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About this Guide

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

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure;
- the Estimates of Development Programme;
- the Public Sector Investment Programme; and
- the Auditor General's Report on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2020.

Head 23: Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs

Ministerial Overview

The Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs' Commitment¹

The Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs remain committed to the holistic development of Trinidad and Tobago through the promotion of the rule of law at all levels of society. The AGLA will carry out the responsibilities as outlined in the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago and aligned with the Government's Strategic Plan – Vision 2030 to ensure the developmental pillars of a modern legal and regulatory framework are implemented and made effective.

The protection of individual freedoms and property rights can have the greatest impact on national development. The Attorney General's Legislative Agenda advocates for those rights and tables on Parliament's floor the ideals and performance measures required in the law and justice sector to effect change at the national, regional and international level.

The AGLA resolves to create public value through the development of specialist legal services in the areas of law that are of importance to the State and simultaneously provide to the stakeholders, a safe and enabling environment delivered with respect, equity and integrity so as to stimulate increased productivity and greater confidence in the rule of law and in the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs.

Core Values:

- **Integrity:** Honesty, Ethical Behaviour, Commitment and Equity
- **Professionalism:** Discipline, Courtesy, Technical Competence and Timeliness
- **Confidentiality :** Mutual Respect, Trust, Privacy and Security
- **Customer-Focused :** Empathy, Compassion and Customer Satisfaction
- **Results-Oriented :** On-Time Delivery, Punctuality and Reliability

¹ Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs website, accessed on August 17, 2021 <https://agla.gov.tt/home/about-agla/>

Responsibilities²

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Anti-Money Laundering, Counter Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation Financing
- (AML/CFT/PF)
 - Anti-Money Terrorism Unit
 - (AML/CFT/PF) Compliance Unit
- Appointments to Quasi-Judicial Bodies
- Children's Attorney
- Constitutional Reform
- Construction of court facilities for the Judiciary
- Criminal Justice System
 - Criminal Justice Unit
 - Quicker Justice Initiative Programme
 - Reform and Transformation
- Intellectual Property
 - Copyright and Related Rights
 - Trademarks
 - Industrial Property
- International Office of Child Rights
- Law Reform
- Law Revision
- Legal Service Complaints
- Legislative Agenda
- National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Committee
- National Biosafety
- Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel
 - Legislative Drafting
- Office of the Chief State Solicitor
 - Administrator General
 - Conveyancing
 - Custodian of Enemy Property
 - Government Contracts
 - Legal Service
 - Provisional Liquidator
 - Provisional Receiver
 - Public Trustee/Official Receiver
 - Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
 - Office of the Solicitor General
 - Civil Litigation
 - Commissioners of Affidavits
 - Justices of the Peace
 - Legal Advice to the Government
 - Liquor Licenses
 - Marriage Licenses
 - Registrar General
 - Civil Registry
 - Companies Registry

² : Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 158 of 2020 accessed on August 17, 2021: <http://news.gov.tt/sites/default/files/E-Gazette/Gazette%202020/Gazettes/Gazette%20No.%20158%20of%202020.pdf>

-Land Registry

-Rent Restriction

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies:

- Central Authority
- Council of Legal Education
- Environmental Commission
- Equal Opportunity Commission
- Equal Opportunity Tribunal
- Hugh Wooding Law School
- Industrial Court
- International Law and Human Rights Unit
- Law Reform Commission
- Law Revision Commission
- Legal Aid and Advisory Authority
- Sentencing Commission
- Tax Appeal Board

Indirect:

- Police Complaints Authority

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs: The Honourable Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Minister in the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs: Senator The Honourable Renuka Sagrarsingh-Sooklal

Permanent Secretary (Ag): Ms. Natasha Barrow

Departments³:

The Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU)

The ATU is to fulfil the obligation of the Attorney General pursuant to the Act. Section 38B(2) of the Miscellaneous Provisions (Proceeds of Crime, Anti-Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago) Act No. 20 of 2018 provides that the functions of the Attorney General under the Act may be exercised by the Attorney General in person or through a public officer or legal officer who is employed in the Unit.

The Core objective of the Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU) is to efficiently carry out the functions of the Attorney General pursuant to the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07. Primarily, the ATU implements S.22B of the Act by making applications to the High Court for the designation of individuals and entities, both domestically and detailed on various United Nations Sanctions Lists, and the application of Targeted Financial Sanctions. The ATU also works closely with key national agencies relative to Counter Terrorism matters as well as with international partners.

Vital to the role of the ATU and the fulfilment of its obligations are the international standards in respect of terrorism imposed on Trinidad and Tobago as a member state of both the United Nations and Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF). In the execution its obligations, the ATU works closely with both the CFATF and FATF.

Intellectual Property Office

The Intellectual Property Office was created on the 1st December, 1997 (Section 3 of the Patents Act, 1996) and is situated at 3rd Floor, Capital Plaza, 11 - 13 Frederick Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad. A department within the Ministry of Legal Affairs, the department is the local government agency responsible for handling the registration and conflict resolution of intellectual property rights.

The Chief State Solicitor

³ Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs website, accessed on August 17, 2021

https://agla.gov.tt/?_cf_chl_jschl_tk__=a91fdee1c88e4d14eaa16a6ccc8d815b198f7d07-1600189372-0-AWMQo5ECw3Fxxn9QUm1w0Ykp05jwF2Jo9b0KKbvpoBKKt4v8oKxLcl4QHw0yCuB5aquJqq0q_GDAhfz4iDfP5JadxpDgIS3zYRUukQclGKyG1AmfOtOdn5VSj4ilJX1DisEUo3mOfOqInnB8ShI8keHKC6HACGc9cW4qGhZMOh-D52lCm6JTTwCU4P-6mDVna93Hp2WRW3EEAUqxH9MjStjJEOHANEUMrvKvVX4BrLNdoXUd54Mq5kllk8P_5tPAXa5bN_ZxfWEfT77x6mM8c

