

Head 22: Ministry of National Security

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

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of National Security for the period 2012-2018. It provides the Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry's responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of National Security, 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 2016.

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Ministry Overview

Mission

To create an environment which ensures public safety and security through the maintenance of law and order and the commitment of all available resources to the protection of life and property.¹

Vision

The Vision of the Ministry of National Security influences the culture and character of the Organisation.²

Minister: The Honourable Major General (Ret'd) Edmund Dillon, MP

Permanent Secretary (Ag.) (Accounting Officer): Ms. Lydia Jacobs

Permanent Secretary: Mr. Vel Lewis

The Ministry of National Security is among the largest and most complex public sector organizations. The Ministry has primary responsibility for ensuring and maintaining security of the nation, people, territory and national interests. It is primarily responsible for the maintenance of law, order, public safety and defence against aggression, management of disaster preparedness and relief, monitoring and control of the flow of persons into and out of the country³.

In order to fulfill the diverse responsibilities that fall under the remit of the Ministry of National Security, there are ten (10) established Divisions:

¹ Ministry of National Security website, accessed on October 7, 2016. <http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.tt/About/Our-Mission-Philosophy-and-Objectives>

² Ministry of National Security website, accessed on October 7, 2016. <http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.tt/About/Our-Mission-Philosophy-and-Objectives>

³ Standing Finance Committee Hansard of Ministry of National Security 13 Oct16, <http://www.ttparliament.org/documents/2427.pdf> Accessed August 8, 2017

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

“General Administration or Head Office is responsible for ensuring that the other Divisions of the Ministry are provided with the necessary resources, such as financial, human, technological, to achieve their objectives.

Through various reporting obligations, the Ministry is able to maintain accountability and transparency, while keeping the public aware of its progress over time.⁴”

IMMIGRATION DIVISION

The role of the Division is “to promote National Security by effectively monitoring the movement of persons into, within and out of the country and to provide an efficient and effective passport service.⁵”

The function of the Division is defined by the following Acts:

- Immigration Act
- Citizenship Act Chapter 1:50
- Former Constitution - Order in Council 1962
- Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) Act 26/96

THE OFFICE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT (ODPM)

The role of the ODPM is “to build national Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation capabilities with our partners and coordinate response and recovery operations in order to protect the people, environment and economy and ensure a disaster resilient nation.⁶”

Currently the primary piece of legislation governing disaster management in Trinidad and Tobago is the Disasters Measures Act Chapter 16:50 (Act 47 of 1978).

The following National Policies have been drafted for the disaster management system in Trinidad & Tobago:

- Comprehensive Disaster Management Policy Framework
- Critical Infrastructure Policy Framework

⁴ Ministry of National Security Administrative Report, 2012 Accessed August 8, 2017

⁵ Immigration Division, Ministry of National Security “About Us” <http://www.immigration.gov.tt/AboutUs.aspx> Accessed August 8, 2017

⁶ Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management, Ministry of National Security <http://www.odpm.gov.tt/node/4> Accessed August 8, 2017

- Hazard Mitigation Policy
- National Relief Policy
- Shelter Management Policy
- Volunteer Policy

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE (TTPS)

The TTPS is charged with:

- The Maintenance of Law and Order.
- Prevention and Detection of Crime
- Prosecution of Offenders.

The Police Service functions in accordance with the Police Service Act Chapter 15:01

Unlike other Divisions under the Ministry of National Security, the TTPS has its own expenditure Head in the Budget and therefore will not be addressed in this guide.

LIFE GUARD SERVICES

“The Lifeguard Service Division has the primary goal of ensuring the safety of individuals in aquatic environments. The personnel of this unit are highly skilled and trained professional swimmers.

This goal is approached through two main avenues. The first is by active protection on the nations beaches. The second, and probably more important, is through water safety training and education.”⁷

PROBATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Probation of Offenders Act of 1907 which brought about the birth of the Probation Service in Great Britain also provided for the establishment of a similar service here in the colonial territory.

Services Provided

- Supervision of Probationers
- Preparation of Reports which include Criminal Matters, Family Matters, Civil Matters and Domestic Violence Matters

⁷ Lifeguard Services, Ministry of National Security: <http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.tt/Divisions/Lifeguard-Services> Accessed August 9, 2017

- Community Service Supervision
- Bail Supervision
- Counselling Matrimonial Matters
- Family Sessions
- Walk-in Clients (not referred to by the Court.)

Programmes carried out by Probation Services Division

- Thinking for a Change Programme
- Remedial Therapy Programme⁸

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRISON SERVICE

The role of the Prison Service is “To protect society and reduce crime through the reduction in re-offending by facilitating the opportunities for the rehabilitation of offenders, while maintaining control under safe, secure and humane conditions.”⁹

The Prison Service functions in accordance with the:

- Prisons Act, 13.01
- Prison Service Act, 13.02
- Prison Rules

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FIRE SERVICE (TTFS)

“The primary responsibility of the TTFS is to provide efficient and effective fire, rescue and emergency care services throughout the country.”¹⁰

⁸ The Probation Services Division, Ministry of National Security <http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.tt/Divisions/Probation-Services-Division> Accessed August 9, 2017

⁹ Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service, About Us <http://ttprisons.com/2013/about-ttfs/> Accessed August 8, 2017

¹⁰ Ministry of National Security Administrative Report, 2012 Accessed August 8, 2017

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DEFENCE FORCE (TTDF)

The TTDF is responsible for defending the sovereign good of the Republic, contributing to the development of the national community and supporting the State in the fulfilment of its national and international objective.

The following Specialised Youth Service Programmes fall under the remit of the TTDF¹¹:

- **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)**

The Trinidad and Tobago Civilian Conservation Corps is a nationwide programme, with Centres in eight (8) regions, and our operational headquarters in Beetham Gardens, Port of Spain, Trinidad.¹²

- **Military-led Academic Training (MILAT)**

The MiLAT Academy provides a Safe, Structured and Regulated environment within which the Cadets under our care receive positive mentorship and reinforcement, academic instruction, certified training, and career guidance, and benefit from positive peer motivation, friendship, and brotherhood.¹³

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CADET FORCE

“The Cadet Force is responsible for training and inspiring young men and women to be model citizens. The organisation achieves this through the provision of military-type training and development opportunities to its members.¹⁴”

In addition to the abovementioned Divisions, there are 15 “*specific mandate*” units that operate under the Ministry. They are as follow¹⁵:

- i. Citizenship and Immigration;
- ii. Work Permit Section;
- iii. National Drug Council;
- iv. Citizen Security Programme;

¹¹ Ministry of National Security Administrative Report, 2012 Accessed August 8, 2017

¹² CCC website, accessed on October 7, 2016: <http://ccc.sysptt.org/about.html>

¹³ Milat website, accessed on November 11, 2016: <http://milat.sysptt.org/about.html>

¹⁴ Ministry of National Security Administrative Report, 2012 Accessed August 8, 2017

¹⁵ Standing Finance Committee Hansard of Ministry of National Security 14 Oct16, Accessed August 8, 2017

- v. Office of Law Enforcement Policy;
- vi. Anti-Money Laundering;
- vii. Combating the Financing of Terrorism;
- viii. Military Liaison Office;
- ix. HIV/Aids Coordinating Unit;
- x. National Mentorship Programme;
- xi. Counter Trafficking Unit;
- xii. Probation Services;
- xiii. Penal Reform and Transformation Unit;
- xiv. Life Guard Services;
- xv. Strategic Services Agency; and
- xvi. Transnational Organized Crime Unit.

