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About this Guide

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

- Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly 2022.
- > Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2022.
- Public Sector Investment Programme 2022; and
- > Auditor General's Report on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2020.

Head 15: Tobago House of Assembly

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND¹

The Tobago House of Assembly is this country's oldest political institution. The THA was first incarnated in 1768 in the island's former capital, George Town, which is now Studley Park. The capital moved to Scarborough in 1769, as did the offices of the 13-member elected House of Assembly (Lower House) and the appointed Legislative Council (Upper House). In 1877, representative government was abolished, with the Crown Colony introduced to handle the administration of the island. In 1889, Tobago was joined with Trinidad by the British Government.

The original THA was a colonial institution designed to run the island for the benefit of its small ruling class by passing laws and statutes and distributing land. However, the election criteria favoured white Christian males older than 21 and owning 10 or more acres of land, and so, in 1834, that Assembly opposed the British Government's decision to emancipate enslaved Africans.

By contrast, the modern THA is open to any Trinbagonian residing in Tobago and wishing to stand for election to its 12 seats. It also includes four Councillors, three of whom are appointed in accordance with the advice of the Chief Secretary and one on the advice of the minority leader; and a Presiding Officer, who may or may not be an Assemblyman or a Councillor. In 2012, for the first time, the THA was without a minority leader, as the ruling PNM has been elected to all 12

¹ The Tobago House of Assembly website. Accessed on August 25, 2021: <u>http://www.tha.gov.tt/about-the-assembly/</u>

seats. Consequently, a Public Interest Desk was established to allow the public to give their input on governance of the island.

ORGANISATION OF THE ASSEMBLY

After 1980, the THA was formed into seven divisions, each representing a developmental concern. Today the THA comprises two main arms, the Legislative Arm and the Executive Arm, and 10 divisions – nine with particular remits plus the Office of the Chief Secretary, which oversees the others. This Assembly was created by Act 37 of 1980 for "making better provision for the administration of Tobago and for matters therein."

The Legislative arm (Assembly Legislature) is where all members of the Assembly meet in plenary and/or in select committees to make policy decisions for the operations of the Assembly. These functions are supported by the Assembly Legislature Secretariat and headed by the Presiding Officer. The Clerk of the Assembly is responsible for the efficient discharge of functions of the business of the Assembly.

The Executive arm of the Assembly is headed by the Chief Secretary in his capacity as leader of the Executive Council. The Council has individual and collective responsibility for carrying out the tasks of the Assembly through its divisions. Each division is led by a secretary, with an administrator serving as the accounting officer responsible for producing the desired results of the division. The Chief Administrator is the most senior public officer in the administration and is attached to the Office of the Chief Secretary.

Chief Administrator: Ms. Bernadette Solomon-Koroma

Currently the 10 Divisions are:

- <u>Office of the Chief Secretary</u>
- <u>Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour</u>
- Education, Innovation and Energy
- Finance and the Economy
- Food Production, Forestry and Fisheries
- Health, Wellness and Family Development
- Infrastructure, Quarries and the Environment
- Settlements, Urban Renewal and Public Utilities
- Sport and Youth Affairs
- <u>Tourism, Culture and Transportation</u>

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSEMBLY

Offices within the Assembly:

- The **Presiding Officer** is elected by the Assemblymen and presides over all Sittings of the Assembly.
- The **Deputy Presiding Officer** is elected from among the Assemblymen and Councillors and deputises for the Presiding Officer in his/her absence.
- The **Chief Secretary** is elected from among the Assemblymen and heads the Executive Council.
- The **Deputy Chief Secretary** is elected from among the Assemblymen and deputises for the Chief Secretary in his/her absence.

- The Executive Council comprises the Chief Secretary, the Deputy Chief Secretary and up to seven other secretaries (increased from the original five of THA Amendment Act No. 17 of 2006). They are selected from among the other Assemblymen and Councillors, as advised by the Chief Secretary. This body is responsible for carrying out the functions of the Assembly. Seven secretaries, along with the Chief Secretary and Deputy Chief Secretary, are assigned specific areas of responsibility within the Executive Council but are collectively responsible for all decisions of that Council.
- Assistant Secretaries assist Secretaries in specific areas of their respective portfolios.
- The Leader of Executive Council Business controls the arrangements of business in the House, consulting with the Minority Leader as necessary.
- The **Minority Leader** is the Assemblyman who, in the opinion of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, commands the support of the largest number of Assemblymen who do not support the Chief Secretary. The current Assembly has no Minority Leader, so a Public Interest Desk was established so that the public can have direct participation in the island's governance.
- Assemblymen are elected members who have not been assigned any special responsibilities as they relate to the conduct of the business of the Assembly.
- **Councillors** are nominated members who have not been assigned any special responsibilities as they relate to the conduct of the business of the Assembly.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

The elected Assembly continues for four years from the date of its first sitting after any primary election, and then stands dissolved unless the Assembly, by resolution, dissolves itself at an earlier date. The President, after consultation with the

Prime Minister and the Chief Secretary, fixes the date of a primary election. The date of that election must fall between two and three months after the dissolution of the Assembly.

POWERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

The THA has 33 areas of responsibility:

- Finance, that is to say the collection of revenue and
 State Lands; the meeting of expenditure incurred in the carrying out of the functions of the Assembly;
- Land and marine parks;
- Public buildings and the maintenance of the residences of the President and the Prime Minister;
- Sports;
- Community Development;
- Agriculture;
- Food Production;
- Town and Country Planning;
- Telecommunications;
- Industrial Development;
- Customs and Excise;
- Health Services;
- Education including Curriculum;
- Marketing;
- Postal Services and Collection of Revenue;

- Museums, archives, historical sites and historical buildings;
- Tourism;
- Culture and the Arts;
- Co-operatives;
- Fisheries;
- Forestry;
- Infrastructure, including Air and Sea Transportation, Wharves and Airports and Public Utilities;
- Highway and Roads;
- The Environment;
- Licensing;
- Library Services;
- Social Welfare;
- Valuations;
- Statistics and Information;

- Housing;
- Such other matters as the President may, by Order, assign to the Assembly.

CURRENT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS²

Name

District

• Plant and Animal Quarantine; and

Assemblyman Tracy Davidson Celestine	Lambeau/Signal Hill
The Honourable Ancil Dennis	Buccoo/Mt Pleasant
Assemblyman Joel Jack	Bacolet/Mt St George
Assemblyman Marslyn Melville-Jack	Scarborough/Calder Hall
Assemblyman Clarence Jacob	Canaan/Bon Accord
Assemblyman Kelvon Morris	Black Rock/Whim/Spring Garden
Assemblyman Watson Duke Belle	Garden East/Roxborough/Delaford
Assemblyman Farley Augustine	Parlatuvier/L'Anse Fourmi/Speyside
Assemblyman Faith B. Yisrael	Goodwood/Belle Garden West
Assemblyman Terance Baynes	Bethel/Mt Irvine
Assemblyman Zorisha Hackett	Plymouth/Golden Lane

² The Tobago House of Assembly website. Accessed on August 25, 2021:<u>https://www.tha.gov.tt/assembly-members/</u>

Auditor General Report Findings for the Fiscal year 2020³

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR 2020

Head Of	Origina	al Estimates	Supple	ementary	Total	Approved	Actual Expenditure		Variance			
Expenditure	Fina	ncial Year	Estim	ates and	Estimat	es Financial	Financial Year 2020		Les	s Than	Mor	e Than
		2020	Tra	nsfers	Ye	ar 2020			Est	imates	Esti	imates
	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢
15 - Tobago House of Assembly	2,264	,630,000.00	105,00	0,000.00	2,369	9,630,000.00	2, 344	4,430,384.34	25,1	99,615.66		0.00

THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

(Established under Section 14(2) of the Unemployment Levy Act, Chapter 75:03)

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Previous Year

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PAYMENTS

180,292,071.98 Ministry of Works and Transport

235,009,757.72

\$

³ Adapted from the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year Ended September 30, 2020, <u>http://138.128.179.50/sites/default/files/Auditor-General-Report-2020.pdf</u>

18,000,000.00 Ministry of Works and Transport Tobago House of Assembly 18,000,000.00

ACCOUNTING FOR EXPENDITURE BY MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS

During the financial year, 2020 expenditure was incurred under 42 Heads of Expenditure as detailed on the Statement of Expenditure included with the Treasury Statements⁴. Table 3.1 below highlights those areas where expenditure was in excess of one billion dollars and reflects the percentage of total expenditure incurred.

Table 3.1 Actual Expenditure in Excess of \$1Bn

Head of Expenditure	Actual Expenditure \$	Percentage of Total Expenditure	
15 Tobago House of Assembly	2,344,430,384.34	4.09	

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND - \$7,794,741,265.95

Effective October 2013, the Ministry of Works and Transport administered this Fund. One aspect of the Programme is also administered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries. Amounts were appropriated to the following Administering Officers for administration of the Unemployment Relief Programme as follows:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Transport	235,009,757.72	180,292,071.98

⁴ Extracts of certain Treasury Statements are reproduced after the Report of the Auditor General

	289,577,065.73	281,472,095.85
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries	<u>36,567,308.01</u>	83,180,023.87
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Transport – Tobago House of Assembly	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00

AUDIT OF COVID-19 EXPENDITURE AT MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND STATUTORY BODIES

TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY Legal Framework

The Tobago House of Assembly is governed by the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chapter 25:03 (the Act) which provides for the membership, powers and functions of the Tobago House of Assembly. The Tobago House of Assembly is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policy in respect of various governmental services listed in the Fifth Schedule of the Act.

DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

COVID-19 Food Vouchers and Food Hampers - \$658,430.00

The Division's procedures for the distribution of the COVID-19 food vouchers were not adhered to in that, the vouchers were given to individuals without the completion of the necessary documentation, for example, the "Client Intake Form". Furthermore, food vouchers distributed by the Secretary's Office were done without the interview from the Senior Social Support Officers.

As a result of the foregoing, the quantity of food vouchers distributed could not be accurately determined. It was not ascertained whether the food vouchers reached the intended recipients, those persons who have suffered the economic impact of COVID-19.

Emergency Rental Assistance Programme - \$4,799,145.00

There were weaknesses in internal control which were observed from an examination of the accounting documents. Payment vouchers were not initialed in the 'Funds Available' or 'Authorized for Payment' columns. The details relating to the period, or the month of the payment were not indicated on the Department voucher, or the files examined.

The criteria for rental assistance were not followed for two applicants selected for sampling as neither 'the letter from the employer' nor 'the Declaration of Truth' was seen.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Grant Programme - \$5,067,590.55

In the Executive Council Minute (ECM) dated 22nd April 2020, approval was seen for the sum of \$3,000,000.00, to be used for the Enterprise Assistance Grant Programme however, the sum of \$5,067,590.55, was disbursed in grants. This resulted in an excess of unapproved expenditure of \$2,067,590.55. On 23rd April 2021 management stated that an additional \$3 million was subsequently approved by the Executive Council on 9th December 2020.

Paragraph 4 of the Executive Council Note dated 14th April, 2020 of the Division of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour stated:

"...The Essential Services, in this instant, are considered to be: \Box *Farming – animal husbandry*

- ✓ Food Production short crops, provisions, vegetables
- ✓ Agro-processing seasonings, pepper sauces, milk, cheese, etc.
- ✓ Fishing and fish processing
- ✓ *Manufacturing of Cleaning Supplies/Solutions*
- ✓ Provision of Cleaning Services e.g., cesspool, litter eradication
- ✓ Light Manufacturing bread, cakes, pastries"

Grants received by two businesses did not meet the criteria for essential service providers. Business "A" which is in the trade of garment manufacturing received the sum of \$50,000.00 and Business "B" operating a beauty and hair dressing establishment received the sum of \$16,800.00. On 23rd April 2021 management stated that these two grants were in accordance with a subsequent Executive Council Minute dated 9th December 2020 that allowed for the provision of grant funding to small businesses in other business sectors.