The Chief State Solicitor provides legal services to other Government Ministries and Departments as well as to the members of the public. Its main functions are as follows:

- To focus on commercial and property law matters and in these areas serve both the Government and the public in the preparation of deeds and contracts for its commercial enterprises and for the engagement of consultants and other personnel
- To instruct the Solicitor General in Civil Litigation Matters.⁴

The Solicitor General

The Solicitor General's Department performs a critical role in the administration of justice by:

- Advising the State on all aspects of Civil Law;
- By representing the State in both Constitutional and Civil Proceedings;
- By assisting in the formulation and execution of Government policy within the limits of the law; and
- To vet financial documents relating to loan agreements and bond issues on the domestic and international markets.⁵

Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel

The Chief Parliamentary Counsel heads the Legislative Drafting Department, which plays a critical role in the implementation of Government policy. The mission of the Office is to produce technically sound legislation for client Ministries; to advise the Government on the Constitution and all legal aspects of legislation, to advise Parliament on issues relating to Parliamentary procedure and legal matters and to accomplish the foregoing competently within the framework of excellent interpersonal relationships among the staff and that of client Ministries, the Cabinet and Parliament.⁶

Law Revision Commission

⁴ Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs website, accessed on August 17, 2021 <https://agla.gov.tt/chief-state-solicitor/>

⁵ Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs website, accessed on August 17, 2021 <https://agla.gov.tt/office-of-the-solicitor-general/>

⁶ Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs website, accessed on August 17, 2021 <https://agla.gov.tt/parliamentary-counsel/>

Established by the Law Revision Act, Chap. 3:03, the Commission's mandate is to prepare, publish and maintain a Revised Edition of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago. It is the only agency charged with this responsibility. In pursuance of this mandate the Commission's vision is: "A state-of-the-art, technology-driven organisation providing real-time access to the updated Laws in both textual and electronic formats."⁷

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

The Director of Public Prosecutions, a position created by the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago, is the head of the Criminal Law Department. The establishment of this position stemmed from the need for a constitutional post that would always be independent of political and stakeholder involvement in the prosecution of criminal matters. In this circumstance, the independence of this post is constitutionally guaranteed. The functions of the Criminal Law Department also include the following:

- Undertaking Criminal Prosecution in all High Courts (Assizes and Appeal);
- Briefing Counsel in the United Kingdom on the conduct of Appeals before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council;
- Undertaking prosecutions in complex matters and matters of public interest in the forty (40) Magistrates' Courts throughout the country;
- Formulating prosecution policy;
- Interfacing on a regular basis with Governmental, Non-Governmental and international agencies such as the Police, the Defence Force, Customs and Excise, the Board of Inland Revenue and Town and Country Planning Division. In addition, there is a great deal of interaction with the Public, the United States Department of Justice, the Crown Prosecutors Service and other prosecuting agencies within the Caribbean Territories;
- Assisting with Extradition requests; and
- Proffering indictments before the High Court and preparing and filing other legal documents.⁸

⁷ Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs website, accessed on August 17, 2021 <https://agla.gov.tt/law-revision-commission/>

⁸ Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs website, accessed on August 17, 2021 <https://agla.gov.tt/director-of-public-prosecutions/>

Auditor General Report Findings for the Fiscal year 2020

Ref: Auditor General's Report⁹

Audit of Revenue (page 131)

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For revenue collected as at 30th September, 2020 there was a difference of \$63,270.00 between the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements balance of \$4,692,790.00 and the Treasury Card balance of \$4,629,520.00. Reconciliations were not provided to reconcile the Statement figure and the Treasury Card figure.

The Receiver was authorised by the Treasury to accept on-line payments via debit and credit card mechanisms. Reconciliations were not provided for revenue collected via the on-line system. The first collection began in March, 2020.

⁹ Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year ended September 30, 2020, accessed on August 17, 2021
<http://138.128.179.50/sites/default/files/Auditor-General-Report-2020.pdf>

Supplementation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2021

During fiscal 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 the Attorney General and Legal Affairs requested and was granted the following supplementations:

Recurrent Expenditure - \$118,961,000

01/001/01 – Salaries and COLA - \$1,700,000

The sum is required to facilitate payment of salaries and cost of living allowance to staff on promotion and appointment, as well as to pay arrears of acting allowances and increments.

02/001/12 – Materials and Supplies - \$13,140,000

The sum is required to meet sixty percent (60%) down payment for the acquisition of polymer paper which is to be used in the Civil Registry of the Registrar General's Department.

02/001/16 – Contract Employment - \$5,000,000

The sum is required to facilitate payment of salaries to contract officers and the related Government's Contribution to NIS to the end of fiscal 2021; and to meet the payment of arrears of salaries due as a result of revised terms and conditions of employment.

02/001/22 – Short-term Employment - \$5,000,000

The sum is required to facilitate payment to persons employed on short term to operationalize the Digitization Unit primarily for the conversion to database storage.

02/001/23 – Fees - \$51,000,000

The sum is required to facilitate payment of outstanding fees to local and foreign attorneys-at-law for their services provided.

02/009/23 – Fees - \$33,700,000

The sum is required to facilitate the payment of outstanding fees to Deloitte and Touche for the period August, 2019 to October, 2020.

04/005/01 – Legal Aid and Advisory Authority - \$5,804,000

The sum is required to enable the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority to meet the payment of salaries for August to September, 2021; enable the retention of the services of specialized counsellors and attorneys; as well as meet administrative and operational expenses.

04/007/40 – Gratuities to Contract Officers - \$1,500,000

The sum is required to facilitate payment of gratuities to contract officers whose contracted period have expired or will expire in fiscal 2021.

04/009/01 – Police Complaints Authority - \$2,117,000

The additional sum is required to enable the Police Complaints Authority to implement a Record Management System primarily for data conversion.