To assist the Ministry of National Security in the exercise of its functions and responsibilities the following Advisory Bodies and Committees have also been established:

Boards	Committees
Defence Force Commissions Board	Cadet Force Advisory Committee
Youth Training Centre Board of Management	Good Character Certificates Committee
Police Promotions Advisory Board	National Emblems Committee
Standing Air Advisory Board	Work Permit Advisory Committee
Fire Service Examination Board	Protective Services Compensation Committee

Key Statements from 2016 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the Standing Finance Committee debate of 2016, the following statement was made in relation to the emphasis of the Ministry of National Security for fiscal year **2016/2017**¹⁶:

“...a great deal of emphasis will be placed on enhancing the use of technology, within the operations of the Ministry of National Security to ensure that there is no waste, and ensure that the budget allocation is used effectively and efficiently to ensure that the safety and security of the nation, its people, its territory and its country.”

¹⁶ Hon. Maj. Gen. Dillon , Standing Finance Committee Hansard of Ministry of National Security 14 Oct16, Accessed August 8, 2017

Where the Ministry spends its money

2017-2018 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **\$3,856,967,281.00** for the Ministry of National Security is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of **\$3,381,131,281.00**;
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum of **\$475,836,000.00**
 - Consolidated Fund in the sum of **\$394,191,000.00**; and
 - Infrastructure Development Fund¹⁷ of the sum **\$81,645,000.00**.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

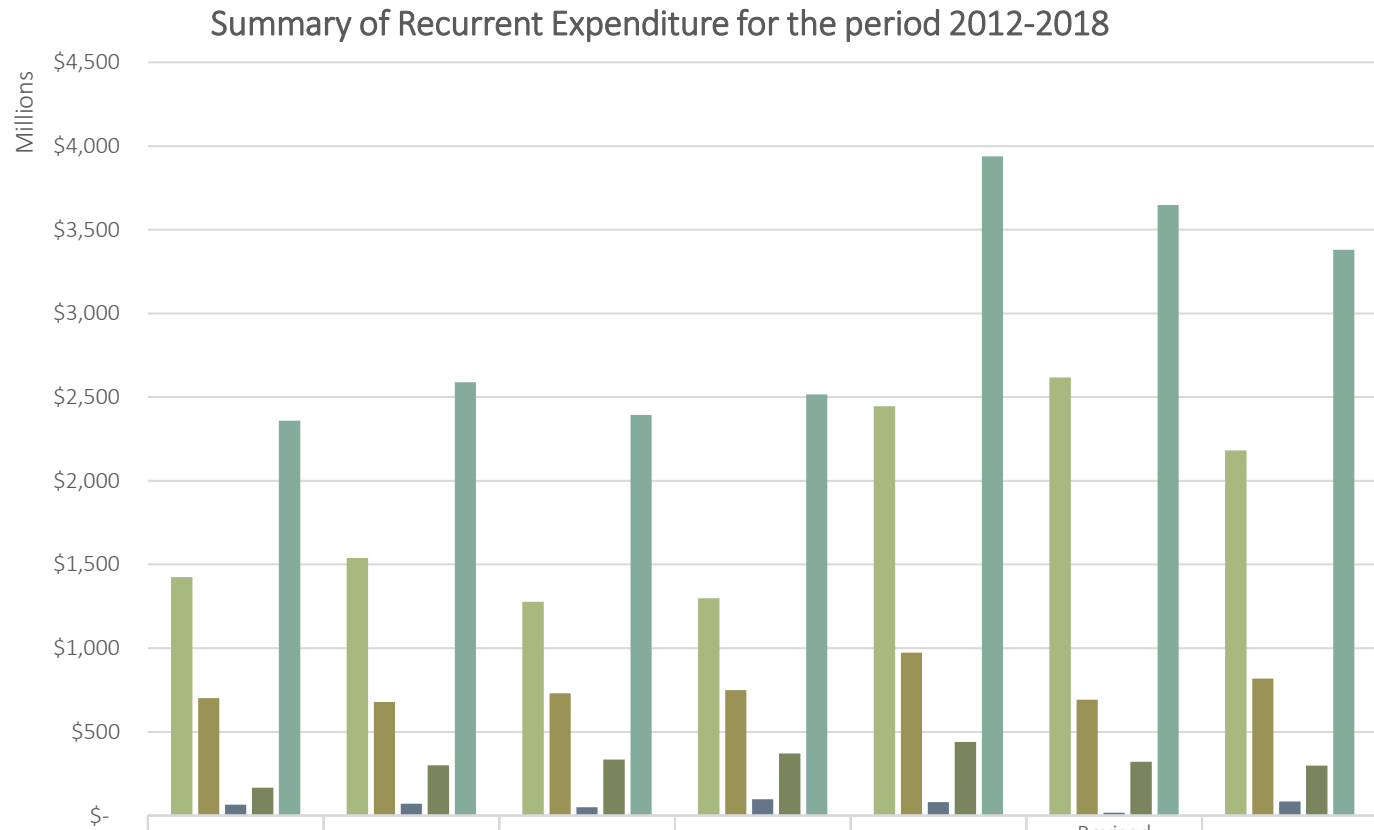
- 01 Personnel Expenditure - **\$2,180,633,739.00**;
- 02 Goods and Services - **\$818,827,780.00**;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases **\$83,919,562.00**; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies **\$297,750,200.00**.

