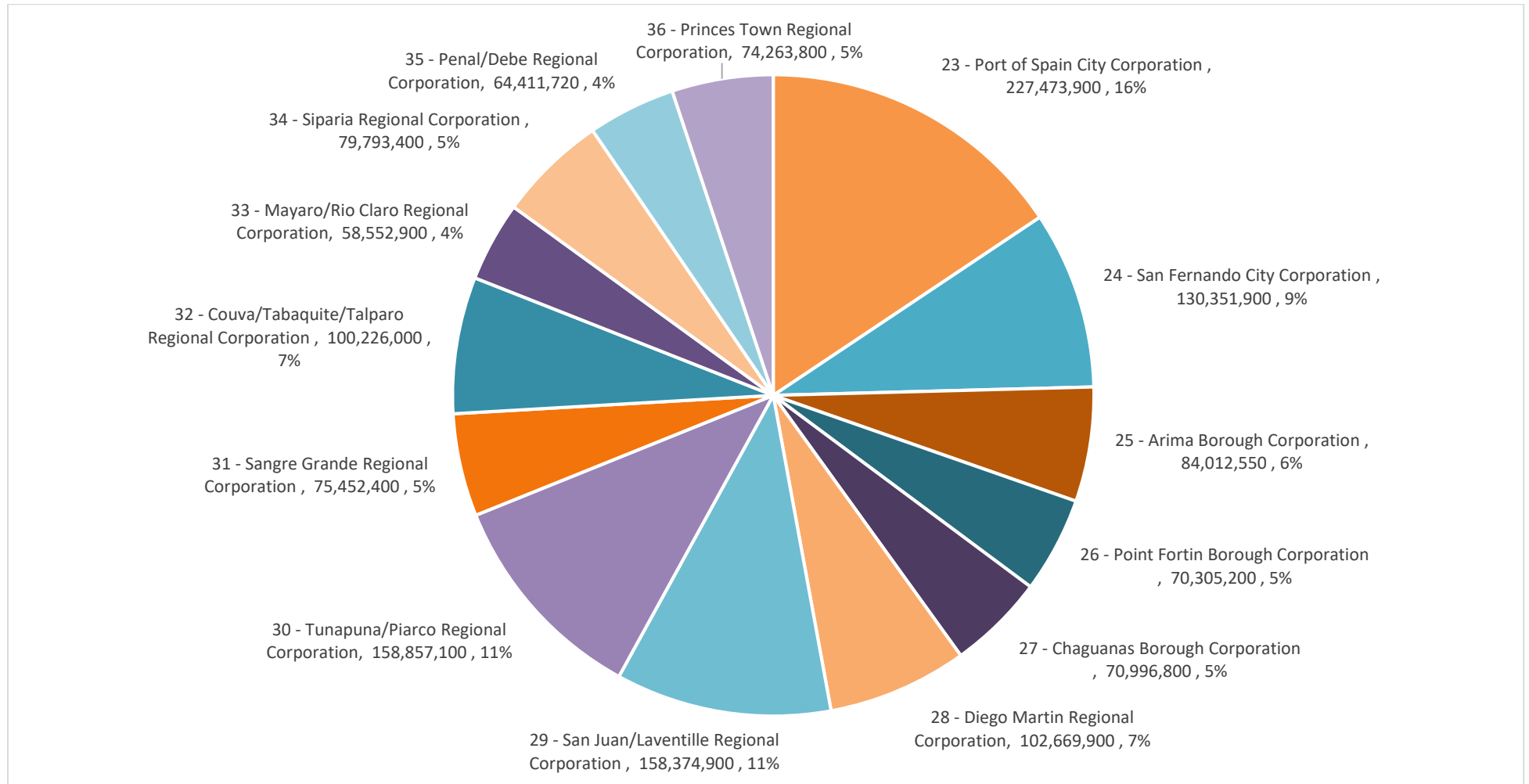
The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2022 was \$163,770,300, which represents an increase of approximately 26% from the last fiscal year 2021. The following table provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2020-2022.



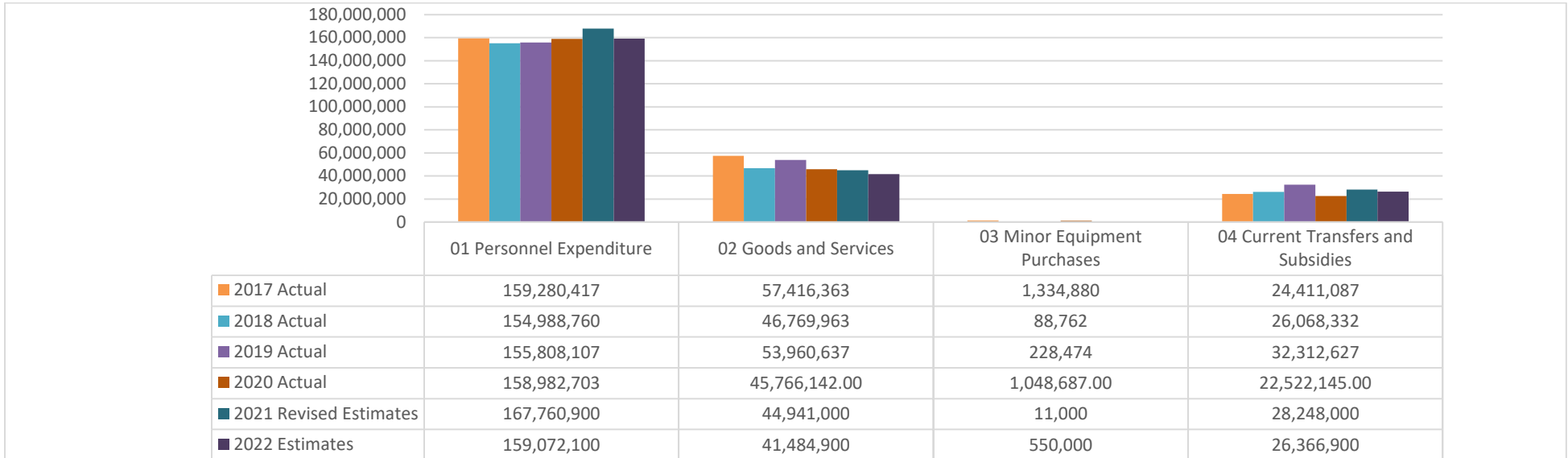
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Analysis of Expenditure Unique to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