During the Standing Finance Committee on the Consideration of Proposals for the Supplementation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2021¹⁰, the following statement was made in relation to the emphasis of the Ministry of Attorney General and Legal Affairs for fiscal year 2021:

¹⁰ Standing Finance Committee Report accessed on September 14, 2021 <http://www.ttparliament.org/reports/p12-s1-H-20210609-SFC-r1.pdf>

“We are seeking supplementation to treat with salaries and COLA, materials and supplies, contract employment, short-term employment, legal fees at the Office of the Attorney General, legal fees at the DPP’s Division insofar as there is a separate Sub-Item Head for the Director of Public Prosecutions, arrangements with respect to the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority, gratuities to contract officers, Police Complaints Authority.

The Officer of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs has supervision of 17 respective bodies and we also have indirect employment of 199 people across the direct units that the Attorney General’s Office manages. We have crossed into several thousand if you were to add the number of supervisory, functionary employment positions that we fall to manage be it Equal Opportunity Commission and several other tribunals, et cetera, in certain coordination factors which we arrange for the Judiciary, the Industrial Court, et cetera.”

- Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Public Sector Investment Programme 2022¹¹

Administration

Public Buildings

In fiscal 2022, Government will continue to embark on its programme of construction, refurbishment and equipping of public buildings and offices to provide enhanced office accommodation and improved service delivery infrastructure. The planned works will also facilitate compliance with OSHA standards and efficient working environments.

The sum of \$ 122.7 million will be allocated for works throughout various Ministries and Departments as follows:

- outfitting of the following offices:
 - o San Fernando offices for the Director of Public Prosecutions;
 - o District Registrar Offices and Legal Aid and Advisory Authority;
 - o Tower C, International Waterfront Centre to facilitate the relocation of the Civil Law Department;
 - o Registrar General's Department, South to facilitate the relocation to Gulf City, La Romaine;

Vision 2030 Improving Productivity Through Quality Infrastructure and Transportation

Single Electronic Window

¹¹ Public Sector Investment Programme 2022, October 2021 pg 242, 274 accessed on 5 October 2021 <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Public-Sector-Investment-Programme-2022.pdf>

The Enhancement of the Single Electronic Window (SEW), assisted by the IDB, aspires to improve the trade performance and enhance the business competitiveness of Trinidad and Tobago through the strengthening and transformation of the SEW (TTBizLink) into a world-class solution based on international standards.

The increased focus on customer experience by improving customer satisfaction, efficiency and mission-effectiveness will be achieved through digital intervention to help improve service quality and efficiencies in the delivery of government services. Some of the areas that are prime targets for digitization includes the Digitisation of the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs.

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

Year ^[1]	Total Allocation ^[2]	National Budget ^[3]	Percentage of National Budget
2016	\$ 341,093,418.00	\$ 56,573,913,053.00	0.60%
2017	\$ 307,416,793.00	\$ 54,883,153,410.00	0.56%
2018	\$ 330,248,121.00	\$ 54,211,726,813.00	0.61%
2019	\$ 392,382,842.00	\$ 54,581,467,181.00	0.72%
2020	\$ 439,516,085.00	\$ 57,388,076,726.00	0.76%
2021	\$ 433,931,910.00	\$ 57,292,169,264.00	0.75%
2022	\$384,809,000.00	\$57,917,018,000.00	0.66%

- Total allocation for the Ministry as a percentage of the National Budget illustrated a decrease in the allocation to the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs by **0.09%** between the years 2021 and 2022.

^[1] For the Fiscal Years 2016-2020, actual figures were used to calculate the Ministry's total allocation. However, estimates were used to determine the Ministry's total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

^[2] Total Allocation for the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund

^[3] The National Budget= Total Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme Consolidated Fund

Where the Ministry spends its money

2022 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **\$384,809,000.00** for the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of **\$363,009,000.00¹²**; and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme Consolidated Fund in the sum of **\$21,800,000.00¹³**.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure includes:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - **\$90,538,500.00**;
- 02 Goods and Services- **\$206,193,100.00**;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases - **\$1,462,000.00**; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies - **\$64,815,400.00**.

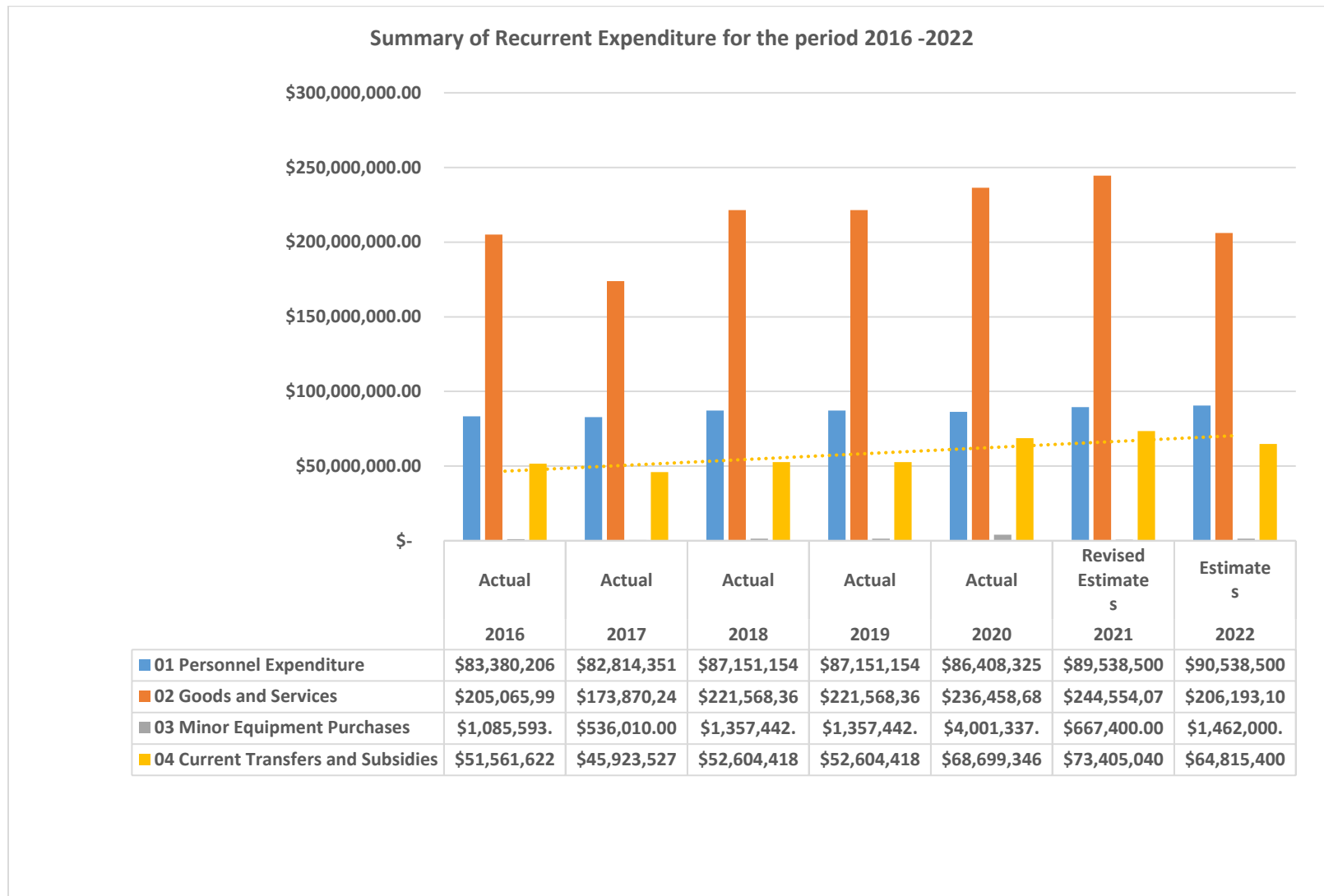
The Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs:

- Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget is **0.66%**
- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is **0.07%**; and
- Consolidated Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is **0.87%**.

¹² Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2022 accessed on October 6, 2021 <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Details-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2022.pdf>

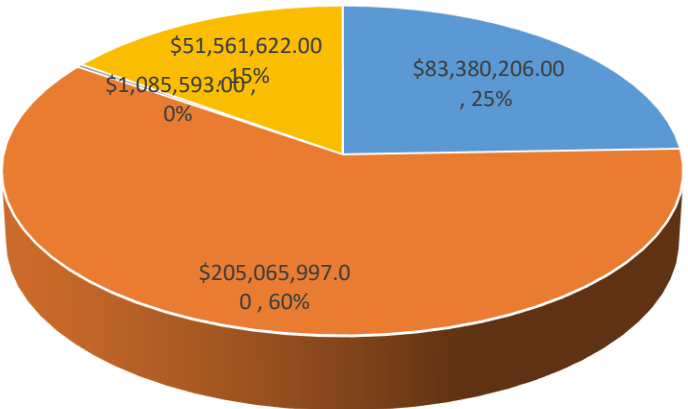
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Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2016-2022¹⁴



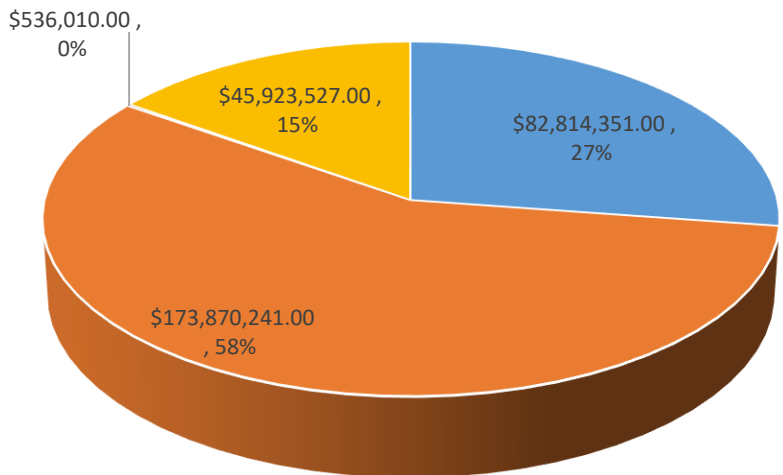
¹⁴ Figures for fiscal 2014 to 2015 are the summation of both the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs

2016 Actual



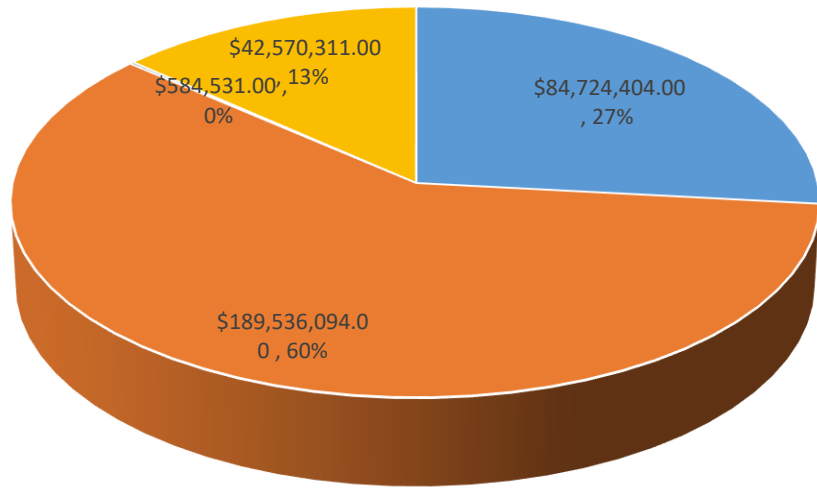
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2017 Actual