The Ministry of National Security's:

- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is 6.4%
- Consolidation Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is 16.1%
- Infrastructure Development Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Infrastructure Development Fund is 3.1%

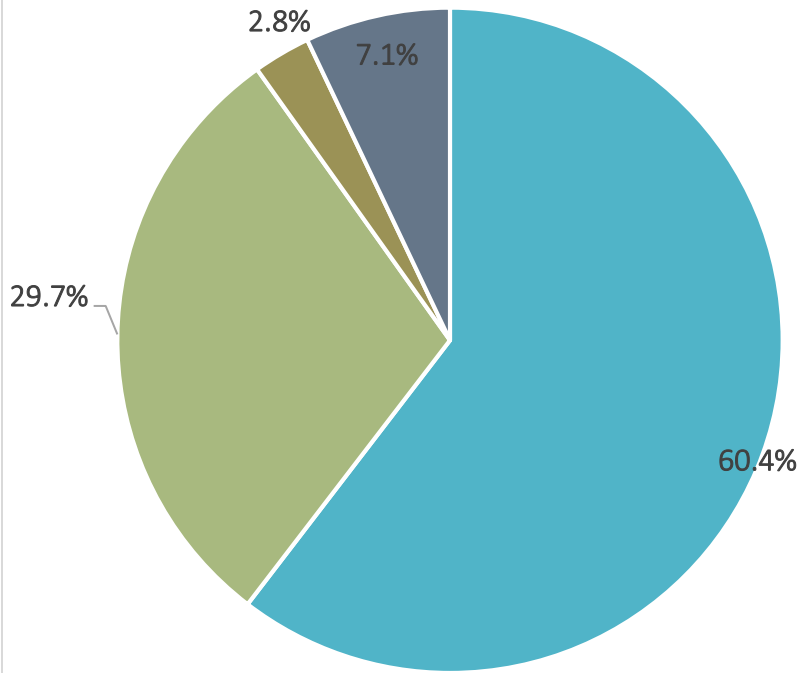
¹⁷ Head 18 –Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. *Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry of National Security does not include IDF funding.*

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2012-2018



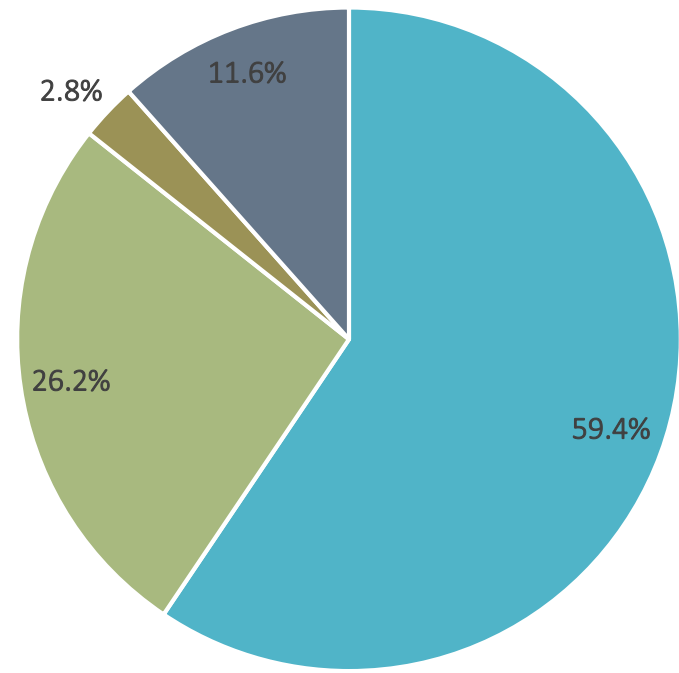
	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Revised Estimates 2017	Estimates 2018
■ 01 Personnel Expenditure	\$1,425,073,764	\$1,538,425,195	\$1,276,739,904	\$1,298,063,620	\$2,445,227,836	\$2,616,862,546	\$2,180,633,739
■ 02 Goods and Services	\$701,565,442	\$678,890,717	\$731,334,369	\$749,985,155	\$973,334,723	\$691,629,418	\$818,827,780
■ 03 Minor Equipment Purchases	\$65,771,880	\$71,574,274	\$50,281,600	\$97,438,462	\$80,525,100	\$17,674,230	\$83,919,562
■ 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies	\$166,539,831	\$299,461,860	\$334,745,811	\$370,221,412	\$439,728,539	\$321,590,343	\$297,750,200
■ Total	\$2,358,950,917	\$2,588,352,046	\$2,393,101,684	\$2,515,708,649	\$3,938,816,198	\$3,647,756,537	\$3,381,131,281