The procedures for the processing of applications were not adhered to in that, 'signed off' by the Business Development Officer was not seen in the applications of five (5) enterprises.

Segregation of duties was not observed in the process for the Programme, as it was noted that the Accounts Support Officer was responsible for gathering all client information, collecting and distributing cheques, training clients and reconciling accounting documents. The role of the Administrator/Accounting Officer in the process was not ascertained.

Tourism COVID-19 Relief Business Grant - \$1,540,273.69

The procedures for the processing of applications were not adhered to in that, application forms were not signed by the representatives from the Tobago Tourism Agency Limited and Business Development Unit in respect of two (2) business establishments. Additionally, the signature of the representative from the Business Development Unit was not seen on the application form for another business enterprise.

COVID-19 Loans - \$250,000.00

The criteria for the granting of loans included the fact that the applicants' enterprise was for purchase of stocks and other inputs critical to manufacturing. A loan in the sum of \$98,350.00 which was approved by the Executive Council on 7th September 2020 in respect of a water sports business did not fit the criteria for stock and other inputs critical to manufacturing. Evidence of a cheque dated 18th December 2020 for the sum of \$98,300.00 which was not disbursed was produced at the time of the audit in March 2021. Management has stated that the loan was qualified under the Tourism Ancillary Services that was subsequently by Executive Council on 9th December 2020.

COVID-19 Expenditure - \$112,795.34

A difference of \$54,633.62 was noted between the audited figure of \$167,428.96 and the sum of \$112,795.34, which was presented in a schedule for audit. The difference comprised the net of payments of \$68,635.36 for COVID-19 related items and a payment of \$14,001.74, which was for a community development project in November 2019.

DIVISION OF FINANCE AND THE ECONOMY

COVID-19 - Food Card Releases

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Council Minute dated 25th March 2020 as amended by other minutes, authorized the purchase of 15,000 food cards for the Emergency Social Assistance Cards Programme (ESACP) at a total cost of \$7,866,000.00 to augment the existing programme. The total releases for the period amounted to \$7,866,950.00.

Expenditure

There were weaknesses in the internal control system for payments based on an examination of accounting documents. Key areas which signified that the controls were in place such as 'Checked By', 'Funds Available', and 'Authorized for Payment', 'Payable Order Prepared and Payment Order number' on the payment vouchers were not completed and dated.

There was no evidence of Internal Audit examination on the vote books, Schedule of Accounts, Subsidiary Ledgers Cards and payment vouchers.

Card Administration

Segregation of duties which is a good control measure was not evident in the Emergency Social Assistance Cards Unit as both officers who operated the Unit were collectively responsible for interviewing of applicants including site visits, evaluation and recommendations, collection of cards from the bank, distribution of cards, maintenance of the Cards Register and custody of the cards.

Page 12 of the guidelines for the new Emergency Social Assistance Cards Programme (ESACP), states that, "due to the fact that the card is an emergency card, the Secretary of the Division represented the Executive Council in granting approval".

Evidence was not produced to show that the new ESACP guidelines were approved by the Executive Council. The role of the Administrator/ Accounting Officer in the process was not ascertained.

A sample for the processing of applications for food cards was undertaken and it was found that the procedures were not followed as presented below: -

- i. Information such as 'application approved by', 'date of approval', 'card distributed by', 'card reviewed by' and date was not inserted in Section B of the application forms.
- Applicants were required to present a form of identification to collect the card. It was observed that cards were regularly collected by an individual attached to the Assembly. In these instances, the identification card number, address and telephone numbers of card recipients were not inserted in the Card Issuance Register.
- iii. The approval form in respect of an applicant was not signed by the Secretary of Finance. The Card Issuance Register however indicated that a card was issued to the applicant on 8th September 2020.
- iv. Interview and assessment by officers designated at the ESACP Unit were not done for applications submitted by Secretaries.

The Card Issuance and Balance Register was not maintained as specified in Executive Council Minute dated 25th July 2012 in that:

- The balance of food cards on hand was not updated upon the receipt and issuance of cards.
- A column was not included in the Card Issuance and Pin Register for the custodians' initials upon receipt of the cards therefore initials were not inserted.

- There was no evidence to indicate that the cards and records were checked and balanced daily by the card custodian and supervisor; and
- Authorised application forms which identified the card holders by card number, name, date of birth, and identification number, address and contact number were not forwarded to the bank within 48 hours of card issuance.

In the absence of complete records, the balance of cards on hand as of 30th September 2020 was not ascertained. At the time of the audit in March 2021 a physical balance of 830 cards was seen.

Additionally, records on the beneficiaries of the cards issued under 'secretaries' pardon' were not available at the Division as the card issuance forms which records recipients' names, identification, card number and signature were not completed and returned by the Secretaries/Assistant Secretaries. The term 'secretaries' pardon" was not ascertained as this arrangement was not documented. There was no control over the quota of cards accessed by the Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries as the quotas were exceeded in some instances and this arrangement was verbal. As a result, 6,999 cards to the value of at least \$3,499,500.00 were not properly accounted for.

Separate records from the THA's Emergency Social Assistance Cards were not maintained for cards issued for COVID-19 expenditure.

DIVISION OF EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND ENERGY

A total of 912 cards were remitted to the Division of Education, Innovation and Energy for distribution during the period under review.

In accordance with the new ESACP policy guidelines for the issuance of cards, illegal entrants, visitors/tourists, and individuals whose status is questionable or unverified do not qualify for emergency assistance. There was no evidence on file to indicate the status of an individual who was from another Caribbean Island and received a card.

A record of cards issued to recipients is maintained by the Division however, at the time of the audit, evidence was not seen that copies of the records were returned to the Division of Finance and the Economy.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

An invoice dated 2nd June 2020 for an amount of \$122,000.00 in favour of the Assembly's banker for 5,000 food cards was paid by the Office of the Chief Secretary by a cheque dated 29th June 2020. Payment was also affected to the same banker by the Division of Finance and the Economy via a cheque dated 23rd September 2020. This resulted in an overpayment to the banker.

DIVISION OF FOOD PRODUCTION, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

COVID-19 Expenditure – Agriculture Incentive Programme \$967,000.00

The COVID-19 Response Plan at the Division was contained in Executive Council Minute (ECM) dated 24th June 2020 in which the Executive Council:

i. Agreed to the implementation of Policy Measures for 'Increasing Food Production and Food Security in Tobago' in light of the COVID -19 Pandemic.

- ii. Granted approval for the expenditure of \$7,625,000.00 to facilitate the implementation of this programme with incentives and other assistance in 12 areas relating to agriculture.
- iii. Agreed that funds to meet the expenditure be sourced from the Agricultural Incentive Programme.

This COVID- 19 response Plan was to augment the existing Agriculture Incentive Programme (AIP), which is an ongoing Programme of the Division.

As stated above, the Council agreed that expenditure related to the COVID-19 Response Plan be met from the Agricultural Incentive Programme. However, a release of \$1 Million was made under the Minor Equipment vote. The Covid-19 expenditure of \$967,000.00 was incurred under this vote. Expenditure of \$445,538.29 was verified under the Agricultural Incentive Programme, which is the ongoing Programme of the Division

COVID-19 expenditure was only incurred under one aspect of the Programme; the Land Preparation Service in which the Division sought to acquire two tractors, two brush cutters, four ploughs and two bankers and four tillers. The cost of these items was \$967,000.00, which was paid on 30th September 2020.

It was noted that one (1) tractor, two (2) brush cutters, two (2) ploughs, two (2) bankers and four (4) tillers were received in January 2021. One (1) tractor and two (2) ploughs were still to be delivered to the THA as of 29th January 2021. The receipt of the equipment for land preparation occurred over ten months after the onset of the pandemic. Therefore, as of January 2021, the THA's Response Plan for agriculture to increase food production and food security in Tobago had not fully commenced.

Key Statement from 2020 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the Standing Finance Committee debate for fiscal 2021, the following statement was made in relation to the Tobago House of Assembly:

"The Tobago House of Assembly is statutorily responsible for the delivery of public goods and services in Tobago as set out in the Fifth Schedule of the THA Act 40 of 1996. The island is structurally and distinctly different from Trinidad, as the Government Services such as tourism, transportation, food production and fisheries and culture and the arts contribute the largest component to the small GDP of the island. As a result of the global impact of the pandemic COVID-19, the tourism sector has been one of the most affected. The ripple effects on the social and economic fabric of the island are palpable and requires a robust and comprehensive strategy to provide both welfare and stimulus for the sustenance of business activity and the delivery of goods and services.

As a result of these and the overall 6.49 per cent cut in our allocations, the emphasis of each of the 11 Divisions is to focus on a few transformative elements by increasing efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of goods and services, capacity building and institutional strengthening, business processes reengineering and elevation of the role and importance of strategic planning in the mobilization and utilization of resources. These tenets are dovetailed into the policy alignment and the adherence to the principles of transparency, accountability, and good governance and excellent service delivery to the widest cadre of residence in keeping with both the national goals and the policies derived by the Assembly" ⁵

- The Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP

⁵ Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister – Gender and Child Affairs, Standing Finance Committee Hansard of Tobago House of Assembly. Accessed on August 25, 2021 <u>http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/hh20201021sfc.pdf</u>

Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2021

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.

Head 15 – Tobago House of Assembly requested and was granted the following supplementations:⁶

Recurrent Expenditure - \$50,000,000

<u>06/001/06 – Tobago House of Assembly - \$50,000,000</u>

The funds are required to:

- i) enable the operationalization of the Roxborough Hospital as well as the Moriah Health Centre \$25,000,000;
- ii) facilitate the payment of outstanding debts to the National Helicopter Services Limited (NHSL); and other suppliers and creditors as well as to enable the settlement of gratuities and benefits to employees \$15,000,000;
- iii) enable the acquisition of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medical equipment, cleaning supplies, as well as to meet the cost of rental of accommodation including the refurbishment and outfitting of same to provide quarantine services, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic - \$10,000,000.

Public Sector Investment Programme (P.S.I.P) – \$30,000,000

09/003/11/G/019 - Enterprise Assistance Grant Programme - \$5,000,000

⁶ 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 August 25, 2021 <u>http://www.ttparliament.org/reports/p12-s1-H-20210609-SFC-r1.pdf</u>

The sum is required to provide relief through loans and grants to entrepreneurs who were negatively affected by the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

09/004/08/B/497 – Development of Land for Airport Relocation - \$25,000,000

This sum is required to meet the cost of developing serviced plots at Cove and Shirvan Estates, in order to relocate the residents of Crown Point and Store Bay local roads who have been displaced by the construction of the new ANR Robinson International Airport.

Review of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2021

Tobago House of Assembly (THA)⁷

The THA utilised the sum of \$30.9 million to undertake road rehabilitation and construction works across the island. Some of the projects undertaken in fiscal 2021 are: -

- Upgrades to secondary roads;
- Milford road bridge construction;
- Rehabilitation of Claude Noel Highway; and
- Windward Road Special Development Programme.