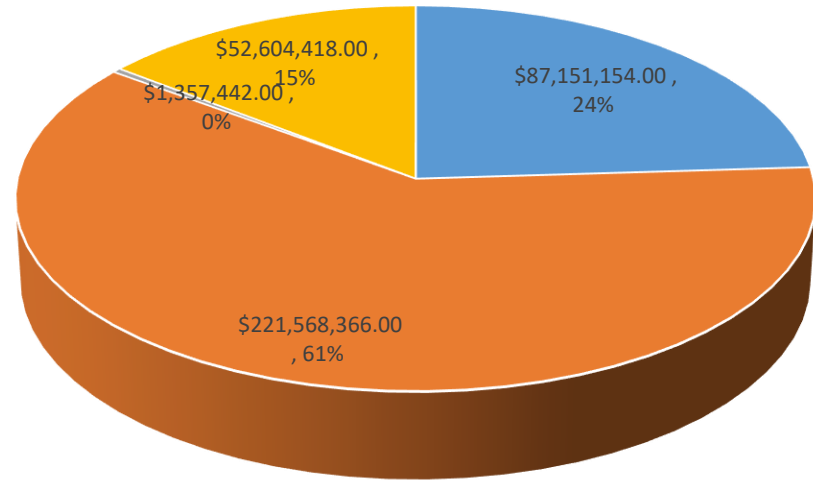
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2018 Actual



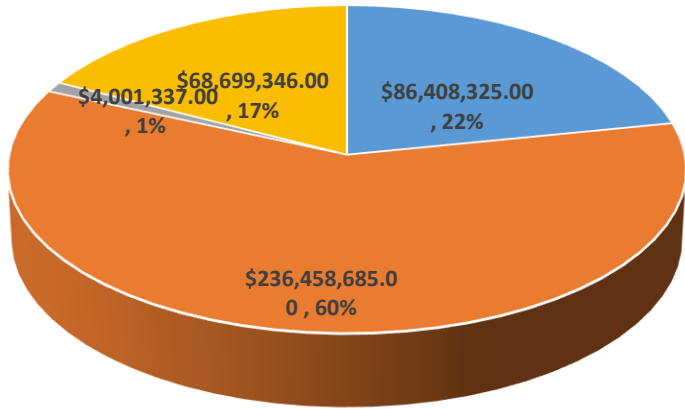
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2019 Actual



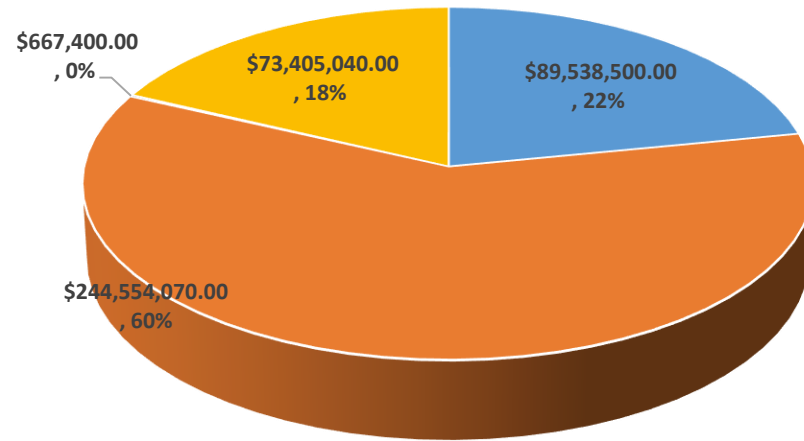
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2020 Actual