2012 Actual



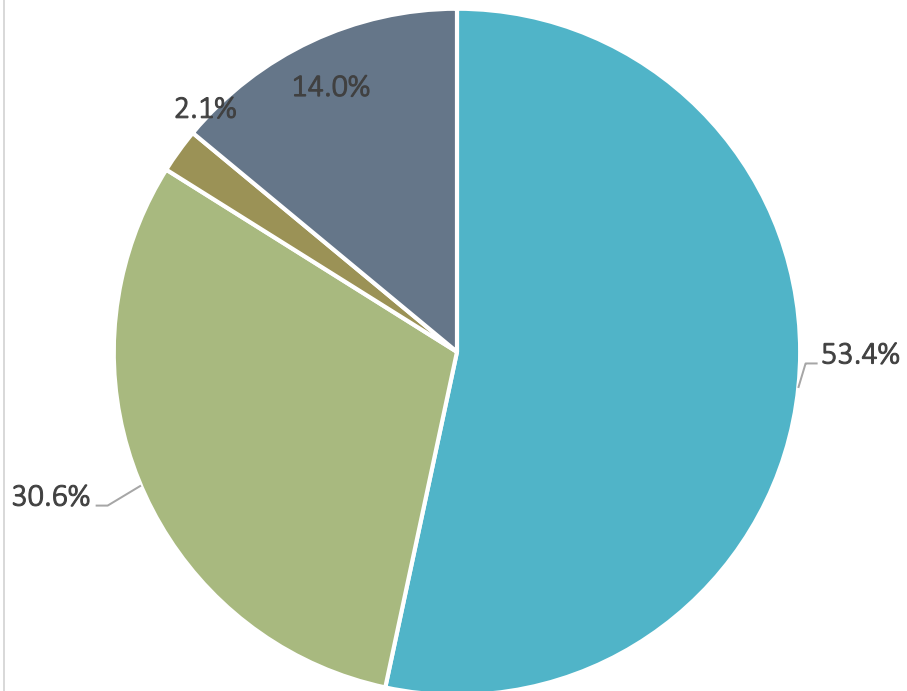
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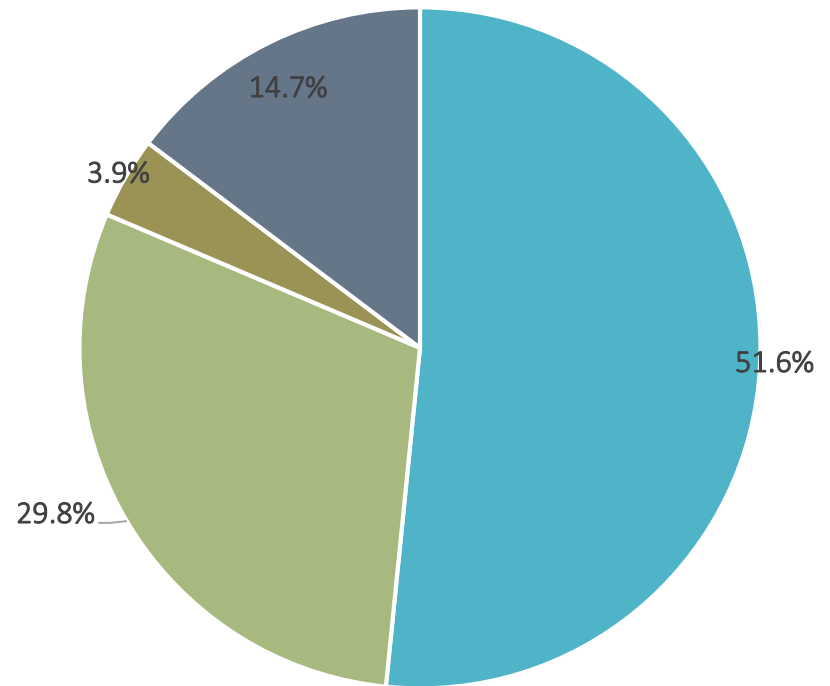
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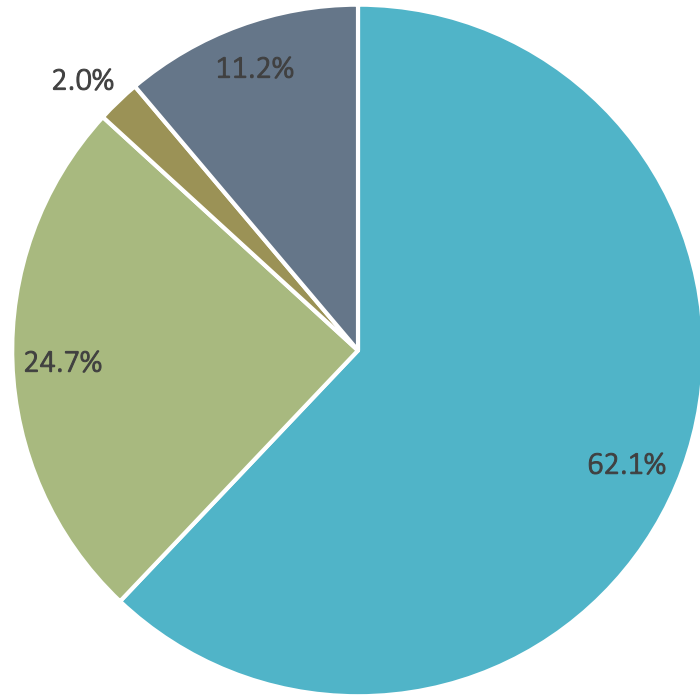
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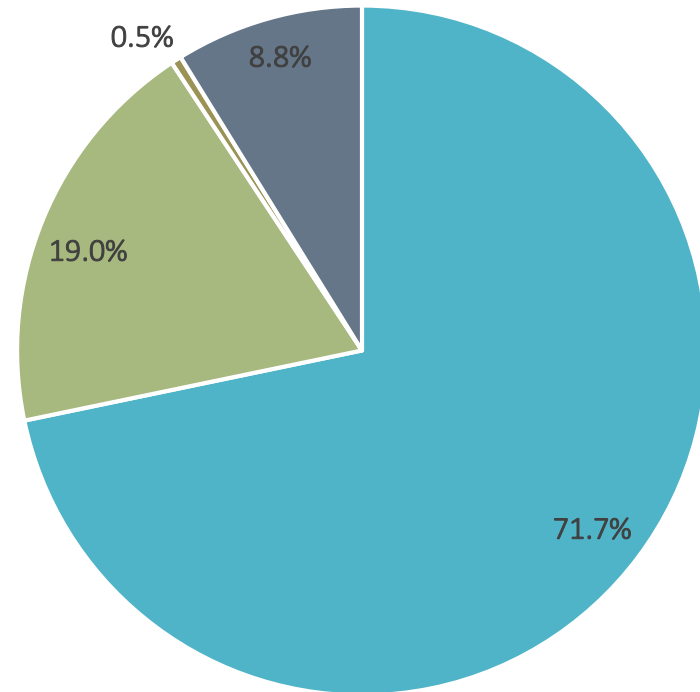
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2016 Actual



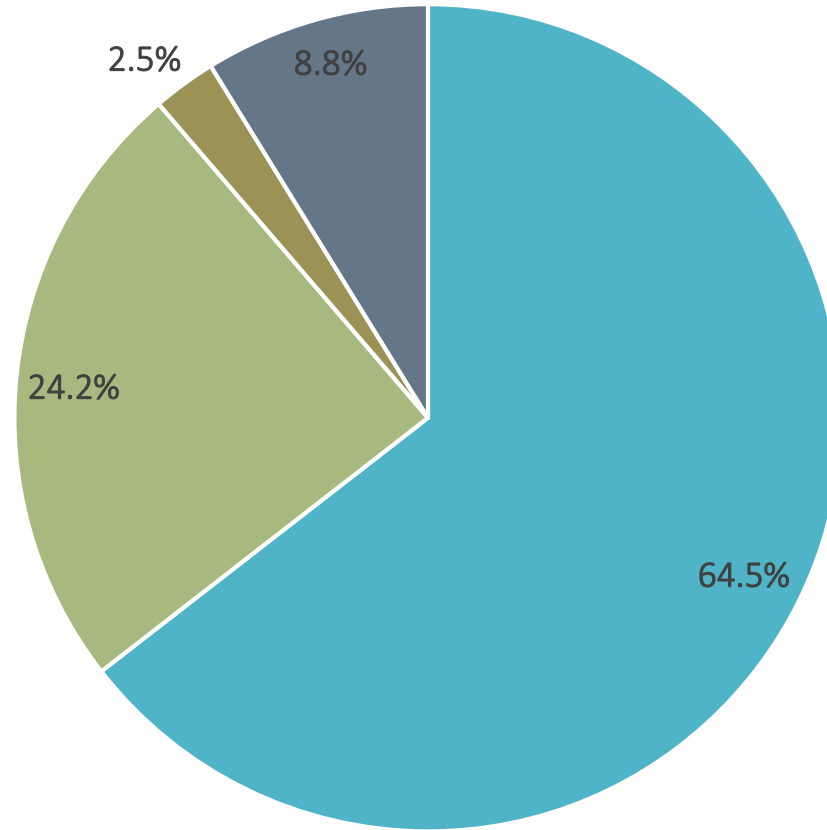
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2017 Revised Estimates