⁷ Ministry of Finance website, Public Sector Investment Programme 2022 pg. 104 accessed on October 5, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/public-sector-investment-programme-2022/</u>

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

Year ⁸	Total Allocation ⁹	National Budget ¹⁰	Percentage of National Budget
2016	\$ 2,534,373,173.00	\$ 56,573,913,053.00	4.5%
2017	\$ 2,333,590,000.00	\$ 54,883,153,410.00	4.3%
2018	\$ 2,262,792,833.00	\$ 54,211,726,813.00	4.2%
2019	\$ 2,194,344,308.00	\$ 54,581,467,181.00	4.0%
2020	\$ 2,344,430,384.00	\$ 57,388,076,726.00	4.1%
2021	\$ 2,196,000,000.00	\$ 57,292,169,264.00	3.8%
2022	\$ 2,339,135,000.00	\$ 57,917,018,000.00	4.0%

• Total allocation for the Assembly as a percentage of the National Budget experienced an increased from **3.8**% in Fiscal Year **2020/2021** to **4.0**% in Fiscal Year **2021/2022**.

⁸ 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.

⁹ Total Allocation for Tobago House of Assembly =Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund

¹⁰ The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme Expenditure Consolidated Fund

Where the Assembly spends their money

2022 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **\$ 2,339,135,000** for the Tobago House of Assembly comprises:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of **\$2,075,000,000**¹¹; and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme Consolidated Fund in the sum of **\$264,135,000**¹².

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure: **\$671,786,600**.
- 02 Goods and Services: **\$597,632,770.**
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: **\$14,902,200**; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: **\$790,678,430.**

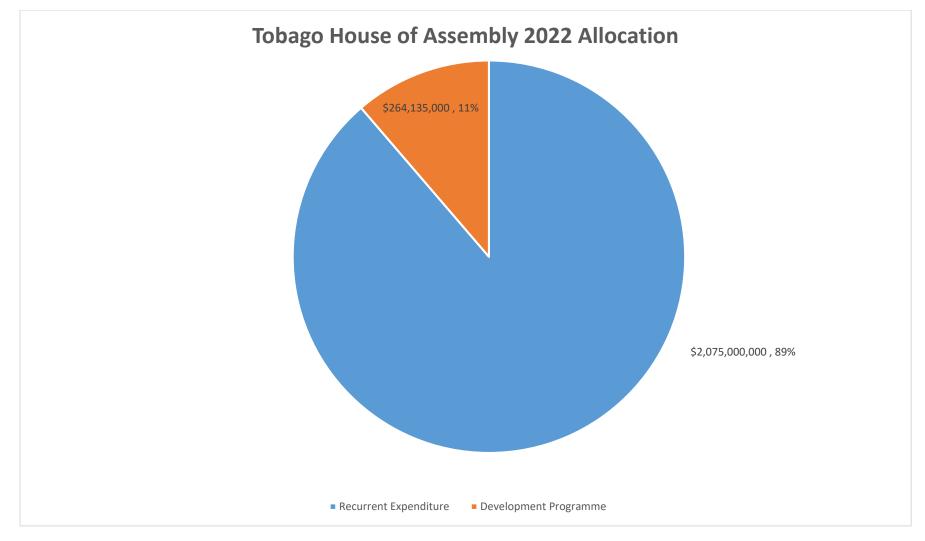
Percentage Allocation of the Tobago House of Assembly is as follows:

• Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget: **4.0**%

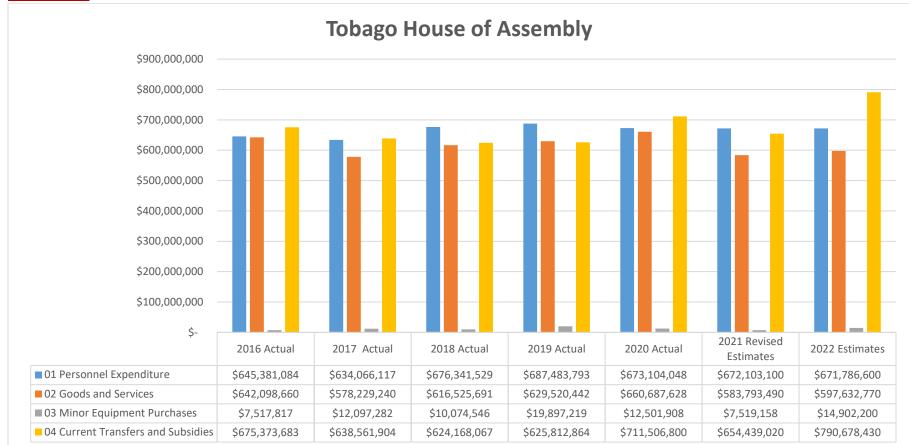
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¹² Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is 3.7%; and
- Consolidated Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is **11**%



Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2016-2022¹³



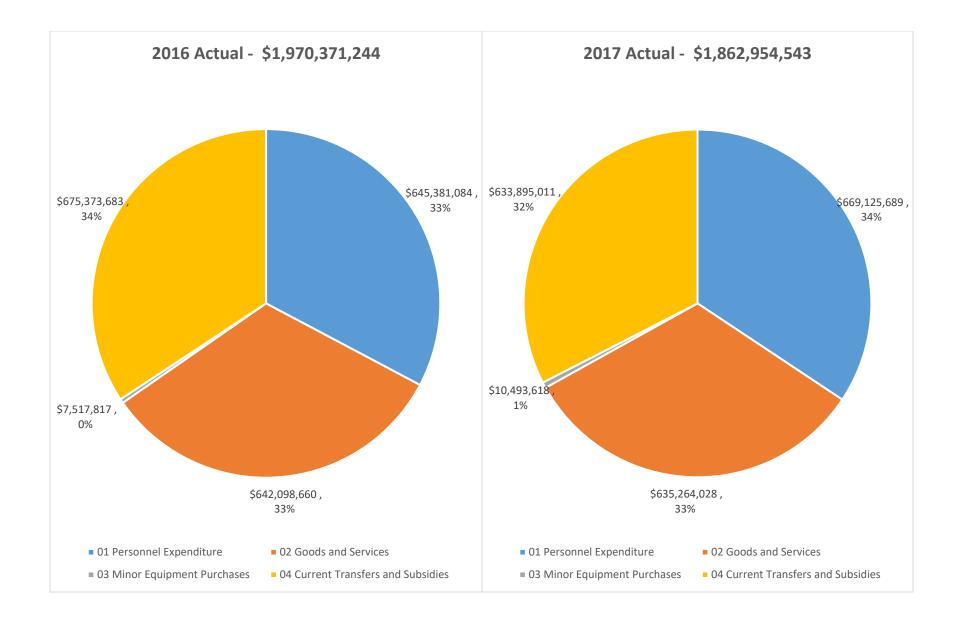
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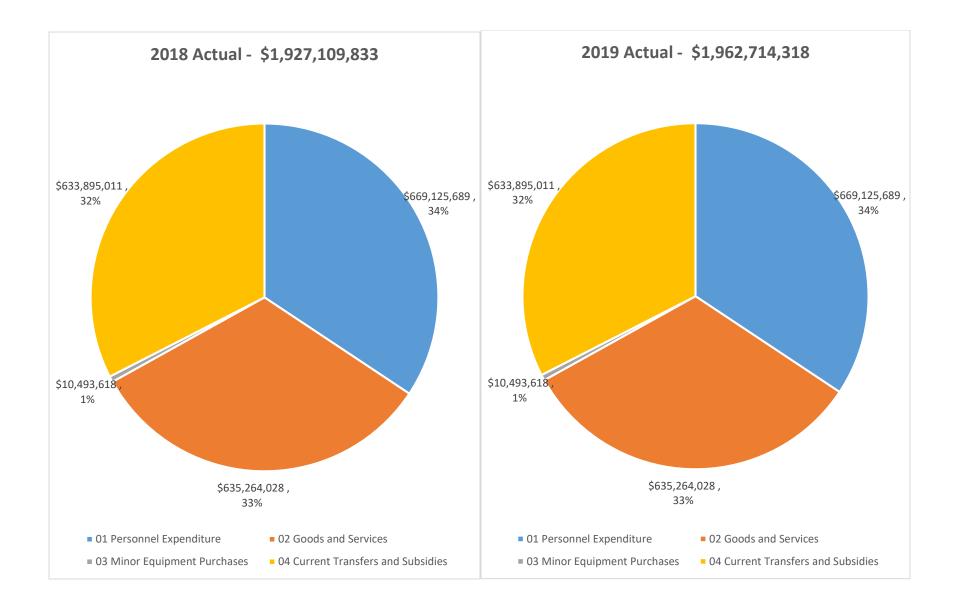
Analysis of Summary of Expenditure¹⁴

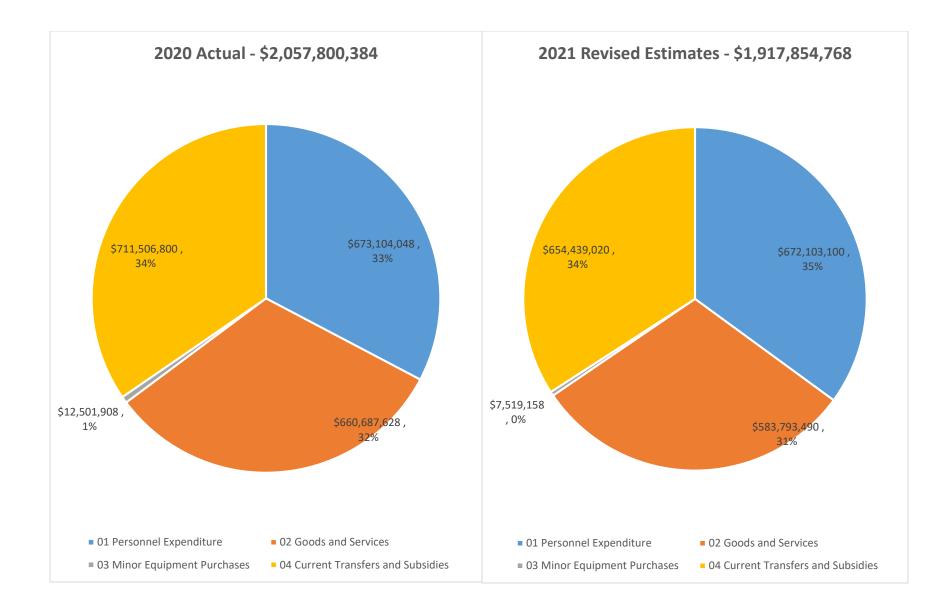
Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses, which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Assembly for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2020 is **\$2,075,000,000**.