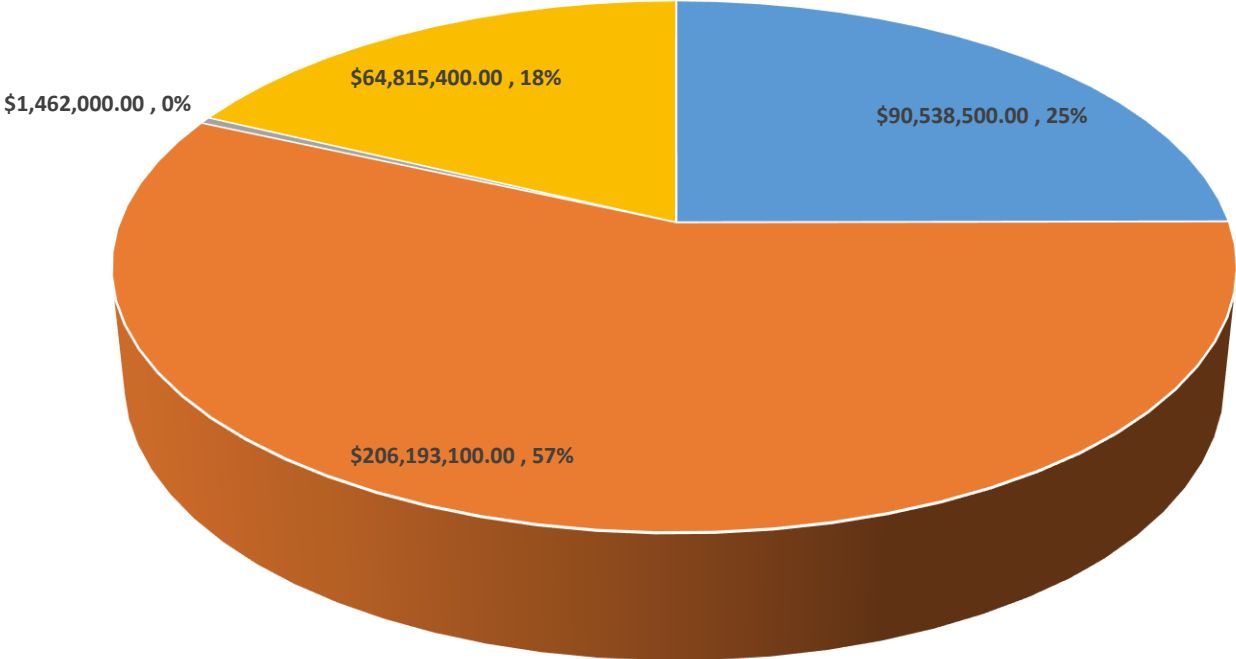
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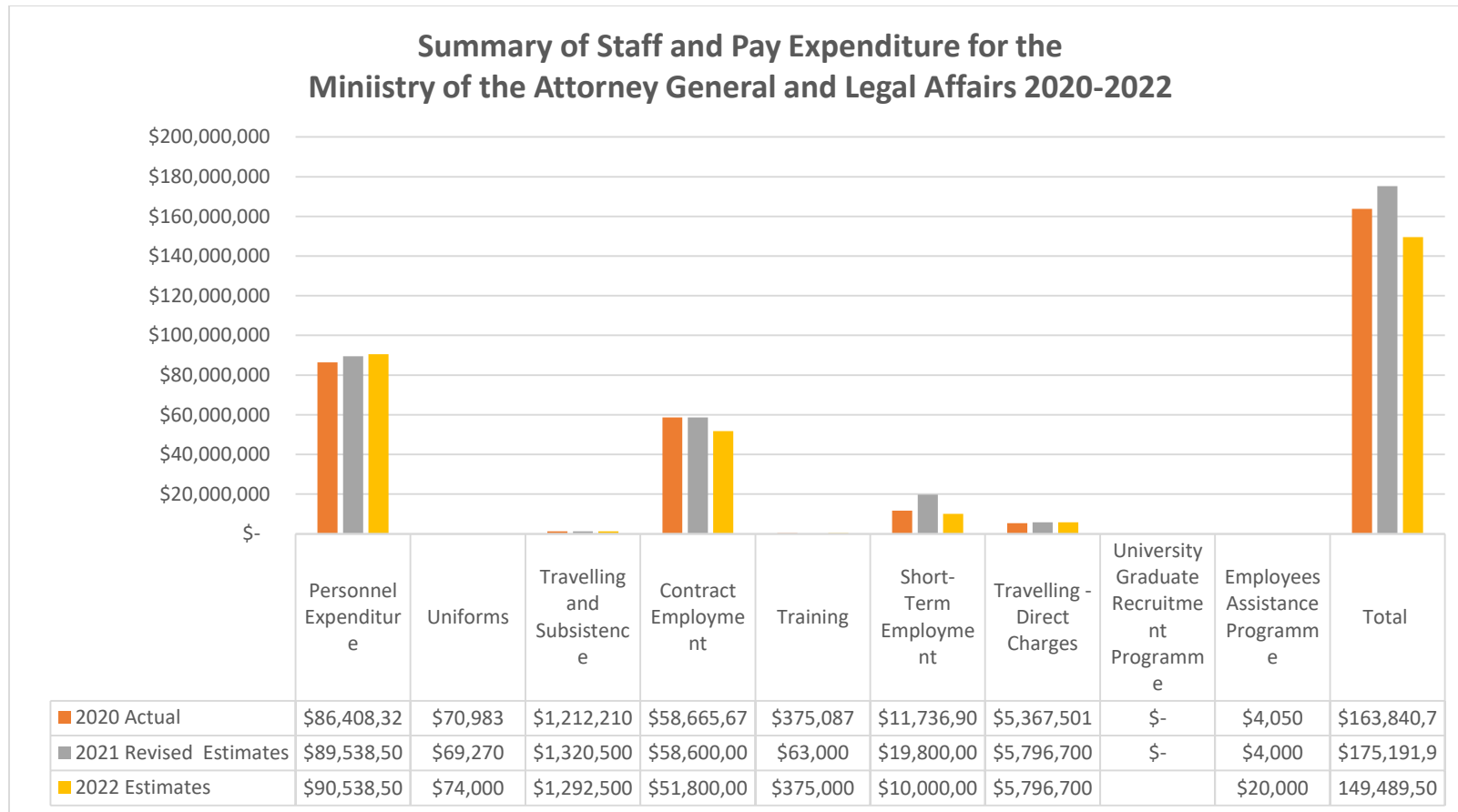
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Staff and Pay¹⁵

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2022 was \$ 149,489,500.00. The following chart provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2020-2022.



¹⁵ Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2022 accessed on October 6, 2021 <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Details-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2022.pdf>