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- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies

2018 Estimates



■ 01 Personnel Expenditure ■ 02 Goods and Services ■ 03 Minor Equipment Purchases ■ 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies

Staff and Pay ¹⁸

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2018 was **\$2,316,098,189.00** which represents a decrease of approximately **16%** from the last fiscal year 2017. The following chart provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2017-2018.



¹⁸ Direct charges to the consolidated funds are not included in the appropriation bill. Direct charges are items of expenditure which are charged to the consolidated fund but not required to be included in the Appropriation Act. They are itemized in the draft estimates of expenditure and include salary and allowances of the Regiment, Coast Guard and the Air Guard. Therefore, total appropriation plus direct charges will constitute total budgeted expenditure for the year.

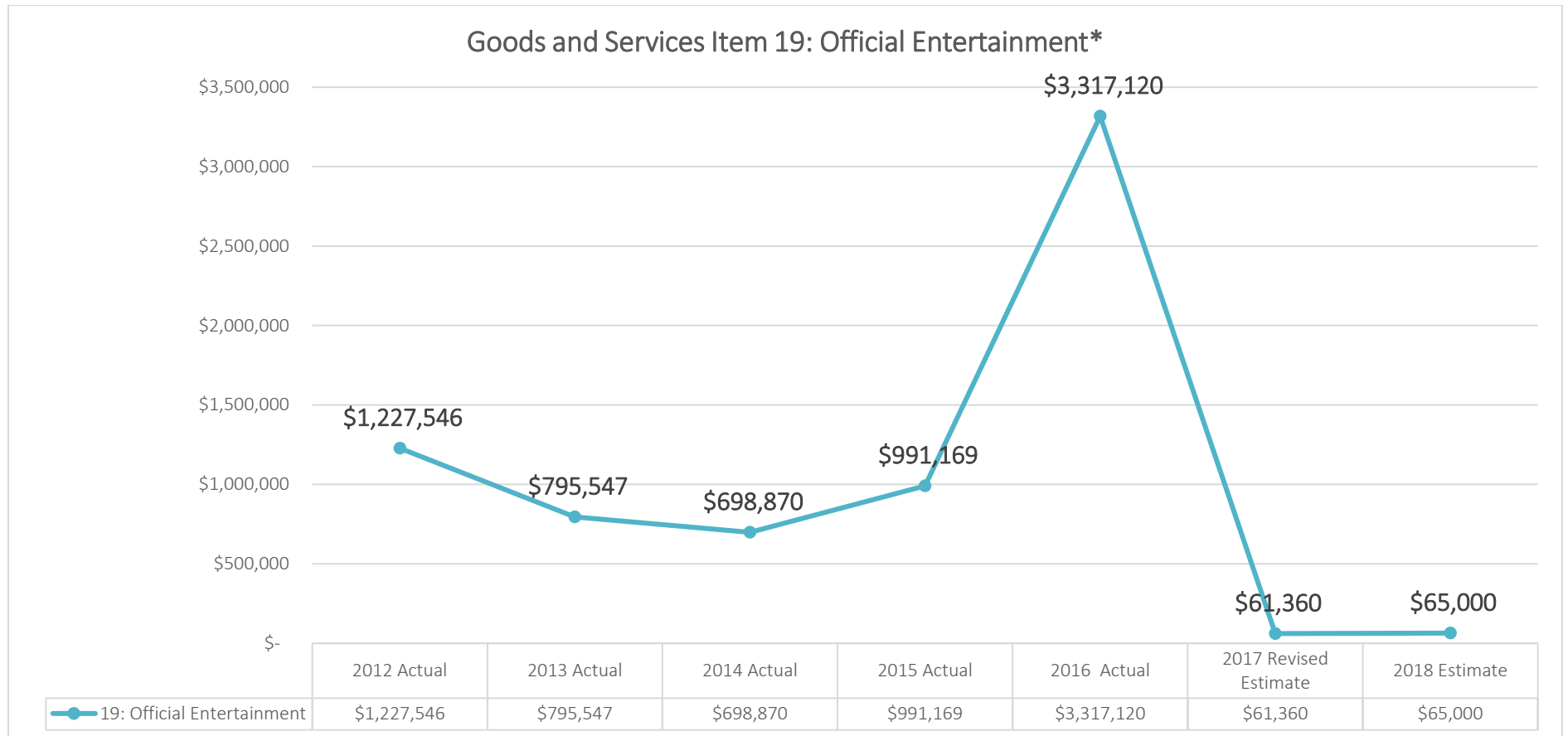
Analysis and Summary of Expenditure

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Ministry for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Estimated Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year **2017/2018** is **\$3,381,131,281.00**.

- Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 was \$ **3,647,756,537.00**. Comparing this figure with Fiscal Year **2017/2018**, there is a decrease of **\$266,625,256.00** or **7.3%**.
- The largest portion of the allocation has consistently gone to Sub-Head 01 Personnel Expenditure. This figure has fluctuated over the period **2012-2018**, accounting for approximately 64% of total funding for the Ministry for Fiscal Year **2017/2018**, and receiving **\$2,180,633,739.00** for the day to day operations of the Ministry.
- Minor Equipment Purchases received the lowest portion of the total allocation for the Ministry over the period **2012 to 2018**.
- Goods and Services received the second largest portion of the allocation and has been fluctuating over the period **2012 - 2018**. Comparing **2016/2017** to **2017/2018**, there was a decrease in the allocation by **18.4%**.
- The total allocation has been fluctuating over the eight (8) year period from a low of **\$2,358,950,917.00** in the fiscal year **2012** to a high of **\$3,938,816,198.00** in fiscal year **2016**.

Analysis of Expenditure Unique to the Ministry of National Security

Unique Expenditure refers to expenditure items incurred by the Ministry of National Security that may not feature in other ministries or departments.