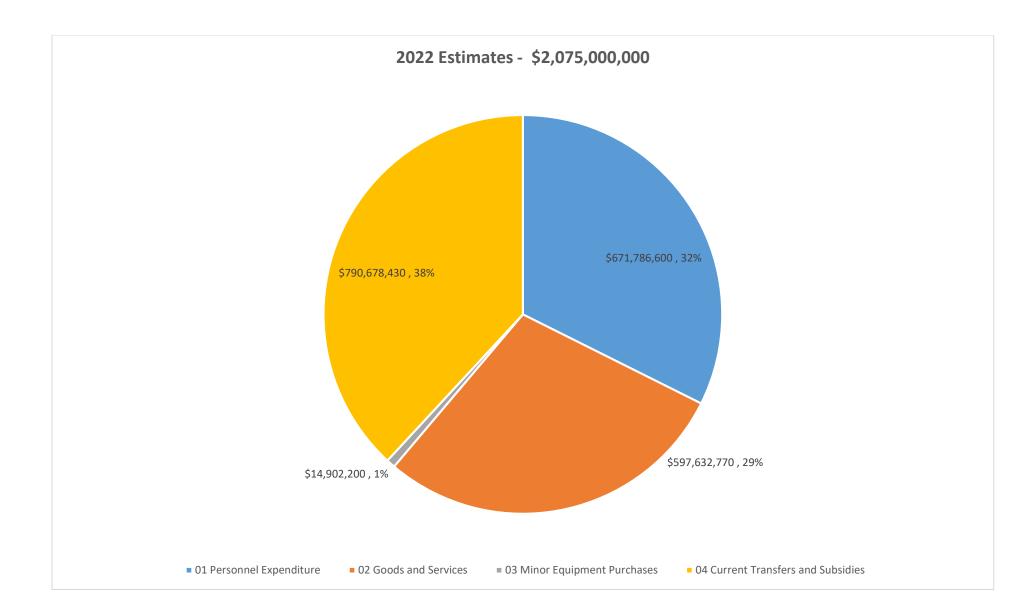
- Recurrent Expenditure (**Revised**) for Fiscal Year 2021 was **\$1,917,854,768**. Comparing this figure with the estimated figure for Recurrent Expenditure in Fiscal Year 2022, the allocation increased by **\$157,145,232** or **8.2%**.
- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received the **second largest percentage (32%)** of the 2022 budgetary allocation.
- Sub-Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases received the lowest percentage (1%) of the total allocation for fiscal 2022.
- Sub-Head 02 Goods and Services received the second lowest percentage (29%) of the allocation for fiscal 2022.
- Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies received the largest percentage (38%) of the allocation for fiscal 2022.

¹⁴ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and the Tobago House of Assembly for the Financial Year 2022, accessed October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-the-revenue-and-expenditure-of-the-statutory-boards-and-similar-bodies-and-tha/</u>