Analysis and Summary of Expenditure¹⁶

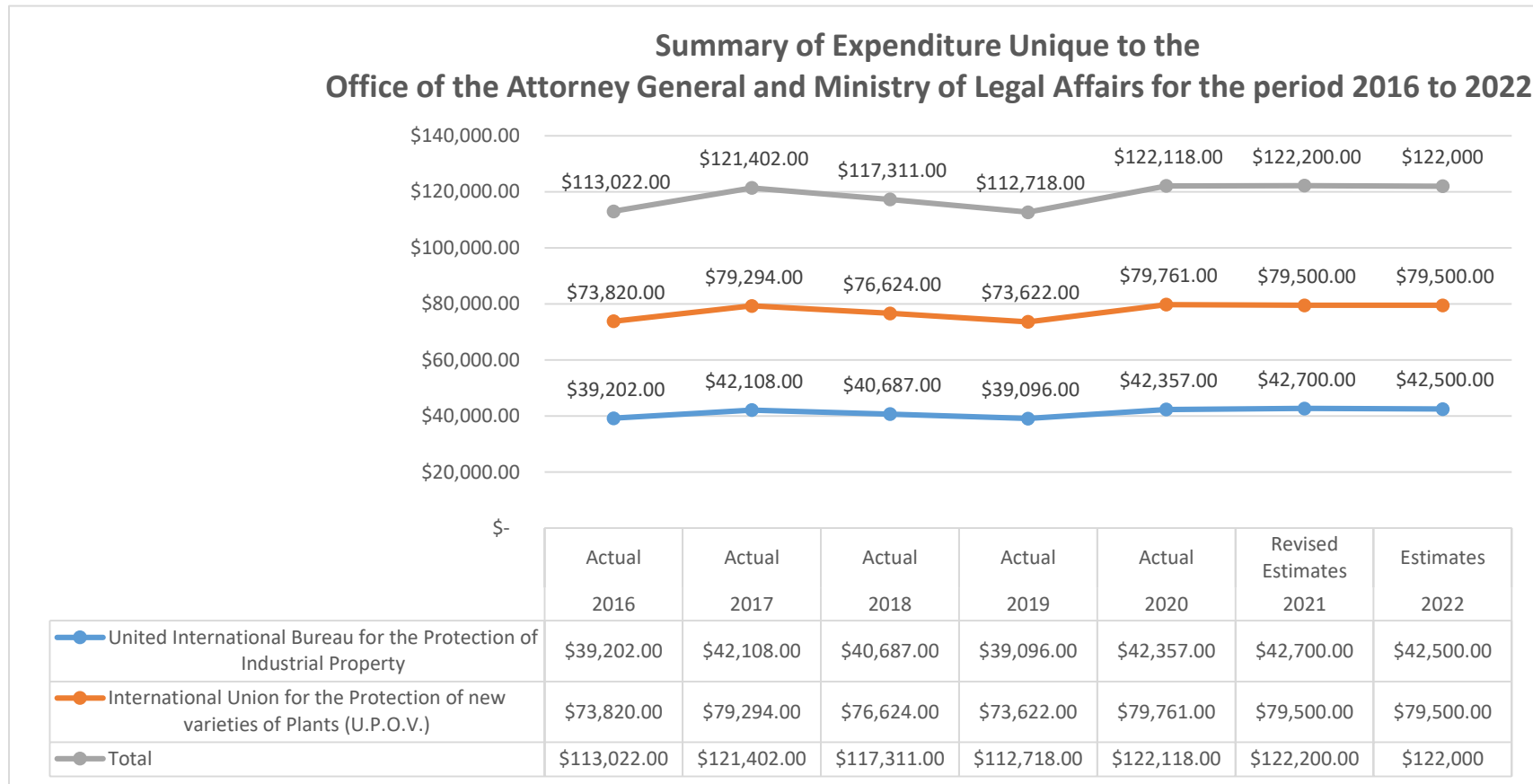
Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies.

- Recurrent Expenditure (Revised) for Fiscal Year 2021 was **\$408,165,010**. Comparing this figure with the Estimate for Fiscal Year 2022 of \$ **363,009,000**, there is a decrease of **\$45,156,010** or **11%**.
- The **largest** portion of the allocation has consistently gone to Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** which represents the sum of **\$206,193,100.00**. This figure has been fluctuating over the period 2016 – 2022. The figure allocated to the Ministry for fiscal year 2022 accounted for approximately 56.8% of total Recurrent Expenditure received by the Ministry.
- **Minor Equipment Purchases** received the **lowest** portion of the total allocation for the Ministry over the period 2016 - 2022 accounting for approximately **0.4%** of total funding for the Ministry for fiscal year 2022.
- **Personnel Expenditure** received the **second largest** portion of the allocation and has been fluctuating over the period 2016 - 2022. Comparing 2021 to 2022, it has, increased by **\$1,000,000**.

¹⁶Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2022 accessed on October 6,2021 <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Details-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-2022.pdf>

Analysis of Expenditure Unique to the Ministry

Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs that may not feature in other ministries or departments. The two items unique to the Ministry are transfers to the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants¹⁷ and the United International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property¹⁸



¹⁷ The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental whose mission is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society. UPOV website: <https://www.upov.int/portal/index.html.en> Accessed on October 4, 2021

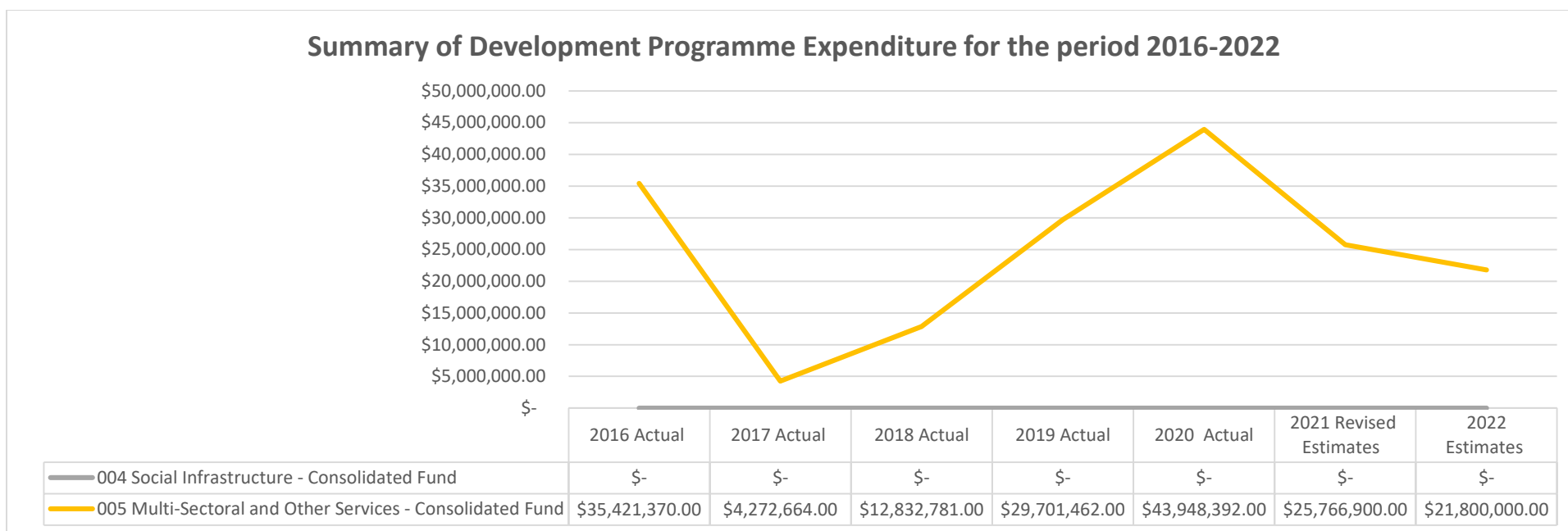
¹⁸ The United International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property is the predecessor of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) whose mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international IP system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. WIPO website <https://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/> Accessed on October 4, 2021

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2016-2022¹⁹

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 **\$21,800,000.00** for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2022 is solely for funds appropriated by Parliament and disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund. The monies were allocated to two Items as follows:

- Funds disbursed via **Multi-Sectoral and Other Services** representing **100%** of the Total allocation.