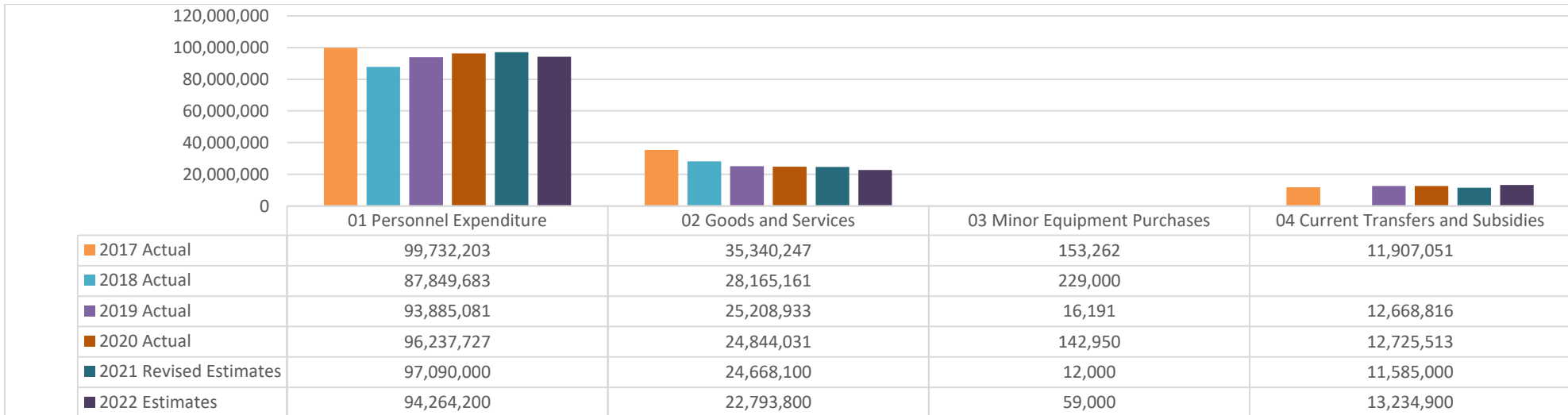
Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government that may not feature in other Ministries or Departments. The following charts highlight the allocations for the fourteen Corporations under the Ministry's purview:



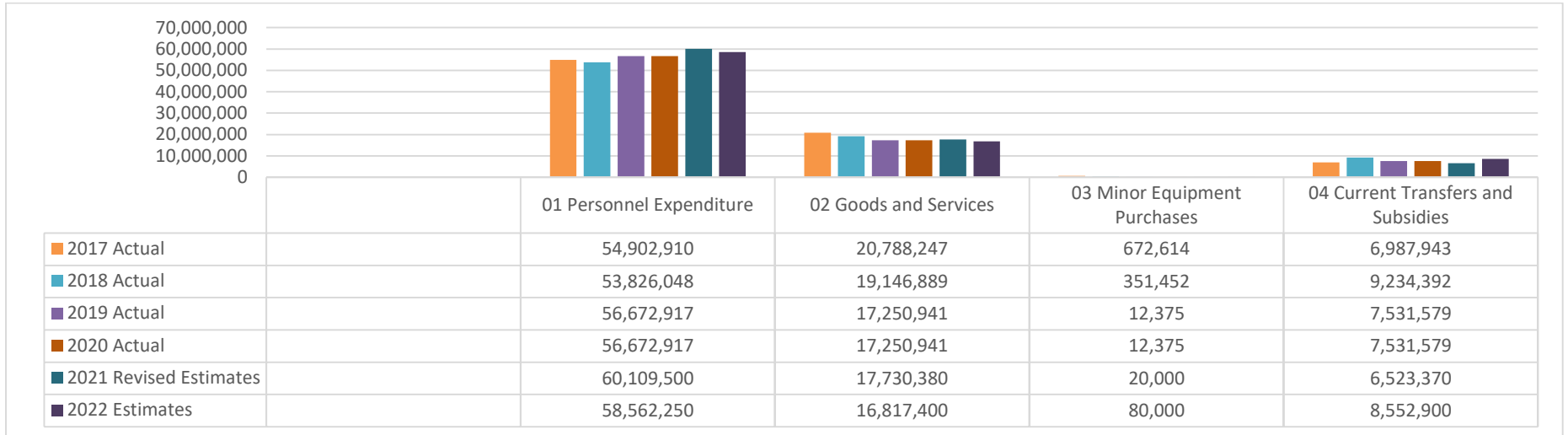
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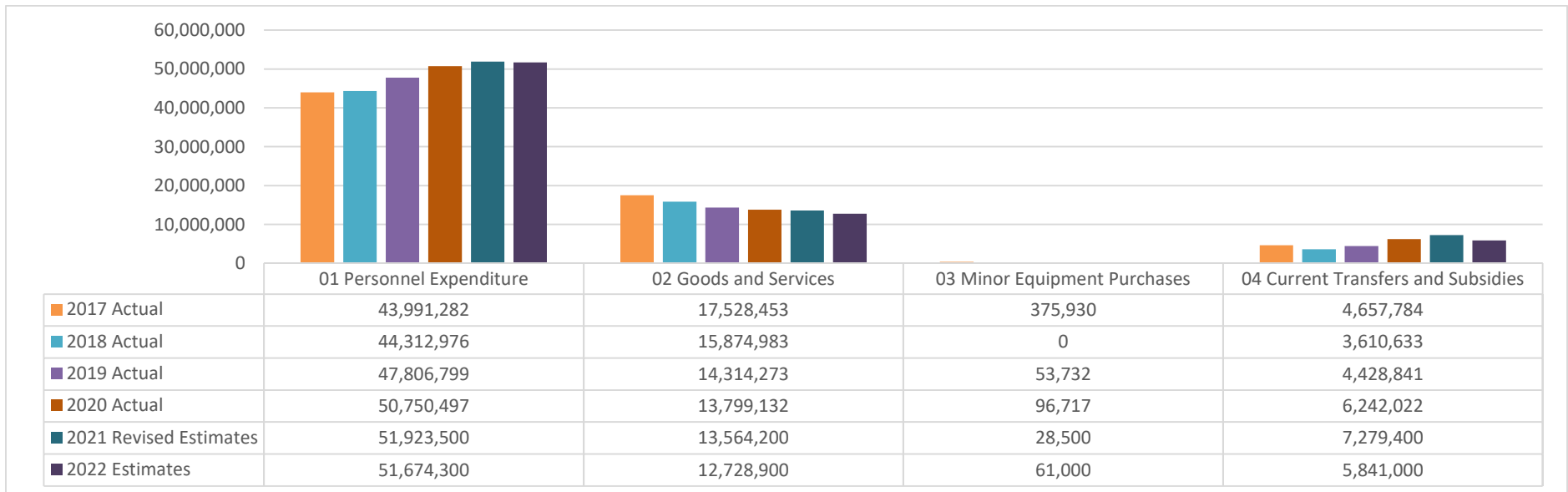
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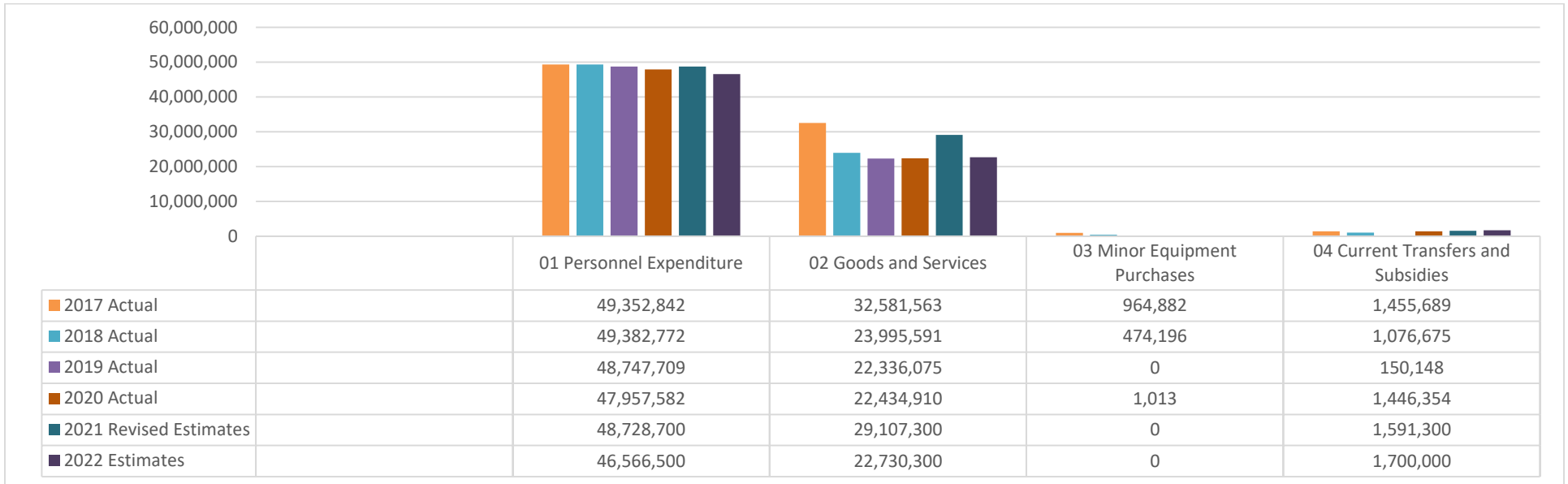
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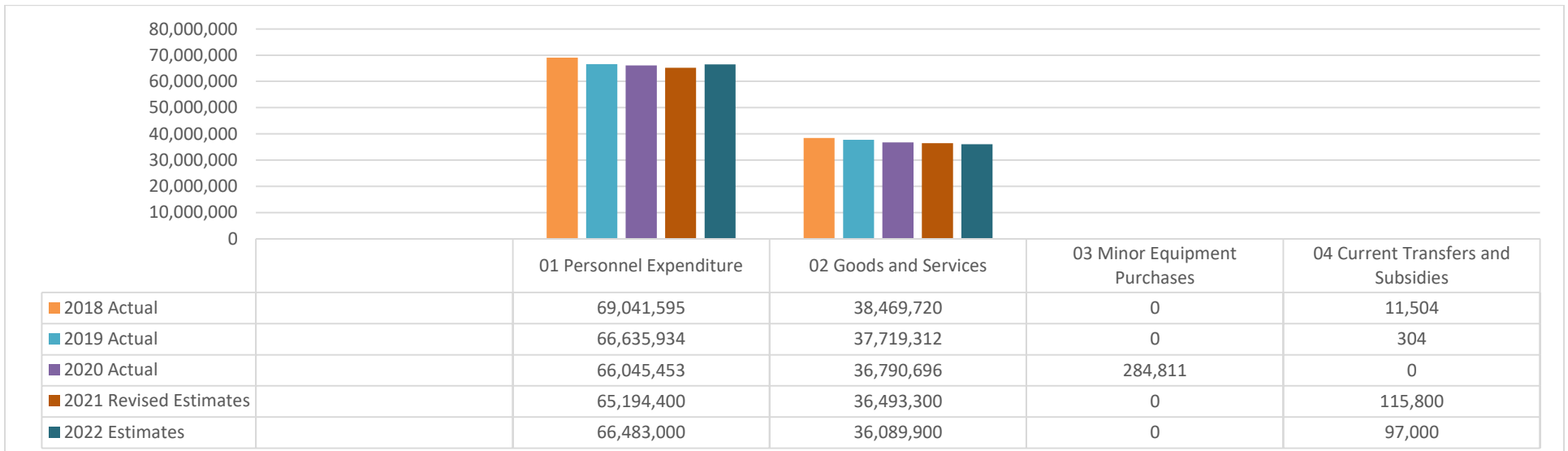
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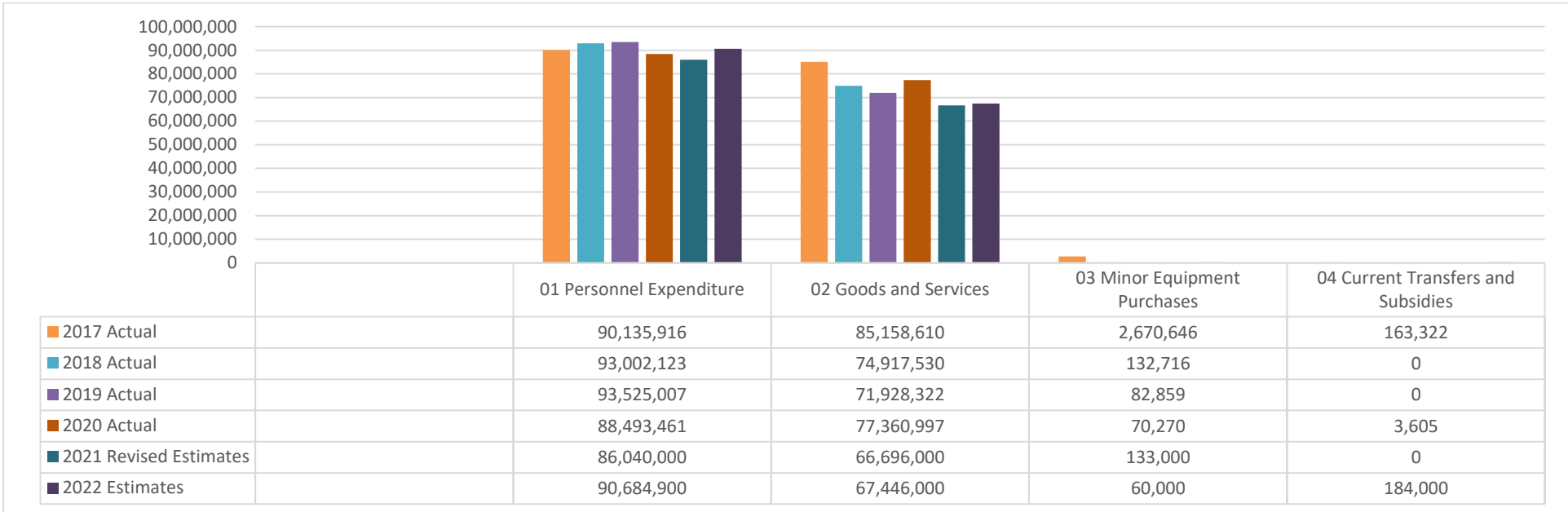
Chaguanas Borough Corporation