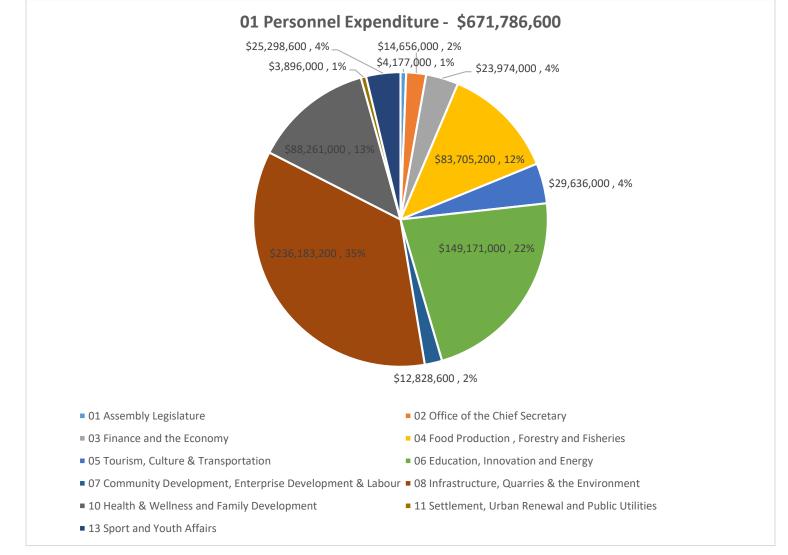


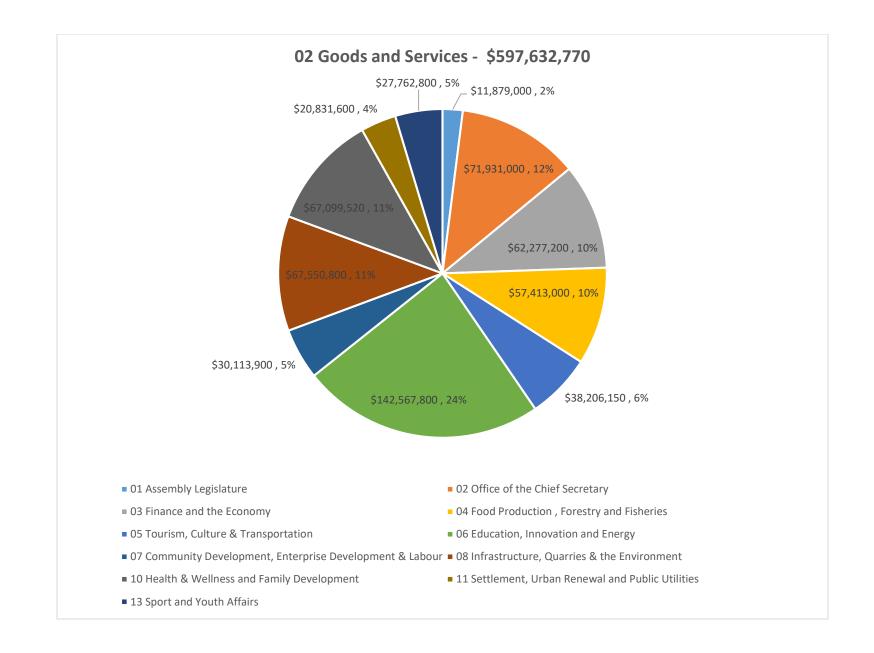


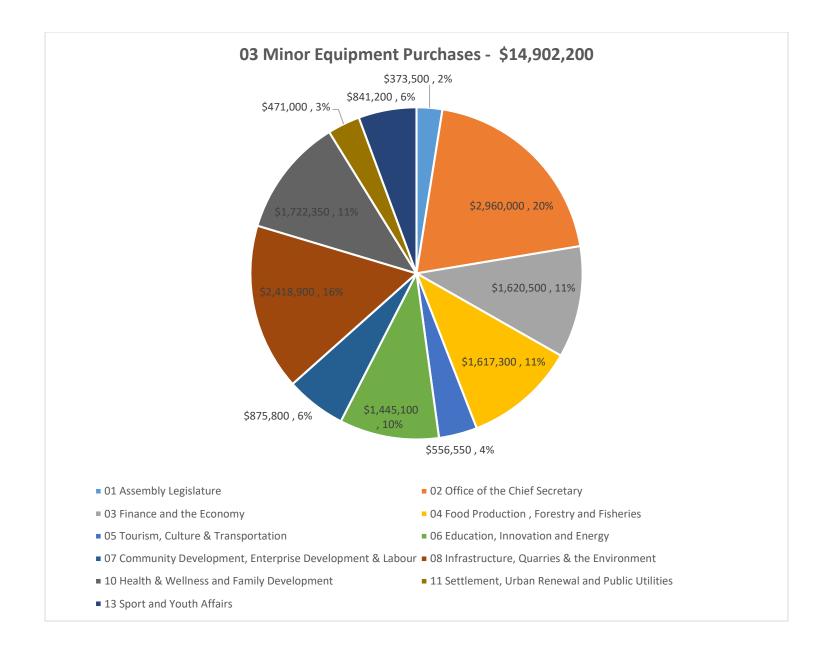


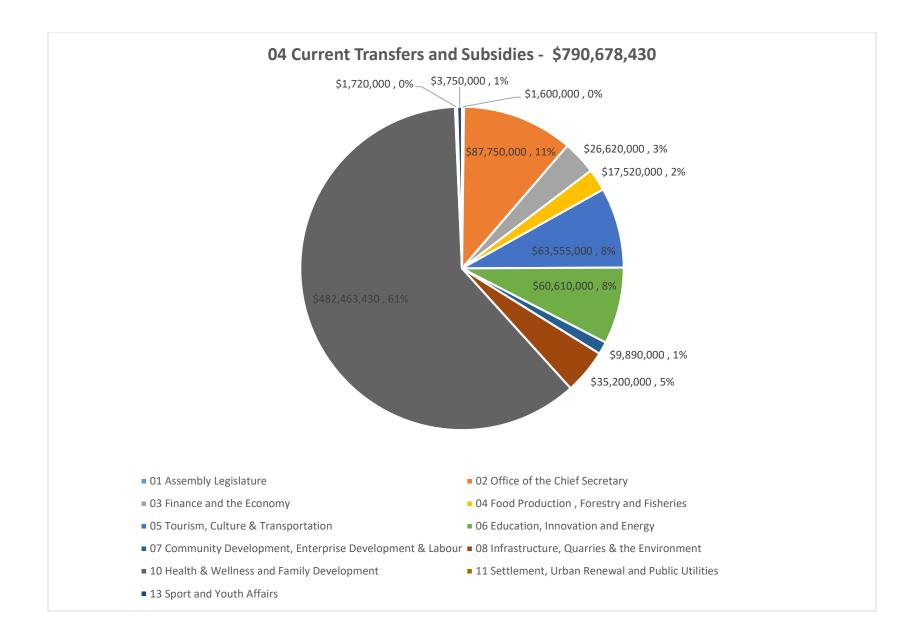


Summary of Recurrent Expenditure per Sub-Head

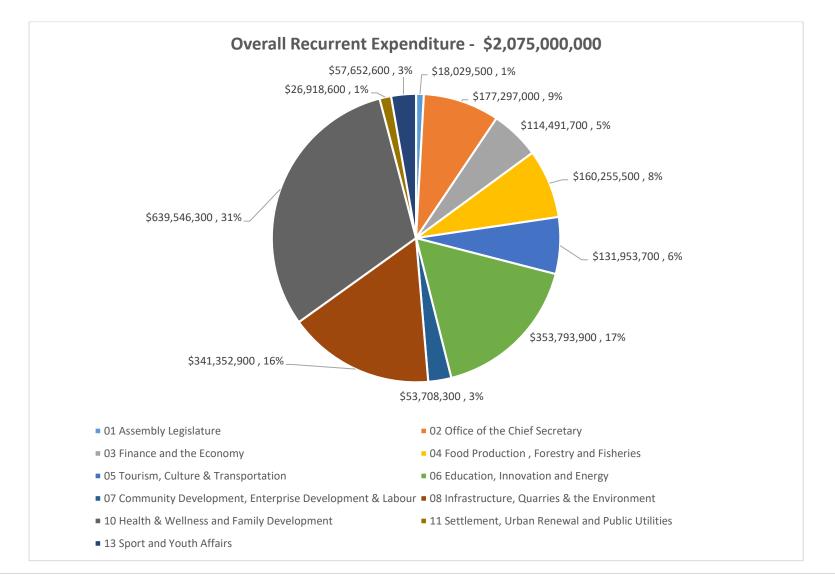




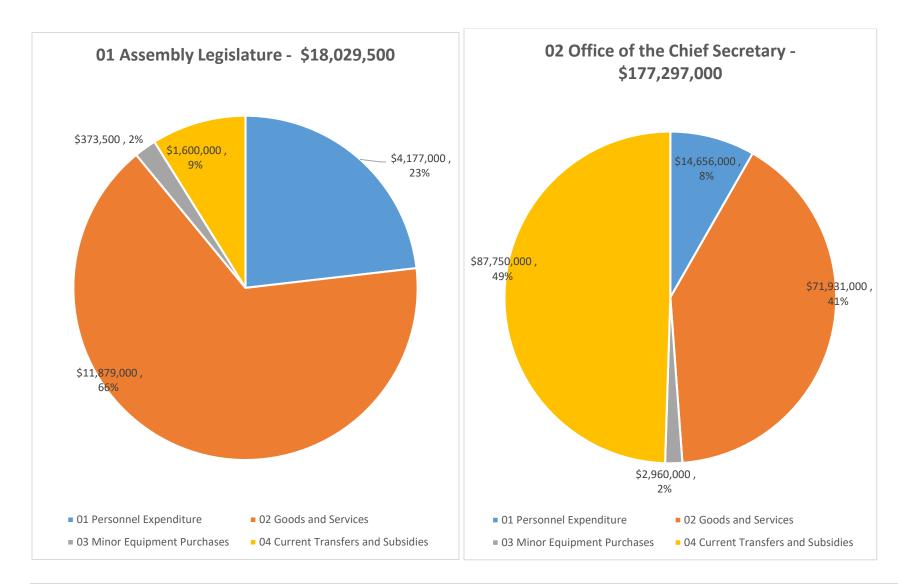


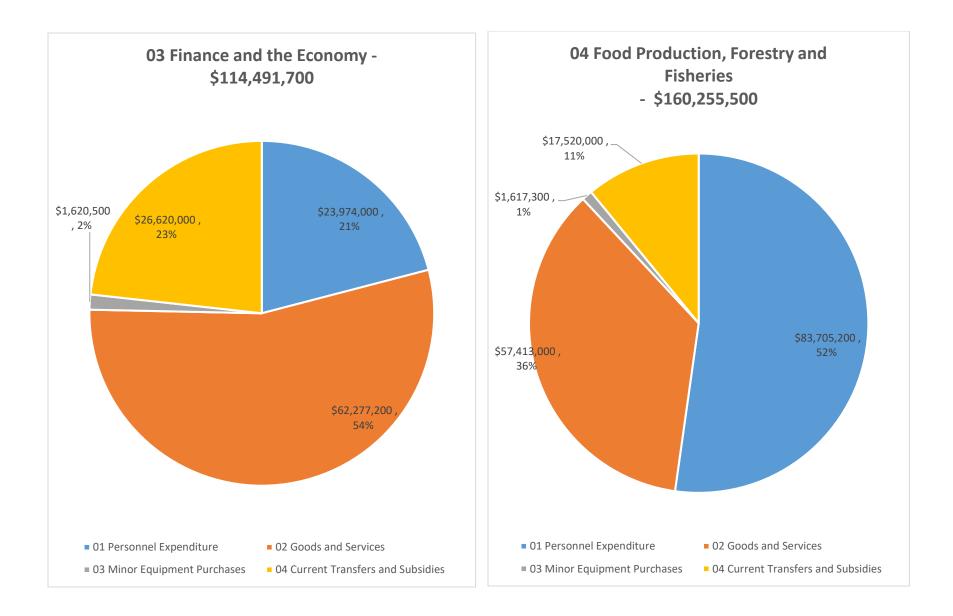


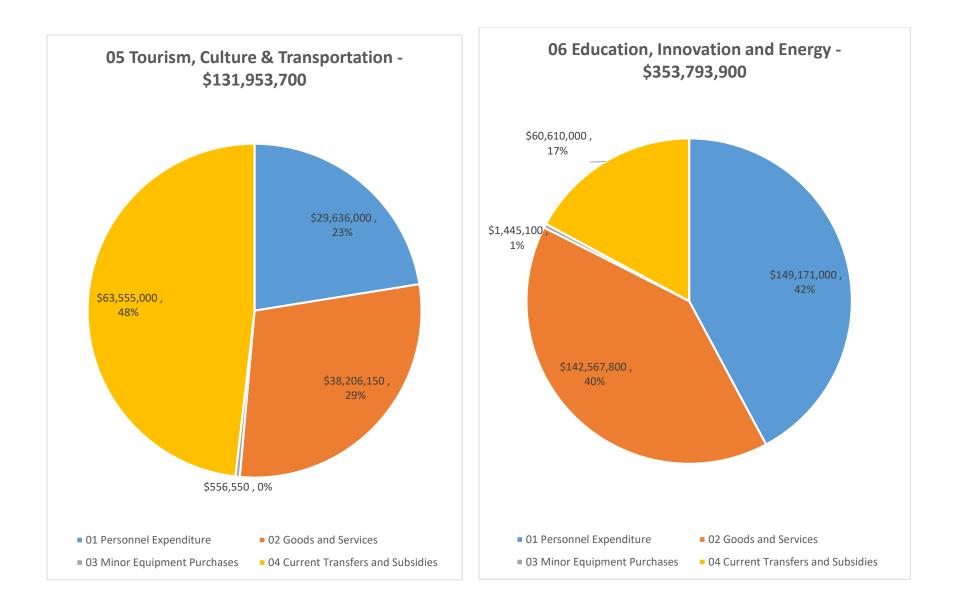
Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for Each Division

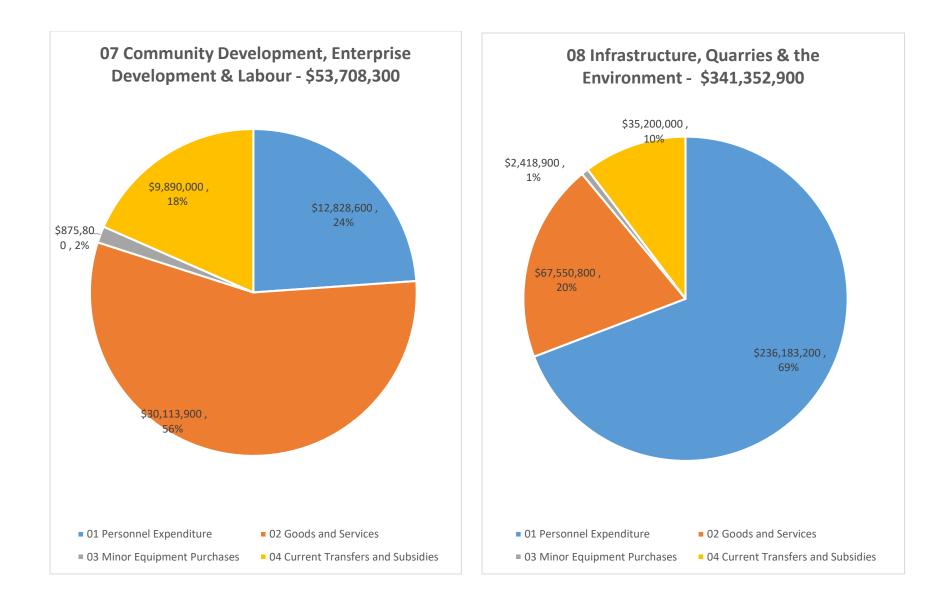


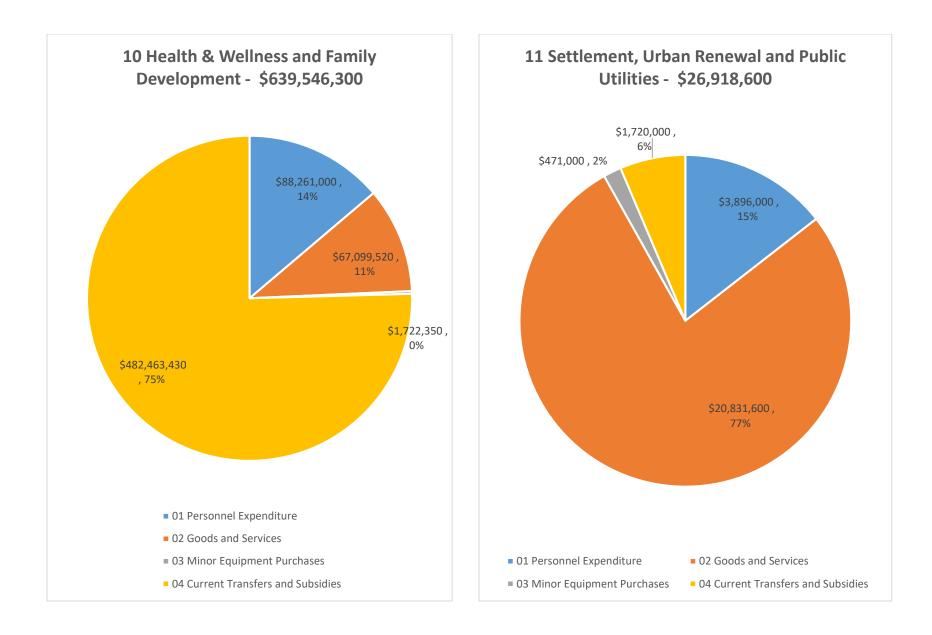
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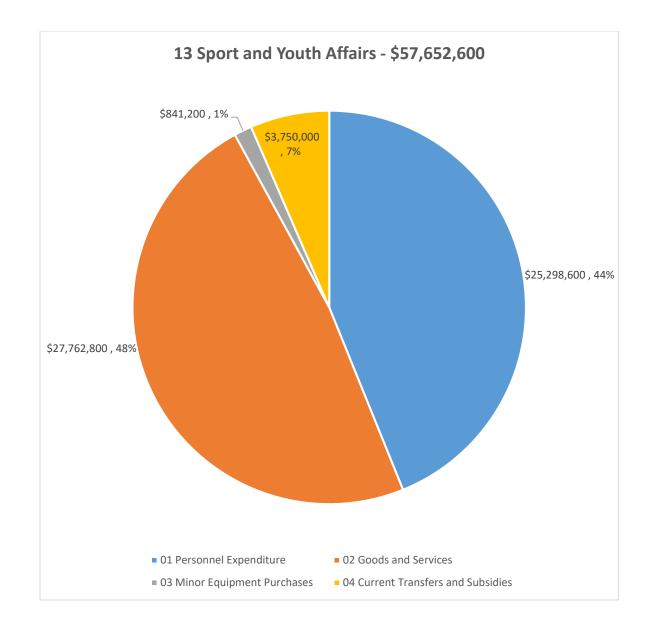






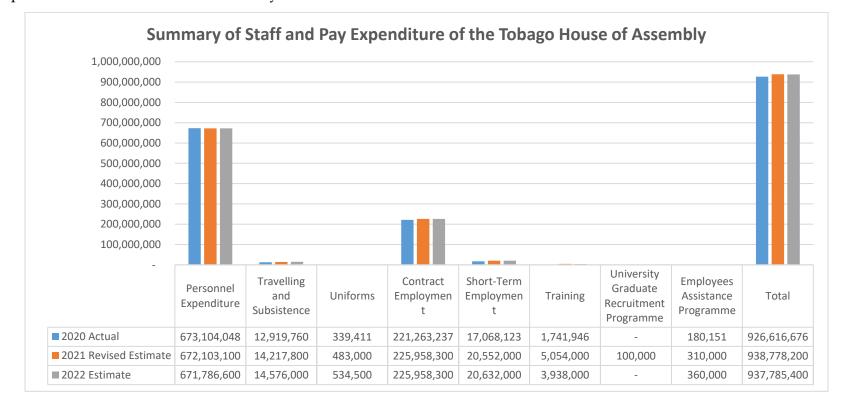






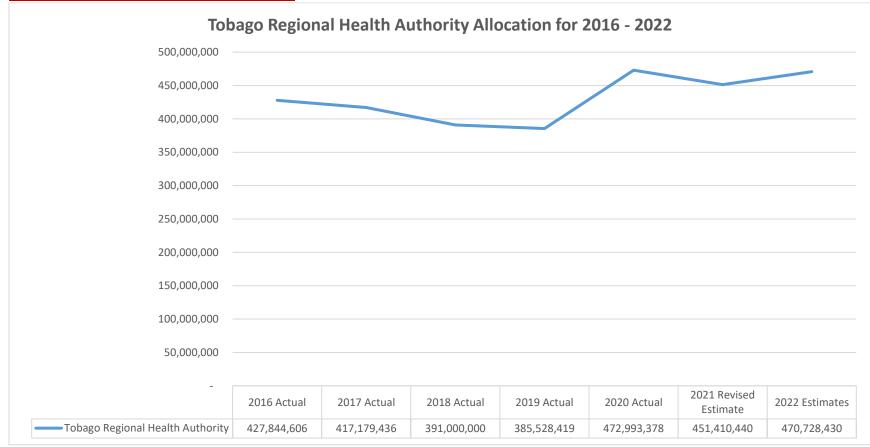
Summary of Staff and Pay Expenditure¹⁵

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2022 is **\$937,785,400.00**, which represents a decrease of approximately **0.11%**-from fiscal year 2021, where the revised estimate is **\$938,778,200.00**. The following chart provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from fiscal years 2020-2022.