¹⁹ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 6, 2021 <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Major Programmes and Development for the Period 2019 to 2022

The following table shows a list of the significant expenditure items, based on the proportion of the budgetary allocation assigned.²⁰

Development Programme 2020	PROJECTS	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimates
005-06-F-028	Provision of Accommodation for the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority	\$1,405,842	\$6,308,029	\$0	\$400,000
005-06-A-025	Modernization of the Companies Registry	\$0	\$5,269,838	\$2,388,000	\$0

²⁰ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 6, 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 2019²¹

The following new projects received funding in the 2019 financial year:

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
005-06-A-025	Modernization of the Companies Registry	\$0	\$5,269,838	\$2,000,000	
005-06-F-026	Fit-Out Accommodation for Civil Law Department	-	-	-	-
005-06-F-027	Accommodations for District Registrar Offices	-	-	-	\$600,000
005-06-F-028	Provision of Accommodation for the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority	\$1,405,842	\$6,308,029	-	\$400,000

²¹ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 6, 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 2020²²

The following new projects received funding in the 2020 financial year:

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
005-06-A-080	Establishment of Law Museum	Removed	Removed	Removed

²² Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2020, Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 6, 2021 <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Status of Projects from the Financial Year 2021²³

The following new projects that received funding in the 2021 financial year

Development Programme 2021	PROJECTS	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
005-06-A-045	Digitisation of the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
005-06-F-029	Outfitting of Accommodation for Registrar General Department	\$0	\$1,000,000

²³ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on October 6, 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 2022²⁴

Development Programme 2022	PROJECTS	2022 Estimate
005-06-F-030	Renovation of Winsure Building	\$1,000,000

²⁴ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022, accessed on 4 October 2021 : <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-2022.pdf>

Recent Legislative Developments

Bills introduced during the 5th Session of the 11th Republican Parliament:

Short Title
<u>The Administration of Justice (Electronic Monitoring) (Amendment) Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Animal (Diseases and Importation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Bail (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Cannabis Control Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Constitution (Amendment) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018</u>
<u>The Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Cybercrime Bill, 2017</u>
<u>The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Finance Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Fisheries Management Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016</u>
<u>The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Interception of Communications (Amendment) Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The Kabir Association of Trinidad (Incorporation) Amendment, 2019</u>
<u>The Livestock and Livestock Products Board (Repeal) Bill, 2019</u>
<u>The Miscellaneous Amendments (No. 2) Bill, 2020</u>

[The Miscellaneous Amendments Bill, 2020](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(2019 Novel Coronavirus \[2019-nCoV\]\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Age of Retirement of Judges, Interpretation and Chief Judicial Officers\) Bill, 2019](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Heritage and Stabilisation Fund, Government Savings Bonds and Value Added Tax\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Law Enforcement Officers\) Bill, 2019](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Local Government Reform\) Bill, 2019](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Proceeds of Crime and Central Bank\) Bill, 2019](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Registrar General, Registration of Deeds, Conveyancing and Law of Property, Real Property, Stamp Duty and Registration of Title to Land\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic \(Amendment\) Bill 2019](#)

[The Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018](#)

[The National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago Bill, 2018](#)

[The Private Security Industry Bill, 2019](#)

[The Real Estate Agents Bill, 2020](#)

[The Representation of the People \(Amendment\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Shipping Bill, 2019](#)

[The Supplemental Police \(Amendment\) Bill, 2019](#)

[The Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018](#)

[The Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Bill, 2019](#)

[The Urban and Regional Planning Profession Bill, 2019](#)

[The Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2019](#)

Bills introduced during the 1st Session of the 12th Republican Parliament:

Short Title
<u>The Anti-Gang (Amendment) Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The Anti-Gang Bill, 2021</u>
<u>The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The Cannabis Control Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The CARIFORUM States (the Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Economic Partnership Agreement Bill, 2021</u>
<u>The Constitution (Amendment) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The Electronic Payments into and out of Court (Amendment) Bill, 2021</u>
<u>The Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2020</u>
<u>The Finance (Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation) (Financial Year 2021) Bill, 2021</u>

[The Finance Bill, 2020](#)

[The Finance Bill, 2021](#)

[The Firearms \(Amendment\) Bill, 2021](#)

[The Gambling \(Gaming and Betting\) Control Bill, 2021](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Administration of Justice\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Fisheries Management \(No. 2\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Foreign Labour Contracts \(Repeal\) Bill, 2021](#)

[The Livestock and Livestock Products Board \(Repeal\) Bill, 2021](#)

[The Miscellaneous Amendments \(Powers of Statutory Authorities and Matters related to certain Boards\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(FATF Compliance\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Local Government Reform\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \(Special Reserve Police and Police Complaints Authority\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Miscellaneous Provisions \[2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)\] \(No. 2\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters \(Amendment\) Bill, 2021](#)

[The Public Health \(Amendment\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property \(Amendment\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Quarantine \(Amendment\) Bill, 2021](#)

[The Representation of the People \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Bill, 2020](#)

[The Sexual Offences \(Amendment\) Bill, 2021](#)

[The Shipping Bill, 2020](#)

[The Tobago House of Assembly \(Amendment\) Bill, 2021](#)

[The Tobago Island Government Bill, 2021](#)

General Useful Information

- Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, Bahamas: <https://www.bahamas.gov.bs/>
- Ministry of the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Attorney General Chambers, Guyana : <http://legalaffairs.gov.gy/attorney-generals-chambers>
- Attorney General's Chambers, Jamaica: <https://www.agc.gov.jm/>
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- Attorney General's Office, United Kingdom: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/attorney-generals-office>