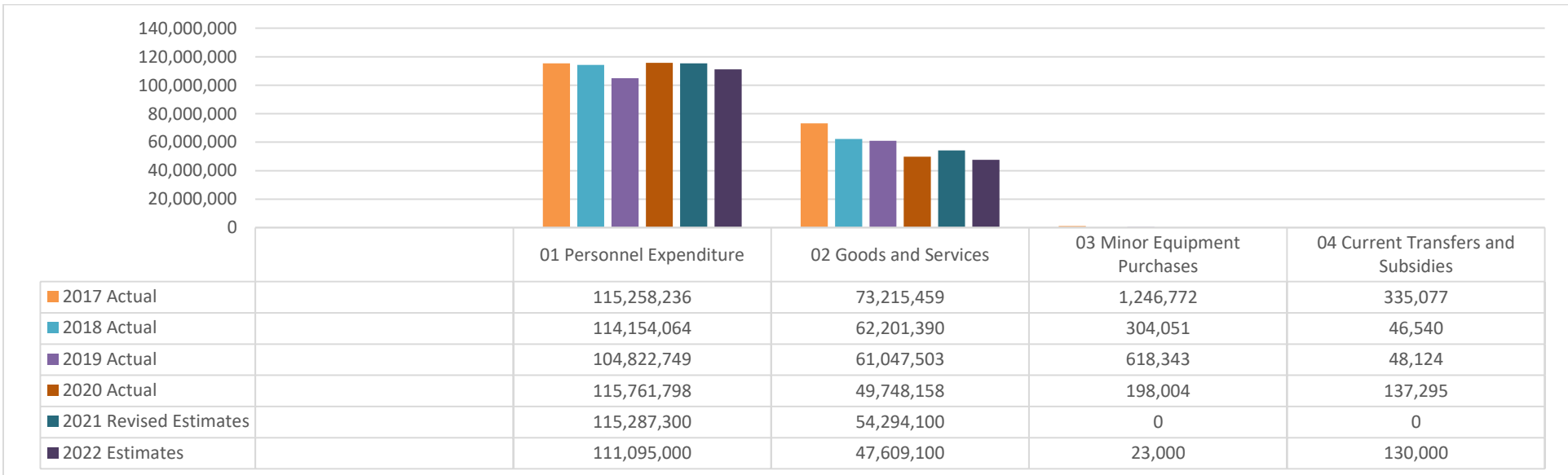
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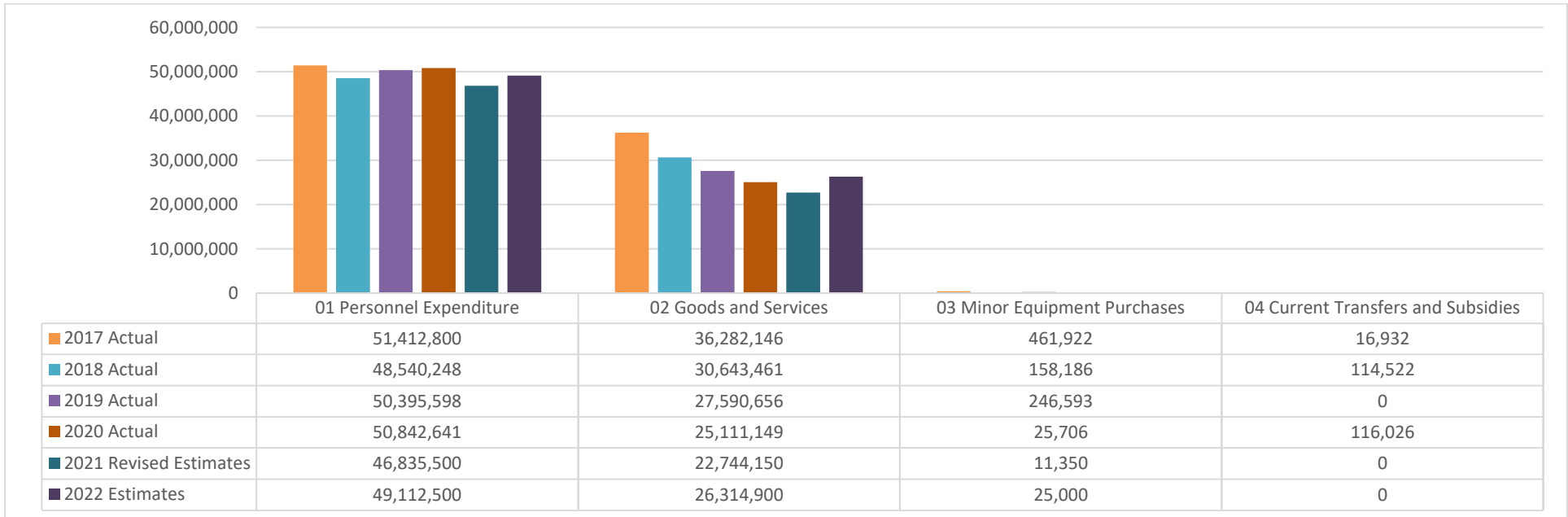
San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation



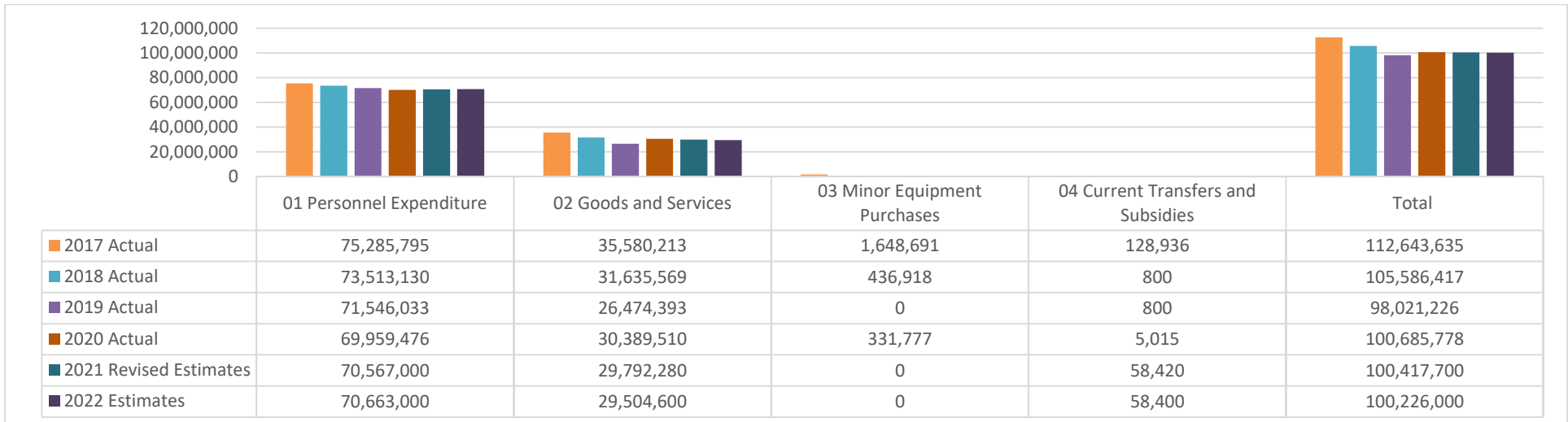
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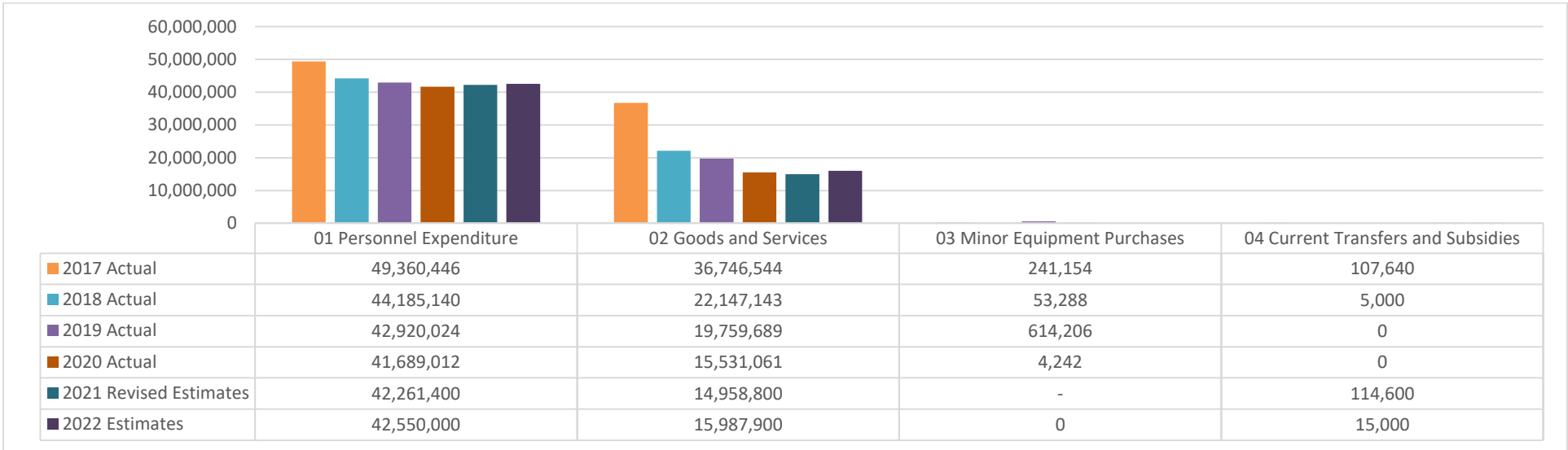
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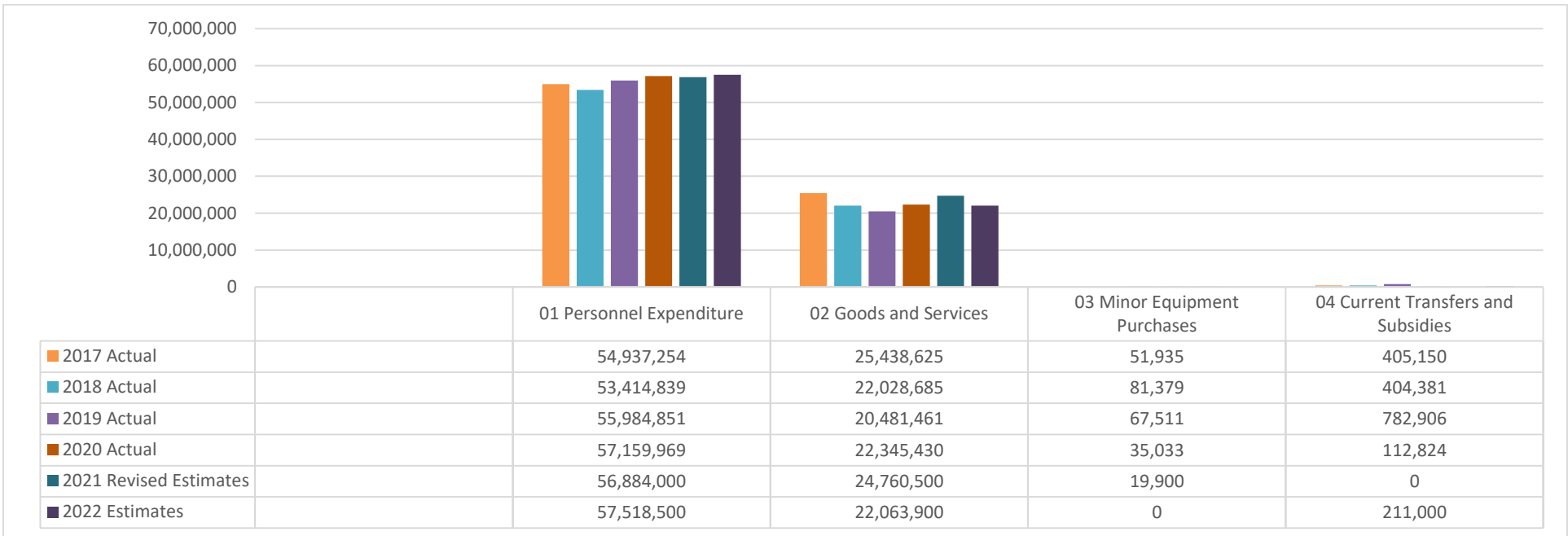
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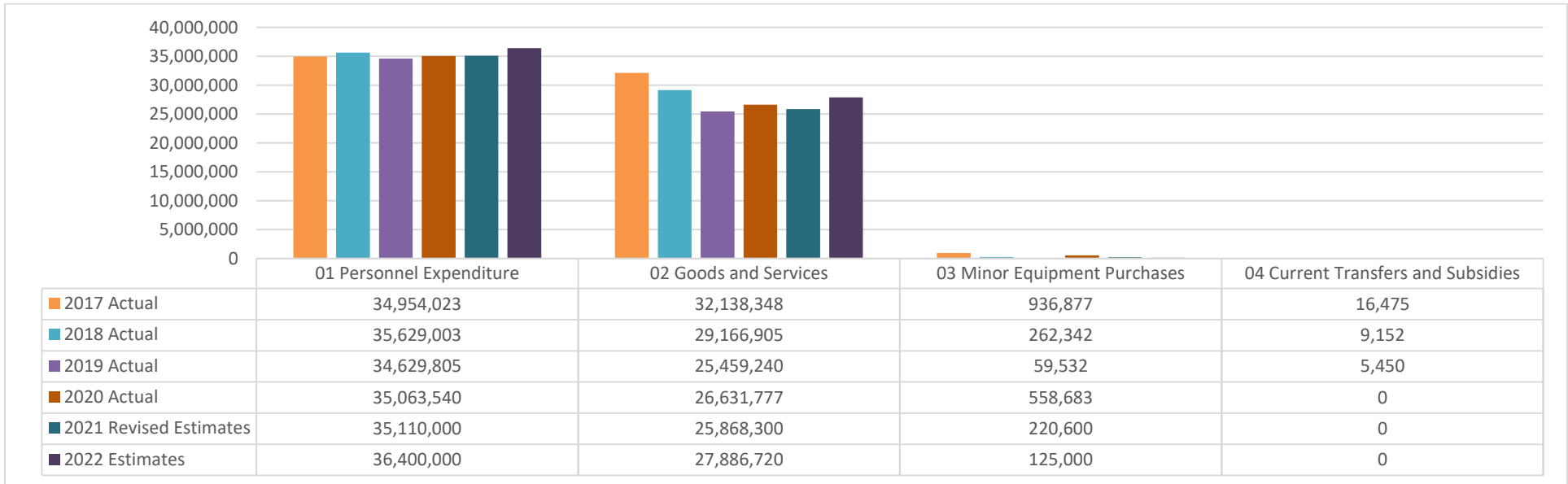