¹⁵ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and the Tobago House of Assembly for the Financial Year 2022, accessed October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-the-revenue-and-expenditure-of-the-statutoryboards-and-similar-bodies-and-tha/</u>

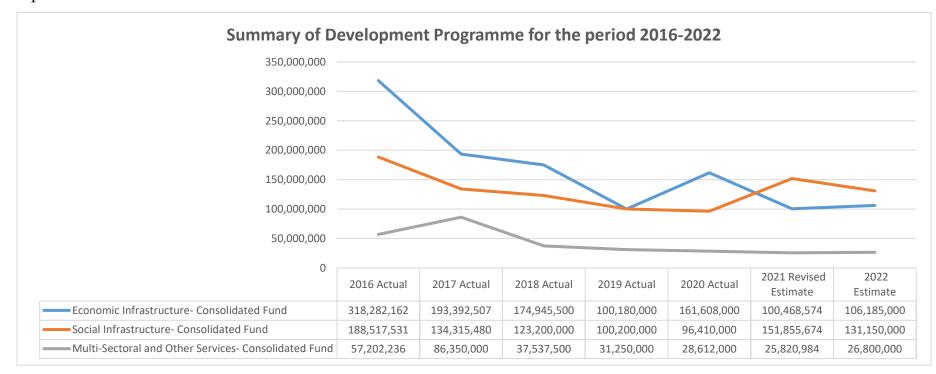
<u>Summary of the Tobago Regional Health Authority Expenditure</u> <u>between 2016 - 2022 ¹⁶</u>



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Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2016-2022¹⁷

The Development Programme comprises 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 Tobago House of Assembly under the Development Programmes and Projects for fiscal year **2022 = \$264,135,000**. This represents **10.6**% of the total national allocation to the Consolidated Fund.



¹⁷ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed: accessed October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

Preview of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2022¹⁸

Land Transportation

The project Construction of Bus Shelters and Bus Stops will also continue under the THA in fiscal 2022 with an allocation of \$0.5 million for the construction and installation of solar lighting at bus shelters and bus stops in Tobago.

Sea Transportation

In addition, the THA will receive the sum of \$2.4 million in fiscal 2022 to continue to develop their sea transport infrastructure with the following works:

- Construction of a Jetty at Parlatuvier;
- Construction of a Jetty at Bird of Paradise Island;
- Construction of a Jetty at Cove and Plymouth; and
- Establishment of a Marine Park Control Unit at Gibson Jetty

Electricity

The Tobago House of Assembly (THA) will continue to collaborate with the T&TEC in fiscal 2022 to implement its Street Lighting Programme and Rural Electrification Programme, with a combined allocation of \$1.0 million. *Agriculture*

¹⁸ Ministry of Finance website, Public Sector Investment Programme 2022 Appendix II pgs. 317-338 accessed on October 5, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/public-sector-investment-programme-2022/</u>

- *Fisheries Development Programme* The sum of \$2.3 million will be expended on the following:
 - Improvements to reefs at Buccoo and Speyside;
 - Improvement to Buccoo Reef Marine Park;
 - Management and Ecological Monitoring; and
 - Improvement to Beaches and Landing Facilities.
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Development Programme The sum of \$22.585 million will be expended on the following:
- Agricultural Land Information System and Inventory of State Lands
- o Development of Government Stock Farm
- Construction of Jetty at Roxborough
- Establishment of facilities on Little Tobago
- Establishment of Root and Tuber Crop
- o Invasive Plants Control Project
- Sub-division of Estates
- o Comprehensive State Land Development Project
- Climate Change Monitoring and Mitigation
- Air Quality Monitoring in Tobago
- Goldsborough Agricultural Estate Irrigation
 Project

- Development of Demonstration and Training
 Centre at Goldsborough
- Water Quality Monitoring Programme
- Installation of Mooring Buoys around Tobago
- Agriculture access roads Tobago
- Planting material repository Lure Estate Tobago
- o Indian Walk Root Crop Food Security
- o Urban Forestry Programme
- Development of Home Garden Initiative
- o Comprehensive Meteorological Database
- o Mangrove Systems Inventory and Monitoring
- \circ Lure Wildlife Nature Park

o Sargassum Response

Economic Restructuring and Transformation

- Development of Small Business Sector The sum of \$16 million will be expended on the continuation of the:
 - assistance to the private small and medium enterprises engaged in Agriculture, Fishing, Restaurants and Retail (mini marts);
 - assistance to entrepreneurs through venture capital;
 - Enterprise Assistance Grant Programme; and
 - Scarborough Esplanade Phase II.

Tourism

- *Improvement in Basic Tourism Infrastructure* The sum of \$15.7 million will be expended on the following:
 - Construction of Lay Byes (Bloody Bay Lambeau, Roxborough)
 - Community Awareness Programme
 - Tourism Support Projects (Island wide Signage)
 - Tourism Support Projects (Assistance to Traumatised Visitors)
 - o Tourism Regulatory and Legal Framework

- Scarborough Beautification Programme
- Bloody Bay Nature Park and Lookout
 Upgrade
- Restoration of Historical Sites
- Construction of Lifeguard Towers
- o Pigeon Point Infrastructure Works

- King's Bay Beach Facility
- o Speyside Lookout
- Storebay Beach Facility
- o Mt. Irvine Beach Facility
- o Rockly Bay Research Project
- o Top River Falls Parlatuvier
- Charlotteville Beach Facility
- o Establishment of Tobago Marinas

- Fort Granby Beach Facility
- Historical Site Cove Estate
- Fort King George Heritage Park
- o Bloody Bay Beach Facility
- o Castara Waterfall
- o Englishman Bay Beach Facility
- Construction of Tobago Cruise Ship Berths
- Tobago Tourism Agency

Drainage

The sum of \$10.2million will be expended on the continuation of the construction of Sea Defence Walls at Grange Argyle, Back Bay and Plymouth.

Roads and Bridges

- Roads and Bridges Development The sum of \$25.5 million will be expended on the following:
 - Continuation of the Milford Road Bridges;
 - Rehabilitation of Claude Noel Highway;
 - Orange Hill Road; Resurfacing Programme;
 - Windward Road Special Development Programme;
 - Plymouth/Arnos Vale Road;

- Milford Road Bypass to Smithfield; and
- Milford Road Upgrade.
- *Road Infrastructure Improvement Programme –* The sum of \$10 million will be expended on the following:
 - Continuation of Major Improvement Works on Secondary Roads.

Information Technology and Infrastructure

- *Computerisation Programme* The sum of \$2.25 million will be expended on the following:
 - Establishment of an Integrated Financial Management System;
 - Technical Assistance Programme;
 - Establishment of a Geographic Information System Platform; and
 - THA Wide Area Network and Data Centre.
- Information and Communications Technology Support Programme The sum of \$.5 million will be spent on the Information Communication Technology Programme.

Transportation

Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment – \$3 million will be spent on the Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment for various THA Divisions.

Water Security

• *Water Supply Improvements* - Desilting and Rehabilitation of Hillsborough Dam in Tobago will be done at a cost of \$9 million

Administration

- Construction of Public Buildings The sum of \$15.95 million will be expended on the following: ٠
 - Construction of Works Main Office Ο 0 Office Construction of New Licensing Main Office -Construction of Bus Shelters and Bus Stops 0 Ο Scarborough Construction of Scarborough Post Office/Financial • Restoration and Restructuring of Old Administrative 0 Complex Building Construction of an Administration Building for Construction of Storage Facility at Shaw Park Ο Ο Health and Social Services Construction of Scarborough Abattoir Ο 0 Ο
 - Construction of a new luncheon and meeting room facility at Louis Dor Nurseries
 - Construction of Head Office for Tourism and 0 Transportation
 - Construction of Laboratory Facility for Tissue Culture o Construction of Furniture Workshop Ο and Eutomology/Plant Pathology
 - Construction of Public Conveniences Construction of Mini Mall at Charlotteville 0 Ο
 - Establishment of Social Services Complex in Mason Tobago Spatial Development Strategy Ο Hall
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- Construction of Community Development Head
- Construction of Tobago Emergency Operation Centre
- Expansion of Calder Hall Administrative Complex 0
- Warehouse Facility for Tourism and Transportation 0

- o Rollout of Project Development Unit
- Construction of Sanctuary Resort
- o CERT Speyside Emergency Response Sub-Office
- THA Records and Archive Centre.
- Improvement/Refurbishment of Public Buildings The sum of \$4.3 million will be expended on the following:
 - Refurbishment of Townhouse A2-17 Flag Staff;
 - Refurbishment of Quarters;
 - Upgrading of Assembly Legislature Chambers;
 - Reviving of Assembly Legislature Annex;
 - Upgrade of Manta Lodge;
 - Assembly Administrative Complex;
 - Restoration of CAST Building;
 - Refurbishment and Retooling of Constituency Offices of the Members of Tobago House of Assembly;
 - University of Tobago;
 - Parlatuvier Washroom Facility;
 - Upgrade and Expansion of Buccoo Training Facility;

Capacity Building/Institutional Strengthening

- *Improvement in Administrative Services* The sum of \$1.2 million will be expended on the following:
 - Continued training of staff of Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly;

- ShawPark Market
- o Speyside Beach Facility
- o Buccoo Beach Boardwalk

- o Granting of scholarships under the Human Resource Development Programme; and
- Establishment of the Energy Secretariat.

Culture

- *Cultural Programmes and Facilities* The sum of \$1.3 million will be expended on the following:
 - Restoration of Historical Homes;
 - Establishment of a Heritage Marine Museum; and
 - Orange Hill Community Workshop and Art Gallery.

Early Childhood Education

- *Early Childhood Education Programme -* The sum of \$1.8 million will be expended on the following:
 - Extension and Improvements to Existing Childhood Centres; and
 - Establishment of Early Childhood Care and Education Unit.

Health/HIV AIDS

- *Medical Facilities Upgrading Programme* The sum of \$17 million will be expended on the following:
 - Procurement and installation of medical equipment; and
 - Establishment of an integrated data network to link health facilities.
- *Public Health Facilities, -* The sum of \$15.4 million will be expended on the following:
 - Upgrading of Waste Facility at Studley Park;

- Expansion of primary health care; and
- Expansion of district dental services.

Housing and Shelter

- *Housing and Settlements Expansion Programme -* The sum of \$26 million will be expended on the following:
 - Funding for works at the Adventure Housing Estate,
 - Plymouth Road; Blenheim Housing Estate Phase II;
 - Courland Estate Land Development;
 - Home Improvement Grant, Tobago;
 - Home Improvement Subsidy, Tobago;
 - Land Development Adelphi Estate;
 - Roxborough Town Expansion;
 - Shirvan Road Land Development;
 - Home Completion Programme, Tobago;
 - Development of Land for Airport Relocation and
 - Riseland Housing Development.