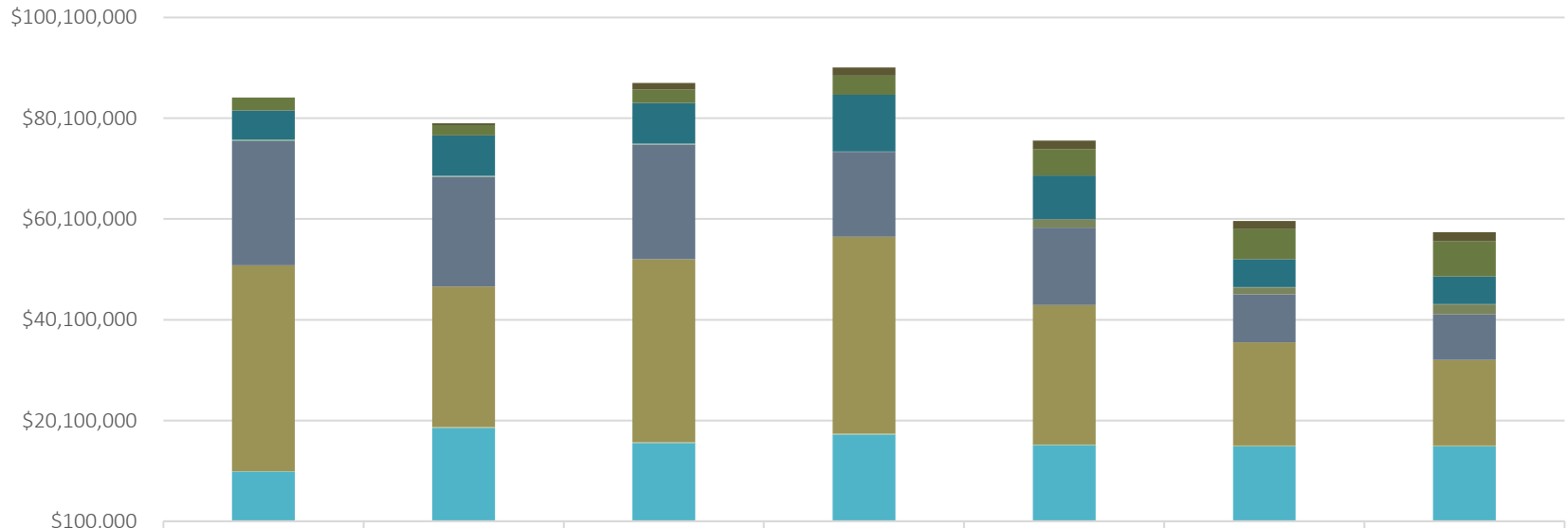


*Official Entertainment - Provision of official entertainment for holders of certain Public Offices within the purview of the Salaries Review Commission. These include:

- Auditor General
- Top managers in the Public Service
- Senior Officers in the Protective Services and Defence Force
- Chairman and Members of Commissions and Boards
- The Judicial and Legal Service¹⁹

¹⁹ Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2018, accessed on October 3, 2017

Goods and Services Item 40: Food at Institutions



	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Revised Estimate	2018 Estimate
Volunteer Defence Force	\$-	\$351,226	\$1,353,662	\$1,610,971	\$1,705,257	\$1,600,000	\$1,800,000
Immigration Detention	\$2,590,253	\$2,059,402	\$2,657,279	\$3,770,600	\$5,244,676	\$6,000,000	\$7,000,000
Air Guard	\$5,699,056	\$8,050,696	\$8,072,683	\$11,294,452	\$8,648,032	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
Cadet Force	\$380,029	\$233,047	\$137,495	\$55,361	\$28,158	\$70,000	\$65,000
Defence Force	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,641,456	\$1,400,000	\$2,000,000
Coast Guard	\$24,620,153	\$21,724,778	\$22,798,718	\$16,876,938	\$15,407,551	\$9,500,000	\$9,000,000
Regiment	\$40,874,929	\$27,875,484	\$36,304,074	\$39,072,390	\$27,673,814	\$20,500,000	\$17,000,000
Prison Service (Tobago)	\$75,611	\$176,054	\$142,031	\$177,732	\$129,306	\$130,000	\$140,000
Prison Service	\$9,977,218	\$18,639,951	\$15,653,250	\$17,299,173	\$15,201,063	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2012-2018

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 Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP), which represents the capital expenditure component of the National Budget, is the instrument used by Government to effect its vision and policies. It is a budgeting and strategic planning tool made up of projects and programmes, designed to realise the goals set out in the Government's overarching policy.

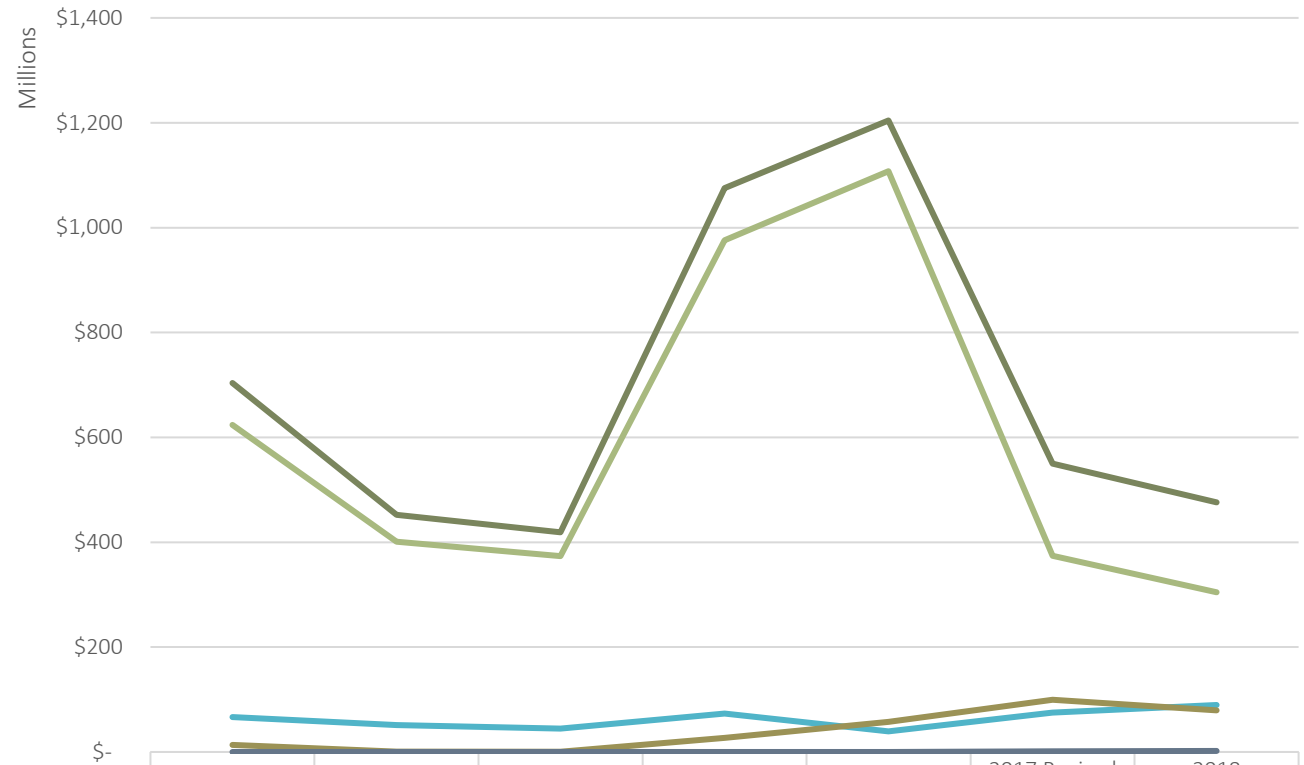
The PSIP budget document provides a detailed description of the programmes and projects and includes a review of the implementation of projects and programmes in the previous financial year and highlights the major projects and programmes to be implemented in the upcoming financial year.