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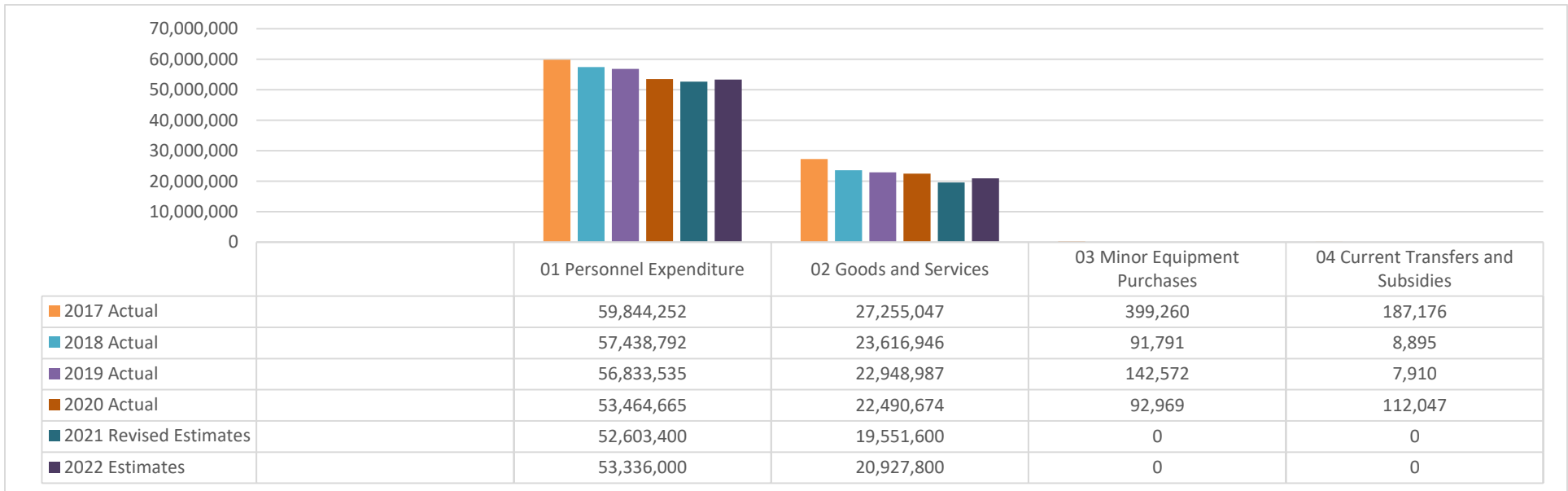
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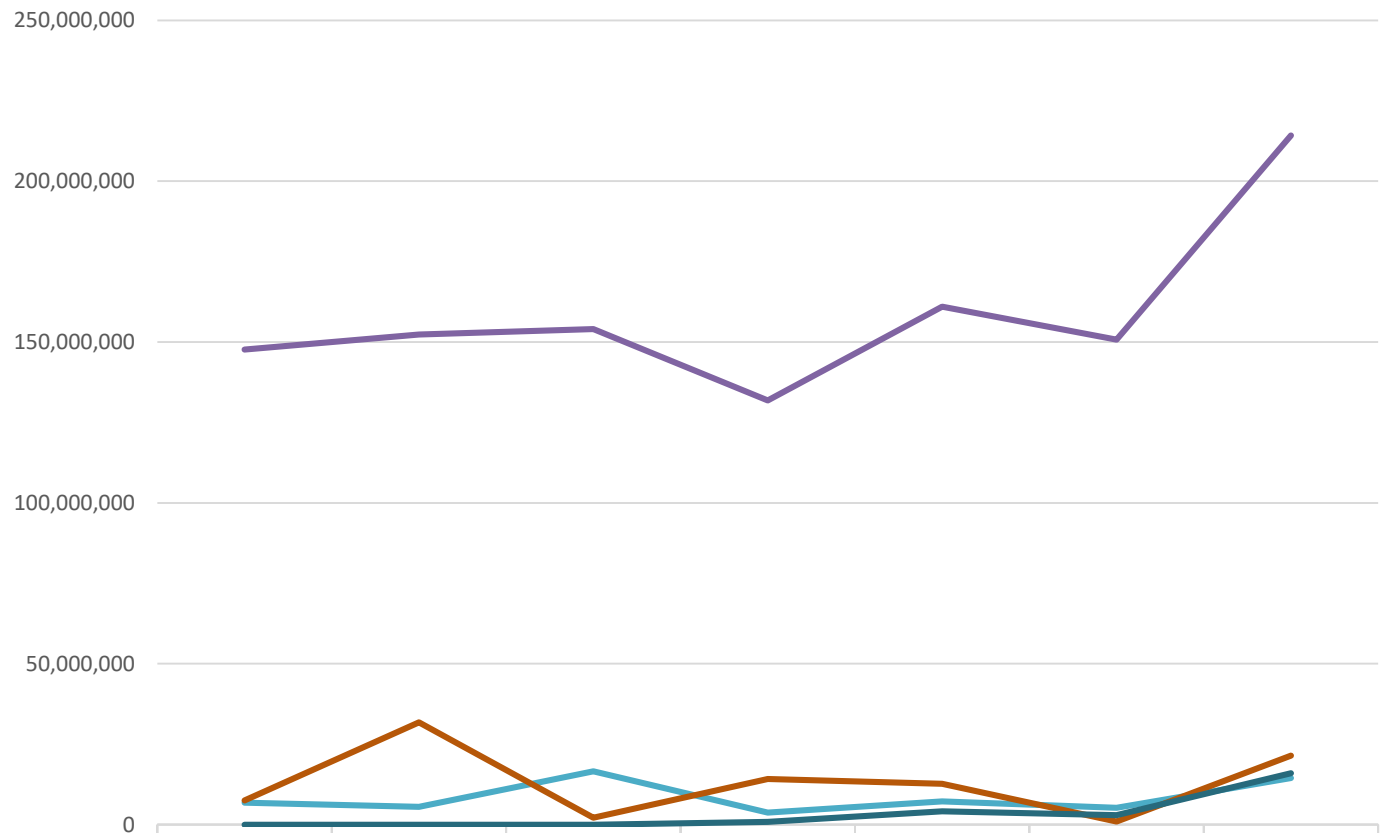
Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2016-2022¹⁸