Primary Education

• *Primary Schools Programme* – The sum of \$9.11 million will be expended on the following:

- Construction of Scarborough Methodist
- New Construction of Scarborough Roman Catholic School
- Reconstruction of Mason Hall Government Primary
- Improvement Works to Signal Hill Government
- Establishment Research Unit for Primary School Teachers
- Improvement/Refurbishment/Extension to
 Primary School
- Primary School Maintenance Grant
- Extension and Upgrading works to St Patrick's Anglican
- Development of Physical Education and Sports in Primary School
- Extension and Improvement works at L'Anse
 Fourmi Methodist

- Extension and Improvement to Plymouth Anglican School
- Extension and Improvement to Bon Accord
 Government
- o Improvement Works to Moriah Government
- o Improvement Works to Delaford Anglican
- Teacher Training Programme
- Programme for Improvement of Security at Primary Schools
- Programme for the Computerization of Primary Schools,
- Extension and Improvement Works to Lambeau Anglican
- Establishment of Visual Arts and Performing Theatres (VPAT) in Primary Schools
- Installation of CCTV Security at Primary Schools.

Secondary Education

- *Secondary Schools Programme* The sum of \$16.4 million will be expended on the following:
 - Extension and Improvement to Roxborough Composite;
 - Reconstruction of Scarborough Secondary School;
 - Improvement/Refurbishment/Extension to Secondary Schools;
 - Expansion of Speyside High School;
 - Furniture and Equipment Replacement and Upgrade in Schools;
 - Development of Physical Education and Sports in Secondary School;
 - Extension and improvement to Bishop's High School;
 - Resources for Schools E-Testing.

Skills Development

- *Skills Development Programme* The sum of \$6.2 million will be expended on the following:
 - Upgrade of Roxborough Trade Centre;
 - o Establishment of Skills Development Centre at Whim;
 - Upgrade of Technical Vocational Facility at Signal Hill,

- Construction of Mason Hall Government Secondary;
- Tobago Multi-Faceted Education Complex;
- Expansion of Goodwood High School;
- Teaching and Learning Strategies;
- School Construction Programme;
- Extension and improvement to Signal Hill
 Senior Comprehensive School;
- Extension and improvement to Scarborough Secondary School;

• Bon Accord Trade Centre.

Social Development

- *Social Services Programme -* The sum of \$5.1 million will be expended on the following:
 - Establishment of Probation Hostels;
 - Project for the Realization of Achievement (REACH);
 - Programme for Adolescent Mothers;
 - o Golden Apple/Adolescents Partnership; and
 - Establishment of the Tobago Elderly Housing and Rehabilitation.

Special Education

- *Special Education Programme -* The sum of \$4.04 million will be expended on the following:
 - Construction of School for the Deaf;
 - Programme for Improvement of Security at Secondary Schools;
 - Upgrade of Happy Haven School;
 - Research Study on Student under- Achievement in Tobago;
 - Surveillance and Research on Youth at Risk in Schools;
 - School Intervention Strategy;
 - Tobago GIS School Project;
 - Spanish in Primary Schools;

- o Workshop for secondary school teachers on Reading in the content area; and
- Reading Enhancement and Development Project.
- Special Education Services Programme The sum of \$2.4 million will be expended on the following:
 - Chief Secretary's Award for Excellence in Science, Teaching, Research, Innovation, Development and Empowerment;
 - Music in Schools Programme;
 - Implementation of Pan in the Classroom; and
 - Tobago Literacy Unit Project.
- *Special Information Technology Education Programme -* The sum of \$3.3 million will be expended on the following:
 - Establishment of a Management of Information System Unit; and
 - o Establishment of Computerized Asset Register

Sport and Recreation

Castara;

- *Construction/Upgrade of Sport and Youth Facilities -* The sum of \$15.3 million will be expended on the following:
 - Mt. Pleasant Recreation Ground;
 O Upgrading of Canaan/Bon Accord Recreation Ground;
 Construction of Youth Empowerment Centre Construction of Youth Empowerment Centre Louis D'or Recreation Ground;
 - Shaw Park Sporting Complex;

• Mobile Youth Health Centre;

- Construction of Regional Indoor Centre;
- Construction of Parks and Recreation Sites;
- Sports Development Programme;
- Construction of Pavilions and Sporting Facilities,
- Youth Power Programme;
- Establishment of Tobago Youth Development Institute.

Tertiary Education

- *Libraries Programme* The sum of \$1.1 million will be expended on the following:
 o Roxborough Library;
 - Charlotteville Library;
 - Operationalization of New Scarborough Library;
 - o Development of Public Library Facilities.

- Establishment of Project Implementation Unit;
- Lighting of Playing Fields;
- Establishment of a Sport Advisory Unit;
- Establishment of Management Information
 System;
- Shaw Park Regional Recreation Ground and Cultural Complex;

Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates from 2016-2022¹⁹

The table below lists the projects under the Tobago House of Assembly that have been noted due to uncharacteristic

variances in estimates for funding:

Sub-Item Description	Project	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/01/F463	Agriculture access roads, Tobago ²⁰	47,000,000	44,900,284	44,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	12,124,128	8,000,000

¹⁹ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed on October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

²⁰ Roads intended to be maintained during fiscal 2020 include: Bel Air Connector Road, Observatory One, Connector Road to Speyside, Silk Cotton Trace, Starwood, Lambeau Hill, Baptiste Trace, Putney Hill, Park Gully, Belle River, Richmond to Belle River, Richmond Great House, Top Hill to Doctor Road, Doctor Road to Goldsborough, Goldsborough Road, Charles Gully to Top Hill, Lashley Trace to Goldsborough, Money Hill, Windy Hill to Goodwood, Cradley to Mason Hall, Adelphi to Widows Lot, Connector Road to Easter Hill Road, Belmont Farm Road, Mount Dillon, Lot 31 to Speyside, Dam Road, Waterfall Road to Cameron Canals, Zion Hill to Long Bed, Bottom Ridge to Richmond Point and Level Bottom, Bushy Park, Mills Connector Road to Gran Gully, Saw Mill to Green Hill, Small Vale to Mason Hall, Belmont Farm Road, Trafalgar Trace, Aldephi Branch One, St. Cecilia Link Road to Mason Hall, Craig Hall, Indian Walk, New Road in Les Coteaux, County Trace to Pentland and Courland Farm Road.

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2017²¹

For the fiscal year 2017, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Tobago House of Assembly, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion

Sub-Item	Project -Item	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 Revised	2022
Description		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
09/005/06/F643	Speyside Beach Facility	\$800,000	-	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/005/06/F644	Establishment of Innovation Centre	\$500,000	-	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	-	-

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Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2018²²

For the fiscal year 2018, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Tobago House of Assembly, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion.

Sub-Item Description	Project -Item	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/11/D349	Tobago Tourism Agency	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
09/005/06/F645	CERT Speyside Emergency Response Sub-Office	\$225,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/005/06/F646	Restoration of CAST Building	\$225,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$100,000	\$400,000
09/005/06/F647	Buccoo Beach Boardwalk	\$1,466,250	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$150,000
09/005/06/F648	THA Records and Archive Centre	\$375,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
09/005/06/F649	Upgrading of Hansard Unit	\$358,750	\$100,000	\$62,000	_	-

²² Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed on October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 201923

For the fiscal year 2019, the following new projects were scheduled for implementation under the Tobago House of Assembly, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion

Sub-Item Description	Project	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/01/H608	Lure Wildlife Nature Park	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
09/005/06/A050	Refurbishment and Retooling of Constituency Offices of the Members of Tobago House of Assembly	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2020²⁴

For the fiscal year 2020, the following new/reactivated projects were scheduled for implementation under the Tobago

House of Assembly, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion:

²³ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed on October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

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Sub-Item Description	PROJECT	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/01/D144	Improvement to Buccoo Reef Marine Park	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
09/003/01/D145	Improvements to reefs at Buccoo and Speyside	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/003/01/H506	Installation of Mooring Buoys around Tobago	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/003/11/A719	Carnbee Main Drain	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,000,000
09/003/11/D269	Storebay Beach Facility	\$1,200,000	\$500,000	\$800,000
09/003/11/D300	Tourism Support Projects (Assistance to Traumatised Visitors)	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/003/11/D312	Construction of Lay Byes (Bloody Bay, Lambeau, Roxborough)	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$100,000
09/003/11/D314	Bloody Bay Nature and Look Out Upgrade	\$200,000	\$500,000	-
09/003/11/D318	Tourism Regulatory and Legal Framework	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$100,000
09/003/11/D322	Construction of Lifeguard Towers	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$100,000
09/003/11/D326	Pigeon Point Infrastructure Works	B['\$3,000,000	\$500,000	\$1,500,000
09/003/11/D330	Speyside Lookout	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$200,000
09/003/11/D336	Fort Granby Beach Facility	\$300,000	\$800,000	\$600,000

Sub-Item Description	PROJECT	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/11/D340	Bloody Bay Beach Facility	\$800,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/003/11/D342	Rocky Bay Research Project	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/003/11/D343	Establishment of Tobago Marinas	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/003/11/D345	Top River Falls Parlatuvier	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$800,000
09/003/11/D346	Englishmen Bay Beach Facility	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$300,000
09/003/11/D348	Charlotteville Beach Facility	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$200,000
09/003/11/G007	Scarborough Esplanade Phase II	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-
09/003/15/D718	Milford Road Upgrade	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
09/003/15/H523	Construction of Bus Shelters and Bus Stops	\$300,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
09/004/04/B820	Programme for Improvement of Security at Primary Schools	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$600,000
09/004/04/C778	Teaching and Learning Strategies	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
09/004/04/C780	Expansion of Sixth Form Programme	\$250,000	-	-
09/004/04/C784	School Construction Programme	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/004/04/C788	Resources for Schools E-Testing	\$1,350,000	\$500,000	\$5,000,000

Sub-Item Description	PROJECT	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/004/04/G491	Charlotteville Library	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G493	Roxborough Library	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G515	Training in Marketing and Distribution- Adult Education Programme	\$100,000	-	-
09/004/04/G516	Research Study on Student Under-Achievement in Tobago	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$90,000
09/004/04/G518	Surveillance and Research on Youth at Risk in Schools	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G521	Establishment of Help Desk for Teachers	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G523	Establishment of Computerised Asset Register	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
09/004/04/G525	Establishment of a Professional Development Institute	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
09/004/04/G526	Establishment of an Adult Education Programme Unit	\$100,000	-	-
09/004/04/G529	Establishment of a Management of Information System	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$3,000,000
09/004/04/G534	Upgrade of Technical Vocational Facility at Signal Hill	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/004/04/G535	School Intervention Strategy	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/004/04/G574	Agro Development Processing Training Programme for Adults	\$100,000	-	-
09/004/04/G578	Popularisation of Science in Tobago Programme	\$100,000	-	-

Sub-Item Description	PROJECT	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/004/04/G580	Development of Public Library Facilities	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
09/004/04/G588	Family Institute of Research Science and Technology (F.I.R.S.T)	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
09/004/04/G592	Establishment of Skill-Based/Technical Vocational Programme in three (3) Secondary Schools	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
09/004/04/G606	D.E.Y.A.S Sport Career Fair	\$100,000	-	-
09/004/04/G608	Indigenous Celebrities and Outstanding Native Sport (I.C.O.N.S.) Motivational Speaking	\$100,000	-	-
09/004/04/G610	Sport Aid Grant for Schools	\$100,000	\$300,000	-
09/004/04/G612	Tobago Primary School Mini Volleyball Championship and Students Elite Volleyball Programme for Secondary Schools	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
09/004/04/G614	Spanish in Primary Schools	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
09/004/04/G620	Partnering with Community Stakeholders and Organisations	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G622	Establishing Classroom Libraries in Primary Schools which are recent additions to the CERT Programme	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G626	Workshop for Secondary School Teachers on Reading in the Content Area	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G648	Career Fair	\$100,000	-	\$100,000