- The Public Sector Investment Programme is intended to achieve:
 - the country's social and economic development goals; and
 - enhance the quality of life of all citizens.

The estimates for the development programme are presented in two parts as follows:

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

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the Period 2012-2018



	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Revised Estimates	2018 Estimates
004 Social Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund	\$66,357,322	\$51,062,502	\$44,728,554	\$73,265,193	\$39,313,100	\$75,386,070	\$89,611,000
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund	\$623,674,614	\$400,785,221	\$373,757,666	\$975,620,061	\$1,107,567,162	\$374,051,106	\$304,580,000
004 Social Infrastructure - Infrastructure Development Fund	\$13,695,787	\$618,125	\$452,334	\$26,619,473	\$57,452,246	\$99,575,919	\$79,645,000
005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Infrastructure Development Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Total	\$703,727,723	\$452,465,848	\$418,938,554	\$1,075,504,727	\$1,204,332,508	\$550,013,095	\$475,836,000

The Ministry's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2012 to 2018.

Year ²⁰	Total Allocation ²¹	National Budget ²²	Percentage of National Budget
2012	\$ 3,048,982,853.00	\$ 55,718,271,573.00	5.5%
2013	\$ 3,040,199,769.00	\$ 59,174,226,196.00	5.1%
2014	\$ 2,811,587,904.00	\$ 65,020,886,424.00	4.3%
2015	\$ 3,564,593,903.00	\$ 61,966,922,675.00	5.8%
2016	\$ 5,085,696,460.00	\$ 56,573,913,053.00	9.0%
2017	\$ 4,097,193,713.00	\$ 55,598,436,912.00	7.4%
2018	\$ 3,775,322,281.00	\$ 54,955,041,591.00	6.9%

- Total allocation for the Ministry as a percentage of the National Budget illustrated a decrease in the allocation to the Ministry of National Security by **0.6%** between the period **2016/2017** and **2017/2018**.

²⁰ For the Fiscal Years 2012-2016, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018.

²¹ Total Allocation for the Ministry of National Security = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure

²² The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

Auditor General Report Findings for the Fiscal year 2016

Ref: Auditor General's Report pg 35²³


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Expenditure Control

- Contract agreements under General Administration for the rental of vehicles totaling \$3,419,887.50 were not produced in contravention of Financial Instruction 43.
- With respect to Development Programme, contract agreements for several contractors for works carried out on four projects at a total cost of \$4,493,561.51 were not produced in contravention of Financial Instruction 43.
- Letters of award/contract agreements under Prison Service totalling \$14,463,374.26 for subcontractors were not provided.

²³ Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year ended September 30, 2016, pg 35
http://www.auditorgeneral.gov.tt/sites/default/files/Auditor%20General%27s%20Report%20on%20the%20Public%20Accounts%202016_0.pdf

Recent Legislative Development

Act No.	Short Title	Related Bill	Date of Assent
4 of 2016	The Strategic Services Agency (Amendment) Act, 2016  (50.0 kb)	Progression	31-May-2016
7 of 2017	The Fire Services (Amendment) Act, 2017  (74.2 kb)	Progression	12-Jun-2017
10 of 2017	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial By Judge Alone) Act, 2017  (144.3 kb)	Progression	7-Jul-2017

Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates in 2017-2018

The table below lists the projects that have been noted due to uncharacteristic variances in estimates for funding: ²⁴

Sub-head/Item /Sub-item/Group /Project Desc.	Project	2017 Estimate	2017 Revised Estimate	2018 Estimate
09-004-02-A-050	Construction of Coastal Erosion Protection at Galeota	\$2,000,000.00	-	\$15,000,000.00
09-004-12-E-005	Upgrade of the Immigration Detention Centre (Aripo)	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
09-005-06-A-006	Establishment of an Electronic Monitoring programme	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
09-005-06-A-012	Establishment of a DNA Database – Establishment of Custodian Unit	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
09-005-06-A-053	Institutional Strengthening of the Forensic Science Centre	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

²⁴ Estimates of Development Programme 2018, accessed on October 3, 2017: <http://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Development-Programme-2018.pdf>

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2016-2017

The following are projects identified as “New Projects” that received funding in the 2016/2017 financial year²⁵:

Sub-head/Item /Sub-item/Group /Project Desc.	Project -Item	2017 Estimate	2017 Revised Estimate	2018 Estimate
09-004-02-A-050	Construction of Coastal Erosion Protection at Galeota	\$2,000,000.00	-	\$15,000,000.00
09-004-02-C-049	Establishment of a Flying Training Device Facility	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
09-004-12-C-033	Upgrade of Carrera Convict Prison: Installation of a direct Water Supply	\$1,500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
09-005-06-A-057	Renewal of Machine Readable Passport (MRP) License	\$2,000,000.00	-	-
09-005-06-A-058	Upgrade of equipment in the Document Lab at Piarco International Airport	\$988,000.00	\$988,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
22-004-02-C-008 (IDF)	Upgrade of Plumbing and electrical systems at Remand Yard Prison – Golden Grove (IDF)	\$5,000,000.00	-	\$11,000,000.00

²⁵ Estimates of Development Programme 2018, accessed on October 3, 2017: <http://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Development-Programme-2018.pdf>