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 of **\$266,258,000** for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2021/2022 are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds appropriated by the Parliament and disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund **86%**; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund **14%**.

¹⁸ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>



	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Revised Estimates 2021	Estimates 2022
003 Economic Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund	6,879,642	5,536,201	16,575,115	3,778,707	7,212,481	5,231,488	14,500,000
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund	147,687,270	152,316,362	154,027,357	131,848,939	161,007,088	150,798,712	214,258,000
004 Social Infrastructure - Infrastructure Development Fund	7,501,029	31,839,682	2,200,000	14,220,852	12,691,028	1,000,000	21,500,000
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Infrastructure Development Fund	-	-	-	829,150	4,121,916	3,000,000	16,000,000

Public Sector Investment Programme 2021/2022 Expectations¹⁹

Administration - Providing Modern, Safe Public Buildings

Public Buildings

- restorative works to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, Kent House which will include the installation of an elevator and electrical upgrades. The Ministry will also undertake renovations to Regional Corporation offices across the country and continued construction of a new administrative complex for the Diego Martin Regional Corporation. Additionally, with the implementation of the Dog Control Act, 2013 and the Dog Control (Amendment) Act, 2014 the construction of a regional pound in south Trinidad will be undertaken to assist with stray dog control;

Disaster Preparedness

To this end, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government through the fourteen [14] Municipal Corporations, will continue to act as the first responders for communities in disasters and will maintain focus on early diagnosis of the country's vulnerability to potential disasters. The Roadmap to Recovery indicated that adopting preventative interventions to minimise the impact of natural disasters as one of the Overarching Considerations for Transformation. As such, a sum of \$10.9 million will be allocated for disaster management and preparedness for the following:

¹⁹ Ministry of Finance website, Public Sector Investment Programme 2022,, accessed on October 8, 2021:<https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Final-PSIP-October-6-2021.pdf>

Municipal Corporation	Item(s) and Details
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government's Head Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide customised containers to hold disaster relief equipment for disaster Mitigation and Response Training; • purchase of relief supplies; • deliver enhancement programmes which can develop systems that ensures collaboration amongst trained officers; • establish early warning systems that will alert communities to respond and recover from any local disasters; • deliver national simulation exercises (community emergency response team games); and • procurement of an amphibious vehicle.
Port of Spain City Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction of a facility with adequate office space and warehousing to act as an emergency operations centre; • purchase of emergency and disaster relief supplies; • purchase of emergency and disaster response equipment; • purchase of personal and protective equipment; • improve and expand storage facilities; • enhance flood monitoring and tracking capabilities; • engage in public outreach and sensitisation sessions; and • develop staff through training and certification.
San Fernando City Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchase of a marine transceiver, power supply and antenna; • installation costs of all emergency equipment;

Municipal Corporation	Item(s) and Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchase of a Samsung television and wall mount; • purchase of video conferencing equipment; • purchase of a Motorola two-way mobile; • purchase of a direct current converter; • purchase of sound off signal mini led light bar with magenta filter; • purchase of LED flood light and universal bail mount; • purchase of LED area light with pole mount adapter; • purchase of a siren amplifier and siren with mounting bracket; • purchase of a STIHL pole pruner; and • purchase of folding aluminium cots with carrying case.
Point Fortin Borough Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction and outfitting of an Emergency Operations Centre; • purchase of disaster management equipment and software; and • purchase of disaster emergency items including a lighting tower, radios with base station, fire extinguishers, industrial fans, cots, mattresses and sanitising units.
Chaguanas Borough Corporation	<p>Procurement of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a three tonne double cab truck with tray; • four [4] pressure washers; and • one [1] 10-tonne bucket truck.
Diego Martin Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upgrade of the Emergency Operations Centre; and • construction of a storage room and response team room.

Municipal Corporation	Item(s) and Details
San Juan / Laventille Regional Corporation	Purchase of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a flatbed truck fitted with aerial lift; • a four-wheel drive double cab pick-up; • a commercial shedder-chipper; • two [2] flat bottom aluminium boats; • one [1] dinghy boat; and • one [1] pirogue boat.
Tunapuna / Piarco Regional Corporation	Purchase of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full communication system; • two [2] drones; • ten [10] office desktop computers, two [2] scanners and five [5] printers; • ten [10] mid-back office chair and ten office desks; • five [5] bunk beds; • five [5] metal storage lockers; and • office appliances
Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	Purchase of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a mobile paging system; • a cherry picker; • a woodchipper; and • items for outfitting the Emergency Operations Centre.

Municipal Corporation	Item(s) and Details
Couva/Tabaquite/ Talparo Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • setting up of four [4] disaster bins with response equipment within the sub-offices of the Corporation; • purchase of a back-up generator for Emergency Operations Centre; • construction of a service and storage area for tools and equipment; • upgrading of communication equipment; • development of the Geographic Information System handheld devices; • purchase of laptops and projectors for outreach programmes and disaster preparedness training at schools and communities; • procurement of an emergency response vehicle; and • outfitting of the Emergency Operation Centre.
Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • procurement of a Disaster Management Unit vehicle and a • bucket truck; • purchase of an automatic early warning siren system; • purchase of disaster water rescue equipment - hard bottom water boat, life jacket, water rope and come along (two tonnes);and • upgrade of communication equipment.
Siparia Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equipping of the Disaster Management Unit; <p>Purchase of the following items for upgrading of the Emergency Operations Centre including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • photocopy machine; • wireless intercom, cameras, monitors and installation;

Municipal Corporation	Item(s) and Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two [2] multimedia projectors; • five [5] laptop computers; • five [5] desktop computers; <p>Purchase of the following for the Response Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a drone; • a dinghy with engine, life vest and ring buoy; • two [2] generators; • two [2] trash pumps; • two [2] submersible pumps; • two [2] chainsaws; and • five [5] wet/dry vacuums. <p>Purchase of the following for communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high frequency radio; • a digital radio system; • two [2] Global Positioning System handhelds; and • two [2] containers painted with shelving.
Penal / Debe Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchase of an emergency power back-up system and a self-supporting communication tower; • procurement of one [1] amphibious vehicle; and • hiring of an independent consultant to conduct a drainage survey for the entire municipality.

Municipal Corporation	Item(s) and Details
Princes Town Regional Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outfitting of the Disaster Management Unit Mobile Unit; • upgrade of the emergency centres in Princes Town and Moruga; and <p>Purchase of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • radio communication tower, antennas and cables; • communication equipment, radios and chargers; • two [2] storage containers for Disaster Management Unit equipment; • three [3] dinghies and accessories; • disaster equipment including one [1] water pump, three [3] chainsaws, two [2] lighting towers, one [1] weather station, • one [1] inverter and one [1] generator; • three [3] drones and cameras equipment; and • signage.

Programmes/ Projects	Objectives	Ministry/Department / Agency	Projected Expenditure		
			TT\$ Mn 2022	TT\$ Mn 2023	TT\$Mn 2024
VISION 2030 DEVELOPMENT THEME II : Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence					

<p>State of the Art Municipal Police Station in each municipality to accommodate 100 Officers</p>	<p>To strengthen the Municipal Police in order to augment the TTPS and equipping the Municipal Police to fulfil their mandate in Community Policing in accordance with Local Government Reform.</p>	<p>Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government</p>	<p>8.000</p>	<p>0.000</p>	<p>0.000</p>
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Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates in 2018-2022

The table below lists the projects that have experienced irregular variances in estimates for funding received under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government: ²⁰

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimates	2022 Estimates
IDF 004-14-A003	Development of Rural Communities	3,524,464	14,220,852	11,333,980	-	20,000,000

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2016-2017

For the financial year 2017, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²¹:

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimates	2022 Estimates
CF005-09-W315	Construction of Public Conveniences	300,000	300,000	-	-	31,000	-

²⁰ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

²¹ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 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 2017-2018

For the financial year 2018, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²²:

Development Programme 2020	PROJECTS	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimates
003-15-D015	Restoration of Local Drains	1,283,172	519,625	339,075	106,013	2,000,000
005-09-M375	Municipal Police Equipment	-	-	-	-	800,000
005-09-P390	Municipal Police Equipment	-	-	-	-	400,000
005-09-X411	Construction of Public Conveniences	300,000	-	300,000	100,000	-
IDF-005-06-F060	Construction of Administrative Complexes	-	-	3,058,691	1,000,000	15,000,000

²² Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 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 2018-2019

For the financial year 2019, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²³:

Sub-Head Description	Project -Item	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
CF-003-15-D020	Local Roads and Street Signage Programme	723,268	2,935,915	1,730,000	1,000,000
CF-005-06-A040	Support for the Automation of Construction Permitting Process	-	485,557	654,000	1,500,000
CF-005-06-A045	Implementation of Local Government Reform	-	-	-	1,000,000
CF-005-09-N388	Municipal Police Station	500,000	-	-	1,500,000
CF-005-09-N390	Municipal Police Equipment	291,393	-	-	267,000
CF-005-09-N392	Computerisation Programme	-	-	411,020	300,000
CF-005-09-U380	Municipal Police Station	-	-	200,000	800,000
CF-005-09-V299	Local Government Public Convenience Programme (reactivated)	150,000	250,000	100,000	
CF-005-09-W333	Municipal Police Equipment	-	265,099	566,000	400,000
IDF-004-14-A010	Latrine Eradication Programme	-	1,357,048	1,000,000	1,500,000
IDF-004-14-F065	Development of West Park	829,150	1,063,225	2,000,000	1,000,000

²³ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 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 2019-2020

For the financial year 2020, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²⁴:

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
005-06-A028	Implementation of the Dog Control Act, 2013 and the Dog Control (Amendment) Act, 2014 (reactivated)	-	-	800,000
005-06-A050	Municipal Police Equipment	1,625,369	-	1,000,000
005-09-A040	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	473,046	-	300,000
005-09-B085	Municipal Police Equipment	296,250	447,500	800,000
005-09-B090	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	50,726	-	300,000
005-09-C099	Computerisation of San Fernando City Corporation (reactivated)	-	-	400,000
005-09-C100	Dangerous Dog Act	300,000	-	-

²⁴ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
005-09-C105	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	300,000	-
005-09-D153	Local Government Tourism Programme (reactivated)	-	250,000	800,000
005-09-D157	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	100,000	299,400	300,000
005-09-L411	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	297,220	300,000
005-09-M377	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	-	300,000
005-09-N396	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	-	300,000
005-09-P394	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	95,000	300,000
005-09-R248	Computerisation Programme	199,092	-	300,000
005-09-T284	Computerisation Programme	-	-	300,000
005-09-T286	Local Government Tourism Programme	-	-	500,000
005-09-T288	Dog Control Programme (reactivated)	200,000	-	-
005-09-T291	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	239,660-	300,000

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
005-09-U364	Computerisation Programme	295,000	350,000	300,000
005-09-U370	Local Government Tourism Programme Facilities	200,000	-	600,000
005-09-U374	Dog Control Programme	300,000	-	-
005-09-U382	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	300,000	300,000
005-09-V307	Local Government Tourism Programme	-	-	500,000
005-09-V312	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	-	300,000
005-09-W335	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	176,035	298,010	300,000
005-09-X412	Local Government Reform Transformation Programme	-	-	300,000

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2020-2021

For the financial year 2021, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion²⁵:

Sub-Head Description	Project -Item	2021 Revised Estimates	2022 Estimates
CF-005-06-A055	Municipal Police Vehicles	-	-
CF-005-09-A041	Municipal Police Equipment	196,000	800,000
CF-005-09-A043	Municipal Police Vehicles	299,300	800,000
CF-005-09-B087	Municipal Police Vehicles	-	1,000,000
CF-005-09-B089	Municipal Police Station	1,263,800	1,500,000
CF-005-09-C106	Municipal Police Equipment	-	-
CF-005-09-C107	Municipal Police Station	-	-
CF-005-09-C108	Municipal Police Vehicles	-	-
CF-005-09-N388	Municipal Police Station	-	1,500,000
CF-005-09-D141	Computerization Programme of Pt. Fortin Borough Corporation	685,000	400,000
CF-005-09-D151	Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation Programme	198,320	-

²⁵ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Sub-Head Description	Project -Item	2021 Revised Estimates	2022 Estimates
CF-005-09-D158	Municipal Police Equipment	-	800,000
CF-005-09-D159	Municipal Police Vehicles	298,000	800,000
CF-005-09-L412	Municipal Police Vehicles	281,000	800,000
CF-005-09-M378	Municipal Police Station	500,000	800,000
CF-005-09-M379	Municipal Police Vehicles	296,600	500,000
CF-005-09-N391	Municipal Police Vehicles	-	481,000
CF-005-09-P395	Municipal Police Station	500,000	1,000,000
CF-005-09-P396	Municipal Police Vehicles	297,100	800,000
CF-005-09-R392	Municipal Police Station	-	800,000
CF-005-09-R393	Municipal Police Vehicles	-	500,000
CF-005-09-T292	Municipal Police Station	500,000	800,000
CF-005-09-U383	Municipal Police Vehicles	300,000	450,000
CF-005-09-V311	Municipal Police Station	-	1,040,000
CF-005-09-V313	Municipal Police Vehicles	820,800	800,000
CF-005-09-W336	Municipal Police Station	500,000	520,000
CF-005-09-W337	Municipal Police Vehicles	248,240	800,000
CF-005-09-X405	Municipal Police Station	-	800,000

Sub-Head Description	Project -Item	2021 Revised Estimates	2022 Estimates
CF-005-09-X407	Municipal Police Vehicles	303,550	500,000

New Projects for the Financial Year 2021-2022

The following new projects that received funding in the 2021/2022 financial year²⁶:

Sub-Head Description	Project -Item	2022 Estimates
CF-005-06-A027	Implementation of the Comprehensive Local Area and Regional Development Planning Process	500,000
CF-005-09-T280	Municipal Police Vehicles	500,000

²⁶ Ministry of Finance, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 8, 2021: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Recent Legislative Developments

Bill No.	Short Title	Related Bill	Date of Assent
13 of 2019	<p>The Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019</p> <p>AN ACT to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04, the Burial Grounds Act, Chap. 30:50, the Cremation Act, Chap 30:51, the Advertisements Regulation Act, Chap. 30:53, the Recreation Grounds and Pastures Act, Chap. 41:01, the Highways Act, Chap. 48:01, the Dogs Act, Chap. 67:54 and the Property Taxes Act, Chap. 76:04.</p> <p>http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/b2019h13g.pdf</p>	Progression	

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Wednesday June 26, 2019 and of the Senate on Tuesday, July 02, 2019, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019 and was empowered to consider and report on the general merits and principles of the Bill and report by Friday September 27, 2019. The Committee submitted a Report to Parliament in September 2019 requesting the following²⁷:

- i. Parliament take note of the progress made by the Committee thus far;
- ii. the proceedings of the Joint Select Committee established to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019 be saved and resumed in the next session;
- iii. in the Fifth Session of the Eleventh Parliament that a similar Committee be appointed to complete the work begun by this Committee; and
- iv. this new Committee be empowered to adopt as part of its records the work done in the Fourth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

²⁷ Report of the Joint Select Committee established to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019. <http://www.ttparliament.org/reports/p11-s4-J-20190925-MPLGR-r.pdf>

General Useful Information

- The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food, MEXICO: <http://thereddesk.org/countries/actors/ministry-agriculture-livestock-rural-development-fisheries-and-food-mexico>
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Rural development and Environment, CYPRUS : http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/agriculture.nsf/page11_en/page11_en?OpenDocument
- Department for Communities and Local Government, UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-for-communities-and-local-government>
- The local government system in Canada: http://www.clgf.org.uk/default/assets/File/Country_profiles/Canada.pdf