Sub-Item Description	PROJECT	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/004/04/G656	Positive Behaviour Modification Student Support Services Unit	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/004/04/G659	Reading Enhancement and Development Project (READ)	\$500,000	\$400,000	-
09/004/07/B406	Purchase of Vehicles (Ambulances)	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000
09/004/07/C460	Smoking Cessation Programme	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
09/004/07/C462	School Health Project	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
09/004/07/C464	Shared Antenatal Care Programme	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
09/004/07/C474	Establishment of a Dog Catching Unit	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
09/004/07/C476	Management Information Systems and Software	\$300,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/004/07/C478	Attitudinal Self and Change Management	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
09/004/07/C480	Waste Minimisation and Recycling Project	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
09/004/07/C482	Establishment of Integrated Primary Health Care	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
09/004/13/A198	/13/A198 Orange Hill Community Workshop Art Gallery		\$300,000	\$300,000
09/004/13/C754	3/C754 Establishment of a Sport Advisory Unit		-	-
09/004/13/C778	Establishment of Tobago Youth Development Institute	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$400,000

Sub-Item	PROJECT	2020 Actual	2021 Revised	2022 Estimate
Description			Estimate	
09/004/14/A309	Upgrading of Moriah Community Centre	\$150,000	-	-
09/004/14/D010	Establishment of Project Implementation Unit	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$200,000
09/004/14/D014	Establishment of Management Information System	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/005/06/F536	Construction of and Administration Building for Health and Social Services	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/005/06/F650	University of Tobago	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$400,000

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2021²⁵

For the fiscal year 2021, the following new/reactivated projects were scheduled for implementation under the Tobago

House of Assembly, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion:

Sub-Item Description	Project	2021 Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/01/H518	Establishment of Facilities on Little Tobago	\$500,000	-
09/003/01/H534	Indian Walk Root Crop Food Security	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

²⁵ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed on October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

Sub-Item Description	Project	2021 Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/01/H594	Development of Home Garden Initiative	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/003/01/H609	Sargassum Response	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
09/003/15/D692	Orange Hill Road	\$1,000,000	-
09/004/04/B822	Primary School Maintenance Grant	\$300,000	-
09/004/07/A399	Improvement works to Hospitals (Laboratory/Mortuary)	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/004/07/C470	Pilot Project for Pit Latrine Replacement	\$200,000	\$200,000
09/004/08/B498	Riseland Hosing Development	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000
09/004/13/A200	Restoration of Historical Homes	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/004/13/A212	Establishment of a Heritage Marine Museum	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/004/14/A295	Upgrade of Speyside Community Centre	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/004/14/A305	Pembroke Heritage Park	\$200,000	\$300,000
09/005/06/A028	Establishment of Geographic Information	\$500,000	\$500,000
09/005/06/A038	THA Wide Area Network and Data Centre	\$200,000	\$200,000

Sub-Item Description	Project	2021 Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/005/06/F651	Speyside Craft Market	\$100,000	-

New Projects during the Financial Year 2022²⁶

The following new projects received funding in the 2022 financial year:

Sub-Item Description	Project	2022 Estimate
09/003/01/H482	Cocoa Rehabilitation (reactivated project)	\$500,000
09/003/01/H550	Coconut Industry Rehabilitation (reactivated project)	\$185,000
09/003/01/H610	Tobago Agribusiness and Agro-Tourism Development Programme (TABDEP)	\$2,000,000
09/003/01/H611	Research and Development of Information Systems	\$500,000
09/003/15/H497	Construction of Jetty at Parlatuvier (reactivated project)	\$1,000,000
09/003/15/H503	Construction of Jetty at Bird of Paradise Island (reactivated project)	\$500,000
09/003/15/H520	Construction of Jetty at Cove and Plymouth(reactivated project)	\$500,000

²⁶ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed on October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

Sub-Item Description	Project	2022 Estimate
09/003/15/H521	Establishment of Marine Park Control Unit at Gibson Jetty (reactivated project)	\$400,000
09/004/04/B784	Establishment of Childhood Centres (reactivated project)	\$1,000,000
09/004/04/B834	Mobile Community and Primary School Service (reactivated project)	\$1,000,000
09/004/04/B836	Certification of Compliance with OSH Act Programme in Primary Schools (reactivated project)	\$1,000,000
09/004/04/B838	Seamless Education Programme (IDB) Tobago (reactivated project)	\$1,500,000
09/004/04/C776	Curriculum Development (reactivated project)	\$100,000
09/004/04/C787	Certification of Compliance with OSH Act Programme in Secondary Schools (reactivated project)	\$100,000
09/004/04/G490	Scarborough Library (reactivated project)	\$100,000
09/004/04/G550	Information Communication Technology Programme (reactivated project)	\$500,000
09/004/08/B484	Home Completion Programme, Tobago (reactivated project)	\$4,000,000
09/004/13/C668	Roxborough Sports and Cultural Complex (reactivated project)	\$700,000
09/004/13/C702	Goodwood Hard Court (reactivated project)	\$100,000

Sub-Item Description	Project	2022 Estimate
09/004/13/C703	Speyside Hard Court (reactivated project)	\$300,000
09/004/13/C704	Whim Hard Court (reactivated project)	\$100,000
09/004/13/C712	Parlatuvier Hard Court (reactivated project)	\$200,000
09/004/13/C714	Black Rock Hard Court (reactivated project)	\$200,000
09/004/13/C716	Louis D'or Recreation Ground (reactivated project)	\$300,000
09/004/13/C718	Upgrading Canaan/Bon Accord Recreation Ground (reactivated project)	\$500,000
09/004/13/C720	Mt. Pleasant Recreation Ground (reactivated project)	\$200,000
09/004/13/C726	Plymouth/Bethesda Sport and Recreational Complex (reactivated project)	\$100,000
09/004/13/C734	Northside Regional Recreational Centre (Moriah) (reactivated project)	\$1,000,000
09/004/13/C750	Construction of Belle Garden Playing Field (reactivated project)	\$500,000
09/004/13/C756	Tablepiece Hard Court (reactivated project)	\$300,000
09/004/13/C760	Construction of Hard Court at Lambeau	\$400,000

Sub-Item Description	Project	2022 Estimate
09/004/13/C774	Elite Athlete Development Institute (reactivated project)	\$500,000
09/004/13/C776	Establishment of Artificial Turf Facility	\$500,000
09/004/14/D001	Construction of Youth Empowerment Centres – Castara (reactivated project)	\$100,000
09/004/14/D003	Specialised Youth Services Programme (reactivated project)	\$300,000
09/004/14/D007	Construction of Youth Empowerment Centre (reactivated project)	<mark>\$200,000</mark>
09/005/06/F652	Parlatuvier Washroom Facility	\$200,000
09/005/06/F653	Upgrade and Expansion of Buccoo Training Facility	\$500,000

Major Programmes and Developments 2020 to 2022²⁷

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

Sub-Item Description	PROJECTS	2020 Actual	2021 Revised Estimate	2022 Estimate
09/003/01/F463	Agriculture access roads, Tobago	\$15,000,000	\$12,124,128	\$8,000,000
09/003/11/G011	Venture Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
09/003/15/D523	Major Improvement Works on Secondary Roads	\$10,858,000	\$10,090,000	\$10,000,000
09/003/15/D690	Resurfacing Programme	\$4,000,000	\$4,558,446	\$12,000,000
09/004/04/C759	Reconstruction of Scarborough Secondary	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
09/004/04/C788	Resources for Schools E-Testing	\$1,350,000	\$500,000	\$5,000,000
09/004/04/G532	Establishment of Skills Development Centre at Whim	\$2,000,000	\$400,000	\$5,000,000
09/004/07/A383	Purchase and installation of Equipment and Machinery at Hospital	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
09/004/07/B404	Construction of New Health Centres	\$9,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$7,500,000
09/004/08/B497	Development of Land for Airport Relocation	-	\$47,500,674	\$10,000,000

²⁷ Ministry of Finance website, Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2022, accessed on October 4, 2021 <u>https://www.finance.gov.tt/2021/10/04/draft-estimates-of-development-programme-2022/</u>

<u>Committee Inquires Related to the Tobago House of</u> <u>Assembly</u>

Inquiry	Report Status	Ministerial Response	Key Recommendations ²⁸
1. The Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Statutory Authorities and Service Commissions (including the THA) on an inquiry into certain aspects of the Administration of the Tobago House of Assembly	Report Presented: 07.12.16	Presented on: 13.03.17	 The Committee recommends that the THA consult with the Central Government, in particular the Ministry of Finance on the impact the current financial conditions has had on the ability of the Assembly to meet its obligations and pursue its development agenda. These discussions should take into account the prevailing economic circumstances and the impact on Central Government to satisfy the provisions of Section 47 of the THA Act which states that "monies appropriated by Parliament for the service of the financial year of the Assembly shall be credited to the Fund in quarterly releases in advance en bloc. The THA has an obligation to develop a Revenue Generation Plan in the short-term in order to adopt a more proactive

²⁸ Key Recommendations relate to recommendations that may have a financial impact on the Assembly

			approach to meeting some of its financial needs.
			• We recommend that the THA engage the
			Central Government on the options
			available to the Assembly to benefit from
			funding outside the remit of the treasury.
			Consideration should be given to
			permitting the THA to issue bonds as a
			means of raising funds and to engage in
			Public-Private Partnerships (PPP).
			• The THA must collaborate with the
			Government to encourage foreign direct
			investment in the island of Tobago. This
			would involve the identification and
			marketing of investment opportunities in
			Tobago.
2. <i>The Third Report of the Public</i>	Report Presented:	Outstanding	The THA must also provide training for
Accounts Committee for the First	03.02.17	outstanding	staff transferred between departments,
Session of the Eleventh			whether it is a permanent or
Parliament on the Examination of			*
The Report of the Auditor			acting/temporary transfer;
General on the Public Accounts			
of the Republic of Trinidad and			
<u>Tobago for the financial year 2014</u>			
<u>with specific reference to the</u> Tobago House of Assembly			
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3. <u>Sixth Report of the Public</u> <u>Administration and</u> <u>Appropriations Committee on an</u> <u>examination into the Tobago</u> <u>House of Assembly with specific</u> <u>reference to Accountability and</u> <u>Transparency, Inventory Control,</u> <u>Internal Audit, Sub-Head 02 -</u> <u>Goods and Services, Sub-Head 03</u> <u>- Minor Equipment Purchases,</u> <u>Sub-Head 04 - Current Transfers</u> <u>and Subsidies and Sub-Head 09 -</u> <u>Development Programme -</u> <u>Consolidated Fund.</u>	Report Presented:	Outstanding	 The THA should embark upon an employee sensitisation exercise into the objective of educating staff on the role and importance of the Internal Audit function to the proper functioning of the THA The THA should submit to Parliament a status update on the arrangements made to find additional office accommodation for its Divisions by February 28, 2018. The THA should submit a status report to Parliament on the progress made in establishing Procurement Units within all of its Divisions by February 28, 2018. The THA should submit a status report to Parliament on the progress made in establishing error to Parliament on the progress made in establishing error to Parliament on the progress made in constructing the remaining two micro enterprise centres by February 28, 2018.
			enterprise centres by February 28, 2018.

General Useful Information

- Nevis Island Administration: <u>https://nia.gov.kn/government/</u>
- The Zanzibar House of Representatives: <u>https://www.zanzibarassembly.go.tz/index.php</u>
- The Autonomous Bougainville Government: <u>http://www.abg.gov.pg/</u>