New Projects for the Financial Year 2017-2018

The following new projects received funding in the 2017/2018 financial year²⁶:

Sub-head /Item /Sub-item /Group /Project Desc.	Project -Item	2018 Estimate
09-004-02-B-173	Construction of a Retaining Wall and Drainage at Teteron Barracks	\$800,000.00
09-004-02-B-174	Paving of Car Park and Access to Army Learning Centre (ALC) Training Building	\$1,000,000.00
09-004-02-B-175	Perimeter Lighting and Power Supply to ALC Training Building	\$900,000.00
09-004-02-B-176	Construction of a Quartermaster Stores at Teteron Barracks	\$500,000.00
09-004-02-B-177	Refurbishment of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Teteron	\$1,500,000.00
09-004-02-B-178	Construction of Access Road and Drainage to Camp Omega	\$500,000.00
09-004-02-B-179	Upgrade of Perimeter Fencing and Gates	\$200,000.00
09-004-02-C-050	Upgrade of Hanger two (2) Roof - Air Guard	\$1,500,000.00
09-005-06-A-050	Upgrade of Computer Hardware, Software and Maintenance for Immigration Division	\$17,600,000.00
09-005-06-G-007	Acquisition of One (1) Multi-Purpose Vessel	\$167,580,000.00

²⁶ Estimates of Development Programme 2018, accessed on October 3, 2017: <http://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Development-Programme-2018.pdf>

22-004-12-C-009 (IDF)	Construction of Rehabilitation Centre for Girls at YTC (IDF)	\$2,000,000.00
22-004-12-E-001 (IDF)	Construction/ Acquisition of Immigration Building San Fernando (IDF)	\$500,000.00

Major Programmes and Development for the Period 2016 to 2018

The following table shows a list of the significant expenditure items, based on the proportion of the budgetary allocation assigned²⁷.

Development Programme 2018	Projects	2016 Actual	2017 Revised Estimate	2018 Estimate
09-004-02-A-019	Purchase of vessels for Coast Guard	-	\$10,880,000.00	\$5,800,000.00
09-005-06-A-032	Citizens Security Programme	\$22,405,727.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
09-005-06-F-010	National Operations Centre Construction Project	\$48,968,784.00	\$218,000,000.00	\$80,000,000.00
22-004-02-F (IDF)	Fire Service (Total)	\$41,186,409.00	\$87,958,034.00	\$57,297,000.00

²⁷ Estimates of Development Programme 2018, accessed on October 3, 2017: <http://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Numbered-Draft-Estimates-Development-Programme-2018.pdf>

Committee Reports Related to the Ministry of National Security

FIRST REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Inquiry Topic	Report Status	Ministerial Response	Recommendation No.	Report Recommendations
The Follow-Up Inquiry into the Status of the Investigation of the PCA and the TTPS into the Events Surrounding the Day of "Total Policing" on March 23, 2015	Laid in HOR: 19.05.2017	Outstanding	3	The Committee further recommends that the line Ministry undertake an assessment of the resource needs of the PCA with a view to satisfying all critical needs in order to ensure that the work of the PCA is not hindered.

Inquiry Topic	Report Status	Ministerial Response	Recommendation No.	Report Recommendations
<p>The Inquiry into the Practice whereby Prisoners are Granted Access to Services outside of the Prison Facilities</p>	<p>Laid in HOR: 19.05.2017</p>	<p>Outstanding</p>	<p>i</p>	<p>As an immediate measure, the Commissioner of Prisons should complete and implement the provisions of the Draft Policy on Inmates Leaving the Prison in Instances other than Court, Clinic and Programmes at the earliest occasion to prevent recurrence of the incident in question.</p>
			<p>ii</p>	<p>Prison Service Rules should include framework policy to allow for access to critically needed external services by prisoners who qualify. Such rules should be in keeping with best practice outlined in the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.</p>
			<p>v</p>	<p>Alternative arrangements for access to critically needed services by detainees/inmates in secured locations within prison facilities should also be considered.</p>
			<p>vi</p>	<p>The Prison Service should pursue discussions with the relevant agencies/institutions with the aim of establishing the required protocols for the provision of such facilities within the prison facilities for inmates/detainees who do not qualify for external visits.</p>

Inquiry Topic	Report Status	Ministerial Response	Recommendation No.	Report Recommendations
<p>An Inquiry into the Operations of the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre and the Issue of DNA Sampling in Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>Laid in HOR: 31.05.2017</p>	<p>Outstanding</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>That the <u>TTFSC</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue to pursue measures to ensure that the Centre is accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 as soon as possible; b) Conduct periodic follow-up with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Security toward operationalizing the comprehensive timeline for the implementation of solutions as identified by the Director, TTFSC, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the resources required by the TTFSC; ii. recommendations for the improvement of the operations of the TTFSC using current resources; and
			<p>2</p>	<p>That there be a review of the process for the granting of scholarships in the area of forensic pathology as well as the process for hiring internationally-based Forensic Pathologists with the objective of addressing the challenges in procuring qualified and experienced Forensic Pathologists;</p>
			<p>3</p>	<p>That the <u>Ministry of National Security</u>:</p>

				<p>a) Assist the Custodian Manager to advance all efforts for the establishment, commencement and operationalization of the DNA Databank in accordance with the work programme outlined in the Permanent Secretary's submission to the Committee dated March 23, 2017;</p> <p>b) Assist the TTFSC in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. sourcing additional staff; ii. filling the current vacancies; iii. sourcing required equipment; and iv. acquiring suitable accommodation.
			4	<p>That the <u>Commissioner of Police</u> ensure that all Officers/Qualified Persons responsible for taking DNA samples be made aware of the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, 2012 regarding the taking of DNA samples whether non-intimate or otherwise.</p>

Inquiry Topic	Report Status	Ministerial Response	Recommendation No.	Report Recommendations
An Inquiry into Prison Security and the Status of the Investigation into the Port-Of-Spain Prison Break of July 24, 2015	Laid in HOR: 30.06.2017	Outstanding		<p>The Committee recommends that the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Ministry of National Security</u> give immediate attention to the recommendations made by the Commissioner of Prisons in relation to improvements in prison security.

General Useful Information

- Ministry of Defense, INDIA: <http://www.mod.nic.in/>
- National Security Council, INDIA: <http://www.allgov.com/india/departments/ministry-of-youth-affairs-and-sports/national-security-council?agencyid=7599>
- National Security and Intelligence, UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-security>
- Department of Defence, AUS: <http://www.defence.gov.au/>
- Department of Defence Resources page: <http://www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/defence>
- National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces, CAN: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/index.page>